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2 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

3 IN RE: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
4 ATHLETICS.

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7 SPURGEON MCWILLIAMS, CHAIR
8 KELVIN LAWSON
9 TONNETTE GRAHAM
10 ROBERT WOODY

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1 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS**

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3 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Good afternoon, and
4 welcome to the meeting of the Special Committee on
5 Athletics. I call this meeting to order.

6 Attorney Barge-Miles, will you please call the
7 roll?

8 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Boyce.

9 (NO RESPONSE).

10 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Graham.

11 TRUSTEE GRAHAM: Here.

12 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Lawson.

13 TRUSTEE LAWSON: Here.

14 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee McWilliams.

15 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Here.

16 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Woody.

17 TRUSTEE WOODY: Here.

18 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Mr Chair, you have a
19 quorum.

20 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you very much.

21 This is the -- I guess we'd call it the
22 organizational committee -- or organization meeting
23 for this Committee, and I welcome everybody on the
24 Board to participate.

25 The members of the Committee were sent some

1 background information. I hope you've had a chance
2 to review it. One of the items was the directive
3 from Chairman Montgomery, and we'll go through
4 that.

5 Another was the consultant's report that the
6 Athletic Department received perhaps a year ago, I
7 think, and that's a lot of information. I don't
8 know if everybody has had a chance to review it,
9 but it's very important for this Committee and
10 really for the whole Board to be familiar with.

11 The third thing is status of compliance and
12 APR issues, and I'm going to probably ask the AD to
13 answer any questions we have about that; and full
14 budget update and projections, again we'll ask the
15 AD to assist us on that. We have all the
16 information.

17 Any questions before we get started?

18 (NO RESPONSE).

19 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Okay. No questions,
20 let's just get started with the oversight
21 requirements directed from Chair Montgomery,
22 oversight areas of responsibility.

23 First, we were to provide functional oversight
24 to the Athletic Department; and, second, develop
25 and present a vision for FAMU athletics.

1 Oversight areas of responsibility, and if you
2 read the charge, what I've done is gone through
3 that document and kind of grouped whatever I could
4 group in a way that we could address it.

5 A, the Committee shall annually review and
6 consider policies relating to the Division of
7 Athletics for adherence to its mission: The
8 academic success of our student athletes, the
9 complete integrity of the program, and athletic
10 competitiveness. The Committee shall also review
11 adherence to Presidential goals for intercollegiate
12 athletics.

13 And there we have -- I said annual
14 comprehensive review by the Committee, and
15 consideration would be November or December, kind
16 of after the end of the football season is what I
17 thought about that; but does anybody have a
18 different feel about that for an annual report?

19 (NO RESPONSE).

20 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Good, so that's what
21 we'll do on that one.

22 B, the Committee shall, on an annual basis,
23 receive and review a State of the
24 Athletic Department Report from the President. And
25 I suggested that the President's annual report on

1 the state of the Athletic Department should occur
2 sometime at the beginning of the school year, maybe
3 August or September when we're getting ready to get
4 started. If no one has any differences, then we'll
5 keep moving. Any differences of opinion?

6 (NO RESPONSE).

7 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Okay. The Committee --
8 this is C, the Committee shall twice annually
9 review and consider the admissions, grades, and
10 graduation success rates of student athletes as
11 part of the State of the Department Report.

12 So I suggested that biannual APR review by the
13 Committee, and I said consider including the first
14 review annually as part of the comprehensive
15 report, and then follow the second annually
16 six months later. And those reports would include
17 information on admissions, grades, progression, and
18 graduation rates.

19 And anyone can stop me at any time, but I'm
20 going to just keep moving otherwise.

21 D, the Committee shall review and consider
22 policies related to the overall student athlete
23 experience to ensure student athletes are afforded
24 the opportunity to enjoy a well-balanced academic,
25 social, and athletic experience and are provided

1 the resources necessary to ensure their success
2 academically as well as competitively.

3 On that charge, we say overall student
4 athletic experience and program compliance reports
5 from the Department should be available before
6 review by Committee members prior to -- it should
7 be, for a review by the Committee members prior to
8 the 8/15 Board of Trustees meeting; therefore, the
9 report should be available -- or thereafter,
10 rather, the report should be available to Committee
11 members annually at least 60 days before the
12 Committee's annual comprehensive review.

13 So the comprehensive review is done annually
14 in November or December, and then we would expect a
15 report after this year somewhere around October;
16 but this year we'd like to have it by the August
17 meeting.

18 The Committee shall at least annually review
19 and consider program compliance with Title 9, NCAA
20 and Conference regulations, institutional policies,
21 and other related laws; and then I say, see overall
22 students in Section D.

23 The Committee shall -- this is F -- the
24 Committee shall be notified on a timely basis of
25 issues that may affect the integrity and reputation

1 of the athletic programs and shall review and
2 consider policies where necessary to ensure the
3 program complies with all relevant regulations and
4 maintains the highest standards of excellence.

5 And I say notifications and consultations
6 should be timely as indicated by
7 Chairman Montgomery's directive. I don't think we
8 need to put a time frame on that, everybody knows
9 what timely means.

10 The Committee shall be consulted to allow for
11 review and consideration of any plans that could
12 potentially affect the campus environment for
13 athletes. And, again, notifications and
14 consultation should be timely as indicated by the
15 Chair.

16 H, the Committee shall be kept apprised of
17 decisions, large donations, or commercial offers
18 that could impact in a significant way the
19 financial landscape of any of the athletics
20 programs to include any contract renewals or
21 changes or additions to the employment contract of
22 high-level athletics personnel, including but not
23 limited to athletic directors, the coaches of the
24 men's basketball team, women's basketball team, and
25 the football team, or any other athletics employee

1 whose proposed total compensation exceeds \$100,000.

2 And I and the Committee shall be promptly
3 advised of the development and implementation of
4 general and strategic plans for athletics and on
5 any proposals to add, eliminate, or change the
6 status of the athletic program.

7 J, the Committee will be on the agenda at the
8 regular Board meeting in June, which we are. And I
9 will commence the consultation with the President
10 and the Athletic Director regarding the development
11 and implementation of the general and strategic
12 plans that are mandated here for athletics and
13 report on the status or progress by the August 15th
14 Board of Trustees meeting.

15 So if you have any questions or suggestions or
16 comments on any of those items.

17 CHAIRMAN MONTGOMERY: Mr. Chair.

18 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN MONTGOMERY: I just had a brief
20 comment over here, Montgomery.

21 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN MONTGOMERY: The purpose of the
23 Special Committee, and at least my rationale behind
24 appointing a special committee, is to fix the
25 challenges that we've had in athletics. I have

1 received and been on the receiving end of
2 communication from the current Athletic Director,
3 and the information has been free-flowing to the
4 extent that I believe possible.

5 If you'll note on each of the oversight areas,
6 they're not attempts to influence or direct from an
7 operational perspective. There are action items,
8 and they all say review and consider, receive and
9 review, review and consider, shall be notified,
10 consulted, apprised, advised.

11 And so the spirit behind this is simply that
12 the Committee will be in a position to have the
13 best information available, and then from that
14 point be able to set a vision and strategy for
15 where we want our Athletics Department to be.

16 I've heard the question numerous times over
17 the years, but I don't believe we have, in all
18 fairness, communicated what we want our
19 Athletics Department to be. And so to the extent
20 that this Committee can do that going forward, one
21 area -- well, excuse me, two areas, you talked --
22 it says notifications and consultations as
23 indicated by Chairman Montgomery's directive. I'll
24 give you an example.

25 If there's -- like we got some bad news about

1 the sports program. Well, you know, you don't want
2 to make it so granular that you say the
3 Chief Executive needs to report to us immediately
4 or within an hour or so, but we do want to evolve
5 to the point where we get the information before
6 somebody else notifies us or before the media
7 notifies us.

8 With previous administrations, I was very
9 specific in asking that we receive these type of
10 Board level -- or information that the Board would
11 be interested in, like within one hour of the
12 receipt of the President. All it is is passing on
13 whether it's bad news or whether it's good news.

14 And so to the extent that the Committee knows
15 what our process is in terms of receipt of this
16 information or how you would proceed in terms of
17 giving the President the sense of this, keeping in
18 mind that this is not directed toward
19 Doctor Mangum, this is directed toward the position
20 so that it may outlive us in our capacities as
21 members of the Board.

22 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

23 I've had ongoing discussions with the AD, I
24 guess since our trip to Boston, about all of this,
25 and I have not discussed it directly with the

1 President but plan to do so pursuant to this
2 meeting. I have had no suggestion from the AD or
3 the President that we were overreaching or doing
4 anything of the sort.

5 We have a lot of problems in athletics. We're
6 going to have to get together again and try and fix
7 it, so I don't think that's a problem right now,
8 and I don't anticipate that it will be, so we're
9 going to move on.

10 The next item would be -- before we hear from
11 the AD, could we hear from VP Cas -- not
12 VP Cassidy -- Givens rather, on the NCAA, the
13 status of the NCAA investigation. And it might be
14 that he just wants to bring us an update.

15 VICE PRESIDENT GIVENS: Good afternoon. We do
16 have a little bit to report on as far as the NCAA
17 investigation. We think we're getting close to
18 getting it resolved in a good -- as good as the
19 University can get on these particular allegations.
20 We're anticipating word from the NCAA within the
21 month.

22 The process that we'll go through we hope to
23 be able to conclude in about three months, and
24 hopefully at that time we'll be able to move on.

25 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you, sir.

1 Do you have any questions?

2 (NO RESPONSE).

3 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you, VP Givens.

4 Okay. AD Robinson will talk to us about the
5 APR, which is a totally different set of problems
6 we have and how we're addressing that and what the
7 status is, and then proceed from there to give us
8 some budgetary information.

9 AD Robinson.

10 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Thank you very
11 much, Trustee McWilliams.

12 As you know, we are currently under some APR
13 sanctions that will not allow several of our
14 athletics team to participate in post-season play.
15 Those teams at this time are men's cross country,
16 men's indoor track, and men's outdoor track, men's
17 basketball, and football.

18 Currently those programs are at the level --
19 at least Level 2 violation within APR, and they
20 also have some limitations placed on them relative
21 to practice, reduction in practice time. And,
22 again as I mentioned, some -- basketball has also a
23 reduction in scholarships, and there's also some
24 reduction in contests as well.

25 But moving forward, we have implemented

1 improvement plans to address the APR sanctions that
2 we have on those programs. We implemented programs
3 beginning in 2013/14. Also, in 2014/15, we
4 continued with an improvement plan that was
5 approved by the NCAA -- both plans were approved by
6 the NCAA.

7 Part of those improvement plans include
8 measures such as identifying incoming at-risk
9 students, student athletes much earlier in the
10 recruitment process; additional staff to implement
11 early-alert systems for those athletes that may
12 come in at risk or deficient; implementation,
13 summer bridge programs to create earlier academic
14 orientation; and also enhance academic tracking and
15 monitoring of our fifth-year student athletes.

16 As I mentioned, we have implemented
17 improvement plans in the year 2013 and '14 and
18 '14/'15 and plan to do so coming up this summer for
19 2015/16 as well.

20 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you.

21 Can you tell us why we have these problems or
22 what's used to calculate it or what --

23 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Well, let me say
24 this, the challenges of APR are -- well, let me
25 back up just a moment.

1 APR is a report of two factors: Eligibility,
2 slash, progress toward graduation and retention.

3 The computation of the multi-year cohort goes back
4 to 2010.

5 It starts with a four-year cohort for this
6 particular year. In 2010 is when we began our -- a
7 decline in APR. In 2010 there was an APR number
8 that was lower than the NCAA standard. In 2011,
9 '12, '13, those four years were calculated, and
10 they resulted in a sum that was lower than the NCAA
11 requirement.

12 Right now the multi-year -- the NCAA
13 requirement is 930, the multi-year for men's track
14 is 882; and for men's basketball is 905; and for
15 football it is 902.

16 So the reason is not specific in its
17 identification because of the way that it is
18 calculated; however, we feel that if we can -- now
19 that we have identified and know the areas that we
20 are currently addressing, we can attack those
21 areas, as I mentioned, in addressing those students
22 that are at risk. And when they come in, we've
23 created a profile for our athletes that we're
24 recruiting so that we can recruit better student
25 athletes academically, along with being great

1 athletes on the field.

2 We want to, again, identify those students
3 early when they have challenges in the classroom so
4 that -- and, also, increase the staffing that can
5 monitor the activities, the academic activities of
6 these athletes.

7 So that's our point of attack at this time in
8 addressing our current APR issues, and hopefully
9 gives us a little bit of background as to how the
10 APR is currently being calculated and the years
11 that are used in that calculation to give us the
12 low score that we have right now.

13 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you.

14 Any questions on that?

15 (NO RESPONSE).

16 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: What is our level of
17 academic counseling staffing at this time, and how
18 does it compare with other schools in the
19 conference?

20 ATTORNEY FUSE-HALL: Currently we have three
21 academic advisors. We just recently were
22 approved -- I'm sorry, not approved. We just
23 passed the first level of being, hopefully,
24 certified for the NCAA grant that will give us
25 additional funding. It's a multi-year grant; it's

1 a \$900,000 grant that we hope to receive that will
2 add to the staffing that we need.

3 Most universities average about four to five
4 academic advisors that can address 75 students per
5 academic advisor at the most. If we can do that,
6 we will be able to acutely identify more accurately
7 some of the student challenges that we have when
8 they come in.

9 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you.

10 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Yes, sir.

11 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Any other questions?

12 TRUSTEE MOORE: Mr. Chair, I'm not a Committee
13 member but I do have one question.

14 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: I thought you were a
15 Committee member, aren't you?

16 TRUSTEE MOORE: Not for this one, lots of
17 others though, but not for this one.

18 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: I'm sorry, go ahead.

19 TRUSTEE MOORE: Okay. Thank you.

20 The question is related to the staffing level
21 tied to monitoring and compliance for the
22 Athletic Department. If I recall, in previous
23 reports, we had one person attached to that effort.
24 Has that staffing level changed?

25 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: It has changed.

1 We have two people working in that area currently,
2 along with myself as oversight. I still serve as
3 oversight of that area, so we have a compliance
4 coordinator along with another staff person in that
5 area, along with oversight by myself. So we
6 currently have three people overseeing that area.

7 TRUSTEE MOORE: Okay. Thank you.

8 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you.

9 Before we go into the budget information, I'd
10 like for Ms. Ellenwood, if she is here, to come and
11 give us any additional information about the APR
12 effort.

13 Ms. Ellenwood.

14 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ELLENWOOD: Good afternoon.

15 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Good afternoon.

16 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ELLENWOOD: Just in
17 conjunction with what Mr. Robinson reiterated in
18 terms of the APR and the calculations of where our
19 teams stand, he confirmed in terms of the
20 calculation rate the eligibility -- the academic
21 eligibility, as well as the retention rates that
22 accumulated over a four-year period. Once those
23 accumulations -- over a four-year period, it's
24 based on how each team performs each academic year.

25 So as the APR rate rolls forward, it's based

1 upon how the current year of those teams perform
2 and how those historic year fall off the metric.

3 So as we work our way through our current success,
4 we'll continue to move us beyond the penalties and
5 potential post seasons as we move forward.

6 But it's a calculated rate. And each year the
7 NCAA reviews how those teams are doing, they review
8 the APR improvement plans and further make their
9 determination in terms of how the teams will
10 perform, in terms of whether they're meeting the
11 standard or whether they're not meeting the
12 standard.

13 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you.

14 I know we don't have the money yet, but the AD
15 suggested that we are in the first rung. Could you
16 tell us -- you say a multi-year distribution of
17 funds from NCAA, should we get this grant. Could
18 you tell us over what period of time and when would
19 we expect to get some funding if we get it?

20 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ELLENWOOD: The first round
21 of the selection process happened last week. They
22 notified us that we moved on to Phase 2. We are
23 scheduled on June 19th to have a video conference
24 with the NCAA with clarifying questions of our
25 program initiatives that were submitted in the

1 grant; thereafter, institutions are notified, I
2 believe by July 1st in terms of their recipient
3 awards of the grant. And then the first
4 distribution of funds happen, I believe, in August.

5 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Okay. Good. Well,
6 thank you very much.

7 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ELLENWOOD: You're welcome.

8 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Okay. Mr. AD, you may
9 proceed with the budgetary update.

10 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: For the upcoming
11 year, just so I'm clear --

12 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: I think we just want the
13 overview, and members of this Committee have it,
14 but I'm not sure the whole Board has it. It
15 starts: The budget prepared for 2014/15.

16 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Got you, yeah,
17 the overview. Okay. The budget prepared for 2014
18 was prepared by staff that is no longer employed
19 with the University as of November 2014. The
20 President and the new CFO have moved the management
21 of the expenditures within the University's budget
22 office.

23 This has proved to be very successful as we
24 prepare the budget for the upcoming year and
25 management of that budget -- of the upcoming budget

1 and producing the potential revenue for the
2 upcoming year as well. Ten positions were cut,
3 saving approximately \$450,000 in salaries and
4 benefits. As you can see, the projected beginning
5 on the year cash balances as of 7/1/2014 was
6 8,509,000; however, we finished with a cash balance
7 of \$7,584,090. This was now \$125,000 less than
8 projected.

9 During the beginning of the year, there was a
10 two-week overlap period of staff that resulted in a
11 \$55,000 additional cost to the Department. With
12 those staff changes and leaving of staff, we had to
13 pay a total of \$512,000 in overages coming out of
14 the Department.

15 Recruiting expenditures for the past and
16 current football coaches was approximately \$60,000.
17 We had a projected fundraising amount in the amount
18 of a million dollars that was not accomplished;
19 however, which resulted in a projected balance
20 of two thousand and -- I'm sorry, excuse me, which
21 was not accomplished; and had it been received and
22 the additional salary payments not occurred, our
23 projected balance for June 13, 2015, would have
24 been a positive \$236,000.

25 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Of course, that was just

1 anticipated and not received, so we can't count
2 that as money in hand.

3 Okay. Are there any other questions of the
4 AD? I think this is kind of a process that we're
5 just trying to get started, and we've got a lot of
6 problems but we have some good people working on
7 those problems, so I think we're going to be fine.

8 Thank you, sir, unless you have --

9 TRUSTEE LAWSON: Yeah, just two. We talked
10 about it earlier during Budget and Finance; and
11 that is, really having a real number going into
12 this year for what we think is going to come out of
13 Athletics, versus the inflated number we've had for
14 the last three years.

15 Number two, and we talked about this at the
16 National Alumni Association meeting in Houston; and
17 that is, helping us understand what your priorities
18 are, because in prior meetings, we were --
19 you know, some of me as well: Fieldhouse,
20 fieldhouse. But when we really sat down with the
21 Coach, he gave us some slightly different
22 priorities.

23 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Yes.

24 TRUSTEE LAWSON: And I think we need to be
25 flexible to -- you know, as he is the expert in

1 that field -- to take his feedback into
2 consideration. So I'd ask that, you know, you just
3 continue to share with us what your priorities are
4 from a funding standpoint because we said
5 fieldhouse I think was 3.5 or whatever; and Coach
6 came back and said, yeah, I'm all for that, but I
7 really need this for summer school today.

8 So I just want to make sure that we're on
9 target with him as far as what the real priorities
10 are in the Department.

11 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: And just to
12 respond a little bit to that, Trustee Lawson, our
13 goal right now and focus is scholarships and
14 facilities. We know that in order to attack this
15 APR situation that we're in right now, we must get
16 our student athletes into summer school. The
17 incoming freshmen which we -- this year we hope to
18 have all of our incoming freshmen in summer school
19 in an effort to ensure that they continue to
20 progress to a degree a lot more rapidly.

21 The football coach needed some immediate
22 upgrades in order to better facilitate him doing
23 his job, so those are some areas that we want to
24 aggressively attack at this point with our
25 fundraising and development efforts, because as we

1 seek to put a winning product on the field, our
2 brand is being impacted now, and ability to have
3 development when we have those kinds of APR issues,
4 and some other things.

5 TRUSTEE LAWSON: And just one question, a
6 clarifying question, I was looking at the
7 sanctions, and it said: No spring training for
8 football. Did I read that correctly?

9 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Yes, sir.

10 TRUSTEE LAWSON: Okay. So that was -- I just
11 hadn't read it closely enough to know that we were
12 not able to have spring football training, at least
13 this year, right?

14 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: At least the
15 upcoming year, uh-huh.

16 TRUSTEE LAWSON: Okay.

17 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: That does not
18 mean though that the student athletes will not be
19 able to participate in their own activities; they
20 just will not --

21 TRUSTEE LAWSON: But they can't be supervised
22 by the coaching staff, right?

23 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Exactly.
24 Exactly.

25 TRUSTEE LAWSON: Okay. And then one thing I'd

1 like to do, Mr. Chair, if you don't mind, is I'd
2 like to recognize Ms. Suggs for her recent award
3 that she received. I happened to read about that
4 the other day.

5 So, Ms. Angela Suggs, would you please stand?
6 I'd like to recognize you for your recent award.

7 (APPLAUSE) .

8 TRUSTEE LAWSON: You could probably explain a
9 little better than I the specifics, but I did see
10 that you're heading to Orlando with a number of
11 other Associate Athletic Directors for a conference
12 coming up so, so congratulations again.

13 D'Wayne, you could probably share with us a
14 little bit about what the award is all about.

15 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Angela received
16 an award from a marketing organization within the
17 National Association of College Directors of
18 Athletics. It's a first-time award for us. She
19 will be receiving funding to go to that conference,
20 along with myself.

21 She was fortunate enough to be selected among
22 several different applicants, and it's from the
23 development side and the marketing side. So it was
24 just a very good opportunity for her to be able to
25 go down and gain that knowledge and bring it back

1 to the Department, so we're really looking forward
2 to her participation in that.

3 TRUSTEE LAWSON: Thank you.

4 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Before you leave, I'd
5 just like to -- we're going to start on some
6 positive notes. We're going to hear from the
7 President, and then we're going to hear from the
8 Coach.

9 But I'd just like to congratulate you and the
10 Department on the recent successes that we've had,
11 particularly --

12 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Can I talk about
13 that a little? Since there are so many problems in
14 athletics, we want to --

15 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: We can't leave it on a
16 negative note, so just give us briefly --

17 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Just -- I know
18 the President is going to talk about it a little
19 bit, but we have had a very good spring. We've
20 been blessed with some successes in several sports
21 and with our student athletes.

22 My recollection with my Sports Information
23 Director, it's some things that haven't happened in
24 quite some time. We started off with the outdoor
25 championship of women's track; we also got Coach of

1 the Year; we also got Outstanding Performer --
2 Outstanding Female Performer in the indoor track;
3 followed that up with softball championship, which
4 was very exciting, us playing Bethune-Cookman,
5 of course, you know, our in-state rival, beating
6 them in the finals.

7 Baseball followed that up with an outstanding
8 trip, as hopefully all of you know by now, to
9 Boston to go to Fenway Park, which was a great
10 marketing and public relations opportunity for us;
11 playing against North Carolina Central, which was a
12 very pivotal series for us to -- as we went on to
13 win the South Division in baseball, and then
14 followed that up with winning the baseball MEAC
15 championship and Coach of the Year in that area as
16 well. Coach Darlene Moore won Coach of the Year in
17 outdoor track.

18 So I can't say enough what our spring sports
19 have -- the breath of positive fresh air that
20 they've brought to the Department. It's been
21 really great. I think having that positive energy
22 within the Department has created a great
23 sense going in -- great sense of excitement as we
24 close out the year and go into the new year for our
25 recruiting.

1 Our recruiting for incoming students has gone
2 up, which is a clear indication of what athletics
3 can do for the University when -- the positive
4 impact that it brings to bring students within the
5 University, so it's been good.

6 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you so much, sir;
7 appreciate it.

8 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Sure. Thank you.

9 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Okay, Madam President.

10 PRESIDENT MANGUM: Thank you very much.

11 I just had a couple of things I wanted to
12 update on, it's nothing new, so don't look excited.
13 But I did want to comment on the question about our
14 priorities and what we're working towards in the
15 nearer and the longer term, especially since the
16 question was raised about what we're focusing on.

17 I do believe all of our sports need
18 scholarship funds for our students in the summer.
19 It's a significant part of their academic progress,
20 especially since those that may be aided in some
21 way don't receive aid because of, you know, federal
22 regulations. So it's important for us to be able
23 to offer scholarships, but also to increase our
24 course offerings in the summer that would address
25 their progress as far as their majors and in their

1 disciplines.

2 We're looking to increase the activity across
3 the summer for all of our students, and there are
4 two sets of priorities: There's a capital set of
5 priorities, and there are operational priorities.
6 And I count the scholarships and student support
7 and student success as operational funding that's
8 needed, but we do need facilities as well. And
9 that fieldhouse is one that I think we continue to
10 try to focus on.

11 And I'll just give you one little example.
12 Yesterday when I visited the fieldhouse at the
13 Coach's invitation to see the great upgrades or,
14 you know, marginal upgrades that have been made to
15 make it look more presentable and a place of home,
16 I saw three athletes that were going to their car
17 after practice, and I asked them: So what do you
18 guys need? And they started laughing, and the
19 first thing they said was: Facilities, facilities,
20 facilities, and protein.

21 And so I said, we can work on the protein
22 first. But that's important for us to be able to
23 support our students with the libations that they
24 need while they're practicing, and we're hoping
25 that some of the smaller fundraising activities,

1 like food in the locker room and food in the places
2 where they hang out as a team is also important.

3 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you very much.

4 It's all important. It all adds to our effort to
5 be successful and supportive.

6 Thank you, Mr. AD.

7 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Yes, sir.

8 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: You've talked about
9 spring sports. We have a fall sport that's coming
10 up, so I want to end the Committee meeting by
11 giving the gentleman a chance to speak to us who
12 could give us some information about that.

13 Coach Wood, please.

14 COACH WOOD: Good evening.

15 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: How you doing?

16 COACH WOOD: Thanks for the invitation, and I
17 appreciate the opportunity to come always and
18 present our program or talk about where we are in
19 the summer phase of what we do in terms of
20 education and training because that's part of,
21 you know, the four pillars of what we're trying to
22 accomplish, you know, with our student athletes.

23 But as President Mangum had talked about,
24 we've got 63 kids here right now that are training
25 and going to summer school, a combination of

1 A session and C session. B session won't start,
2 obviously, until the 29th of June; and at that
3 particular time, we'll anticipate 95 players here.
4 Now hold on, all 95 of those guys are not
5 scholarship players, but the majority of those guys
6 are.

7 So we'll expect 95 players here, one for the
8 23rd orientation that will follow through with
9 classes; and, also, we're allowed to train and have
10 a six-week program at that point with our student
11 athletes. But, also, it's mandatory that they also
12 attend summer school during that particular time.

13 And so far our proposal and what we've been
14 able to do is do three hours of summer school, some
15 will take more than that. Our priority that way
16 is: One, for fifth year guys who are trying to
17 graduate because we're trying to, obviously, get
18 those points.

19 And then, also, for eligibility and seniors,
20 because we've got about five or six kids who will
21 graduate at the end of that season next year if
22 they can take the hours this summer and be
23 successful, which they will, and they graduate with
24 a full load of 12 to 15 hours next fall.

25 But that's what we're doing right now, and

1 we're really pleased with the progress, a lot of
2 excitement within our football team. I think we're
3 gaining a lot of momentum, good morale right now.
4 We're trying to maintain that, obviously, with what
5 we're doing with summer school.

6 But that's kind of where we are right now in a
7 nutshell, and I guess the report would say -- or
8 the state of the program is that we're in good
9 shape right now from that standpoint.

10 You know, we have, you know, needs, of course,
11 but every program at SCS, and BCS, for that matter,
12 always do; we're always trying to get better.

13 So with that said, I know that that's what
14 part of the conversation is here, and I applaud
15 that obviously; and, hopefully, at the end of the
16 day, or at the end of some of these sessions, we
17 will have those solutions and keep moving forward.

18 But I do appreciate all of the consideration
19 you give to athletics in general, and football
20 especially, and we'll hopefully see some of the
21 results, fruits of that labor in the fall. So
22 thank you.

23 TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you, sir;
24 appreciate it.

25 Okay. Any other concerns or questions?

(NO RESPONSE) .

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: If none, then thank y'all for your attention. The meeting is adjourned.

(WHEREUPON, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
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