

**SUMMARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Grand Ballroom
Thursday, April 22, 2010**

Chairman C. William Jennings called the meeting to order at or about 9:00 a.m. Mrs. Fuse-Hall called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Chairman Jennings, Trustee Torey Alston, Trustee Solomon Badger, Trustee Richard Dent (via phone), Trustee Gallop Franklin, Trustee Maurice Holder, Trustee Charles Langston, Trustee Spurgeon McWilliams, Trustee Daryl Parks, Trustee Belinda Shannon, Trustee Marjorie Turnbull, and Trustee Karl White. A quorum of the board was established.

Chairman Jennings welcomed everyone to the board meeting and announced that Governor Crist made his appointments to the SUS Boards of Trustees last week. Chairman Jennings congratulated Dr. Solomon Badger, for being reappointed to the Board for another term; and he welcomed Mr. Torey Alston, who currently serves as the chief of staff for Broward County Commissioner Al Jones. The Chairman extended personal privileges to Trustee Badger and Trustee Alston for responses. Each expressed their excitement to serve Florida A&M University.

Chairman Jennings asked Mr. Alston to serve on the Student Affairs Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee for the balance of the 2009-2011 terms. He noted that new appointments will be made in the fall of 2011. Chairman Jennings asked Trustee Turnbull if she will move from Academic Affairs to Budget and Finance for the balance of this term which keeps our committees aligned. He thanked Trustee Turnbull for consenting to this request.

Trustee Parks moved approval of the minutes for December 3, 2009, December 15, 2009, and January 29, 2010. The motion was properly seconded and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Jennings recognized Mr. Solomon Badger to offer a resolution to Ms. Laura Branker who completed her service in January; however, since the governor had not made an appointment, she continued to serve. See Attachment. Trustee Parks moved approval of the resolution. Trustee Shannon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Next, the chairman noted during an assessment workshop in February, the board worked on a compact between the board and administration. Members of the board received copies of the final version of the compact. Chairman Jennings emphasized the following elements of the compact:

- The Compact is normally placed in operation for two years. At that point, it can be renewed as is, or it can be modified if the board, the chair, and the president believe it needs to be reviewed and re-forged. Meanwhile, it is in effect and the board and president are expected to honor it. Any new board member must be asked to review it and indicate their acceptance of it.
- It is appropriate, in my judgment, to state clearly that the Compact as merged and presented is as close to the original constructs. For the most part these statements were reproduced verbatim; a very few were edited to align the language of a preceding or following statement, but always in keeping with the intent of the team that authored it. Given some of the challenges the University has faced, this establishes an atmosphere for trust, confidence and the spirit of “no surprises.”

The chairman thanked Dr. Ed Penson for his work in facilitating the workshop and assisting the members in crafting the compact.

Trustee Turnbull moved the approval of the compact for two academic years (2010-2012). Trustee Langston seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Chairman Jennings noted that yesterday the board worked on one of the most important issues currently facing the University—the budget reductions. He commended the faculty, staff, students and administration for working together on the budget reduction plan. He said “this is a very difficult moment for this University and this state. The board appreciates your cooperation and your patience.” He commended the members of the board for their thoughtful comments.

Chairman Jennings recognized President Ammons for his report.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Ammons presented his report. He congratulated Trustee Solomon Badger on his reappointment and welcomed Trustee Torey Alston to the board; he looked forward to working with them. The President thanked the Board for their consideration and united effort to develop the Compact. This work lays the groundwork for a sound working relationship.

President Ammons recognized the newly elected President of the NAA, Mr. Tommy Mitchell, and noted that he looked forward to working with him. The president also recognized Ms. Renee Washington as the new director of recruitment.

The President’s Report highlighted the following areas:

- SUS Governance
 - The Board of Governors withdrew its lawsuit against the Florida Legislature
 - Five primary areas were defined and clarified regarding the respective governance roles of the BOG and the Legislature; there are:
 - BOG develops regulations for the State University System (SUS)
 - Higher Education Coordinated Council consists of the SUS, the State Colleges and the Community Colleges.
 - Exempts some aspects of technology from certain state statutes.
 - BOG sets fees and approves differential tuition submitted from the Boards of Trustees and the legislature retains authority to set tuition.
 - BOG will set the new degree programs without needing formal legislation.
- Dental Medicine Planning and Feasibility Study
 - FAMU requested \$1.5 million to support the planning and feasibility study regarding the College of Dental Medicine. Worked with a local company MGT to assist with the process
 - Next steps will develop the academic degree program for a post-baccalaureate program, a two year residency program, and the curriculum for the first class.
- Update on the Legislative Session
 - Anticipate double-digit budget cuts; however, the Office of the Chancellor sent a draft budget which notes smaller cuts. The net effect includes non-recurring general revenue as well as lottery funds. Many of the state revenues within the current budget cannot support salaried positions because they are non-recurring.
 - Legislature included in their budget an 8% across the board tuition increase and 7% for differential tuition increase for a maximum of 15% increase to tuition.
 - There are non-recurring funds for the New Florida Initiative for about \$10 million; however, the method for allocating the funds has not been determined. President advocated for a multi-year approach for the budget reduction plan and strategically plan for the non-recurring dollars.
 - President noted that the University would do an analysis with a strategic view and will consult with the chairman
 - President thanked the members of the legislature and all education supporters because deeper cuts were anticipated. Their efforts helped to minimize the cuts.

- Successful 2009-1010 Lyceum Series which featured Dance Brazil, Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, and other cultural activities. He commended Provost Cynthia Hughes Harris and the Lyceum Committee for their hard work as well as the sponsors: Comcast, AT&T, Leon County Tourism Development Council and State Farm Insurance.
- Campus Highlights
 - Launched Dorm Dialogue between President and students
 - President's Tour was abbreviated; visited Thomasville, GA, Jacksonville, Orlando and Tampa.
 - United Way recognized FAMU with the "Excellence Award" for a 25-49% increase in donations.
- Academic Affairs
 - College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service learning and civic engagement.
 - Dr. Peter Kulu, a mechanical engineering professor, is a Fulbright Scholar in Nigeria; Dr. Will Flowers, entomologist and professor, is working with faculty in Ecuador and Calvin Hayes, SGA Vice President, received a Rangle Fellowship.
 - Newly initiated program to deliver graduate education to HBCUs in the region.
 - Congratulations to Dean Chanta Haywood, Dean of the Graduate School, appointed to the Jacob Javits Fellowship Program Board.
- Research
 - Congratulations to Dr. Larry Robinson for his nomination to serve as Assistant Secretary of Commerce of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
 - Faculty and staff have issued five (5) patents in 2010.
- Administrative and Financial Services
 - Congratulations to Vice President Hardee, her staff and the University community for an unqualified audit for 2008-09.
- Student Affairs
 - Haiti Relief Concert featuring recording artist Fabolous, Common (a FAMU alum), and Trey Songz to raise funds for Haiti that was devastated by an earthquake. Collected more than \$9000.
 - FAMU Alums Rob Hardy and Will Packer will film a segment of Legend of the Hill II: I Am a Rattler!
 - Congratulations to Trustee Gallop Franklin, for his leadership, and to the students who participated in the March to the Capitol to protest the budget cuts to higher education.
- General Counsel's Office
 - Landmark resolution for FAMU obtained an historic agreement with RK Netmedia, Inc.. regarding a pornographic video that negatively impacted the reputation and name of FAMU. Firm agreed to pay FAMU 105,000 to fully fund two scholarships and to pay attorney's fees.
 - Management Seminar entitled "Leading FAMU for Global Service with Courage and Compassion" occurred in February for the University's Management Team. Congratulations to Attorney McKnight and his team for leading this effort.
- Commencement will occur on Saturday, May 1 and feature Admiral Mike Muller, Chair of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, and FAMU alumna Annika Noni Rose, star of Walt Disney's "The Princess and the Frog."

Chairman Jennings thanked President Ammons for his report

DSO Committee

The Committee heard a presentation from Vice President Larry Robinson regarding the dissolution and decertification of the FAMU Research Foundation. Initially, the purpose of the Research Foundation was to enhance the University's research level and to reinvest research funds generated from funding agencies and royalties from intellectual property. Since the establishment of the Research Foundation, there have been limited royalties from intellectual property holdings. As such, it has been determined that because of the complicated infrastructure needed to maintain such a foundation, the current level of research activity does not warrant a separate foundation.

Trustee Langston moved that the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation to dissolve and decertify the FAMU Research Foundation in accordance with the FAMU DSO regulations and policies as well as in accordance with Florida law, ratify the closure of the Research Foundation Wachovia Account and transfer the funds to an account in the FAMU Foundation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Holder and it carried.

The Committee heard several informational items and the chairman highlighted a few of these activities. Vice President Carla Willis provided the committee with an update on the Campaign Feasibility Study. Vice President Willis informed the committee that the feasibility study has been completed and a report on the findings and recommendations will be provided by the feasibility consultants, Bentz Whaley Flessner, next month.

Additionally, Vice President Willis presented a final report on the FAMU College of Law Accreditation Events, noting that over \$380,000 was secured in cash, pledges and in-kind donations from over 44 corporate and community supporters. As an outcome of the golf tournament, gala and the CEO-to-CEO Forum, University officials along with Chairman Jennings will meet with the Orlando Magic and Disney next week to discuss additional partnership opportunities.

Dr. Adrienne Wright provided the committee with fiscal year-to-date fundraising comparison graphs, noting that giving is down from \$3.9 million to \$3.4 million; but, the division has received several significant pledges during this fiscal year. Also, the committee heard from Mr. Michael Brown, who provided a report on the FAMU Foundation Endowment, stating that with the efforts of the Foundation's Investment Committee, the endowment has rebounded from \$74.7 million, at the lowest point in the stock market, to \$100.3 million as of April 1, 2010. Also, the Committee heard from Jeff Shaw, who gave an update on the Mobile Giving Initiative, Harris Directory Project, Annual Phonation, and the FAMU "Email for Life" Initiatives, the latter is collaboration between the Foundation, EIT and Google.

From the Office of Alumni Affairs, Ms. Carmen Cummings, Director, updated the committee on the "Weekend of Rededication (WORD)", which will occur from April 29 – May 1. The event will highlight classes ending in "5" and "0" and honor the Class of 1960, who will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Finally, the committee heard from Mr. Mickey Clayton who provided an update on the Booster Membership Campaign and financial contributions from the Boosters to the University. Mr. Clayton highlighted that membership is currently at 474 members and the Boosters have donated \$192,500 to the University; both are increases from the last fiscal year.

Budget and Finance Committee

Chairman Dent via telephone provided the report for the Budget and Finance Committee. The committee heard from Teresa Hardee, CFO & Vice President for Administrative and Financial Services, who presented an amendment to the operating budget. The amendment provides

\$2.4 million in additional budget authority in the Financial Aid Fee Fund. The increased budget is generated from the transfer of the student financial aid fee collections to the scholarship fund. Section 1009.24 (7) of the Florida Statutes requires that a minimum of 75% of funds from the student financial aid fee be used to provide financial aid based on need.

Trustee Dent made a motion to approve the budget amendment and it was seconded by Trustee White. The motion carried.

Next the committee heard Vice President Hardee presented a Public Notice of Intent to Establish Regulation 3.020 -Waiver of Tuition and Fees. This new regulation establishes the authority for the Board of Trustees to waive tuition, non-resident tuition and associated fees for purposes that support the mission of the University in accordance with Board of Governors' (BOG) Regulations. This regulation complies with the requirement in BOG Regulation 7.008 which states that all tuition and, non-resident tuition and associated fees waived must be based on regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees. Vice President Hardee asked the committee to approve Regulation 3.020 - Waiver of Tuition and Fees for notice and adoption after the expiration of the thirty (30) day notice period, provided there are no public comments, in accordance with the Florida Board of Governors' Regulation Development Procedure dated July 21, 2005.

Trustee Dent made a motion to approve the regulation notice period and subsequent adoption provided there are no public comments, in accordance with the Florida Board of Governors' Regulation Development Procedure dated July 21, 2005. The motion was seconded by Trustee White. The motion carried.

The committee heard from Vice President Hardee, who presented the amendments to Policy # 2006-04 (Purchasing Cards). Below is a summary of the amendments to this policy:

- All Purchasing Card applicants will have to receive approval from the appropriate Vice President and the Vice President of Administrative and Financial Services to obtain a Purchasing Card.
- Travel expenses are removed from the "Uses Not Allowed" section of the policy.
- The following categories are added to the "Uses Not Allowed" section: *cash for returned merchandise, third party payments, gift cards and other uses as determined by the Vice President of Administrative and Financial Services.*
- Cardholders are required to submit the original receipts and supporting documents within seven (7) calendar days of the transactions.
- A provision for penalties for misuse is incorporated in the policy.

Trustee Dent made a motion to approve the amendments to Policy # 2006-04 and it was seconded by Trustee Langston. The motion carried.

The Committee heard from Vice President Hardee who presented the following informational updates:

Contracts over \$100,000: Five (5) contracts totaling \$1.5 million have been executed since the last Board of Trustees meeting: *Premier Construction & Development, Inc* -\$249,202.23, *J. Craig Institute* - \$140,370, *University of South Florida* - \$493,500, *University of Florida* - \$486,000, and *Secor Strategies, LLC*- \$102,560.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Tuition and Fee Comparison FY 2009-2010: Vice President Hardee referenced the information that was provided in the meeting packet. This information was provided in a response to a request from Trustee Parks to evaluate how FAMU compares to other HBCUs. Trustee Parks appreciated the information.

FY 2010-2011 Budget Update: The committee heard an update on the legislative budget request for FY 2010-2011 from President Ammons and Vice Hardee.

President Ammons remarked that the budget conference committees were finalizing the agreements on the state budget for next fiscal year. He stated that there will be cuts in the next fiscal year and that the University cuts would be strategic and not across the board. He recapped for the Board's information the cuts which have been taken since FY 2007-2008 and he discussed in detail the Guiding Principles that were established to assist with the development of the budget.

President Ammons also emphasized that the University would work on a multi-year approach in developing the budget because "we anticipate cuts for the next few years based on the economic forecast and the impending loss of the federal stimulus funds."

President Ammons also noted that the meetings have been held with all of the University constituencies for suggestions on how the university can offset the budget reductions.

The committee heard from Vice President Hardee, who noted that the Board of Governors is working on a summary of the budget conference agreement and will provide this information to the Board of Trustees as soon as it is available. She also highlighted the meetings that have been held with the University community to keep them apprised of the potential measures that may have to be taken due to the impending state budget reductions for the next fiscal year and the elimination of the federal stimulus funds effective June 30, 2011.

The last informational item was a presentation on the Transformation Thru Technology Enhancement (T3E) initiative. The Division of Administrative and Financial Services has partnered with the Division of Audit and Compliance and Enterprise Information Technology to improve the University's operational processes and PeopleSoft functionality.

The Committee heard from Dr. Charles O'Duor, Vice President of Audit and Compliance, Mr. Michael Boone, Director of Business Process Re-Engineering, Ms. Rebecca Brown, Business Process Project lead and Natalie Parrish, Functional lead. Fifteen (15) operational processes are being re-engineered to ensure that the university is operating more efficiently and effectively.

Audit Committee

Trustee White presented the Audit Committee report. The Committee heard a presentation from Vice President Charles regarding the Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2008-09. On March 30, 2010, the State Auditor General released the Financial Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. The report reflected an unqualified opinion and no findings. This clean audit was an exceptional achievement, particularly by Vice President Teresa Hardee, her financial team, and the Division of Administrative and Financial Services; Vice President Robert Seniors and the Division of Enterprise Information Technology; and other divisions, especially those offices related to financial operations. Each member of the Board of Trustees received a copy of the audit report.

In addition, Vice President O'Duor presented an update on the federal awards audit for fiscal year 2008-09. On March 26, 2010, the State Auditor General released the State-wide Federal Awards Programs Audit Report and the related Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2009. The audit pertains to State agencies, universities, and community colleges. The audit coverage is required by the Federal Government's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133. For Florida A&M University, there were two findings relating to the need to: enhance user access rights to systems and data, and ensure timely return of undistributed student loan funds to the lenders. As part of the corrective action plan to address the findings, the undistributed loan funds have been returned to the lenders. The report indicated that all prior audit findings relating to the University have been fully corrected. Each member of the Board of Trustees received a copy of the report.

Also, Dr. O'Duor presented an update on the Intercollegiate Athletics Program Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2008-09 that ended June 30, 2009. The audit was completed in January 2010. The audit is required by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The audit, which was conducted by a local public accounting firm, reflected an unqualified opinion and no findings. He added that in 2009, separate athletic fees increased by \$1 million from the previous year. The additional revenue was attributed to the increase in athletic fees and total student enrollment. Further, the Division of Administrative and Financial Services along with the Division of University Relations has developed a budget reduction plan designed to decrease the deficit in the athletics department and implemented adequate internal controls and efficient operating systems to enhance efficiencies within the athletic department.

In addition, Vice President stated that on March 31, 2010, the State Auditor General released the compliance report regarding the determination and reporting of full-time equivalent (FTE) students at FAMU Developmental Research School (DRS) under the Florida Education Finance Program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. The report disclosed that the FAMU DRS is in compliance with the applicable requirements of Florida Statutes, State Board of Education Rules, Florida Administrative Code, and the *FTE General Instructions* issued by the Florida Department of Education.

Finally, Vice President O'Duor presented an update on the grade change process. He stated that as part of the scheduled work in the University Audit Plan for 2009-10, the Division of Audit and Compliance conducted a follow-up review of the grade change process. He added that the University has implemented password control tokens in the Office of the Registrar to protect access to critical information by adding an extra layer for account validation during the sign-on process. Also, the Division confirmed that the control measures implemented to restrict

unauthorized actions are working as designed. Further updates on the grade change process will be provided to the Board at future meetings.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Trustee Badger presented the report from the Academic Affairs Committee. The committee heard from Provost Hughes Harris regarding the revision to FAMU Regulation 4.010 - Majors, Minors and Other Academic Programs. The revisions to this regulation will give the Division of Continuing Education (DCE) the authority to provide the overall administration and support for all non-credit CE programs both on and off campus that involved the expenditure of the University's funds or resources, awarding of continuing education credits and/or use of the University's name as sponsor, co-sponsor or host. It will require that all continuing education programs must be administered by the DCE and corresponding revenue must be deposited into the DCE Auxiliary account; and that an administrative fee in the amount of 15% to 25% will be assessed on revenue generated by each continuing education program. The actual rate will be based upon the level of service provided (i.e. amount of staff time, materials and other expenses) devoted solely to the individual program's development and delivery. Trustee Franklin inquired about the reason for the revision to regulation 4.010.

Trustee Badger moved approval of the revisions to Regulation 4.010 - Majors, Minors and Other Academic Programs. The motion was seconded by the Trustee Franklin and the motion carried.

The Committee considered the approval of the 2010-2011 Academic Calendar. The Committee heard a report from Ms. Annie Gilliam, coordinator of registration for the Registrar's Office. She presented the proposed 2010/2011 academic calendar. A copy of the academic calendar was provided in the notebook of the board members. Ms. Gilliam indicated that the beginning and ending dates of each semester, the holidays, and the breaks have been agreed upon by the Calendar Committee, which includes representatives from Florida A&M University, Florida State University, and Tallahassee Community College. The Calendar Committee meets annually to coordinate the calendars of the three educational institutions in Tallahassee. This calendar also includes a four-day winter break, Monday, December 27 through Thursday, December 30, 2010. The University will be closed on Friday, December 31, 2010, in observance of the state holiday.

Trustee Badger moved approval of the Academic Calendar. The motion was seconded by the Trustee Parks and the motion carried.

Next the Committee heard from Provost Hughes Harris regarding a new regulation, Regulation 4.105, concerning textbook affordability. The University proposes the adoption of the "Textbook Affordability" regulation, as required by Board of Governors' Regulation 8.003, Textbook Adoption, and Section 1004.085 of the Florida Statutes. The proposed regulation establishes procedures for the adoption of textbooks by the University. It sets deadlines for ordering textbooks and requires the University to publish textbook lists on its website. It also requires faculty to articulate the reason(s) a textbook is being changed and requires adherence to ethical standards. Provost Hughes Harris also indicated that the proposed regulation, which tracks the Board of Governors' regulation, was discussed with the Faculty Senate and the FAMU Chapter of the United Faculty of Florida. Neither party expressed objections to the adoption of the regulation.

Trustee Badger moved approval of Regulation 4.105 on Textbook Affordability. The motion was seconded by the Trustee Franklin and the motion carried.

The Committee's next action item was approval for Dr. Larry Robinson's leave of absence without pay. Provost Hughes Harris informed the Committee that Dr. Larry Robinson, who

currently serves as Vice President for Research at the University, was nominated by President Barack Obama for the position of Assistant Secretary for Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration in the U.S. Department of Commerce. Upon confirmation by the U. S. Senate, Dr. Robinson will resign from his position as Vice President for Research at the University, but will retain his professorial rank as a tenured faculty member in the Environmental Sciences Institute (ESI). He will submit his request for an uncompensated leave of absence from his tenured faculty position for the duration of his federal appointment. The University will incur no costs during the period of the leave of absence without pay as Dr. Robinson will receive no benefits from FAMU. This request is made pursuant to the provisions of Board of Trustees Policy #2005-21, Leave of Absence without Pay.

Trustee Parks inquired that after Dr. Robinson's term ends, he can return without the board having to reconsider his return to the faculty at ESI. Provost Hughes Harris confirmed that his statement was correct.

Trustee Badger moved approval of the requested leave of absence without pay for Dr. Larry Robinson beginning with the commencement of the federal appointment, if confirmed by the US Senate, and will terminate with the end date of the appointment upon mutual agreement of the Board and Dr. Robinson. The motion was seconded by Trustee Shannon and the motion carried.

The Committee's final action item was the approval of tenure. Provost Hughes Harris described the University's tenure approval process, which requires a review of the application by the respective department, the department chair, the college or school committee, the dean, the University Tenure and Promotion Committee, the Provost, and the President. Applications are reviewed at each step of the process for evidence of highly competent teaching and research and other scholarly activities, services, and contributions to the University and to society.

Provost Hughes Harris state that she had reviewed the applications and recommendations prior to forwarding her recommendations to President Ammons. The President reviewed the applications and recommendations, and based upon their mutual agreement, nineteen (19) faculty members are being nominated for tenure. The names were listed in the Board of Trustees action sheet, which could be found in the board members' notebooks.

Trustee Badger moved approval of the tenure for the faculty members listed on the Board of Trustees Action Sheet. The motion was seconded by the Trustee Holder and the motion carried.

Facilities Planning Committee Meeting

Chairman McWilliams provided the committee meeting report. The Committee heard from Joseph Bakker, Interim Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, who presented the amendment to Board of Trustees policy 2005-7A, which addresses the "Professional Consultants Selection Process for Construction Projects". The requested amendment increases the limit for individual construction projects under continuing contracts (or minor contracts), from \$1 million to \$2 million. This increase would make the BOT Policy conform with the new limit established by the legislature in paragraph 287.055 (2)(g), of the Florida Statutes in 2009.

Trustee McWilliams made a motion to approve the amendment to BOT policy# 2007-7A – "Professional Consultants Selection Process for Construction Projects" to increase the limit for individual construction projects under continuing contracts, from \$1 million to \$2 million. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alston and it carried.

The committee was informed that at the December 2009 Board meeting, the Board authorized the President to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for the Phase II construction of the Hansel E. Tookes Recreation Center and to notify the Board of the results. The bid solicitation attracted twelve (12) bidders. The lowest responsible and responsive bidder was Childers Construction of Tallahassee with a bid of \$2.13 million. This bid is below the project budget of \$2.7 million. The University has entered into a contract with Childers Construction and the project is expected to be completed in November 2010.

The committee received information regarding the design of the intramural sports fields and made suggestions for improving the overall quality of the facility.

The committee also heard a report on the progress that has been made in obtaining financing for the Sampson and Young Residence Halls. The University is working with the Board of Governors and the Division of Bond Financing to obtain a debt issue of \$30 million.

Finally, the committee received a status report on the construction of the new FAMU Developmental Research School sports fields. The University and the Surety Company for the contractor are currently in negotiations to resume the work and to conclude the construction.

TRUSTEE – STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman Parks provided the committee meeting report. The committee had no action items to report. Trustee Gallop Franklin summarized activities by the Student Government Association (SGA), which included:

- Haiti Relief - concert was held and proceeds from the concert were donated to the Haiti Relief Fund.
- State of the Student Summit and included notable speakers from the national scene, including Dr. Cornell West and Ms. Susan Taylor.
- Elections were held in February 2010. Gallop Franklin was re-elected as President and Breyon Love was elected Vice President. The board recognized and congratulated these results.
- The Bowling Alley is currently being renovated with funds provided by SGA.
- The Annual “B-Out Day” was successful.
- Smart Room installation with conferencing capabilities is being finalized in the Student Senate Chambers.
- Coordinated a “March to the Capitol” on April 8 to discuss various student issues with members of the Legislature.

During the committee meeting, Vice President Roland Gaines announced that the University will utilize the Direct Loan Program, effective summer 2010. Marcia Boyd, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, stated that the transition to the Direct Loan Program began in November 2009. A small test group of students were used, and all tests were positive. She also indicated that Dr. Ammons has been a very strong spokesperson in encouraging students to take the time needed (about 10 minutes) to make the transition to Direct Lending. Beginning this summer, students could be eligible for year-round Pell Grants. A student’s zero Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) could yield eligibility of \$8,200 over three semesters. Previously, that student would have received \$5,500 over two semesters. The University administration and the board congratulated the Division of Student Affairs for their timely work.

President Ammons congratulated the Divisions of Student Affairs, Financial Services and EIT for the quick implementation of the Direct Loan Program.

The committee heard that Spring Preview was a success. There were over 2,000 student and parents participated in the event. The University awarded \$900,000 in scholarships. Freshman admissions applications have increased over 400 from this time last year. Transfer student applications have increased as well.

Vice President Gaines also expressed the critical concern that we renovate Sampson and Young Halls and the women's complex residential halls to help accommodate the housing needs of FAMU students. From the Housing Pressures by Year handout, the data indicates the need for on-campus housing is steadily increasing. Several freshmen had to live off campus this past year, because they really wanted to come to FAMU. For returning students, the picture is more dismal because of on-campus housing limitations. Having adequate on-campus housing leads to increased retention, progression and graduation rates.

Chairman Jennings noted that no one signed up for public comments.

Chairman Jennings noted that in a few weeks the Foundation Board of Directors will invite the Board of Trustees to meet with the Executive Committees of the National Alumni Association and the Boosters to discuss the next steps in the Capital Campaign. The leadership members of the three DSOs as well as the board members were encouraged to participate in this event that is scheduled for May 14 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Tallahassee. You may participate via teleconference phone call.

Also, on May 1, graduation will occur. The Chairman encouraged board members to participate in this great celebration.

Chairman Jennings asked if the board should send thanks to leadership of the House and the Senate thanking them for their support of higher education. Further he asked for an expression of thanks to the Investment Committee Co-Chairs of the Foundation and President Obama regarding the National Direct Loan.

Trustee Shannon asked for a moment of silence to remember the student that met an untimely death last week. A moment of silence was observed. Chairman Jennings mentioned the memorial service that occurred.

Trustee McWilliams noted that having served for five years, he observed that "nothing upsets the legislature more than not meeting the money needs. He commended President Ammons, Vice President Hardee, Vice President O'Duor and Trustees Dent and White for their leadership.

Trustee Parks commended his two pet projects: Pressure to improve Bragg Stadium, everyone needs to get ready. Trustee Langston is working with the Boosters. Also, many students are going to Africa. He encouraged board members and others to contact International Affairs Office to support students with expenses related to their international travel.

Trustee Holder noted that internal and external image of the University has improved and "gives me a sense of pride and joy." He commended Mrs. Saunders for her efforts.

Chairman Jennings asked the staff to poll the board regarding a date for the next board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalind Fuse-Hall

Rosalind Fuse-Hall
Assistant Corporate Secretary