

**Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Board of Trustees**



**Academic and Student Affairs Committee Minutes
Trustee Nicole Washington, Chair**

**October 17, 2019 @ Noon
President's Conference Room – Conference Call**

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Nicole Washington. Ms. Valeria Singleton called the roll and the following committee members were present: Anne Marie Cavazos; David Lawrence, Rochard Moricette, Nicole Washington, and Robert Woody. A quorum was established.

Textbook Affordability Annual Report – Dr. Edington and Dr. Goodman presented and discussed the Textbook Affordability Annual Report. The Florida Statutes [subsection 1004.085(8)] on Textbook Affordability requires that each state university board of trustees submit an annual report to the Chancellor of the State University System. Dr. Goodman stated that FAMU is in compliance for the 2018-2019 annual report and this makes our fourth consecutive year being in compliance.

Trustee Mills asked about the University's goals as it relates to affordable textbooks in terms of quantitative data. Dr. Goodman stated FAMU's goal of being in the top four overall within the SUS for affordable textbooks cost that several of the institutions within the SUS are in the process of reviewing FIU's best practices as it relates to textbook affordability.

As a follow-up, Drs. Edington and Goodman were asked develop a plan for how the university will achieve the goal to reach the top four within the SUS as well as provide the "quantitative information as to where we are and where we need to be as it relates to cost." At the request of Trustee Moricette, the plan will be provided to the Board in November.

Trustee Moricette made a motion to approve the Textbook Affordability Annual Report to meet the November 1 deadline for BOG approval and it was seconded by Trustee Lawrence. The motion carried.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Washington, Committee Chair