

**FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING VIA CONFERENCE CALL
MINUTES
December 10, 2013
12:15 p.m.**

Trustees Present: Torey Alston, Solomon Badger, Glen Gilzean, Spurgeon McWilliams, Rufus Montgomery, Kimberly Moore, Narayan Persaud, Anthony Siders, and Marjorie Turnbull. Trustees Shannon and Warren provided notice that they would not be in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Solomon Badger, Chairman

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

Chairman Badger opened by explaining that he called the special meeting of the Board to receive critical information regarding the University's accreditation. He stated that Dr. Robinson, Provost Wright and the University's SACS team were in Atlanta, GA at the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He then asked Dr. Robinson to provide an update regarding the University's SACS status.

UPDATE

Dr. Robinson stated that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools-Commission on Colleges had just announced that FAMU's probation sanction had been lifted and that no follow-up report would be required. He stated that this was the best outcome that could have happened for the University. Dr. Robinson went on to thank the Board for its support and guidance. He also thanked the University's leadership team, the SACS team, the faculty, staff and students for all they had contributed to this outcome. He indicated that, just prior to the conference call, he had spoken with Jan Ignash, interim Chancellor and Marshall Criser, the newly selected Board of Governors Chancellor, to share the good news and to thank the Board of Governors for its support.

He then gave a special thank you to the SACS team, lead by Dr. Maurice Edington. He said that there were so many people to thank, as this had been an all hands on deck effort that brought about this moment.

Dr. Robinson then stressed that he was committed to ensuring that the University did not go down that road again. He stated that the University would continue to assess the work that is being done and the progress that is being made regarding the issues related to the five areas of non-compliance. The University will also work on other areas that can be improved.

Dr. Robinson referred back to the exhausted, tireless efforts of the team and reminded all that “this is what excellence feels like”.

Dr. Badger then thanked Dr. Robinson and his team, the faculty, staff, and students for their support. Trustee Siders extended his deepest gratitude to Dr. Robinson, Dr. Edington, the leadership team, faculty, staff, and students for their efforts in ensuring that the probationary status was removed. Trustee Persaud highlighted the collective efforts of the administration, faculty, staff and students in helping to address and resolve the issues. He noted that most of the issues that caused the University’s accreditation to be placed on probation were inherited by the current administration. He commended the administration for working with all concerned and was thankful for the probationary sanction being lifted. Trustee Turnbull added that it was a great day for FAMU!

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.