

Florida A & M University
Full Board of Trustees Meeting
Grand Ballroom
Tallahassee, Florida

Trustees Present: Challis M. Lowe, Chair; William Jennings, Vice-Chair; Phillip Agnew; W. George Allen; Regina Benjamin (by telephone); Laura Branker; Al Cardenas; Mary Diallo; Pamela Duncan; R. B. Holmes; Leerie Jenkins; Spurgeon McWilliams; Jesse Tyson

Trustees Absent: None

Minutes/Summary

The Meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairperson Challis Lowe, and a Quorum was established; all Trustees were present. With the addition of the discussion of payroll issues moved to the end of the President's Report at Trustee Diallo's request, the Agenda was adopted. Minutes for the December 7, 2006 Meeting and the February 1, 2007 Special Full Board Meeting were approved. The Meeting commenced with Opening Comments from the Chair.

Chairperson Lowe welcomed President-elect Dr. James Ammons, his wife Judy, his son James II and other family. Then she thanked Vice Chairperson Jennings for successfully negotiating Dr. Ammons' contract. With regards to the division of the BOT as indicated by the close vote (7-6) for Dr. Ammons, which she attributed to a difference of opinion, Chairperson Lowe stated that is the common goal of the BOT to support the new leader. Further, she stated that when a BOT is not of one mind that the chances for successful changes are increased. Also, she related that since February 1, that she and Dr. Ammons had participated in some frank discussions and that both had made commitments. She stated that he asked good questions and has good instincts and ideas. She announced that Dr. Ammons will address the BOT after his contract is ratified today. Next Chairperson Lowe reminded the BOT of their role and responsibility to ensure that FAMU succeeds and continues to meet the educational needs of the students as it strives to distinguish itself from the other ten universities in the State University System.

Chairperson Lowe presented Trustee Agnew with a Resolution for Distinguished Service. He received a standing ovation and thanked God; his parents; the BOT Chair and Board; and BOT Liaison. Further, he introduced his successor, SGA President Monique Gilliam. Trustee Agnew acknowledged Trustee Jesse Tyson and welcomed him to his first Full Board Meeting before closing with the mantra "FAMU Today, FAMU

