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Ease (phonetics), but then became Seller and Ease (phonetics). And he, through his company, became a very, very, very strong supporter of FAMU's efforts through Life Gets Better and many of the other programs that we all are very aware of.

Well, when I came on the Foundation board, I remember, as soon as I got there, he said, you know, I just heard that Charles Langston is retiring, and I'm going to recruit him to the Foundation board. So he served at the Foundation for at least two terms with many of us there and served very well.

The great -- there are many great things about him. He's a well-traveled person, comes to us though with a very strong finance and HR background, which were some of his areas when he was at Seller and Ease (phonetics). And so it's, indeed, a pleasure, not only do we get a new trustee, but we get a person who has a long history of support.

I can tell you that at the Foundation he's been a very strong giver as a board member there, and I think it's a pleasure -- you know, I used to wonder how would they replace Trustee Cardenas, and I think Trustee Langston is a great person to fill

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PROCEEDINGS

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Good morning. Welcome to everyone who joins us this morning. Unfortunately, Trustee Jennings is not feeling well, so he won't be here this morning, so I'm standing in instead.

First of all, I'd like to welcome our newest trustee, Trustee Charles Langston. And I would like to recognize Trustee Parks for comments and remarks.

TRUSTEE PARKS: Thank you. Good morning to everyone. We have a unique opportunity at the loss of Trustee Cardenas and the great service he gave to us. The governor had a wonderful opportunity to appoint someone who is a friend of FAMU.

For many of you that don't know Trustee Langston, his service actually started back through in the Humphries administration. And y'all know President Humphries, if he found an executive at a corporation who thought well of FAMU and who was willing to support Life Gets Better and other interests of the University, he called on you time and time again.

At the time, Trustee Langston was at Seller and Ease (phonetics). It was Hirsch, Seller and

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that gap for us. And I want to welcome him to the FAMU Board of Trustees.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee Parks. (APPLAUSE).

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Trustee Langston, thank you for joining us and for your willingness to serve and for all that you've done for the University over the years that you've been involved with us. Thank you.

TRUSTEE LANGSTON: Thank you.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Now I'd like to recognize Trustee Gillum to introduce the Student Government Association President Elect.

TRUSTEE GILLUM: Good morning.

Today is, indeed, a bitter sweet moment for me as it is my last meeting of the Board of Trustees; but I am very excited that Andrew Collins, senior here in the School of Business and Industry, will be taking my place as the 2008/2009 Student Body President.

He is one that is new to this Board but not new to the interactions of the Board. His father actually served as a chair of the Board in, I believe, 2001. And so we are excited that he was elected, and I am sure that he will continue to

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1 carry on the torch of excellence with caring for
 2 the student body.
 3 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you. And we'll be
 4 working with Mr. Collins, and we look forward to
 5 working with you.
 6 (APPLAUSE).
 7 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: And, Trustee Gillum, I just
 8 want to say how much of a pleasure it's been for
 9 you to join us. I'm so proud of you and enjoy
 10 hearing you speak and enjoy your messages when you
 11 do speak. And I thought this week was certainly
 12 kind of a culmination of that when I got a chance
 13 to see you on CNN and hear your remarks, and you
 14 represented us well.
 15 Thank you for all that you do and all that we
 16 know that you will do.
 17 TRUSTEE GILLUM: Thank you.
 18 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Ms. Fuse-Hall, will you
 19 please call the roll?
 20 MS. FUSE-HALL: Yes, ma'am.
 21 Trustee Badger.
 22 TRUSTEE BADGER: Here.
 23 MS. FUSE-HALL: Trustee Branker.
 24 TRUSTEE BRANKER: Here.
 25 MS. FUSE-HALL: Trustee Brown.

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1 (NO RESPONSE).
 2 MS. FUSE-HALL: Trustee Brown.
 3 (NO RESPONSE).
 4 MS. FUSE-HALL: Trustee Dent.
 5 TRUSTEE DENT: Here.
 6 MS. FUSE-HALL: Trustee Duncan.
 7 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Here.
 8 MS. FUSE-HALL: Trustee Gillum.
 9 TRUSTEE GILLUM: Here.
 10 MS. FUSE-HALL: Trustee Holder.
 11 TRUSTEE HOLDER: Here.
 12 MS. FUSE-HALL: Trustee Holmes.
 13 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Here.
 14 MS. FUSE-HALL: Trustee Jennings.
 15 (NO RESPONSE).
 16 MS. FUSE-HALL: Trustee Langston.
 17 TRUSTEE LANGSTON: Here.
 18 MS. FUSE-HALL: Trustee McWilliams.
 19 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Here.
 20 MS. FUSE-HALL: Trustee Parks.
 21 TRUSTEE PARKS: Here.
 22 MS. FUSE-HALL: Trustee White.
 23 TRUSTEE WHITE: Here.
 24 MS. FUSE-HALL: Madam Chair, you have a
 25 quorum.

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1 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you.
 2 First I'd like to have a motion to approve the
 3 adoption of the agenda.
 4 TRUSTEE PARKS: So moved.
 5 TRUSTEE BADGER: Second.
 6 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.
 7 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).
 8 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: The agenda is adopted.
 9 Next, I'd like to have a motion to approve the
 10 minutes of the following meetings: March 28th,
 11 2008; February 12th, 2008; and the Executive
 12 Committee of February 28, 2008.
 13 TRUSTEE PARKS: So move.
 14 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Second.
 15 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.
 16 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).
 17 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: The minutes have been
 18 approved.
 19 And now I would like to recognize President
 20 Ammons for his report.
 21 PRESIDENT AMMONS: Thank you, Madam Chair. To
 22 members of the Board and our colleagues who are
 23 gathered here this morning, thank you for this
 24 opportunity to provide an update on the University.
 25 I also want to extend a warm welcome to

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1 Trustee Langston in his new role. As Trustee Parks
 2 said, we have known and have worked with Trustee
 3 Langston over the years, and it's good to see him
 4 at this table knowing his love and his support for
 5 this great university.
 6 And to Trustee Gillum, it's also a bitter
 7 sweet day for me. I know that you and your family
 8 and all of us have been waiting for this day for
 9 you to graduate and go out into the world and make
 10 your mark, which we all know you will, but we're
 11 going to miss you.
 12 TRUSTEE GILLUM: Thank you.
 13 PRESIDENT AMMONS: It has been a great year
 14 for me knowing that you were president of SGA, a
 15 member of this Board of Trustees, and just a
 16 willing worker for this University in whatever we
 17 asked you to do. And so it has been a joy serving
 18 with you, and we wish you all the best --
 19 TRUSTEE GILLUM: Thank you.
 20 PRESIDENT AMMONS: -- as you prepare for
 21 graduation and a great career ahead of you.
 22 And, Andrew, we want to welcome you.
 23 Congratulations on your election. We look forward
 24 to working with you and getting to understand your
 25 platform and your agenda for the administration,

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1 you and Mallory, and you have our commitment to
2 work with you so that you, too, will have a
3 successful administration.

4 I want to begin by making a special
5 presentation this morning. It is really an honor
6 for me today to recognize several FAMU employees
7 for a job well done. Florida's Attorney General
8 Bill McCollum is encouraging universities now
9 throughout the State of Florida to have a student
10 alert system. After recognizing how effective
11 FAMU's E-2 campus alert system worked in notifying
12 this University community of shots being fired on
13 our campus, Attorney General McCollum met with FAMU
14 Chief of Police Calvin Ross to commend the chief
15 for the University's successful implementation of
16 that student alert system.

17 And the system was used to alert our students
18 about the incident on March 21st. The initial
19 alerts and follow-up messages were executed without
20 any complications and protected students from
21 additional danger. And, within minutes, the
22 suspects who were involved in this were all in
23 custody.

24 And so today I want to recognize the members
25 of the FAMU Department of Public Safety for their

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1 efforts. And we all know about the impact of good
2 leadership, and we know the impact that it can have
3 in terms of an effective and efficient operation,
4 so I'll start by recognizing our Chief of Police,
5 Chief Calvin Ross.

6 (APPLAUSE).

7 PRESIDENT AMMONS: If Vice President Gaines
8 could join us. Chief, congratulations on a job
9 well done.

10 And now I'm going to ask the following
11 officers if they will come forward: Officer
12 Kenneth Clay, Office Robert Gaines, III, Officer
13 Erica Ferring, Officer Stacey Youmans, Investigator
14 Audrey Alexander, Sergeant Freddy Franklin,
15 Sergeant Derrick Folsom, and Lieutenant Norman
16 Rollins. And let's give them a hand.

17 (APPLAUSE).

18 PRESIDENT AMMONS: And we also -- well, let's
19 give them a round of applause for their outstanding
20 work.

21 (APPLAUSE).

22 PRESIDENT AMMONS: I would also like to
23 recognize Ms. Cassandra Frye who sent out the
24 e-alert notices to the campus during these
25 incidents.

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1 (APPLAUSE).

2 PRESIDENT AMMONS: A brief update on SACS. As
3 you know, we submitted our second monitoring report
4 to SACS on March the 15th. And I would like to
5 thank all of the members of the leadership team and
6 their staffs who prepared a well-organized report
7 for us to submit to SACS. This was truly an
8 outstanding report that they prepared.

9 The special committee on the commission on
10 colleges of SACS visited the campus March 25th
11 through the 27th. The committee was chaired by
12 Doctor Susan Bosworth who is an associate provost
13 for strategic planning and analysis at the College
14 of William and Mary. It was a four-member
15 committee which was charged with reviewing evidence
16 of our compliance with nine specific principles of
17 accreditation. Members of the committee reviewed
18 documentation that was compiled by the University,
19 met with members of the leadership team and staff.
20 Now, in June, the commission will meet in North
21 Carolina; and at that time, they will vote on the
22 accreditation status of the University.

23 Legislative update, we're all here in
24 Tallahassee reading and hearing about the economy
25 and about the budget for next year, and all of the

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1 preliminary indications regarding the budget
2 situation are as follows: This year's cuts, at
3 least the ones for next year, don't appear as deep
4 as we thought initially; however, they are going to
5 be painful.

6 This current year, as you know, we took a
7 3.8-percent reduction in our base budget; and if
8 things continue the way they are in the Senate and
9 in the House, we will take probably somewhere
10 between a five- and eight-percent cut for next
11 year. And these, too, will be cuts to the base of
12 the University.

13 There will be no state money to fund
14 nonrecurring programs at the University. Centers
15 of Excellence, Succeed Matching Funds and other
16 programs will be affected by this action. And with
17 the budget being as bleak as it is right now, there
18 doesn't appear to be funding to support salary
19 increases for state employees for next year.

20 We thought though that it was very important
21 for us to hold our FAMU Day at the Legislature, and
22 we did. And I want to thank members of our Trustee
23 Board, Trustees Duncan, Gillum, and Parks for being
24 with us at FAMU Day at the Legislature. Again,
25 with this year being as tough as it is for all of

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1 us, we thought that it was important for us to go
2 to the Legislature and show them the appreciation
3 for what they have done for us and what they will
4 do for us in the future.

5 The FAMU Task Force has submitted its report
6 to the Board of Governors, to the Governor, and to
7 the Legislature. And they determined that, of the
8 48 corrective actions that were put in place by the
9 University, 92 percent have been evaluated and
10 found to be operating satisfactorily.

11 Since they wrapped up their interim report,
12 we have continued to work, and 100 percent of
13 those issues have been addressed and corrective
14 actions are now in place. Their interim report was
15 issued and submitted to these bodies on
16 March 3rd, 2008.

17 In the area of academic affairs, we are
18 continuing to support the FAMU DRS and Doctor
19 Ronald Holmes, our new superintendent. He has
20 shared with various stakeholders his plan for 2008
21 through 2011 for FAMU DRS to become a national
22 school of excellence.

23 Focus areas of the plan are the sciences,
24 mathematics, technology, and foreign language.
25 Also, to offer advanced placement and ID courses,

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1 as well as dual enrollment opportunities for the
2 students at DRS. Other areas where improvements
3 are planned are professional development
4 opportunities, retention, faculty recruitment,
5 student recruitment, parental involvement as well.
6 And, of course, he wants to develop and promote
7 alumni involvement.

8 One of the key areas that we're working with
9 Superintendent Holmes on now are the salaries of
10 the FAMU DRS faculty. He has submitted a
11 recommendation or proposal to the dean and to the
12 provost, and those are being reviewed; and so we'll
13 be working with him to address the salary issues at
14 the FAMU DRS.

15 In our School of Business and Industry, you
16 may have seen recently that this coming summer,
17 through the work of the Wall Street Initiative that
18 has been put in place by Dean McKinley Floyd and
19 the faculty in the School of Business and Industry,
20 we will have more than 40 students from SBI on Wall
21 Street serving in internships beginning this
22 summer. And we want to congratulate them on that
23 initiative.

24 Professor Mary Simmons was elected president
25 of the Board of the American Lung Association

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1 effective July 2008, and her term runs through July
2 of 2010. And so we want to congratulate Professor
3 Simmons.

4 We're also looking to expand our research
5 funding for '07 and '08 and beyond. We now have a
6 report that we will have in excess of \$25 million
7 of research funded in the College of Pharmacy this
8 academic year. One award was for 12.8 million for
9 the biomedical fund programs at FAMU which are
10 funded by the National Institutes of Health and the
11 National Center on Minority Health and Health
12 Disparities. And so we want to congratulate Dean
13 Lewis, Doctor Holder, and the rest of the faculty
14 in the College of Pharmacy for this outstanding
15 work.

16 Doctor Julian White, our distinguished
17 professor of music, chair of the Department of
18 Music and Director of Bands and the FAMU
19 Symphonic Wind Ensemble were honored at the 2008
20 Band Masters Association convention in Miami.
21 Doctor White was awarded the honor and becomes one
22 of three, only three African-Americans in the
23 American Band Masters Association, and the only
24 African-American from a historically black college
25 or university.

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1 Also this semester, FAMU was the site of a
2 visit by Nobel laureate Doctor Jerome Friedman.
3 Doctor Friedman provided a series of lectures for
4 the Department of Physics. He also toured the
5 facilities at the Humphries Science Research
6 Center. Doctor Friedman received the Nobel prize
7 for the significant step made in the foundation of
8 the modern theory of the structure of matter, also
9 known as the standard model.

10 In the area of administrative and financial
11 affairs, we are continuing to train our staff on
12 the new technologies that we have brought on board
13 at the University. In fact, we have trained over
14 two hundred staff members in areas that are
15 critical to the success of our institution, areas
16 such as payroll, accounts payable, travel, and
17 financial reporting.

18 In the area of student affairs, we talked
19 about this some yesterday, we had an outstanding
20 tour of the State of Florida, in Dothan, Alabama,
21 where we visited eight cities, and we took our
22 up-close and personal tour across this state and
23 really across the country. The FAMU Connection,
24 our SGA president, vice president, Mr. FAMU, our
25 student ambassadors, faculty, and staff were all on

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1 the bus with us as we went across the state and
2 awarded over 120 scholarships to some of this
3 state's best and brightest students.

4 We also had an emergency -- a managed
5 emergency exercise here on our campus. The North
6 Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force
7 conducted a full-scale exercise, Operation School
8 Safety on February 18th at FAMU and at Cobb Middle
9 School.

10 These periodic exercises are conducted in
11 order to challenge and evaluate the response and
12 mitigation capabilities of the Task Force. During
13 the exercise here at FAMU, we had a chance to test
14 our emergency response to a crisis situation. IT,
15 our information technology area, also worked with
16 student affairs to infuse advanced technologies
17 into this exercise.

18 And, in fact, while we're talking about
19 information technology, we have updated our
20 information technology security and control policy
21 that's designed to mitigate security risks to the
22 University's information technology resources. In
23 addition, we've completed the system configuration
24 and client installation of the HP radio security
25 software on high-risk computer work stations in

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1 sensitive areas within student affairs, like our
2 registrar's office, student accounts office, the
3 comptroller's office, budget, and also in human
4 resources.

5 This software provides strong security
6 controls, including asset management, for machines
7 used to access the PeopleSoft student financial and
8 human capital management systems. This is the
9 cutting edge of technology that is now being used
10 in the -- in the country to secure technology
11 resources.

12 We've also completed the wireless network
13 upgrades in the women's complex. Paddyfoote,
14 Gibbs, and Phase III. Utilization has increased by
15 more than 500 percent in these residential
16 facilities.

17 We've also started the deployment of over five
18 hundred new HP desktop work stations across the
19 University for the established PC Refresh Program.
20 So at certain intervals, we refresh the technology
21 on the campus, and so we're now distributing over
22 five hundred new computers.

23 In the area of University relations, we have
24 raised thus far this year about \$3.5 million from
25 2,176 donors. Last year at this time, we were at

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1 3.1 million from 1,649 donors, and we are
2 continuing to work in this area.

3 And, in fact, this would be a good time for me
4 to introduce to our Board and to the University
5 community our new Vice President for University
6 Relations, Ms. Carla Willis. This is Ms. Willis'
7 first Board of Trustees meeting, and we want to
8 welcome her to this setting and also to the
9 University. And we're continuing to work to
10 increase the private dollars that come into the
11 University.

12 (APPLAUSE).

13 PRESIDENT AMMONS: This week was a pretty good
14 week for the University in terms of media
15 relations. CNN in doing their college tour, black
16 college tour, kicked it off right here at Florida A
17 & M. We were the first stop on their tour; and, in
18 fact, this is the first ever Black in America,
19 Historically Black College tour by CNN. This tour
20 will serve as a means to introduce the upcoming CNN
21 documentary, Black in America. The documentary
22 will explore the provocative, surprising, and often
23 underreported stories of the African-American
24 experience, an experience in which Solodad O'Brien
25 (phonetics) will report.

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1 Several departments worked to organize the
2 event, including Student Activities, Public
3 Relations, the School of Journalism and Graphic
4 Communications. As a part of the tour, there was a
5 DJ, a graffiti wall where students could express
6 what being black in America meant, and a CNN text
7 message poll. CNN sponsored the tour in
8 association with the National Association of Black
9 Journalists. One reporter from each campus will
10 win a digital video camera and will have the chance
11 to win a trip for two to the Essence Musical
12 Festival in New Orleans. The FAMU campus winner
13 was senior broadcast major Germane Fletcher.

14 The Office of Communications has developed an
15 e-newsletter that will be distributed the 1st and
16 15th of each month, and it includes information
17 about the University and a calendar of events.

18 And I also want to say to Trustee Gillum what
19 a super job in the interview with CNN. I had a
20 chance to see it and, like always, you made us
21 really proud. Thank you.

22 We're also working to expand our message on
23 hold. When you call the University, and I hope you
24 don't have a chance to hear too much of the
25 information, but while you're on hold, there are

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1 some important pieces of information about the
2 University that are being communicated while you're
3 waiting for your party to pick up. We started that
4 back in February. In fact, it was February 18th
5 when we started it. And we are now expanding that
6 to the College of Law.

7 Briefly, upcoming events, as we are here in
8 our Board of Trustees meeting, we also have our
9 business and industry cluster here on our campus.
10 And, Charles, I know it was hard for you to stay
11 here with us and not go with the business and
12 industry cluster because that's where you were
13 introduced to Florida A & M. But they are here,
14 and we will join them after our meeting today.

15 On April -- well, I'll start with this
16 weekend. I will be traveling to Plant City to
17 serve as a keynote speaker for the Plant City
18 Alumni Scholarship Gala down in that area of
19 Florida. The next weekend we'll be in Palm Beach
20 where on Saturday, April 19th, at the Norton Museum
21 of Art, we will be hosting FAMU Day as it unveils
22 an extensive exhibition drawn from the artistic and
23 historical treasures collected by our own Bernard
24 and Shirley Kinsey.

25 On April 24th through the 27th, that is a
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1 weekend of rededication. Among the planned
2 activities are events for the 25th, 40th and
3 50-year classes, the distinguished alumni awards
4 ceremony, and a celebration highlighting the 40th
5 anniversary of the Department of Computer and
6 Information Systems. Commencement will be held on
7 April 27th in the Tallahassee Leon County Civic
8 Center where we will have two exercises: One at
9 nine a.m. where Bishop Eddie Long will be the
10 keynote speaker; and at 2:00 p.m., Attorney Willie
11 Gary will be the keynote speaker.

12 Madam Chair, that concludes my report. And if
13 there are any questions, I'll respond to them.

14 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Do any trustees have any
15 questions?

16 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Madam Chair.

17 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Trustee Holmes.

18 TRUSTEE HOLMES: How are you doing,
19 Mr. President?

20 PRESIDENT AMMONS: Good morning, Trustee
21 Holmes. How are you?

22 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Thank you for a very
23 well-rounded, well-structured presentation.

24 PRESIDENT AMMONS: Thank you.

25 TRUSTEE HOLMES: You did a great job.

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1 Let me just start off, Madam Chair, by also
2 joining in commending Calvin Ross, Chief Ross, and
3 his fine staff, as the President said, for doing an
4 exceptional job a few weeks ago. So I join you in
5 commending our excellent law enforcement.

6 Mr. President, you mentioned that because of
7 the budget there will not be monies available to
8 give staff, faculty, administration a salary -- I
9 mean salary increase?

10 PRESIDENT AMMONS: That's correct. At this
11 point in the process, there are no salary increases
12 included in either budget right now from the House
13 or the Senate.

14 TRUSTEE HOLMES: I was not able to participate
15 in the budget and finance. I tried to get them but
16 couldn't get in. Now that's coming from the
17 Legislature as well as -- that's the most
18 important. So they did not put any money at this
19 time into the budget for salary increases?

20 PRESIDENT AMMONS: I -- did he ask --

21 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: He's asking if the
22 Legislature put money in their budget for salary
23 increases.

24 PRESIDENT AMMONS: They have not. Neither
25 house has salary increases in their budget.

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1 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Trustee Holmes?

2 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Yeah. If that's -- okay, so
3 if they don't do that, then obviously we will not
4 be able to do any salary increases for our people?

5 PRESIDENT AMMONS: Well, remember now we
6 have --

7 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Yes, sir.

8 PRESIDENT AMMONS: Remember we have the
9 tuition increase dollars --

10 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Yes, sir.

11 PRESIDENT AMMONS: -- where we reported to you
12 and the Board of Governors our plan to begin
13 looking at salary equity issues --

14 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Yes, sir.

15 PRESIDENT AMMONS: -- with our faculty and
16 staff. If they don't put additional money in, the
17 only money that we will have left to do that with
18 will be the money that we have from the tuition
19 increase. And it is our plan - and, in fact, the
20 administration across the University, our vice
21 presidents and provost, are working with their
22 faculty and staffs to look at employees where we
23 have salary equity issues.

24 We won't have a lot because this increase only
25 generated about \$417,000. And as you recall, one

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1 third of that must go to need-based financial aid.
2 But we will have a beginning to address salary
3 inequities on the campus.

4 TRUSTEE PARKS: Madam Chair, I have a
5 question.

6 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Trustee Parks.

7 TRUSTEE PARKS: Doctor Ammons, actually that
8 was a great lead-in to my next concern. I'm really
9 concerned that at the DRS school our recruitment
10 and retention efforts are greatly in jeopardy if we
11 don't do something to make those positions
12 attractive for highly qualified people to turn that
13 school around. And I would hope that you at least
14 consider that if we do have any monies, right, that
15 one of the first group that we could address would
16 be the teachers at the DRS, that situation.

17 PRESIDENT AMMONS: Well, I think when you take
18 a look at the entire faculty at Florida A & M, to
19 include the faculty at the DRS, we must do
20 something about the salaries. We have
21 Superintendent Holmes' plan, and a part of these
22 discussions that we're having is a way for us to
23 begin to address those salaries at DRS. It is a --
24 it's a pretty expensive proposition because of what
25 has happened, and they have fallen so far behind,

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1 but it is one of our priorities, definitely.

2 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any other comments or
3 questions of the President?

4 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Madam Chair, my last comment
5 around salary increases is that I know the
6 President joins me in that sentiment and the entire
7 Board of Trustees, and I don't want to dip into the
8 other resources (unintelligible). But, obviously,
9 I am, like all of y'all, a strong proponent that
10 our internal, our faculty, our staff, our
11 administration in these tough times have worked
12 superbly, and I know you all agree with that.

13 And any kind of way, Mr. President, that we
14 can try to squeeze some money from somewhere to
15 reward, you know, faculty, staff, and
16 administration, obviously, I'm going to be a part
17 of that chorus. I'm trying to make sure that we
18 dig deep and deeper to try to award our people
19 something at the end of the fiscal year. I don't
20 know how we do it.

21 I don't want to put anything on the table
22 publicly. I need to talk to you privately about
23 how I think we ought to do it if the Legislature
24 does not move forward and give us the appropriate
25 dollars. And I understand that the monies that you

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1 have at your disposal, that less than a half
2 million dollars, that does not go that far, does
3 it?

4 PRESIDENT AMMONS: Okay. But once we get a
5 handle on what we may do from our internal
6 resources, we'll talk with you and the Board about
7 where we're going because this faculty, staff, and
8 this entire community has worked so hard over this
9 last year, and it's just so unfortunate that the
10 timing of this successful work comes when the state
11 has no money, so I agree with you. We're going to
12 look extremely hard at the resources that we have
13 and begin to reward the hard work that has taken
14 place on this campus.

15 We're not going to be able to go as far as we
16 would like to because I think this faculty and
17 staff deserve a significant increase, but we're
18 going to do what we can.

19 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Thank you, Mr. President.
20 Madam Chair, thank you so kindly.

21 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee Holmes.
22 President Ammons, thank you very much for your
23 report. And you're right, it has been a remarkable
24 year, certainly an academic year. But when you
25 look at the calendar, it's been nine months since

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1 you've been here, and your leadership team, led by
2 you, of course, has really stepped up, and we want
3 to thank you for everything you've done. But we
4 also want to thank the University as a whole and
5 our alumni and the community outside of the
6 University for stepping up and embracing FAMU
7 because we are truly in a movement, and I'm sure a
8 movement in the positive way. So thank you very
9 much.

10 PRESIDENT AMMONS: Thank you.

11 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Chairman Jennings has asked
12 the staff to develop an evaluation process for the
13 Board of Trustees to review major expectations and
14 major goals that we agreed to at our retreat last
15 year. We will forward this information to the
16 Board, I think, by the beginning of May.

17 Now I'd like to move to committee reports.
18 Let's begin with budget and finance.

19 TRUSTEE DENT: Good morning, Madam Chairman.
20 Please acknowledge that you can hear me.

21 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Good morning, Trustee Dent.
22 Yes, we can hear you.

23 TRUSTEE DENT: Good morning. How are you?

24 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Great.

25 TRUSTEE DENT: I will read the -- deliver the

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1 April 9th edition of the Budget and Finance
 2 Committee.
 3 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, sir.
 4 TRUSTEE DENT: Madam Chairman, the Budget and
 5 Finance Committee has three action items and
 6 several items for information.
 7 Yesterday the Committee heard from Vice
 8 President Teresa Hardee, Chief Financial Officer
 9 and Vice President of Administrative and Financial
 10 Services of who presented the amendments to the
 11 operating budget for fiscal year 2007/2008. The
 12 second round of changes to the budget include
 13 legislative reductions in general revenue which
 14 equal \$1.8 million for educational enhancement --
 15 I'm sorry, \$1.8 million for general revenue;
 16 educational enhancement funds, which equals
 17 \$353,000; and the Developmental Research School for
 18 34,865; as well as increase of 67,000 in budgeted
 19 revenues and expenditures for student activities.
 20 This is a sum total of \$2.2 million reduction,
 21 which is in addition to the earlier reduction
 22 involved. The Committee recommends that the Board
 23 approve these amendments.
 24 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of
 25 Trustees approve the Committee's recommendation.

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1 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Second.
 2 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.
 3 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).
 4 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any opposed?
 5 (NO RESPONSE).
 6 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It's been approved.
 7 Trustee Dent.
 8 TRUSTEE DENT: Thank you.
 9 Next Vice President Hardee presented a public
 10 notice of intent to amend Regulation 3.009, payment
 11 of fees. The amended regulation revises the
 12 tuition refund percentage from the range of
 13 25 percent to 75 percent to 100 percent in
 14 accordance with the Board of Governors Regulation
 15 6C-7.002 for exceptions in instances where a
 16 student withdraws or drops a credit course due
 17 designated circumstances.
 18 Madam Chairman, I move that the Board of
 19 Trustees approve the notice period to revise
 20 Regulation 3.009(5b) and the subsequent revision to
 21 this regulation once the proper notice has expired.
 22 TRUSTEE WHITE: Second.
 23 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.
 24 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).
 25 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any opposed?

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1 TRUSTEE WHITE: Second.
 2 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.
 3 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).
 4 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It's been approved.
 5 Next item, Trustee Dent.
 6 TRUSTEE DENT: Yep. Vice President Hardee
 7 presented for approval the policy for writing off
 8 missing and stolen property which states the
 9 following: The University's Board of Trustees has
 10 the authority to approve the write-off of tangible
 11 personal property. Before an item of tangible
 12 personal property can be considered for write-off,
 13 the property must have been documented as missing
 14 for at least two inventory cycles. Property
 15 reported as stolen through a recognized police
 16 incident report shall be eligible for immediate
 17 write-off. The property office is responsible for
 18 presenting property write-off requests to the Chief
 19 Financial Officer and Vice President for
 20 Administrative and Financial Services. The CFO
 21 will take the appropriate action to submit the
 22 request to the President and Board of Trustees.
 23 Madam Chairman, I move that the Board of
 24 Trustees approve the policy for writing off missing
 25 and stolen property.

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1 (NO RESPONSE).
 2 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It's been approved.
 3 Trustee Dent.
 4 TRUSTEE DENT: I'll move to the informational
 5 items. Yesterday the Committee heard a
 6 presentation by Vice President Hardee who presented
 7 the following informational item: First, she
 8 shared with us the House and Senate fiscal year
 9 2008/2009 budget recommendations for FAMU, which
 10 Doctor Ammons spoke to recently. Both the House
 11 and Senate are recommending \$667,447 for the
 12 operational cost of the multipurpose teaching gym
 13 and funds to cover the increases in health and life
 14 insurance.
 15 The Senate budget reduces the -- the Senate
 16 budget that's being proposed reduces the general
 17 revenue base budget by \$5,688,332 and provides
 18 \$3,326,556 in additional educational enhancement
 19 funds. The House budget, which is different
 20 slightly than Senate, reduces the general revenue
 21 base by \$7,025,748 and provides \$4,426,550 in
 22 additional educational enhancement fund. Both the
 23 House and the Senate are recommending a six-percent
 24 increase in the resident undergraduate tuition and
 25 a reduction to the student financial assistance

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1 special category.

2 Ms. Hardee informed the Committee that there
3 was a lottery estimating conference at April 9th,
4 2008. Again, these are the projections for what
5 revenues the University would get from lottery
6 proceeds. The projections have been revised since
7 ticket sales are running behind forecast, coupled
8 with the weak economy and multiple new games being
9 introduced at the same time.

10 The House and Senate had included over
11 \$60 million in new lottery money in their budget
12 recommendations for the universities and about 30
13 million for the community colleges to help offset
14 the 2008/2009 general revenue cuts. During the
15 conference, the lottery projections were reduced by
16 \$79 million. It appears that this reduction would
17 come from higher education.

18 Further, Vice President Hardee presented the
19 Board of Governors for the Year 2009/2010
20 legislative budget request guidelines which
21 includes a timeline for the approval and submission
22 of the legislative budget.

23 There were also six contracts that exceeded a
24 hundred thousand dollars that have been executed
25 since the last Board meeting. These contracts are

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1 pass-through funds for these are funds that just
2 pass through the University for the Black Male
3 Explorers Program to Bethune-Cookman University,
4 Edward Waters College, and Florida Memorial
5 University. Each of these institutions have two
6 contracts, one for a hundred thousand and one for
7 145,000.

8 Finally, Vice President Hardee provided
9 responses to questions from the February 11th, 2008
10 Budget and Finance Committee meeting. These were
11 several items which the Board of Trustees had
12 raised as questions either surrounding information
13 needed to understand the implications of budget
14 cuts and things that we could do to offset them and
15 this other informational item. There was an update
16 on the implementation of the new payroll system
17 which Ms. Hardee reviewed with us and we were very
18 comfortable that the appropriate actions had been
19 taken to solve some of the early payroll issues
20 that were as part of the payroll implementation
21 back in January.

22 There was also information which compared the
23 athletic fees for institutions in the MEAC in the
24 State University System. There was a question to
25 understand if the fees that were being charged to

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1 students for -- to support the athletic programs
2 were comparable to schools in the MEAC and also in
3 the State University System. That information was
4 reviewed, and there will be follow-up on what was
5 shown there.

6 Ms. Hardee also stated that Vice President
7 Willis is working with athletics to develop a more
8 effective and comprehensive fund raising program.

9 Madam Chairman, this concludes my report.

10 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee Dent.

11 If there are no questions, then I'd like to
12 move to the Audit Committee report.

13 Trustee White.

14 TRUSTEE WHITE: Thank you.

15 Madam Chairman, the Audit Committee has two
16 items for action and several items for information.
17 For the first action item, Vice President Charles
18 O'Duor presented the student financial assistance
19 compliance report for the spring semester of 2008.
20 He stated that the objective of this compliance
21 report was to, A, verify and validate the
22 implementation of the University's corrective
23 actions to determine if it resolved the auditor
24 general's financial aid audit findings. He
25 indicated that the findings had been fully

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1 corrected.

2 Also, Mr. O'Duor commended Vice President
3 Roland Gaines and Ms. Boyd and staff for the
4 excellent work of implementing appropriate measures
5 to resolve the financial assistance audit issues.

6 Madam Chairman, I move that the Board of
7 Trustees approve the student financial assistance
8 compliance report for spring semester 2008.

9 TRUSTEE HOLDER: Second.

10 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.

11 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

12 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any opposed?

13 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It's been approved.

14 Trustee White.

15 TRUSTEE WHITE: Yes. Vice President O'Duor
16 also presented the Department of Athletics' cash
17 management report for the fall semester of 2007.
18 He stated that the review included management of
19 contracts for the football classics, cash
20 collections, and concessions in the Department of
21 Athletics. He added that the findings and the
22 corresponding recommendations have been discussed
23 with staff in the department. A corrective action
24 plan has been developed and will be implemented.

25 Given the significant amount of funds involved

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1 in the classic contracts, I suggested that the
2 staff from the CFO and legal areas should also
3 participate in the contract process and had brought
4 this up at a previous audit committee. In response
5 to, Attorney Rosalind Fuse-Hall stated that
6 representatives from the Office of the President,
7 Financial and Administrative Services, and General
8 Counsel's office are all participating in
9 discussions relating to classic contracts.

10 Madam Chairman, I move that the Board of
11 Trustees approve the Department of Athletics' cash
12 management report for fall semester 2007.

13 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Can I get a second?

14 TRUSTEE PARKS: Second.

15 TRUSTEE GILLUM: Second.

16 TRUSTEE LANGSTON: Second.

17 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.

18 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

19 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any opposed?

20 (NO RESPONSE).

21 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: The report has been approved.

22 TRUSTEE WHITE: In terms of informational
23 items, the committee heard an update from
24 Mr. O'Duor on a legal matter related to the
25 pharmacy clinics. He explained that the issue

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1 involved irregularities pertaining to the operation
2 of cash receipts. And he added that the court
3 hearing on this case would be on April 16th of this
4 year.

5 Mr. O'Duor also presented an update on the
6 chronology of documents that have been submitted by
7 both FAMU and the National Science Foundation. He
8 stated that on March 1st, 2008 the University
9 submitted to the NSF office of inspector general a
10 status report on the corrective actions on the NSF
11 grant audit findings. He added that a reply from
12 NSF has been received.

13 Additionally, Mr. O'Duor explained that the
14 Board of Governors Task Force had hired a
15 consortium of Creative Solutions (phonetics) to
16 conduct verification and validation of the FAMU
17 corrective action plan. The firm completed the
18 work in March and submitted the report to the
19 Governor and the Legislature. This summarized the
20 following four recommendations including, A, a
21 formal control framework; B, policies procedures
22 and knowledge transfer to the next layer of
23 management; C, management reporting; and D,
24 management responsibility reporting for internal
25 controls.

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1 He added that the University submitted
2 responses to the recommendations. Chair Jennings
3 also stated that a recommendation on management
4 responsibility reporting for internal controls is
5 generally met as part of the annual audit
6 management letter. Chairman Jennings also
7 commended President Ammons and his leadership team
8 for the tremendous turnaround work at the
9 University in a short period of time.

10 The Committee also heard a report on the
11 investigations at the College of Law which resulted
12 in the termination of certain employees and the
13 removal of some individuals from the college. Dean
14 Leroy Pernell and Associate Dean Witherspoon from
15 the College of Law attended the Audit Committee
16 meeting and made brief comments in support of the
17 personnel actions that have been taken. I also
18 made a request that the comprehensive
19 recommendations be made in terms of preventing
20 these issues in other areas of the University in
21 the future.

22 Finally, Mr. Derry Harper, Inspector General
23 and Director of Compliance in the Office of the
24 Chancellor made brief comments regarding the
25 management recommendations contained in the

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1 Creative Solutions (phonetics) report.

2 Madam Chair, this concludes my report.

3 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee White.

4 If there are no questions of Trustee White, I
5 will relinquish the chair to Trustee McWilliams
6 while I give --

7 TRUSTEE DENT: I have a question, Madam
8 Chairman.

9 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: I'm sorry. Trustee Dent,
10 yes.

11 TRUSTEE DENT: Trustee White, a couple of
12 meetings ago we had a discussion in the Audit
13 Committee meeting with regard to review of the
14 contract, not specifically from an audit control
15 standpoint, and these were the contracts for some
16 of the classic games, but just there was a
17 discussion around was there an opportunity to
18 enhance kind of what the University's profit
19 potential was from those. And it wasn't clear to
20 me as part of the report out yesterday if that was
21 just the audit controls around it or if there was
22 any further discussion around if the University had
23 gone back and re-evaluated those contracts.

24 TRUSTEE WHITE: Mr. President.

25 PRESIDENT AMMONS: Trustee Dent?

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1 TRUSTEE DENT: Yes.
 2 PRESIDENT AMMONS: Yes, we have. We have
 3 looked at all of the contracts that we have for
 4 classics, and in at least one case, we have met
 5 with the promoter of that game, and we were able to
 6 get additional funds. In that particular one,
 7 we're in the last year of that contract, and we
 8 were able to do it this year.

9 And as we look at another long-term contract,
 10 we are definitely going to be negotiating from a
 11 position of strength. And so you will see improved
 12 profits from those classics in the future.

13 TRUSTEE DENT: That's great. Is that
 14 something for a future Budget and Finance Committee
 15 when things die down, that that committee could
 16 take a look at, either after you're done, just with
 17 the information of where we were and where you
 18 think we could be from a potential standpoint?

19 PRESIDENT AMMONS: Yes. Yes.

20 TRUSTEE DENT: Okay. Thank you.

21 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Anything further, Trustee
 22 Dent?

23 TRUSTEE DENT: No, that's good news. Thank
 24 you very much.

25 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: You're welcome.

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1 Anything else?
 2 (NO RESPONSE).

3 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: And then we'll move to the
 4 Academic Affairs Committee report, and Trustee
 5 McWilliams will take the chair.

6 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Thank you, Madam Chair.
 7 Now you become Madam Chair of the Academic Affairs
 8 Committee. Could you give your report, please?

9 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, sir.

10 Mr. Chairman, the Academic Affairs Committee
 11 has five items for action. The first item is
 12 related to tenure.

13 Recommendations regarding tenure were
 14 presented to the Academic Affairs Committee. Those
 15 applications -- those applications were submitted
 16 in the fall of 2007. The tenure approval process
 17 requires review of the application by the
 18 respective department, the department chair, the
 19 college or school committee, the dean, the
 20 University Tenure and Promotion committee, the
 21 provost, and the President.

22 Doctor Hughes-Harris and Doctor Ammons agreed
 23 with the University committee's recommendations and
 24 recommended approval of tenure for the individuals
 25 that are being presented today. The Academic

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1 Affairs Committee recommends approval of tenure for
 2 the 12 individuals that are referenced on the Board
 3 of Trustees' action sheet.

4 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of
 5 Trustees approve tenure for the individuals listed
 6 on the BOT action sheet.

7 TRUSTEE PARKS: Second.

8 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Second the motion.

9 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: All in favor, let it be
 10 known by saying aye.

11 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

12 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Approved.

13 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you.

14 The Division of Academic Affairs also
 15 submitted changes to four regulations and proposed
 16 one new regulation. The regulations were noticed
 17 in accordance with the University's regulation
 18 adoption procedure.

19 I'm going to ask that we pull the item related
 20 to course syllabi, which is the new regulation.
 21 Since we met yesterday, we've had several questions
 22 regarding this regulation, so we'd like to pull it
 23 back into committee for further review.

24 I'll proceed with the first regulation.

25 Regulation 4.001, curriculum requirements, the

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1 amended regulation provides that each school,
 2 college, or academic unit should establish approved
 3 curriculum standards and requirements for students
 4 which are to be published in the University's
 5 general catalog. Students are to meet the
 6 standards and requirements that are in place at the
 7 time of enrollment in their course of study.

8 The regulation also sets forth the applicable
 9 requirements for interruptions in a student's
 10 course of study, defines interruptions, and
 11 describes when readmission to the University is
 12 required. In addition, the regulation makes
 13 technical changes.

14 Mr. Chairman, the Academic Affairs Committee
 15 discussed this matter and incorporated the
 16 recommended change. With the change, the Committee
 17 recommends approval of this recommendation;
 18 therefore, I move that we approve this regulation
 19 as amended.

20 TRUSTEE HOLDER: Second.

21 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Madam Chairman, just one
 22 question. Trustee Duncan?

23 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, sir.

24 TRUSTEE HOLMES: This is Trustee Holmes. I
 25 know Trustee Badger had several concerns at

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1 yesterday's Committee meeting.
 2 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, sir.
 3 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Are his concerns adequately
 4 addressed at this time?
 5 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: I believe they are.
 6 Trustee Badger?
 7 TRUSTEE BADGER: Yes. They've all been
 8 answered to my satisfaction, Trustee Holmes.
 9 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Thank you.
 10 So I second the motion, Mr. Chair.
 11 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: We've got a second?
 12 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, he seconded it.
 13 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Okay. All in favor.
 14 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).
 15 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: So it's approved.
 16 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you.
 17 The next regulation is Regulation 4.002,
 18 college and school governance. The amended
 19 regulation authorizes each school, college, and/or
 20 academic unit to establish internal governance
 21 procedures which must be followed by faculty and
 22 staff of the school, college, and/or academic unit.
 23 These procedures must be approved by the Vice
 24 President for Academic Affairs prior to submission
 25 to the FAMU Board of Trustees and must not conflict

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1 with other University regulations, policies, or
 2 procedures. In addition, the regulation provides
 3 the location of such procedures and makes technical
 4 changes.
 5 Mr. Chairman, the Academic Affairs Committee
 6 recommends approval of this amended regulation;
 7 therefore, I move that the Board of Trustees
 8 approve this regulation as amended.
 9 TRUSTEE WHITE: Second.
 10 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: It's been moved and
 11 seconded. All in favor, let it be known by saying
 12 aye.
 13 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).
 14 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Okay.
 15 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: The next regulation is
 16 Regulation 4.003, general catalog of the
 17 University. The amended regulation provides that
 18 the catalog must meet the requirements of the
 19 University's communication policy and be approved
 20 by the provost. It further provides it will be
 21 made available on the University's web site.
 22 Mr. Chairman, the Academic Affairs Committee
 23 recommends approval of this amended regulation;
 24 therefore, I move that the Board of Trustees
 25 approve this regulation as amended.

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1 TRUSTEE WHITE: Second.
 2 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Moved and seconded. Any
 3 discussion?
 4 (NO RESPONSE).
 5 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: All in favor, let it be
 6 known by saying aye.
 7 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).
 8 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: It's approved.
 9 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you.
 10 Again, Regulation 4.004, course syllabi, is
 11 pulled, and we will review that again in committee.
 12 The next item is Regulation 4.100, academic
 13 grievances. This amended and renumbered regulation
 14 states the purpose of academic grievance, which is
 15 to provide students a fair review and opportunity
 16 to be heard. It requires each school, college,
 17 and/or academic unit to establish internal
 18 procedures for student grievances pertaining to
 19 academic matters and provides that students are
 20 expected to follow the procedures in the college or
 21 school in which they are pursuing a course of
 22 study; however, academic grievances concerning a
 23 course grade must be filed with the college or
 24 school in which the course is offered. In
 25 addition, the regulation states the location of the

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1 grievance procedures.
 2 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of
 3 Trustees approve this amended regulation.
 4 TRUSTEE GILLUM: Second.
 5 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It's been moved and seconded.
 6 Any discussion?
 7 (NO RESPONSE).
 8 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: None. All in favor, let it
 9 be known by saying aye.
 10 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).
 11 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you. Mr. Chairman,
 12 this concludes my report.
 13 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Thank you, and this
 14 concludes my tenure as chair person.
 15 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee
 16 McWilliams.
 17 TRUSTEE GILLUM: Trustee Duncan, I have a
 18 question.
 19 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, ma'am. Trustee Gillum.
 20 TRUSTEE GILLUM: Since we are pulling the
 21 syllabi, the course syllabi, will that come up in
 22 June's meeting of the Board of Trustees?
 23 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, I anticipate it will.
 24 TRUSTEE GILLUM: And then will they be
 25 expected, professors be expected to implement that

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1 in the fall of 2008?

2 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: I'm sorry. Go ahead.

3 TRUSTEE GILLUM: Will they be expected to
4 implement this new rule in the fall?

5 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: I think so. Is Linda
6 Barge-Miles here? Ms. Miles?

7 MS. MILES: Good morning.

8 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Good morning.

9 MS. MILES: The course syllabi regulation will
10 be presented again to the Faculty Senate so the
11 Faculty Senate can review that. It's going to go
12 through Doctor Holder. It's going to go back to
13 the Council of Deans so that they can do further
14 review of it. It will come back to the Academic
15 Affairs Committee. And after that, it -- we're
16 hoping that it will be in place for fall.

17 TRUSTEE GILLUM: Okay. And then once -- I
18 guess, Trustee Holder, when you all are reviewing
19 this for the Faculty Senate, you look at if it's
20 going to be for summer and those courses as well?

21 TRUSTEE HOLDER: Well, the Faculty Senate will
22 not be able to look at this until the retreat,
23 which is in early May. So I don't think it will be
24 ready for the summer, but it certainly can be ready
25 for --

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1 TRUSTEE GILLUM: No, no. As you look at it --
2 because it says the first day of classes, and I
3 guess that's for summer -- that's for summer, fall,
4 and spring?

5 TRUSTEE HOLDER: Right.

6 MS. MILES: Yes.

7 TRUSTEE GILLUM: Okay.

8 MS. MILES: But we anticipate fall 2008.

9 TRUSTEE GILLUM: I just make -- I guess just
10 clarification for me, the first day of class means
11 the first day of class for the fall, the summer,
12 and --

13 MS. MILES: Yes. For each semester, yes.

14 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Anything else, Trustee
15 Gillum?

16 TRUSTEE GILLUM: No, ma'am. Thank you.

17 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Ms. Barge-Miles.
18 Next we'll have the DSO Committee report.
19 Trustee Parks.

20 TRUSTEE PARKS: Madam Chairman, the report of
21 the DSO Committee includes five items for
22 information. Vice President Carla Willis provided
23 the Committee with some update on the joint
24 strategic fundraising plan for the Division of
25 Academic Affairs and Athletics.

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1 An external consultant, Wayne Baskerville,
2 visited FAMU on April 7th, 2008 and spent an
3 afternoon with the Department of Athletics and the
4 University relations staff. Identification of
5 funding sources to include local, regional, state
6 and national prospective corporate and individual
7 donors is underway.

8 The Committee heard a presentation from
9 Mr. Kent Taylor, who provided information on the
10 administrative fee structure for the FAMU
11 Foundation. He provided clarity on the
12 University's current administrative fee structure
13 for the FAMU Foundation. The Foundation charges a
14 one-percent administrative fee annually on all
15 endowed funds. Gift fees are five percent on funds
16 \$5,000 and above. A seven-percent fee is charged
17 on amounts less than \$5,000. There's a \$2.50 check
18 charge for processing checks. These charges are
19 consistent with standard business practices.

20 Ms. Sharon Saunders provided an update on the
21 inaugural committee and the planned activities.
22 Trustee R.B. Holmes and Pamela Duncan have agreed
23 to serve as honorary chairs of the inauguration
24 committee. Doctor Ammons has appointed a working
25 committee that includes representatives from

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1 various stakeholder groups.

2 The committee is developing two new University
3 schools -- University symbols of office, a mace and
4 a medallion. Planned activities include a gospel
5 concert featuring Shirley Caesar, faculty
6 symposiums, a night celebrating the arts, which
7 will feature the art collection of Bernard and
8 Shirley Kinsey; and a gala dinner dance is planned
9 that evening at the Tallahassee Leon County Civic
10 Center.

11 The installation is scheduled for 10:10 a.m.
12 on Friday, October 31st, 2008 at the Tallahassee
13 Leon County Civic Center. The event is a time of
14 celebration and hope.

15 Ms. Carmen Cummings provided an update on and
16 highlights of the President's bus tour which was
17 deemed a huge success. During the month of March,
18 a seven-city road tour was launched including the
19 States of Florida and Alabama, which began
20 March 8th and culminated on March 11th. Doctor
21 Ammons, Vice President Gaines, and the Office of
22 Student Affairs awarded nearly two million in
23 merit-based scholarships.

24 She shared with the Committee the President's
25 schedule of donor and alumni related travel and

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1 upcoming alumni events.
 2 During the months of April through June,
 3 numerous activities are scheduled for the
 4 President, to include the cities of Chicago,
 5 Melbourne, West Palm Beach, Orlando, and Detroit.
 6 The weekend of rededication and commencement
 7 will be held April 25th through 27th 2008.
 8 Ms. Adriene Bryant Wright provided an update
 9 on the Tom Joyner School of the Month Campaign,
 10 reported that the campaign had raised \$980,543.27
 11 towards the \$1.5 million goal. She further
 12 reported that the trustees have contributed \$18,138
 13 towards the goal, shared the campaign gift table
 14 and plans for reaching the goal.
 15 Madam Chair, that concludes the report of the
 16 DSO Committee.
 17 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee Parks.
 18 Does anyone have any questions for Trustee
 19 Parks?
 20 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Trustee Duncan, when is the
 21 inaugural? I missed the date or the dates.
 22 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: The dates of the inaugural,
 23 Trustee Parks.
 24 TRUSTEE PARKS: The inauguration, Reverend
 25 Holmes, just remember Halloween night, Halloween

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1 day, October 31st.
 2 TRUSTEE HOLMES: All right. I got it.
 3 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: You got that? Okay.
 4 TRUSTEE PARKS: And there are other activities
 5 throughout the week, but that's the big thing.
 6 TRUSTEE HOLMES: There won't be any tricks but
 7 a lot of treats that night.
 8 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Right, a lot of treats.
 9 Thank you, Trustee Parks.
 10 Any other questions, Trustee Holmes?
 11 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Ma'am?
 12 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any other questions? No?
 13 (NO RESPONSE).
 14 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Okay. Next we'll have a
 15 report of the Facilities Committee. Trustee
 16 McWilliams.
 17 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Madam Chair, the report
 18 of the Facilities Planning Committee includes five
 19 action items and two informational items.
 20 First, the inclusion of building donation into
 21 the University space inventory.
 22 Trustees, the Facilities Planning Committee
 23 reviewed a request to have a modular building
 24 donated by the Henry and Willa White (phonetics)
 25 Youth Foundation, Incorporated, a Florida nonprofit

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1 corporation into the University space inventory.
 2 The building has approximately 7,000 square
 3 feet. Prior to accepting the donation, the
 4 construction and facilities management unit
 5 inspected the building and found it to be in sound
 6 condition and feasible for use by the University.
 7 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Hello.
 8 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Can you not hear, Trustee
 9 Holmes?
 10 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Yes, I'm back. I got
 11 disconnected some kind of way.
 12 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Okay. Fine. Hold on. Yeah,
 13 Trustee McWilliams is giving his report.
 14 TRUSTEE HOLMES: I'm sorry. Forgive me.
 15 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: That's all right.
 16 TRUSTEE HOLMES: I got disconnected, but I'm
 17 back.
 18 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Okay. Thank you.
 19 The University has contracted to move the
 20 building from its present location in Bronson,
 21 Florida to the Tallahassee campus. The building
 22 will be used for temporary classroom/office space,
 23 especially during the Jones Hall, Tucker Hall, and
 24 Gore Educational Complex renovations. Including
 25 the building in the University's space inventory

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1 makes the building eligible for educational and
 2 general funding from the state for maintenance and
 3 repair to the building.
 4 Madam Chairman, I move that the Board approve
 5 the inclusion of the building donated by the Henry
 6 and Willa White (phonetics) Youth Foundation,
 7 Incorporation -- Incorporated, rather, into the
 8 University's space inventory.
 9 TRUSTEE PARKS: Second.
 10 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.
 11 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).
 12 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any opposed?
 13 (NO RESPONSE).
 14 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It's been approved.
 15 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Thank you.
 16 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: The next item.
 17 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: The next item is the use
 18 of Capital Improvement Fee Trust Fund. On
 19 January 24th, 2008, the Board of Governors approved
 20 an allocation of \$6,735,913 from the Capital
 21 Improvement Fee Trust Fund in the 2008/9
 22 legislative budget request for FAMU. This Capital
 23 Improvement Fee Trust Fund is funded by student
 24 fees.
 25 The Facilities Planning Committee reviewed a

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1 request to use the Capital Improvement Fee Trust
2 Fund for the construction of Phase II of the
3 student recreation center which includes an
4 addition to the existing recreational center
5 building, the purchase of recreational equipment,
6 and the construction of sports fields.

7 Madam Chairman, I move that the Board approve
8 the use of the Capital Improvement Fee Trust Fund
9 for the construction of Phase II of the student
10 recreational center.

11 TRUSTEE GILLUM: Second.

12 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.
13 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

14 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any opposed?
15 (NO RESPONSE).

16 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It's been approved.

17 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: The next is the selection
18 of architect and engineers and construction
19 managers for Tucker Hall and Gore Educational
20 Complex.

21 At the December Board meeting, the Facilities
22 Planning Committee informed you that the selection
23 of architects, engineers, and construction managers
24 for Tucker Hall and Gore Educational Complex was in
25 progress. Selection committees appointed by the

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1 President interviewed qualified candidates for
2 these professional services and ranked the
3 candidates in priority.

4 The priority list was reviewed and approved by
5 the President. The Facilities Planning Committee
6 has reviewed the request to ratify the rankings as
7 approved by the President. And I'll just give the
8 priority rankings of the number one. This is for
9 questions only.

10 I move that the President's approval of the
11 selection committee's ranking for the architect,
12 engineers, and the construction managers for the
13 renovations of Tucker Hall and for Gore Educational
14 Complex and authorize the President to initiate the
15 contract negotiations with the number one ranked
16 firms.

17 (PHONE INTERRUPTION).

18 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Let me give you the names
19 of the number one ranked firms. For
20 architect/engineers, for Tucker Hall, the number
21 one ranked firm is Clements, Rutherford &
22 Associates. The construction managers for Tucker
23 Hall, number one ranked firm is Ajax Building
24 Corporation.

25 Architect/engineers for Gore Educational

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1 Complex, the number one ranked firm is Day
2 (phonetics) Architects, Incorporated. And the
3 construction managers for Gore Educational Complex,
4 the number ranked firm is Bay Crest Corporation
5 Metron (phonetics).

6 And there's a list of firms that are ranked
7 beneath those, but we're asking that we give the
8 President authority to first negotiate with the
9 number one ranked firms.

10 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: So you've made your motion?

11 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Well, yeah, that was the
12 motion, that the President initiate contract
13 negotiations with the number one ranked firms.

14 TRUSTEE LANGSTON: Second.

15 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.
16 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

17 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any opposed?
18 (NO RESPONSE).

19 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It's been approved.

20 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Madam Chairman, just one
21 question of Trustee McWilliams, although I support
22 the motion obviously.

23 But, Trustee McWilliams, does the President
24 have the latitude -- he would negotiate with the
25 top-rated firm. Does he have the latitude to go

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1 number one, two or three? How does that work? Is
2 that at his discretion?

3 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Well, we're going to take
4 those separately. Yeah, the first thing is to
5 negotiate with the number one firm. If that
6 doesn't work, yeah, that would -- it would go down
7 to the next rated firm and so forth. But I'm going
8 to take each of these separately so that everybody
9 understands what the process is, so --

10 TRUSTEE HOLMES: I can barely hear you, but I
11 think the question was, yes, so if -- but if he
12 doesn't like, for whatever reason, the top-rated
13 firm, does he have to come back to the Board of
14 Trustees?

15 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Not if we approve the
16 motions that we have down here, so we're going to
17 go through these and then --

18 TRUSTEE HOLMES: That was just a question
19 after the motion is passed, just an academic
20 question. Thank you.

21 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Okay. So we've already
22 done this, the first one. So we're going to take
23 the next the three, and I think that will answer
24 most of the questions we have.

25 The first one, the one that we just passed,

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1 authorized the President to initiate contract
2 negotiations with the number one ranked firm, and
3 that has been approved, so let's go down the list
4 of the others.

5 We want to authorize the President to execute
6 contracts with the number one ranked firms upon
7 successful negotiation of contract terms subject to
8 the review and approval of the Office of the
9 General Counsel, also to authorize the President to
10 proceed with negotiations with the next ranked
11 firms should negotiations with the number one
12 ranked firms be unsuccessful until contracts are
13 successfully negotiated and reviewed and approved
14 by the Office of the General Counsel. And,
15 finally, require the President to submit a report
16 to the Board of Trustees at its next regular
17 meeting after the execution of the contracts.

18 So I want to ask for approval of those three.

19 TRUSTEE GILLUM: Second.

20 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.

21 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

22 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any opposed?

23 (NO RESPONSE).

24 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It's been approved.

25 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Thank you.

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1 maximum price of \$20,640,223.88 and exceeds the
2 cumulative change order amount of 250 thousand
3 which the President is authorized to approve.

4 The project has a total contingency of
5 \$921,581. The University requested approval of
6 change order number nine. In order to facilitate
7 meeting the construction deadlines for the DRS
8 project, the University also requested the
9 Committee's approval of change orders within the
10 contingency of \$921,581.

11 Madam Chairman, I'd move that the Board
12 approve the change order request number nine for
13 \$150,020.95 and authorize the President to execute
14 change order request number nine for that amount.

15 TRUSTEE HOLDER: Second.

16 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: May I get a second?

17 TRUSTEE LANGSTON: Second.

18 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those approved -- I mean
19 all those in favor, I'm sorry, all those in favor.

20 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

21 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any opposed?

22 (NO RESPONSE).

23 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It's been approved.

24 Do you have another item?

25 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Yes. Issuance of an

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1 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Trustee Duncan, I'm going to
2 have to drop off the call for just a little while,
3 and I'll come back. Thank you.

4 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All right, Trustee Holmes.

5 Do you have another item, Trustee McWilliams?

6 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: The next item is change
7 order for Developmental Research School
8 construction. The Facilities Planning Committee
9 reviewed a request for the approval of a change
10 order request number nine for the DRS project, for
11 a change order request resulting in total work
12 additions of \$162,512 to the project that have been
13 approved so far by the President.

14 Change order number nine is for additional
15 work totaling \$150,020. Change order number nine
16 requests the changes from the 75-percent drawing
17 which we used for bidding purposes to the
18 100-percent drawings.

19 The working price for change order number nine
20 has been reviewed and recommended for approval by
21 the project architect and by the University's
22 construction and facilities management staff. The
23 approval of change order number nine would result
24 in a cumulative work addition of \$312,533.93. This
25 represents 1.5 percent of the current guaranteed

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1 invitation to negotiate for finance and designing
2 and building and renovating University housing.
3 The Facilities Planning Committee heard information
4 regarding the University's intent to issue an
5 invitation to negotiate with companies who are
6 interested in financing and designing buildings and
7 renovating University housing. Improvements in
8 University housing would help student recruitment,
9 retention, and graduation. The University will
10 present the results of the ITN to the Board for
11 review and direction.

12 And, finally, the Facilities Planning
13 Committee also heard updates on campus stormwater
14 control, campus lighting, and the status of major
15 construction projects. All projects are expected
16 to be completed within the scheduled deadlines and
17 budget. And those are the information items.

18 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee
19 McWilliams.

20 Any questions of Trustee McWilliams?

21 (NO RESPONSE).

22 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Seeing none, and then we have
23 the next committee report for the Trustee-Student
24 Relations Committee.

25 Trustee Parks.

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1 TRUSTEE PARKS: Thank you so much, Madam
2 Chair.

3 Before I begin my report, I wanted to just
4 reiterate a comment I made yesterday at our
5 committee meeting and to our Department of Public
6 Safety and our Chief of Police and the whole team
7 there. The big splash was the big incident that
8 happened on campus and all of us heard about; and,
9 obviously, when the Attorney General heard about
10 it, he decided to commend him.

11 I think the bigger accomplishment though was
12 the improvements that were made to the EC-2 system
13 over the course of the spring semester. And I know
14 Trustee Gillum and I are two of the trustees who
15 get some of the alerts, and the timeliness of the
16 alerts got a lot better. And appropriately so,
17 when we had the bigger emergency that happened, it
18 was fully in place and operating. And so I wanted
19 to commend them for the improvements made to the
20 system because some of the decisions that they have
21 to make in the alerts are quick decisions that have
22 to be made, and they've done that. So I want to
23 commend them for the improvements that they have
24 made to that system.

25 Now my report. Vice President Gaines

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1 service, Monique Gillum. True worth is in being
2 not seeming, in doing each day that goes by some
3 little good, not in the dreaming of great things to
4 do by and by. For whatever men say in their
5 blindness in spite of the fancies of youth, there's
6 nothing so keenly as kindness, nothing so royal as
7 truth. Alice Kerry.

8 Whereas, Monique Gillum has served as a member
9 on the Board of Trustees at Florida A & M
10 University since May 2007; and whereas, she is a
11 proven student leader as demonstrated by her
12 service as vice president and subsequently
13 president of the FAMU Student Government
14 Association, as well as receiving the Florida
15 Achievement Award by the Commission on the Status
16 of Women; and whereas, she was an active and vocal
17 member of the Board with keen inquiries, passionate
18 advocacy and quiet dignity; and whereas, she served
19 dutifully as a member of various committees on the
20 Board, including the Academic Affairs Committee as
21 well as the Student Affairs Committee; and whereas,
22 she's a member of the Young People for the American
23 Way's inaugural fellowship class advisory board and
24 the only Floridian student chosen to participate in
25 their front-line leaders academy. She's also a

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1 introduced his associates, Mr. Henry Kirby,
2 Associate Vice President and Dean of Students; and
3 Ms. Danielle Kennedy Lamar, Associate Vice
4 President for enrollment.

5 The Committee heard a brief report from
6 Trustee Monique Gillum. The candidates that were
7 elected during the spring elections are currently
8 holding their positions; however, there are appeals
9 pending that may warrant additional elections.

10 Trustee Gillum highlighted some
11 accomplishments during her tenure as SGA president.
12 Some of these are raised \$30,000 for cancer
13 research; raised \$6,000 for endowments; steadily
14 worked in the -- steadily working in the next weeks
15 to raise the balance of four thousand to complete
16 the \$10,000 pledge; successfully initiated the
17 Rattler Card Acceptance Program with vendors
18 surrounding the campus; completed the E&S budget;
19 hosted a District 8 House seat debate held on
20 campus; hosted the Be Out Day for students.

21 Trustee Gillum will graduate this semester and
22 is wished well by the committee. I'm going to stop
23 right there in my report and read a special tribute
24 to Monique -- to Trustee Gillum.

25 A resolution of tribute for distinguished

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1 proud member of the Student Coalition for Justice,
2 the Student National Alumni Association, and the
3 Beta Alpha chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta
4 Sorority, Inc.

5 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the entire
6 Florida A & M University family commends and
7 salutes Monique Gillum for her numerous
8 contributions to the University and for her
9 extraordinary leadership. Be it resolved that this
10 resolution be included in the minutes of this
11 meeting, and the original document is presented to
12 Trustee Gillum as a token of the Board's
13 appreciation and thanks. This, the 10th day of
14 April, 2008, James H. Ammons, President; William C.
15 Jennings, Chair, Board of Trustees.

16 (APPLAUSE).

17 TRUSTEE GILLUM: If I may.

18 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, Trustee Gillum.

19 TRUSTEE GILLUM: Thank you. I pride myself on
20 not being an emotional leader, so I'm going to try
21 not to cry. I've been counting down every day
22 closer to graduation. We're at six days of normal
23 classes now, and then next week following finals.

24 But as I said earlier, this is indeed a bitter
25 sweet moment for me. I am extremely humbled by the

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1 opportunity to serve on this Board. A year ago I
2 was wondering where my place would be in leadership
3 and if I would be accepted as a 20-year-old,
4 somewhat naive young girl coming to a board with
5 some of the most dynamic people that could be on a
6 board. I really appreciate the opportunity to
7 serve. I appreciate your willingness to answer my
8 questions when I had them, and I just thank you all
9 for this opportunity. I thank you for all of your
10 leadership, and I hope that we'll continue to work
11 well together.

12 I think that Andrew is going to be a great
13 addition to this Board. And, Doctor Ammons, just
14 for you, I'm one of those good statistics. I got
15 in, and I'm getting out in four years.

16 (APPLAUSE).

17 TRUSTEE GILLUM: Doctor Humphries once said
18 that a question that we should ask ourselves is:
19 What did we do today to move FAMU forward? And as
20 you all continue your work on the Board, I hope
21 that you would ask yourselves every day: What did
22 you do to move FAMU forward? And though I am
23 leaving this campus, FAMU will continue to be in my
24 heart and in my mind, and I'll continue to ask
25 myself that question: What am I doing to move FAMU

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1 2007; spring preview occurred on March 29th, 2008.
2 It should be noted that the previews are
3 collaborative efforts between Student Affairs and
4 Academic Affairs. Campus shadowing days, FAMU days
5 in the community, Florida council's workshops, and
6 the culmination with the President's spring bus
7 tour. During the bus tour, over one hundred
8 scholarships were awarded, totaling \$1.9 million.
9 Given the turnout and comments of the participants,
10 it is evident that the tour was a very successful
11 venture.

12 Next, the Committee heard a presentation from
13 Chief Calvin Ross who provided a safety and
14 security briefing. Chief Ross emphasized the need
15 for security on campus in light of the violence
16 that has occurred on campuses across the nation
17 recently. FAMU police have employed several means
18 of security, such as walking the beat, motor unit,
19 electric carts, bicycle patrol, vehicle patrol, and
20 motor unit.

21 When the shots were fired on campus recently,
22 the police acted with swift action, and training of
23 the officers on hand led to a successful
24 apprehension. As a result, there were five
25 individuals arrested.

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1 forward?

2 I thank you for this opportunity, and I look
3 forward to meeting with you all again.

4 (APPLAUSE).

5 TRUSTEE PARKS: Thank you.

6 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Trustee Parks, will you
7 please move the resolution saluting Monique Gillum,
8 please?

9 TRUSTEE PARKS: Madam Chair, I move the
10 adoption of the resolution, A Tribute to Trustee
11 Monique Gillum.

12 TRUSTEE HOLDER: Second.

13 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.

14 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

15 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any opposed?

16 (NO RESPONSE).

17 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It's approved. Thank you.

18 TRUSTEE PARKS: Thank you. May I continue?

19 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, go ahead, Trustee Parks.

20 TRUSTEE PARKS: Ms. Danielle Kennedy Lamar
21 discussed this school year's student recruitment
22 activities which have been very successful. The
23 special events and programs conducted were:
24 Several scholar receptions, numerous educational
25 affairs. Fall preview occurred on September 15th,

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1 The E-2 campus alert text messaging system and
2 the federal emergency siren are the two contact
3 systems used on FAMU's campus. In the very near
4 future, the security systems will be upgraded to
5 enhance the notification to the campus community,
6 i.e., notification digitally to all televisions on
7 campus as well as message boards and intercoms
8 strategically placed in classrooms. Security
9 notification cannot be stressed enough as it is
10 critical that we get information out to the
11 students, faculty, and staff.

12 Approximately three thousand students have
13 signed up for the E-2 campus emergency
14 notification. Beginning next semester, all new
15 students will be given the option of signing up.
16 If they opt not to sign up, they must sign a
17 document attesting that they elected this option.
18 Students may opt not to receive the text message
19 notification as some vendors charge for the
20 service. If the student, however, has a University
21 e-mail account, he/she will automatically receive
22 the electronic notification.

23 Finally, Chief Ross noted that the crime
24 statistics for 2007 are down over previous years.
25 Due to the cooperativeness with the city and state

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1 agencies, the FAMU Police Department has
 2 experienced many successes.
 3 Madam Chair, that concludes my report.
 4 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee Parks.
 5 Are there any questions of Trustee Parks?
 6 (NO RESPONSE).
 7 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Seeing none, we now move into
 8 the public comment period. Ms. Fuse-Hall, do we
 9 have anyone from the public that has signed up to
 10 speak?
 11 MS. FUSE-HALL: No, ma'am.
 12 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Okay.
 13 TRUSTEE PARKS: Madam Chair.
 14 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, Trustee Parks.
 15 TRUSTEE PARKS: I have one little issue, and I
 16 had waited for today for Chairman Jennings to be
 17 here, and I wanted to just share with you and to
 18 thank him for something that has happened over the
 19 last year.
 20 Around this time last year, many of us
 21 received the very bad audit report and the whole
 22 movement came on with establishing the Task Force.
 23 Well, Chairman Jennings was kind of thrown in the
 24 middle. He was appointed to the Task Force and was
 25 one of the original members that stayed throughout.

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1 Around that time, I was appointed to the Board
 2 of Trustees, and then my friend Trustee Badger came
 3 along. We realized that one of the most important
 4 things that was going on -- and at that time, we
 5 were not on probation -- was this Task Force. So
 6 we attended the meetings as observers, but Chairman
 7 Jennings was a person who was on that Task Force,
 8 and he worked tremendously hard, y'all, and it
 9 wasn't easy work. I mean in the middle of not
 10 having a permanent president, in the middle of some
 11 folks who may have had a different agenda for FAMU
 12 and the forces that he had to fight. He fought
 13 that fight, I mean the whole year. And those
 14 meetings were longer than these meetings, and they
 15 were often without answers, and he stuck in there,
 16 and it was a beautiful thing.
 17 Another bad thing happened. I think Trustee
 18 Badger will remember that meeting that we had in
 19 Jacksonville, and that was a terrible day. I don't
 20 know if any of y'all recall it. We were there just
 21 observing it, and then he and CEO Robinson come,
 22 and they alert us to the decision that was made by
 23 SACS. And that decision was actually made while
 24 SACS was in the Jacksonville area. Y'all may
 25 recall. That was a terrible day.

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1 He reacted to it and jumped on it. And at the
 2 time, that was my first-day meeting, Ros Fuse-Hall
 3 and Mr. Charles O'Duor, so they were shared with
 4 the bad information too. Chairman Jennings stepped
 5 up, and as the meetings went on, there were a lot
 6 of ups and downs. And I certainly witnessed poor
 7 Doctor Ammons, in the first month that he was here,
 8 he got a grueling that I hadn't seen other folks
 9 get, and I had been to a lot of meetings, but yet
 10 we kept going. Chairman Jennings kept that battle
 11 going to the point where the summary that you read
 12 in the report that you receive is probably not the
 13 summary that many folks wanted y'all to get in the
 14 end. A good part of that is because of the work of
 15 Ms. Hardee and Ros and President Ammons and the
 16 fight that took place. And a lot of that battle,
 17 you know, hadn't been told, but that was led by
 18 Chairman Jennings, and he's a quiet leader, you
 19 know, and there were some meeting he didn't say
 20 much at the table.
 21 And I think we all ought to at some point, in
 22 our own way, whether it's personal notes or
 23 whatever, write and thank him for his efforts.
 24 Because, other than SACS, this Task Force was the
 25 other huge issue that we had to deal with that he

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1 kind of championed, and it wasn't very public, and
 2 he did it in his own way, whatever the battle was
 3 that we had to fight.
 4 So I wanted to say that. I wanted to say it
 5 while he was here. Unfortunately, he's not here,
 6 but I think all of us in our own way can thank him
 7 for what he did to fight that battle for us. And
 8 so I just wanted to go on record of saying that.
 9 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Trustee Parks, your remarks
 10 are duly noted and greatly agreed with. He is a
 11 gentle spirit, but he is very firm, and he's very
 12 strong, and he is a strong advocate and has a
 13 strong love for this University and has had so for
 14 many, many years. But thank you, and we will
 15 acknowledge that.
 16 Trustee Badger.
 17 TRUSTEE BADGER: Let me continue that
 18 testimonial in that I, too, have monitored and
 19 attended all of those Task Force meetings that I
 20 possibly could, and especially the last ones. For
 21 those who did not have an opportunity, that one I
 22 had to do by telephone, and that was a champion
 23 event by Trustee Jennings in getting us to where we
 24 are now.
 25 And it's a sad day for me that he isn't here

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1 because it was my intent as well to say to his face
2 today -- and I took on a way of doing things when I
3 was an undergraduate here at FAMU that said a
4 measure of a man is not so much what he says and
5 does but, i.e., uses the forces of his mind and
6 mettle can move others to do that which is right
7 and true. Chairman Jennings to me mimics that
8 expression so much. He's very quietly effective.

9 But he was not quiet at all at the end of that
10 meeting. And if I can make a personal reference, I
11 was in Palm Coast doing my personal and business
12 taxes, a very, very, very quiet moment for me, it
13 should have been, and he was going so hard at that
14 thing until I just told the CPA to excuse me a
15 minute, keep the clock rolling, I needed to go to
16 my car and plug my phone in and continue to hear.
17 I'm Baptist, and he was getting amens from me out
18 there by myself.

19 And with all honesty, I saw a man place the
20 caring of FAMU before every other value that anyone
21 could have put up that day. Those who were there
22 will know that, and I just think it should be noted
23 that he is a champion for FAMU, has been and
24 continues to be in his capacity as chairperson for
25 this Board and as a member of that Task Force.

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1 further business to come before the Board, then we
2 are adjourned.

3 (WHEREUPON, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED).
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1 Thank you.
2 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee Badger.
3 Trustee McWilliams.
4 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Yes. I just would like
5 to say, I know we recognized Trustee Gillum, but I
6 guess one of the most impressive things about being
7 on the Board to me has been the quality of student
8 leadership that we've had. I mean it, I guess,
9 started back, and I wasn't on the Board at the
10 time, with Larry Rivers; but he still writes in the
11 paper, he's still very passionate about FAMU.
12 Although he's not here, Ramon, and then Phillip was
13 on the Board when I came on, just a tremendous
14 leader. And I know I said to Monique, you've got
15 big shoes to fill, but she's filled them. I
16 mean she's just been tremendous too. And I know
17 Mr. Collins will be also. I'm just impressed with
18 the quality of students that FAMU students choose
19 to lead them, and I just wanted to make that
20 statement.

21 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee
22 McWilliams.
23 Are there any other remarks from any members?
24 (NO RESPONSE).
25 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Seeing none, if there is no

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