

**FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 11, 2013  
8:30 A.M.**

Trustees present: Torey Alston, Solomon Badger, Glen Gilzean, Michael Jefferson, William Jennings, Kelvin Lawson, Spurgeon McWilliams, Rufus Montgomery, Narayan Persaud, Belinda Shannon, Marjorie Turnbull, Cleve Warren, and Karl White.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

*Dr. Solomon Badger, Chairman*

Chairman Solomon Badger called the meeting to order and asked Attorney Barge-Miles to call the roll. A quorum was established.

**II. CLOSED SESSION**

*Mr. Avery McKnight, Vice President for Legal Affairs*

Chairman Badger asked Vice President Avery McKnight to provide instructions regarding the closed attorney/client session for litigation. He provided the instruction that only the members of the Board, the President and legal counsel were allowed to stay in the closed session. Chairman Badger asked for a motion to move into closed session. Trustee Jennings made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Montgomery. The Board then moved into its attorney-client closed session regarding litigation.

**III. OPEN SESSION**

Chair Badger moved the meeting back into open session. With respect to the Angela Poole litigation, Trustee Warren moved that the Board authorize the President and the legal team to enter into settlement negotiations with Angela Poole, and proceed with a strategy related to legal expenditures, consistent with the discussions they had during the attorney/client closed session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jennings. The Board proceeded with a voice vote. Trustee Gilzean requested a roll call vote.

Trustee Badger – yes  
Trustee Alston – yes  
Trustee Gilzean – no  
Trustee Jefferson – yes  
Trustee Jennings – yes  
Trustee Lawson – yes  
Trustee McWilliams – yes  
Trustee Montgomery – yes  
Trustee Persaud – yes  
Trustee Shannon – yes  
Trustee Turnbull – yes  
Trustee Warren – yes  
Trustee White – yes

The motion carried.

Next, in regards to the bid protest filed by Sodexo, Trustee Warren moved that the Board authorize the president and the legal team to enter into settlement negotiations and proceed with strategies related to litigation that are consistent with discussions that the Board had during the closed session, as appropriate. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jennings. The Board held a voice vote with 12 – yays and one nay. Trustee Montgomery asked for a division of the house.

Trustee Badger – yes  
Trustee Alston – yes  
Trustee Gilzean – no  
Trustee Jefferson – yes  
Trustee Jennings – yes  
Trustee Lawson – yes  
Trustee McWilliams – yes  
Trustee Montgomery – yes  
Trustee Persaud – yes  
Trustee Shannon – yes  
Trustee Turnbull – yes  
Trustee Warren – yes  
Trustee White – yes

The motion carried.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Chairman Badger asked the Board to consider approval of the minutes. Trustee Alston moved approval of the minutes, with corrections. It was seconded by Trustee Shannon and the motion carried. The following minutes were approved:

February 7, 2013	August 24, 2011	October 27, 2011
January 2, 2012	January 9, 2012	January 23, 2012
January 30, 2012	March 12, 2012	March 23, 2012
May 14 2012	June 27, 2012	

The February 7, 2013 minutes were corrected by Trustee Persaud to include his statement “After President Robinson’s presentation, Trustee Persaud called attention to SACS’ concerns. He noted the seriousness of being on probationary status by reading SACS’s definition of probation, and called on Dr. Robinson to ensure the competencies of administrators.” That correction was accepted.

Regarding the June 27, 2012 meeting, Trustee Jennings asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect that the motion he made was seconded by Trustee Langston, rather than Trustee Persaud. That correction was accepted.

The other minutes dated September 7, 2011, October 3, 2011 and March 16, 2012, were presented for informational purposes, as the ad hoc committee to review the president’s contract and the anti-hazing committee are not currently functioning.

## V. PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

*Trustee White, Chair*

Trustee White reported that since the last report in February, the subcommittees and Green-Asher had worked diligently to secure a robust pool of applicants for the presidency. The firm reviewed applications, disseminated information and kept the Board members apprised of the progress. On Friday, March 22, 2013 the search was suspended indefinitely. He stated that a meeting has been arranged with the search firm to finalize expenditures that must be paid. He indicated that there are minutes that document the work of the committee that need to be approved at a future meeting.

Chair Badger asked for a point of personal privilege regarding the status of the presidential search. He stated that the Presidential Search Committee will continue its work on January 1, 2014. The purpose of suspending the search was to provide an opportunity to ensure that all attention is devoted to doing the daily work of the University and ensuring that it meets all of the standards and criteria mandated upon by SACS. This should ensure that when the University has its visitation it will maintain our accreditation. He also stated that he also wanted to ensure that the University was in a fine operating posture. Therefore, the Board is asking during this period of time that Dr. Robinson maintain his posture as interim president. That he is able to work in the same fashion that he was doing and that he uses his discretion in ensuring that some of the major mandates are managed before the search starts again in January 2014. Chair Badger stated that Dr. Robinson should manage the vacancies and interim positions and not withhold moving on those until the time that a president is in place.

Dr. Robinson addressed the Board. He stated that he appreciated the vote of confidence and the ability to continue to serve this great institution. He stated that he will do what is needed to preserve the legacy of FAMU and is excited about continuing in this role. He thanked the board for allowing him the opportunity to do so.

Chair Badger recognized Trustee Persaud for a comment. He affirmed that Dr. Robinson was not restricted from making changes to move the University forward.

Trustee Jennings sought confirmation that the search will start again in January 2014. He restated that Dr. Robinson will have the authority and authorization to run this university in a way that he sees, including any necessary changes that he deems appropriate. Chair Badger indicated that through the Board's comments they were reassuring Dr. Robinson that he should move the University forward.

Trustee Montgomery indicated that the Board needed to have clarity of what their expectations were of Dr. Robinson. He did not recall the board laying out what his job description was, other than to keep the University running until a new president was selected. With the SACS probation, it became necessary for him to do everything that was needed to get the University off probation and to prevent further punitive action from SACS. Trustee Montgomery stated that the Board also needs to have some measures that can be used in Dr. Robinson's evaluation.

Trustee Lawson restated for clarification that the board was going to start the search again in January 2014. In the interim, the board needs to be clear regarding its expectation of Dr. Robinson.

Trustee Jennings indicated that in reference to Trustee Montgomery's statement, the board should consider having a retreat with Dr. Robinson to go over the board's expectations and give Dr. Robinson an opportunity to bring to the board any concerns he may have. Trustee Lawson moved that the board schedule a time with Dr. Robinson to establish its expectations. It was seconded by Trustee Jennings and the motion carried. Trustee Badger stated that the retreat should be scheduled as soon as possible.

## **VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*Dr. Larry Robinson, Interim President*

Chair Badger asked Dr. Robinson to provide the President's Report. Dr. Robinson provided an update on various activities that were going on at the University.

First, President Robinson recognized Dr. Valencia E. Matthews, a long-time faculty member at the university, who was appointed dean of the College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities.

Next, he informed the Board that the University will be visited by SACS in September 2013. He also reminded the Board that the University remains fully accredited. The University, led by the SACS team, is preparing for the visit.

During the March 2013 Board of Governors meeting, a presentation was made to the BOG regarding the Corrective Action plan developed by Chancellor Frank Brogan and FAMU.

Dr. Robinson also stated that for the sixth consecutive year, FAMU received an unqualified audit with no findings, confirming that the University is a good steward of public funds.

President Robinson informed the Board that U.S. DOD Research and Education Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority-Serving Institutions (HBCU/MI) awarded FAMU a grant totaling \$1.9 million for the next three years. The grant will support research projects of faculty at the FAMU-Florida State University (FAMU-FSU) College of Engineering.

He also reported that the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice is finding creative ways to keep their student engaged by Launching "Motivational Mondays. Speakers are invited to provide insight into various topics. The topic for the most recent session was "Cultivating a Passion for Public Service."

Under faculty achievements, Dr. Robinson highlighted the selection of two faculty members to leadership roles in professional organizations:

- David H. Jackson Jr., chair of the Department of History, Political Science, Public Administration, Geography and African American Studies, has been selected as president of the Southern Conference on African American Studies, Inc. (SCAASI) for 2013-2014.

- Roscoe Hightower, a professor in the School of Business and Industry is the newly president elect and spring 2014 conference program chair for the Marketing Management Association.

Dr. Robinson also brought attention to progress of the two recipients of the anti-hazing grants.

- Dr. Jermaine Robertson's team project is titled "Exploring Social, Psychological, and Cultural Factors Impacting Hazing Participation among African American College Students." He plans to complete his research this summer and is working with expert researchers on hazing, Elizabeth Allan and Mary Madden at the University of Maine. He is using their survey to collect data on African American students.
- Dr. DeAnna Burney is the lead professor for the other grant titled, "Project Psychosocial Risk Assessment and Determinate Model for Hazing Elimination." She has surveyed more than 1200 students and conducted six focus groups of students represented by Florida A&M University's student body. Preliminary results of the study revealed several levels of risk factors that influence hazing behaviors, including prior exposure to bullying and hazing, environmental contaminants, poor biomedical conditions, and mental health problems.

Next, Dr. Robinson recognized several FAMU students:

- Candice Allen, a senior art major from Quincy, FL. She won first place at the Environmental Law and Justice Symposium. She submitted a poster for the sustainability poster competition.
- Also, Randel Bailey presented his works in animation during the Department of Art faculty/student exhibition, "VISIONS: Graduating Senior Art Exhibition." Moise Dorcelin displayed his series of graphite drawings; and graduating senior Melissa Melton presented her curatorial debut with the art exhibition, "Absence and Presence: The Role of Parents" as her capstone project. The exhibitions were on display until April 26, 2013.
- The Essential Theatre presented the *Color Purple* to sellout crowds two weekends in April. It was directed by Luther Wells, choreographed by James Harkness and Charlie Toomer served as music director.

Then, Dr. Robinson recognized the new Student Government President Anthony Siders; Student Government Vice President Evan Bailey; Miss FAMU Camille Baker and Mr. FAMU Ronnie Mackey. Sean Siders will serve as chief of staff. Dr. Robinson stated that he looked forward to working with their team.

Dr. Robinson participated in a conference call with the U.S. Department of Education, concerning Parent Plus loans for students at FAMU. He discussed parents' credit scores and its impact on students receiving the loans. The USDE is willing to reevaluate students for the 2012-2013 to determine eligibility for this year. They are working with our Financial Aid Department do the re-evaluation. On April 29, USDE will participate in the Financial Aid Office retreat to provide an update on the parent loans, business processes and procedures, and training for the financial aid staff.

FAMU participated in the inaugural Capital City Veterans Consortium, which brought together student veterans from FAMU, Florida State University and Tallahassee Community College for dialogue, strategy development, an exhibitor showcase and a discussion session with elected officials on matters of importance to the men and women who served in the military. One of the goals is to foster greater collaboration and means of support between FAMU, FSU and TCC,

their student veterans, and area veterans' organizations. Both Florida State President Eric J. Barron and Dr. Robinson participated in the program.

Dr. Robinson was appointed to serve on the Steering Committee for Imagine Tallahassee. He will represent FAMU as part of a visioning exercise to develop a unified blueprint for the growing community. Once the visioning process is complete, Imagine Tallahassee will provide the Sales Tax Committee, and ultimately the County and City Commissions, a compass for future economic development investment in our community. The Leon County Sales Tax Committee has tentatively set aside up to 15 percent of the future infrastructure sales tax revenues (currently the Blueprint 2000 tax) for economic development.

During the Youth Health Leadership Recognition Ceremony, Dr. Robinson introduced the Honorable Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, former secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. At the event, eight youth, ages 11-18, were recognized for completing the requirements to become members of the Youth Health Leadership Council, the youth arm of Florida A&M University's Childhood Obesity Prevention Education Project, funded by the Florida Blue Foundation. The youth were recruited from 17 youth-serving sponsoring organizations in Tallahassee.

During the 2013 President's Tour, Dr. Robinson and the recruitment team traveled to four cities to tell FAMU's story and recruit some of the best students Florida had to offer. He thanked alumni in each of those areas for their support, the FAMU Connection for their stellar performance and members of the staff for their efforts in planning the event. During the tour he presented \$629,353 in scholarships. He also met with the editorial boards of the Miami Herald and the Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel. During those meetings, he was able to discuss with the boards the sweeping changes made to address hazing and the University's preparation for SACS

The Florida A&M University Honda All-Star team won second place at the 24th Annual Honda Campus All-Star Challenge, bringing home \$25,000 in grants. Dr. Vivian Hobbs has coached the team for the past 23 years. This year's team members are as follows: Baysha Bernales, a junior majoring in physics from Hawthorne, Fla.; Kimberlyn Elliott, a freshman majoring in history from Gainesville, Fla.; Aubrey Upshur, a junior majoring in newspaper journalism from Philadelphia, Penn.; and Lila Mandela, a senior mathematics major from Tallahassee, Fla.

Kappa Iota Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society inducted its ten newest members Friday, March 29, 2013. The inductees are: Justin McCorvey, Senior, Political Science; Brittany Surena Robbins, Junior, History; Nolan McCaskill, Junior, Graphic Design; Marvyn Joseph, Senior, Public Relations; Chikyra Crabbe, Senior, Psychology; Kristan Morgan, Graduate, Nursing; Cheré Diggs, Junior, Sociology; Christopher Andrews, Junior, Political Science; and Jamar Sanna, Senior, Psychology. Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society grew out of an idea conceived by Dr. George W. Gore Jr. then dean of Tennessee State who later became president of FAMU.

The Department of Psychology hosted the 21st Annual Imhotep Interdisciplinary Student Research Conference April 4 through April 6, 2013, on campus, bringing in students from across the country. FAMU students took home several awards for their research presentations.

Undergraduate student Martiza Soto won first place for her presentation “Violence Against Latin Women.” In the graduate category, Andrea Parker won first place for her research, “Help-Seeking Pathways of African Americans with Psychosis Risk Syndrome;” Jolvan T. Morris, second place for her project, “Using Cognitive Response to Assess Shrimper Participation and Regulation Compliance in the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery”; and Devan Marrett and Alexis Bryan, third place award for “The Impact of Racial Identity and Need to Belong on Hazing.” More than 300 students attended the conference. The conference provides a venue for undergraduate and graduate students of all disciplines to present original research. It is also an opportunity to network with students and faculty from across the country.

The Office of Communication has produced printed and online versions of several publications targeted at the University’s stakeholders. The publication “*Just the Facts*” was sent via email to the campus and alumni and was mailed to the parents of the University’s 12,000 students. “*Inside FAMU*” is available online and will be mailed to active members of the National Alumni Association.

Each week, the University distributes *FAMU in the News*, to keep our alumni, faculty, staff and students informed about the great news published about FAMU.

In closing, Dr. Robinson invited the Board to:

- FAMU Day at the Capitol, on April 11, 2013, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Capitol at 5 p.m.
- The Lyceum Series “Sellout!” featuring T’Keyah Crystal on April 17-18, Lee Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.; and
- Researcher of the Year Awards Luncheon, Foster-Tanner Band Rehearsal Hall, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Spring Commencement Exercises, 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.:
  - Emmy Award winning journalist Byron Pitts, 9:00 a.m.
  - Civil rights activist Rev. Al Sharpton, 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Persaud asked to be recognized to bring attention to the successes in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice. He recognized Ms. Jacqueline Perkins, internship director, who is personally responsible for placing students in positions with deputy marshals, park service, border patrol, and air marshals.

Next, Dr. Badger introduced the two new Board members: Mr. Glenton Gilzean and Mr. Michael Jefferson.

## VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Academic Affairs**

*Trustee Marjorie Turnbull, Chair*

Trustee Badger called on Trustee Turnbull to provide the Academic Affairs' Committee report. Trustee Turnbull indicated that the Academic Affairs Committee only had items.

Trustee Turnbull informed that board that Dr. Valencia Matthews was introduced to the committee, as the new dean of the College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities. Next, she stated that Dr. Maurice Edington, SACS liaison gave a full report on SACS and what the University needs to do to meet them. The Committee was particularly interested in the matters that affected Academic Affairs. She stated that they will continue to monitor the progress through the summer and into the fall to ensure that the University is achieving the actions that it needs to take.

Trustee Turnbull then stated that Dr. Pitter presented an update on the 2013 Academic Affairs goals. She reviewed the accreditation visits and the status of the visits. She said everything seems to be on schedule and in order. The committee heard an update on the eminent chairs and requested an update on distance education. The committee inquired about how the university was working with the effort that was passed by the legislature regarding the offering of a degree totally online.

The Committee heard from College of Law Dean Leroy Pernell regarding data related to adjunct faculty teaching. He stated that most of the courses taught by adjuncts are practice skills courses, which is a common practice in law schools. FAMU ranked in the top 5 HBCU's for the production of African American lawyers. The College of Law continues to be in compliance with the ABA bar passage rate requirements, with over 82 percent of the graduates passing within the last five years.

Then Dr. Patricia Green-Powell, interim dean of the College of Education and Dr. Patricia Hodge, Superintendent of the DRS provided information that the Board had requested in terms of DRS progress. They committee will continue to talk about school improvement initiatives and the types of research and university involvement that will be involved to make sure there is coordination between the College of Education and the DRS, so that there are clear directions toward improving the branding of the school.

Trustee Turnbull stated that the Committee was not able to hear the presentations regarding the sabbaticals of Dr. Dhyana Ziegler and Dr. Mark Weatherspoon. They both provided information to the committee regarding their research.

Finally, a copy of the current efforts of the Office of Technology Transfer, Licensing and Commercialization was provided to the committee.

### **Budget and Finance Committee**

*Trustee Montgomery, Chair*

Chairman Badger recognized Trustee Montgomery to present an update on the Budget and Finance Committee. Trustee Montgomery stated that the Budget and Finance Committee had two action items and several information items to present.

The Committee heard a request for the University to implement a four-day work week schedule for the period beginning Friday, May 10, 2013 through Thursday, August 1, 2013. The employees will work four, 10-hour days per week.

**Trustee Montgomery moved that the Board approve the four-day work week schedule. It was seconded by Trustee Jennings and the motion carried.**

Next, Trustee Montgomery reported that the Committee heard a request to amend BOT Policy #2005-04, Electronic Transfer of Funds.

**Trustee Montgomery moved that the Board approve the amendment to the BOT Policy #2005-04, Electronic Transfer of Funds. It was seconded by Trustee Turnbull and the motion carried.**

A request to amend BOT Policy # 2006-04 (which deals with Purchasing Cards) was made to the Committee. However, this action item was tabled and staff was asked to provide additional information at the Budget Retreat in May.

As a follow up item, he said the Committee received information that the University was in good financial health and discussed the need for more frequent reports on the financial status of the University. The University staff was directed to present monthly reports on this matter.

The upcoming Budget Retreat which will be held on May 6-7 was also discussed. All Board members were encouraged to attend and were asked to provide topics they would like to see covered or questions they would like to have answered during the Retreat. The Retreat will include information and discussion on the operating and capital budgets. Board members are encouraged to submit their agenda topics and/questions to Board Liaison Attorney Linda Barge-Miles. The materials for this workshop will be made available at least ten (10) days before the retreat.

The Committee then heard information on the status of the Athletic Department's budget. The Department has been operating at a deficit for the last seven (7) years and it is estimated that for FY 2012-13, the cash deficit will increase by an amount in excess of \$2 million because of a reduction in enrollment and a drop in attendance for the football games. The deficit for this fiscal year will be absorbed by providing scholarships from investment earnings thus resulting in a balanced budget for FY 2012-13. The Committee also heard of the Athletics Department's intent to have a balanced budget in FY 2013-14. Committee members encouraged staff to continue their efforts in this direction. The Athletic Department also shared the status of its progress in addressing the audit findings and SACS issues.

With regard to Governmental Relations, several Committee members raised concerns about the manner in which the Governmental Relations Department conducts business and asked the President to look into the matter and report back to the Board.

Finally, the Committee heard information on the two (2) upcoming contracts over \$100,000 that are currently in various stages of development and the two (2) contracts over \$100,000 that have been executed since the last board meeting.

In further discussions regarding governmental relations, Trustee Turnbull requested that the Board receive a side-by-side comparison of the House and Senate appropriation bills. She also requested that the Board receive the names of the individuals appointed to the conference committee and a statement of FAMU's position on key issues that are impacting the University. Dr. Robinson stated that the Board will receive the information electronically within the next few days.

Trustee Montgomery asked the University's Governmental Affairs Director, Tola Thompson to address the Board. Mr. Thompson stated that one of the University's priority issues, Crestview, is currently included in the Senate bill, but not the House bill. The return of the 300 million to the SUS is included in both budgets. There is 4 million in the House budget for Pharmacy Phase II. The University had requested 10 million. There is no money in the budget for engineering.

Trustee Alston asked if there was an organized outreach or draft email that alumni can send to their legislators. Trustee Montgomery asked that the Board be provided timely updates from Governmental Affairs. He and Trustee Gilzean reiterated that the Board is interested in helping and wanted to know if Mr. Thompson was receiving adequate resources. Mr. Thompson indicated that he did not have adequate resources.

### **DSO Committee**

*Trustee Belinda Reed Shannon, Chair*

Chairman Badger asked Trustee Shannon to provide an update on the matters discussed during the DSO Committee meeting. Trustee Shannon stated the Committee had several items for information.

First, the Associate Vice President of University Advancement, Mrs. Shirley Range, and staff provided the Committee with an update on several items within the division of University Advancement. These include:

The Office of Alumni Affairs Executive Director, Carmen Cummings Martin, presented a summary of alumni activities from February to May 2013. The presentation included the following upcoming events:

- April 11<sup>th</sup>, 5-6:30PM, the FAMU NAA will be hosting FAMU Day at the Capitol, with an evening reception on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor;
- May 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, Weekend of Rededication celebrating the Golden Anniversary Class of '63. Board of Trustees (BOT) Chairman Solomon Badger and the 7<sup>th</sup> FAMU President, Dr. Walter Smith, are among the Golden classmates who will be saluted that weekend; and
- May 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, the FAMU NAA Conference will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

FAMU Rattler Boosters Director, Mr. Mickey Clayton, shared an update on Booster membership and contributions to Athletics with the Committee. The average number of

current Boosters is down slightly, but contributions are running ahead. The Boosters contributed \$197,700 to Athletics, up from the \$150,000 from the previous year.

The Foundation Director of Investments, Mr. Michael Brown, provided a comparison of investment returns for the period ending September 30, 2012, in terms of composite benchmark and investment goal. He also presented a comparison of investment returns for the calendar year-to-date to prior years.

The FAMU Foundation is currently in the process of filling four vacancies, and is preparing for the Foundation Spring 2013 Board of Directors meeting April 17-19. The Foundation Building Open House is on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Staff is potential tenants regarding occupying space in the building. A copy of the 2011 Annual Report of the FAMU Foundation was presented.

The Committee was presented overarching strategies to increase fundraising outcomes; efforts to increase fundraising capacity; notable developments; the current status of giving by University Trustees, FAMU Foundation Directors, and FAMU alumni; and a plan to enhance corporate sponsorships of athletic programs. As of March 22, 2013, the third quarter for this fiscal year, the Division has raised \$2.54M or 56% of the third quarter goal and 48% of the assigned \$5.5M fundraising goal. A year-to-date comparison of FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13 revealed the Division is 4% behind fundraising performance last year this time.

An update on anti-hazing and the university marketing campaign was presented by Interim President Dr. Larry Robinson and his team. The administration's Internal Crisis Management Team has been working to implement new procedures that were outlined in the Updated FAMU Anti-Hazing Plan. Sixteen allegations of hazing complaints were received through the university's website. The university is completing its procurement process to hire a firm for repositioning the university through an advertising and marketing campaign. Intent to hire the Edelman firm has been posted; if no protest is filed, the firm will be hired.

### **Audit Committee**

*Trustee Karl White, Chair*

Chairman Badger called on Trustee Torey Alston to present the Audit Committee report. Trustee Alston indicated that the Audit Committee had one action item.

Trustee Alston stated that Committee Chairman Karl White provided an update on the Amended Audit Plan. He explained that the plan needed to be revised to delete the audit on student activity fees and to include audits on the Life Gets Better Program and the Voyager Card program.

**Trustee Alston moved that the Board of Trustees approve the amended audit plan which deletes the audit on student activity fees and includes audits on the Life Gets Better program and the Voyager Card program. It was seconded by Trustee Jennings and the motion carried.**

Trustee Alston stated that Trustee White then asked the Committee to review the informational items and asked if there were any questions. Trustee Alston inquired about

how the Board would be provided verification that the audit issues from the operational audit and the federal audit had been addressed. Dr. Robinson explained that there will be a process regarding the verification of actions taken in regards to the operational audit and the federal audit. Each affected unit will be required to provide documentation which proves that the audit issue had been properly addressed. That documentation will be attached to the corrective action spreadsheet and provided to the Board.

### **Facilities Planning Committee**

*Trustee Spurgeon McWilliams, Chair*

Chairman Badger called on Trustee McWilliams to present the report of the Facilities Planning Committee. Trustee McWilliams stated that the Facilities Planning Committee had one action item and several information items on the status of the construction projects.

Trustee McWilliams recalled that the Facilities Planning Committee heard a presentation by Mr. Kendall Jones, Interim Associate Vice President for Construction and Facilities Management, regarding the approval of a University Energy Policy. He indicated that the Energy Policy will promote the University's commitment to energy efficiency and conservation and will benefit students, faculty, staff, the campus community, and the environment. The Construction and Facilities Management Office will have primary responsibility for the planning and implementation of the Policy.

Highlights from the policy include:

- The establishment of pre-set building temperatures;
- Provision for the purchase of superior energy efficiency equipment;
- Guidelines for powering down equipment;
- Encouragement to use the statutorily authorized Guaranteed Energy Savings Program;
- Making sustainability a high priority in design standards for new construction and renovations;
- The development and implementation of a University Recycling Program; and
- The establishment of sustainability responsibilities for the Campus Community.

**Trustee McWilliams moved that the FAMU Board of Trustees approve the University's Energy Policy. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alston and the motion carried.**

Finally, Trustee McWilliams indicated that the Facilities Planning Committee was provided an update on eight construction projects.

### **Trustee-Student Affairs Committee**

*Trustee Torey Alston, Chair*

Chairman Badger recognized Trustee Alston and asked him to present an update on the Trustee-Student Affairs Committee meeting.

First, Trustee Torey Alston stated that the Committee welcomed Trustee Michael Jefferson, SGA President, to the Student Affairs Committee. He then indicated that the Committee had two action items and several informational items to report.

The Committee was asked to recommend approval of the amended housing regulation 2.001. The amended regulation provides eligibility requirements for students to reside in University owned or leased residential facilities; states the On-Campus Residency Requirement for freshmen, sophomores, full scholarship recipients, Freshmen Study Program participants, and athletes; and provides exceptions to the On-Campus Residency Requirement.

**Trustee Alston moved that the Board approve the amendments to Housing Regulation 2.001. The motion was seconded by Trustee Turnbull and the motion carried.**

Trustee Alston stated that Trustee Jefferson gave a brief update on the Student Government Association and noted that Dr. Robinson recognized the newly elected SGA Officers. He noted that Trustee Jefferson congratulated new initiates of the National Pan-Hellenic Council who celebrated probate shows March 29-30, 2013 and also congratulated graduating seniors in the SGA.

Next, Trustee Alston stated that Ms. Antoniea Roe gave a brief explanation of the University's Judicial Affairs process, the Student Code of Conduct process and the penalties for students. After a discussion, it was requested that a 'Process Flow Estimated Timeline' be prepared and presented at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Alston reported that Vice President Hudson gave the Committee an overall update of Student Affairs:

As of April 5, 2013 the University had admitted 1537 FTIC students compared to 1720 from last year. The University has admitted 73 Florida Community College Transfers (80 previous year), and 56 other transfers compared to 106 by April 5, 2012. FAMU has received 4 commitments from National Achievement Scholars for fall 2013.

FAMU is collaborating with the U.S. Department of Education regarding Financial Aid.

The LGBTQ FACT Finding Committee met in February and in March, 2013. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for April 18 and May 9.

The Office of Communications developed posters urging students to think critically about appropriate dress. Student groups have been involved in spreading the message concerning appropriate clothing in and outside of the classroom.

Several Student Activities staff members will attend professional development conferences to review best practices nationally pertaining to anti-hazing.

Trustee Alston stated that the Committee received an update regarding the search for the Director of Campus Safety, which has a goal to complete the search by the end of April, 2013.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Badger instructed that each person speaking had two minutes to address the Board. The following individuals provided public comments:

Mr. Reggie Sylvain  
Dr. Elizabeth Davenport  
Mr. Jabari Bennett  
Dr. Clyde Ashley  
Mr. Willie Brown  
Mrs. Vinette Godelia  
Mr. Tommy Mitchell  
Dr. Maurice Holder  
Mr. Shepiro Hardemon

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Badger asked if there was any additional business for the Board. With there being none, the meeting adjourned.