

**Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
September 27, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

*Kelvin Lawson, Chair*

Chair Lawson called the meeting to order. The following trustees were present, establishing a quorum: Brown Crossman, Figgers, Gibbons, Harper, Lawson, Mondelus, Perry, Reed, Stone, Washington, and White. Trustee Cliatt was absent due to a business commitment.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ANNUAL TEXTBOOK AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS REPORT**

Trustee Washington shared that the University has a 95% on-time textbook adoption rate. Chair Lawson commended the University for keeping down the cost of books and educational materials. Trustee Harper moved approval of the report. Trustee Perry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**SELF-SUPPORTING PROGRAMS ANNUAL REPORT**

This report contained information regarding the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 expenditures for the University's non-E&G college credit programs, including the online master's degree programs. Trustee Reed offered a motion to approve the report. Trustee Washington seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

**UNIVERSITY EQUITY REPORT**

The University is required by law to submit its Equity Report each year. The report includes data regarding equity policies, academic reviews, student services, gender equity in athletics, athletic

compliance, employment representation, tenure, and annual goals. Trustee Reed moved approval of the report. Trustee Washington seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

### **FY 2023-2024 UNIVERSITY CARRYFORWARD SPENDING PLAN AND FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET**

There were no questions regarding the spending plan and budget. Trustee Gibbons offered a motion to approve the plan and budget. Trustee Reed seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **2023-2024 NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (NAA) BUDGET**

The Board approved the 2023-2024 FAMU NAA budget through a motion offered by Trustee Perry, which Trustee Harper seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### **PRESIDENT ROBINSON'S COMMENTS**

President Robinson addressed the Board. He shared that he was very proud of the University being ranked #91 Public School National University, the top Public HBCU for the fifth consecutive year, and moving up to #21 regarding social mobility.

He stated that the bar passage rate was unacceptable and that he, Provost Watson, and COO Palm would assess the results and provide a more detailed report to the Board during the October meeting. Trustee Perry asked that the Board be provided with a copy of the College of Law Consultant's Report.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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