

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



Special Committee on Athletics

Date: March 8, 2018

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: The Grand Ballroom

Committee Members: Kelvin Lawson, Chair
Devin Harrison, Thomas Dortch, Bettye Grable and Dave Lawrence

AGENDA

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| I. | Call to Order | Trustee Lawson |
| II. | Roll Call | Pamela Zackery |

ACTION

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| III. | Approval of the Minutes | Trustee Lawson |
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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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| IV. | Deficit Update | Wanda Ford |
| V. | Audit Response to Joint Legislative Committee | Richard Givens |
| VI. | Restructuring Efforts | John Eason |
| VII. | Boosters Fund Raising Strategy | Tommy Mitchell |
| VIII. | Adjournment | |

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Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2017**

Chair Kelvin Lawson called the meeting to order and Ms. Pamela Zackery called the roll. The following trustees were present: Lawson, Bruno, Dortch, Grable and Lawrence.

Trustee Lawson asked Milton Overton, the out-going athletic director to introduce the University's new interim athletic director, Dr. John Eason. Dr. Eason thanked the Board for the opportunity to come back to FAMU. He stated that FAMU is "his University" and that Coach Jake Gaither was the subject of his dissertation. He also said that the head coach search committee had met and would be meeting again the following week. In closing he said that if you have a great athletic program, the whole university will benefit.

VP Wanda Ford reviewed the athletic budget. She stated that they were expecting a surplus at year end; however, any surplus was contingent upon the continuance of monitoring and managing additional funding sources. The Athletic Department intends to continue to use the cost saving strategies from last year and identify new mechanisms for savings. They plan to continue to increase fund raising via the Investing in Champions Club.

During the Board meeting, Chair Lawson recognized AD Overton and thanked him for his service to the University. He stated that Mr. Overton and the team should be thanked because Athletics was on trend to have second consecutive year with a balanced budget. He then presented Mr. Overton with a FAMU football helmet signed by members of the Athletics Department.