

**Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
Board of Trustees**



**Special Committee on Athletics Meeting**

**December 4, 2019**

**1:45 p.m.**

**The Grand Ballroom**

**Committee Members:** Kelvin Lawson, Chair  
Ann Marie Cavazos, Thomas Dortch, David Lawrence

**AGENDA**

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| I.  | Call to Order | Trustee Lawson                                       |
| II. | Roll Call     | Dr. Genyne Boston<br><i>Deputy Athletic Director</i> |

**ACTION ITEM**

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| III. | Approval of Minutes September 18, 2019 | Trustee Lawson  |
| IV.  | Athletic Director's Contract           | Dr. Denise Wallace<br><i>Vice President and General Counsel</i> |

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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| V.    | Introductions   |  |
| VI.   | Athletics Presentation Shared with Board of Governors |  |
| VII.  | Budget Update   |  |
| VIII. | Adjournment   |  |



**Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
Board of Trustees  
ACTION ITEM**

**Special Committee on Athletics  
Wednesday, December 4, 2019  
Agenda Item: III**

Item Origination and Authorization			
Policy _____	Award of Bid _____	Budget Amendment _____	Change Order _____
Resolution _____	Contract _____	Grant _____	Other _____

Action of Board				
Approved _____	Approved w/ Conditions _____	Disapproved _____	Continued _____	Withdrawn _____

**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.

**Attachments:** Minutes

**Recommendation:** Approve the September 18, 2019 Special Committee on Athletics meeting minutes.

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**Special Committee on Athletics Minutes  
September 18, 2019**

Committee Chair Kelvin Lawson called to order the Special Committee on Athletics meeting. Deputy Athletics Director Genyne Boston called the roll. The following committee members were present: Chair Lawson, Trustee Dortch, Trustee Lawrence, and Trustee Cavazos.

Chair Lawson opened with one action item, the approval of minutes from the June 6, 2019 and August 16, 2019. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved upon a voice vote.

Next, Vice President Schweigert provided a financial updated. He indicated that the Board approved a budget for Athletics at 10.2 million. In late August, the budget was booked into the accounting system and showed the spending was trending towards 10.8 million. The revenue budget was 8.9 million, with a trend of 8.4 million. These figures indicated a budget deficit growth from 1.3 million to 2 million.

VP Schweigert shared that President Robinson directed him to take steps to lower the revenue figures by implementing a hiring freeze. They also discussed the possibility of a reduction in the number of sports teams. He stated that the University also considered some allowable Board of Governors revenue streams that could go to Athletics. One such option was looking at removing athletic scholarship from athletics and instead using interest off Auxiliary accounts such as housing and dining. Multiple teams were set-up to explore various options, including a group headed by Dr. William Hudson, which is looking at the concept of rebalancing student fees.

VP Schweigert advised again that 8.4 million in revenue and 10.8 million in expenditures are more realistic numbers. He stated that the large expense control areas being looked at are personnel, salaries, travel and scholarships. A key success factor for the University is full University engagement. The University has sought allowable revenue generation and aggressive expense reduction. The appropriate stakeholders, such as the DSO's were consulted. VP Schweigert stated that on-going communication with all stakeholders is critical, so that at the end, the plan will be crafted by the community. He shared that the University thinks it will be successful at reaching the desired goal of a balanced budget.

Several Trustees expressed the support in the plan of action.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.