

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



**Special Committee on the College of Law
June 7, 2017
3:15 p.m.
Grand Ballroom**

Committee Members: Belvin Perry, Chair
Bettye Grable, Robert Woody

AGENDA

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| I. | Call to Order | Belvin Perry |
| II. | Roll Call | Linda Barge-Miles |

ACTION ITEM

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| III. | Approval of May 15, 2017 Minutes | |
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INFORMATION ITEMS

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| IV. | Scope of Review | Belvin Perry |
| V. | Update | Leroy Pernell, Dean |
| | A. Current Status of 2012 ABA Issues | |
| | B. Program Improvement Plan | |
| | C. 2016-2017 Budget | |
| VI. | College of Law Committee Site Visit | Belvin Perry |
| VII. | Next Steps | Belvin Perry |
| VIII. | Adjournment | |



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ACTION ITEM**

**Special Committee on the College of Law
Thursday, June 8, 2017
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Approved _____	Approved w/ Conditions _____	Disapproved _____	Continued _____	Withdrawn _____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 Committee Meeting Minutes

Rationale: Minutes for each meeting are prepared in compliance with Florida Statutes.

Attachments: Minutes for May 15, 2017

Recommendation: Approve the committee minutes.

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**College of Law Committee Minutes
Trustee Belvin Perry, Chair
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017**

Trustee Belvin Perry called the Special Committee on the College of Law to order. Linda Barge-Miles called the roll and a quorum was established. The following trustees were present: Bruno, Grable, Lawson, Perry, and Woody.

Trustee Perry explained that Chair Lawson established the special committee on the College of Law, with a charge to work with the Provost and the Dean to determine the root cause of current challenges. The committee members include Trustee Betty Grable, Trustee Robert Woody and Trustee Belvin Perry, as chair. The desired outcome is for the dean and the provost to develop and review action plans with this Committee for full report out at June Board meeting.

Trustee Woody asked if the Committee would have enough time to complete its mission by the June 2017 meeting. Trustee Perry responded that the Committee could present a preliminary report and focus on the areas that need to be reviewed, submitting a final report by the end of the summer.

President Robinson suggested that the committee should look at the last accreditation report and discern where the College stands regarding issues raised. Dean Pernell then provided an update on the American Bar Association accreditation visit. He indicated that Professor Markita Cooper will organize and conduct the self-study and Professor Darryl Jones is the site visit chair. They have not been provided the submission date for the self-study; however, the site visit is set for Fall 2018.

Provost Wright stated that he would share critical issues that were identified, as well as a draft of the program improvement plan, by the June Board of Trustees meeting. Dean Pernell added that he plans to hire a consultant to review the self-study, by the June Board meeting. Dean Pernell informed that Committee that he can present a review of where the College is now regarding the issues raised during the 2012 ABA site visit. He preliminarily identified issues that will be reviewed including: bar passage rate, credentials of students, attrition rates, and career services and job placement.

President Robinson suggested that the College should also look at recruitment of students, which would be aligned with the University's enhanced recruitment efforts.

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The list of priorities includes:

1. American Bar Association Accreditation
2. Bar passage rate
3. Faculty - quality and composition
4. Recruitment
5. Job Placement
6. Internships and clerkships
7. Student morale
8. Attrition
9. Community perception of law school

Trustee Perry indicated that this list should be shared with the president, provost and board for their input. He further suggested that the committee set the date for the site visit during the June Committee meeting.

Trustee Perry closed the meeting by stating that the committee needs to be provided the College's budget and how is it being spent.