

**Florida A & M University
Board of Trustees Meeting
Grand Ballroom
Tallahassee, Florida
May 24, 2007**

Trustees Present: Vice Chairperson William Jennings; Laura Branker; Al Cardenas (by telephone); Mary Diallo; Pamela Duncan; Monique Gilliam; R.B. Holmes; Spurgeon McWilliams; Daryl Parks (by telephone)

Trustees Absent: None

Guest: President-Elect James Ammons (by telephone)

The meeting of the Florida A&M University (FAMU) Board of Trustees was called to order at 8:25 a.m. by Vice Chairperson Jennings. The roll call established a quorum. The agenda was adopted with the following additions/deletions:

- 1) Facilities—Item B—DELETED “for Dr. Ammons’ review.”
- 2) Fiscal Affairs—Item J—“Approved awarding of contracts today only”—to final “terms to be reviewed by Dr. Ammons.”
- 3) Consent Agenda Items 2A through 2L—DELETED by Trustee Diallo

Minutes were adopted for March 8, 2007—Board Meeting; April 9, 2007—Emergency Board Meeting; April 21, 2007—Special Board Meeting; May 14, 2007—Emergency Board Meeting; and June 29, 2006—Board Meeting (corrected).

Vice Chairperson Jennings delayed his Opening Comments and read resolutions honoring departing FAMU supporters:

- 1) Interim President Castell Vaughn Bryant
- 2) Board of Trustees Chair Challis Lowe
- 3) Trustee George Allen
- 4) Trustee Regina Benjamin
- 5) Trustee Leerie Jenkins

Vice Chairman Jennings recognized Interim Vice President for University Relations Ronald Joe to read the Resolution for the late Dr. Leonard W. Johnson, former National Alumni Association President. Several comments were made in honor of Dr. Johnson:

- President-Elect James Ammons will attend the funeral. Dr. Ammons stated that “FAMU has lost a true champion.” Further, he requested that FAMU find a more appropriate way to honor Dr. Johnson such as an endowed chair or scholarship.
- Trustee Duncan acknowledged profound gratitude on behalf of the Johnson Family.
- Trustee McWilliams commended the newspaper article on Dr. Johnson written by Eddie Jackson. The article appeared in the *Tallahassee Democrat*.

Next, Vice Chairperson Jennings called for the Campus Security presentation by Chief Calvin Ross, FAMU Security & Police Department.

Chief Ross stated that in the wake of the Virginia Tech incident, Governor Charlie Crist formed a Task Force on Violence and that a report is forthcoming. The campus has appointed a new Crisis Support Team to assess current equipment and will make recommendations for additional equipment. His PowerPoint presentation highlighted other initiatives for safety including educational programs for females as well as programs at the Developmental Research School; blue light phones that are strategically placed around campus; e-2 Campus Alerts, e-mail mass notification and personal protection gear for chemical agents. Chief Ross outlined challenges for the Police Department such as training, recruitment and retention. He mentioned inadequate facilities for the Police Department because it shares space with the Physical Plant. Also the intercom/camera system needs enhancement for "dark" areas. Trustee Diallo asked if parking calls are separated from distress calls. Chief Ross responded "yes." Trustee Gilliam asked about the number of officers employed. Chief Ross noted that there are 27 sworn officers at the FAMU campus proper and five (5) at the Law School in Orlando. When asked how many officers patrol at night, Chief Ross stated that on the average, two (2) cars and two (2) officers patrol, whose shifts overlap at peak hours. He also stated that he needs an additional 12 officers. Vice Chairperson Jennings requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and recommended that a Task Force be formed to study security issues. Dr. Ammons will serve as Chair and Vice Chairperson Jennings Trustee appointed Trustee Holmes to serve on the Task Force.

The Campus Security Report was APPROVED unanimously.

Vice Chairperson Jennings recognized called Jacquelynne Maxey, Special Assistant for Governmental Relations, who provided the 2007 Legislative Update and a detailed handout to the Trustees. She stated that the Law School submitted a revised enrollment plan for 500 FTEs, and since there was no reduction, it was approved. Additionally, she mentioned the Centers for Excellence and asked Keith Jackson, Vice President for Sponsored Research to explain the issues. Dr. Jackson stated that FAMU will submit proposals and that the faculty is poised, but waiting detailed legislative guidelines. Other issues discussed in the 2007 Legislative Update were the Governor's veto of the 5% tuition increase for all campuses in the State university System (SUS); private health insurance; HB 7147/ 4-year degree offerings for some community colleges; a forthcoming established policy granting authority to name buildings for living persons; and major revisions to SB 1270/ regarding Education Governance. Ms. Maxey agreed to send the full version of SB 1270 to the Trustees.

The 2007 Legislative Update was ACCEPTED unanimously.

Vice Chairperson Jennings began his comments by providing a status report on the Board of Governors Task Force, of which he is a member. He stated that the first meeting was for organization of the Task Force and that the second meeting will convene at the University of North Florida on June 24, 2007. Further Vice Chairperson Jennings stated that Trustee W. George Allen (FAMU Board of Trustees) and Al Dotson had both resigned from the Task Force. Board of Governors Chair Carolyn Roberts will replace them. Lynn Pappas was appointed to chair the Task Force on FAMU Operational Audit Committee and she chairs the Board of Governors Committee on Financial Audits. Governor Pappas informed the Task Force that the \$3 million legislative request for the Task Force had been reduced to \$1 million, thus limiting the

scope of the Task Force. Vice Chairperson Jennings stated that the Task Force will identify problems and seek solutions. He also stated that the FAMU Board of Trustees is responsible for similar oversight functions. The Board of Governors Task Force must provide its report to the legislature by March 1, 2008.

Vice Chairman Jennings asked Trustees Diallo to report on her attendance at a meeting on the Pappas Consultant's Report held at Florida State University. Also, Dr. Henry Lewis serves as Ad hoc Chair for FAMU's Committee on Faculty Senate Concerns. Trustee Diallo reported that the group heard a presentation from former president Bill Friday of the UNC System and the higher educational structure in North Carolina. She stated that the recommendations from the Pappas Report were not embraced, and she provided a handout from the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2007. Vice Chairperson Jennings called for a comprehensive review of the report for the July 11, 2007, Board of Trustee Meeting.

The board began reviewing the Agenda Items with a report from Student Affairs. Dr. Vincent June, Vice President for Student Affairs, began by describing the Parking and Traffic Handbook for Students. Trustee Branker asked to be walked through the citation/appeals process and inquired about the number of registered cars on campus. Currently there are 4600 spaces, 2600 for staff and faculty and 2500 for students and visitors. Vice President June stated that the total number of parking spaces is inadequate. When Trustee Gilliam inquired about gated areas being locked after 5:00 p.m., Officer Lockley stated that by keeping the gates locked, there have been a reduced number of thefts in certain buildings such as the New Pharmacy and Science Research Building. Trustee Diallo asked if there were faculty on the committee. Vice Chairperson Jennings suggested that the handbook be adopted today and reviewed at another time. Next, Vice President June discussed student fee regulations, which have not been increased for 12 years. During this report, the board received news that Governor Crist vetoed the 5% tuition increase for the SUS campuses.

The Student Affairs Report was APPROVED unanimously.

The board heard from Dr. Debra Austin, Vice President for Academic Affairs, who announced that the new Ph. D. program in Physical Therapy will go before the Board of Governors for approval at the November meeting. When approved, the program will require two (2) new faculty for the two (2) new courses as well as new equipment.

The Academic Affairs Report was APPROVED unanimously.

Dr. Grace Ali, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs stated that the University-wide budget is almost a mirror image of 2006. And with Governor Crist's veto totaling \$1 million, there will be no salary increases unless there is a reduction in other salaries. Following Dr. Ali, the Foundation Budget was presented by Ronald Joe, Interim Vice President for University Relations. It included a portion of Dr. Ammons' salary.

Mickey Clayton, Director of the Boosters, reported for the organization. He spoke of restructuring membership and increasing sponsorships. The National Alumni Association Budget was reported by Leonard Franklin for President Alvin Bryant, who appeared by telephone. Mr.

Franklin explained that there are 3,000 active members. The Association anticipate a larger than average attendance at the National Convention in 2008 and that is the reason for the increased budget amount. Among other things he spoke of the \$150,000 endowed fund which missed the "matching" deadline by a few days. Vice Chairperson Jennings appointed Trustee Gilliam to the National Alumni Association.

The Finance report, including Foundation, Boosters and National Alumni Association, was APPROVED unanimously.

In continuing the Fiscal Affairs Report, Vice President Vincent June presented the Housing Budget and referred Trustees to the insert on Project Tuition Increase. Further, he stated that the renovations of Sampson and Young Halls are on hold. Trustee Parks asked if a 3% set-aside was adequate for repairs of the size and suggested that, perhaps, bond financing is necessary.

The Housing Budget Report was APPROVED unanimously.

Next, Dr. Ali called Herbert Baily, Budget Director, to discuss the Operating Budget. He noted that several of the Board of Governors Task Force Audit Concerns, involved contract and grants as well as financial aid. He reviewed reduced athletics revenues. The total Budget Request is \$406,771,211.00 for operations. The request is due by June 29, 2007, and the permanent budget is due in August. The Board asked that President-elect Ammons review the budget also.

The Operating Budget was APPROVED unanimously.

When asked if there were "red" flags for this year's Budget, there was discussion of this inquiry. Dr. Ali and Mr. Bailey noted an \$8 million reserve for use by Dr. Ammons.

Wachovia Bank has been extended a 5-year contract with a 30-day exit clause. Trustee McWilliams commented on this long term. Trustee Parks cautioned that awarding contracts negates our ability to negotiate. Vice Chairperson Jennings reminded the Board that this contract expires at the end of the month. Other vendor contracts were discussed also.

Contracts for Wachovia Bank and Other Vendors were APPROVED unanimously.

Dr. Ali gave an unaudited report on the Florida Classic Consortium. The gain for FAMU should exceed \$1 million, which is unprecedented for this event.

Vice Chairperson Jennings stated that the remaining budget from the Presidential Search budget would be used by the Transition Team. Chief Operations Officer (COO) Larry Robinson presently earns \$135,000 and should have a prorated salary adjustment for \$225,000, plus rental fees for his apartment in Washington, D.C., and to address expenses related to travel between Tallahassee, FL and Washington, D.C. Trustee Gilliam asked that Dr. Robinson have the title of Chief Executive Officer Robinson for SACS purposes.

Salary Adjustment and Change of Title for Dr. Larry Robinson were APPROVED unanimously.

Also, policy for **Collection on Returned Checks, Uncollectible Accounts Write-off and Collection Costs to Overdue Accounts was APPROVED unanimously.**

Vice President for Audit and Compliance Rufus Little presented the Audit and Compliance Report and discussed a new Audit Work Plan, which will be used to conduct the University's in-house annual audit. He is correlating this plan with the Board of Governors Audit. He awaits Dr. Ammons' approval of the plan.

The Audit and Compliance Report was APPROVED unanimously.

Clarence Stallworth, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Construction, guided Trustees through his Handout in the Board Packet. Additionally, he explained Capital Improvement Plan (CIP2) and the Legislative Budget Request. And, finally, he discussed the Energy Performance Contract with Siemens.

The Facilities and Construction Report was APPROVED unanimously.

Following a lunch break at 12:30 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m. Item 6-A/Computer Usage Policy was tabled for the July 11, 2007, Meeting. Vice Chairperson Jennings called for the Information Technology Report.

Larry Henderson provided a PowerPoint presentation and two EIT handouts. He reported dire consequences regarding the status of technology at FAMU. He described the unsuccessful blending of more than one system, the PeopleSoft and the Legacy system. He also spoke of contracts and agreements with consultants; some consultants have worked without contracts since December 2006. Among other issues that Larry Henderson discussed was FAMU's inability to go "live" in January 2007 because of infrastructural problems. A more serious issue involves security with an over-budget amount of \$4.3 million. Discussion ensued.

Interim President Castell Vaughn Bryant, who joined the meeting by telephone, stated that she was unaware that vendors/consultants were working without contracts since December 2006, and that she only learned about it two weeks ago. Trustee Gilliam requested copies of the original contracts and agreement. When Vice Chairperson Jennings asked Dr. Ali if sufficient resources had been identified to honor the contracts, she stated that a payment plan is being developed. Trustee Diallo asked if the consultant contracts had been awarded after a competitive bid process. The answer was no. Trustee Parks expressed his displeasure over having to give a positive vote in this situation.

**To honor payment for the Contracts for EIT Consultants PASSED by a Roll Call Vote of
6 FOR; 2 AGAINST
(Diallo & McWilliams; Trustee Branker departed for a flight and did not vote.)**

Vice Chairperson Jennings called for election of the Board of Trustees Chair. The 7 trustees remaining voted unanimously for William Jennings as Chair and Trustee Holmes as Vice Chair.

Amendment to Agreement with IBM for information storage capacity was APPROVED unanimously.

Chairperson Jennings welcomed Trustee Gilliam, and COO/CEO Larry Robinson who thanked Chairperson Jennings and the Board of Trustees for their confidence in him.

Public Comments followed:

- 1) Dr. Barbara Thompson—FAMU/UFF President—Contracts and Grievances should become a part of the Agenda.
- 2) Dr. William Tucker—UFF Chief Negotiator (Ret.)—Tenure and Promotion
- 3) Dr. Pat Tucker—former FAMU UFF President—Opinions and Board of Trustees Deliberations
- 4) Nursing Students: Kendra Lamar; Shangria Walker; Yamit Highsmith; Sabrina Gregory; Wendy McGhee; Cashunda Sumpster; Maude Fiorvil; and Ezobia Felder—Conditions, problems, solutions, standardized testing and comprehensive exams in the School of Nursing
- 5) Carolyn Collins, NAA—Thank you to Trustees Jennings and Holmes for accepting leadership of the Board of Trustees; Land Grant Status of FAMU; Pappas Report; Florida Classics
- 6) Kyle Washington—My Role As a Student/Board Charge
- 7) Dr. Clyde Ashley—Professor, SBI—Unity and the State of the University
- 8) Mr. Jim Davis—Retired Administrator—Plaques on Buildings that are newly constructed
- 9) Dr. Willie Butler—Assistant Professor of History—Pan-Africanism

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.