

FLORIDA **A&M** UNIVERSITY
Board of Trustees

Special Committee on the College of Law
Thursday, March 4, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Committee Members: Belvin Perry, Chair
Kristin Harper, and David Lawrence

AGENDA

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| I. | Call to Order | Trustee Perry |
| II. | Roll Call | Linda Barge-Miles, Esq. |

ACTION ITEMS

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| III. | Approval of February 3, 2021 Minutes | Trustee Perry |
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INFORMATION ITEMS

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| IV. | College of Law Update | Deidre Keller |
| V. | Consultant's Report | Barry Currier |
| VI. | Discussion re: Student Evaluation | Trustee Perry |
| VII. | Adjournment | |

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ACTION ITEM

**Special Committee on the College of Law
Minutes
Thursday, March 4, 2021**

Subject: Special Committee on the College of Law Meeting Minutes

Proposed Board Action: Subject: Approval of the Minutes

Rationale: Section 5.10 of the Board of Trustees Operating Procedures provides that detailed minutes should be kept for any Board or Committee meeting. Those minutes should include a record of votes cast and attendance.

Recommendation: Approve the Board of Trustees meeting minutes for February 3, 2021.

Attachments: Yes, copies of the minutes are attached.

**Special Committee on the College of Law
Committee Minutes
February 3, 2021**

The Special Committee on the College of Law met February 3, 2021. The following committee members were present and established a quorum: Belvin Perry, Kristin Harper, and David Lawrence. Other trustees attending the meeting included Otis Cliatt, Xavier McClinton, Kelvin Lawson and Nicole Washington.

Provost Edington asked Chair Perry if the Nursing dean, Dr. Johnson could be recognized for an update on the Nursing program. Dr. Johnson informed the committee that she was scheduled to appear that afternoon before the Board of Nursing to discuss the low licensure passage rate of FAMU's nursing students in 2019 and 2020. Chair Lawson thanked Provost Edington for the information and asked that the Board be notified of such information more expeditiously. Provost Edington confirmed that more timely notice would occur in the future.

Trustee Perry asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2020 meeting. Trustee Lawrence moved approval. The motion was seconded by Trustee Harper and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Next, Dean Keller were recognized for an update on faculty current teaching methods utilized and the bar prep course and effectiveness. She shared that American Bar Association (ABA) Standard 316 provides that at least 75 percent of a law school's graduates that took the bar examination in a calendar year must have passed a bar examination administered within two years of their date of graduation. She shared that the bar passage rate for the FAMU Class of 2017 was 70.83% and the rate for the Class of 2018: 81.51%. The Class of 2018 met the ABA Standard.

Dean Keller then reviewed the effectiveness of the SCALE program. She stated that the data suggested that the program helped students that entered the program with a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) pass the bar examination. She said that those results suggest the need to focus on students that have lower than a 3.0 GPA.

The College of Law faculty approved a requirement for the students to take a third semester of legal research and writing. Dean Keller shared that the College is looking at the curricula of other Florida law schools regarding whether they require students to take courses that are tested on the bar exam.

Dean Keller stated that the faculty has taken measures to address students that were in danger of failing the bar, by enhancing academic advisement. Specifically, students that had less than a 2.7 GPA at the end of their foundational curriculum will:

- be advised by an instructional faculty, dean or a member of the Academic Success and Bar Preparation team; and

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- be required to take: (1) Criminal Procedure; (2) Florida Bar Law & Skills; (3) Multistate Bar Law & Skills; (4) Advanced Analytical Skills; and (5) at least three highly bar tested courses.

Dean Keller indicated that the College also provided faculty development opportunities regarding pedagogy. She provided timelines for the comprehensive review of the College which includes:

- Completing the profiles for successful SCALES student and regular admits.
- Law school curriculum
- Career planning and professional development
- Advancement and Alumni Affairs

There being no further business for the Committee, the meeting adjourned.