

Summary Minutes
FAMU BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Band Room
Thursday, October 8, 2008
9:00 a.m.

Chairman C. William Jennings called the meeting to order. Mrs. Fuse-Hall called the roll and the following trustees were present: Chairman William Jennings, Trustee Solomon Badger, Trustee Laura Branker, Trustee Robert Brown, Trustee Andrew Collins, Trustee Richard Dent (via telephone), Trustee Pamela Duncan, Trustee Maurice Holder, Trustee Charles Langston, Trustee Spurgeon McWilliams, Trustee Daryl Parks and Trustee Karl White (via telephone). A quorum was established.

Chairman Jennings welcomed the chair of the Board of Governors, Attorney Sheila McDevitt, to Florida A&M University. He noted that she dined with the members of the Board of Trustees in an effort to visit each campus within the State University System, and would take a tour following the meeting. Governor McDevitt thanked Chairman Jennings and President Ammons for sharing information with her and she noted that she wanted to hear from the Trustees what their concerns were and try to assist where possible.

The agenda was adopted. Trustee Badger moved approval of the minutes for August 11, 2008. Trustee Duncan seconded the motion and it carried.

Chairman Jennings commended Coach Joe Taylor for reaching a milestone that only eight Black coaches have attained—200 victories. He noted that Coach Taylor joins an elite team because you make the third FAMU coach among those eight. You join the likes of Jake Gaither and Billy Joe. Chairman Jennings recognized Trustee Solomon Badger to present a resolution to honor this milestone.

Trustee Badger moved approval of the resolution, seconded by Trustee Parks. The motion carried with a standing ovation. Chairman Jennings and President Ammons presented the resolution to Coach Taylor. Coach Taylor thanked the board and the University community for their support.

Chairman Jennings commended the University for an Initiative with Collegiate Licensing Company (CLC). He noted:

Last week a press conference was held on campus to launch this initiative with five historically black universities across the US. FAMU, as one of the five, was selected as the launch site. The press conference showcased collegiate apparel which is co-branded with PINK and FAMU.

The chairman informed the board that the collaboration with PINK, a billion dollar division of Victoria's Secret worldwide will bring additional revenue to the University, including an annual exclusivity fee. Further, he noted that the Chief Financial Officer of PINK is Trustee Richard

Commission to ensure that there was no conflict of interest. A copy of this opinion was sent to each trustee.

The University and PINK anticipate significant revenue from this venture and therefore, the chairman asked that the Board ratify their support for this initiative. Currently, the university receives 7.5% of revenue generated from the sale of CLC licensed products. The University will seek a higher percentage which will go into effect in six months, in order to give notice to current licensees about the increase.

Trustee White moved that the board ratify this initiative and Trustee Badger seconded the motion. Chairman Jennings noted that Trustee Dent abstained from this vote.

President's Report

Chairman Jennings recognized President James H. Ammons for his report. President James Ammons thanked the board for their dedicated service and welcomed Governor McDevitt to FAMU. He introduced two new members of the FAMU staff, Mr. Roberto Powers, the diplomat-in-residence. Powers has 20 years of service with the U.S. Department of State. Powers has been a member of the Senior Foreign Service since 1986 and has had numerous assignments at U.S. diplomatic missions overseas. Major-promotable Jeffrey Williams is the new Professor of Military Science, commanding the Rattler Battalion. He was commissioned into the Signal Corps as a Distinguished Military Student through the ROTC program at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas with a B.S. in criminal justice in 1991.

President Ammons informed the board about the Crestview project. The major objective of the Crestview project is to enhance the opportunities for the graduates of health related programs will alleviate the increasing shortage of pharmacists and other health professionals presently being experienced throughout the Florida Panhandle.

Other highlights included:

- Sen. Alfred "Al" Lawson delivered an inspiring speech to a packed Lee Hall for Founder's Day.
- Michelle Obama, wife of Democratic Presidential nominee Barack Obama, and Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice Presidential nominee Joe Biden, spoke to an estimated 8,000 as part of the Obama campaign "Change We Need Voter Registration Rally" at FAMU.
- Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, has secured \$12.4 million for FAMU's defense research projects.
- FAMU hosted a black-tie gala for the Army Rattler Battalion saluting a 60-Year Commitment to Excellence. The keynote speaker for the evening was Brigadier General Arnold Neil Gordon-Bray, Deputy Commanding General of US Cadet Command.
- Three important ongoing scientific studies in two research centers housed in the College of Engineering Sciences, Technology and Agriculture (CESTA) have been awarded grant funding totaling close to \$800,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.
- For the second consecutive year, FAMU students were crowned national champions of the National Black MBA Association's National Student Case Competition making

history as the first university to achieve such a feat. President Ammons applauded the students, Dean Lydia McKinley-Floyd and the team's advisors, Drs. Joycelyn A. Finley-Hervey and Shawnta Friday-Stroud, for their outstanding work.

- The quality of FAMU students continues to increase. In this freshman class, there are seven (7) national achievement semi-finalists, 14 national achievement finalists and six (6) scholars.
- During the Atlanta Classic Weekend, the University entertained 1,000 Atlanta area high school seniors at an Educational Fair and awarded 25 scholarships. On Friday evening, we hosted the Scholars Reception to a "standing room" capacity crowd of scholars (including 21 semi-finalists) and their families. We awarded 44 scholarships: "Life Gets Better" – 6, DSA – 25, and partials – 11. At each event, the President, the FAMU Connection and student representatives "were magnificent."
- The Leon County Tourism Development Council grant will offset the down turn in attendance at University events, including football and other sporting events, due to the economic down turn; monies also will promote Tallahassee tourism/hotel stays.
- FAMU is a recipient of the 2008 Oracle Excellence Award. The award recognizes organizations for innovative deployments of Oracle Fusion Middleware with Oracle Applications. This results from the successful launch of our Human Capital Management modules in January.
- The Division of Audit and Compliance has re-implemented the FAMU Compliance and Ethics Hotline. This reporting service allows individuals that are concerned about a possible violation of the law or policy and are uncomfortable raising it through normal channels.
- The FAMU College of Law was recently ranked seventh for providing clinical opportunities by National Jurist magazine, beating out other schools like Cornell, Harvard, Stanford and Rutgers Universities and making it one of two historically black colleges or universities on the list.
- Jeremy I. Levitt, associate dean for International Programs and distinguished professor of International Law at the College of Law, was recently appointed chair of the three-person International Technical Advisory Committee of the Liberian Truth and Reconciliation Commission by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia.
- Dorothy Bland, director for the division of journalism, was recently appointed to the Hearst Journalism Awards Program Steering Committee.
- FAMU's Marching 100 performed a special half-time performance at the Miami Dolphins regular season opener against the New York Jets.
- President Ammons reported on upcoming events on the campus, including the inauguration of the 10th President on October 31, 2008, at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center.

President Ammons concluded that this was a banner year in the life of FAMU and he congratulated all faculty and student accomplishments.

Chairman Jennings thanked Dr. Ammons for his report and noted that FAMU has much to celebrate and "we commend the efforts of the staff and you." Further, he commended the

students for their tremendous performance at the Case Study Competition in Washington, DC. "You have brought distinction to the University."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee

Chairman Jennings recognized Trustee Dent for the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Trustee Dent noted that both he and Vice President Hardee were joining the meeting by telephone; however, the committee heard from Joseph Bakker, Associate Vice President of Administrative and Financial Services, who presented the amendments to the Operating Budget for fiscal year 2008-2009. The general revenue budget is decreased by \$292,445 to reflect an adjustment to the risk management insurance premium. The estimated Certified Forward budget is increased by \$858,653 for prior year encumbrances that were approved in fiscal year 2007-2008, and will be paid in fiscal year 2008-2009. The budget authority for the Auxiliary Enterprises budget entity is increased by \$65,000 to cover the personnel costs needed for the New Beginnings Educational Research Center for Child Development. The budget authority for the Student Financial Aid budget entity is increased by \$350,000 to cover administrative costs to support operations. The increase in budget authority for the Student Financial Aid entity is a non-recurring increase. The Committee recommends that the board approve these amendments.

Trustee Dent moved approval of the committee's recommendation to adjust the operating budget by the increases and decreases stated above. The motion was properly seconded and it carried.

Next Nellie Woodruff, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources, presented a recommendation for the approval of the fiscal year 2008-2009 winter break for the period of December 26-31, 2008, and January 2, 2009. Pursuant to section four (4) of Board of Trustees policy number 2005-23, "The Board of Trustees may provide all salaried employees up to five paid personal holidays, in addition to the officially designated holidays on December 25 and January 1."

Trustee Dent moved that the Board of Trustees approve the committee's recommendation to grant the winter break. Trustee Holder seconded the motion and it carried.

At the request of the Board of Trustees, Vice President Hardee, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Administrative and Financial Services presented a salary adjustment proposal. The proposal provided a bonus of \$1,000 for eligible full-time (1.0) faculty, A&P including Executive Service, and USPS employees. Part-time employees would be granted this bonus on a prorated basis. All eligible employees must be continuously employed for the period of July 1, 2008, through December 5, 2008. A memorandum outlining the guidelines to implement the bonus was shared with the board. Vice President Hardee will review the salaries for student workers as requested by Trustee Collins.

Trustee Dent moved that the Board of Trustees approve the salary adjustment proposal. Trustee Holmes and Holder seconded the motion and it carried.

There were several informational items. The Committee heard from Mr. Bakker who presented an update on the state revenue projections. On August 15, 2008, the Revenue Estimating Conference met to review the state's general revenue collections. The financial outlook statement projects that the general revenue appropriations for fiscal year 2008-09 will be approximately \$1.5 billion less than expected.

On September 10, 2008, the Legislative Budget Commission approved the Governor's proposal to use \$672 million from the Budget Stabilization Fund to help offset the deficit. With this approval, there will still be a revenue deficit of approximately \$828 million.

The Governor will wait until the November General Revenue Estimating Conference and then collaborate with the legislature on next steps. The Governor presented four available options to cover the remaining deficit:

1. Reduce the current year appropriations. Currently 4% of the general revenue appropriation is being held back through the release process. This 4% holdback totals \$900,000.
2. Consider using excess cash from various trust funds.
3. Maximize the use of trust funds by redirecting trust fund receipts, fund shifts or other options.
4. Consider other evolving options.

The November General Revenue Estimating Conference date has not been scheduled yet. The next Lottery Revenue Estimating Conference will be held on October 29, 2008.

Next Mr. Bakker provided an update from the Board of Governors meeting on September 25, 2008. The Board of Governors approved a legislative budget request to address the increase cost of utilities. The request for the state university system for 2008-09 and 2009-10 is \$24 million and \$30 million respectively. The amount requested for FAMU is \$1.6 million for 2008-09 and \$2.4 million for 2009-10. The University also submitted information on the energy efficiencies that have been or are being implemented.

Finally, Ms. Jackye Maxey, Executive Assistant to the CFO and Interim Purchasing Director, provided information on contracts exceeding \$100,000. Four contracts have been executed since the last board meeting. One of the contracts is with the University of Florida (UF) for \$486,000. The University has contracted with UF to facilitate the Florida Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation's - "Bridge to the Doctorate" program. The second contract is with Front-Line Promotions, Inc. for \$150,000. This contract is for the homecoming concert that will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2008, at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center. The third contract is with the City of Tallahassee for \$456,104. This contract provides student bus passes for the Venom Express and U-Pass Transit Services. The fourth contract is with Perspective Software, Inc. for \$250,000. This software suite provides an enterprise document management, imaging, and integrated workflow solution.

Audit Committee

Trustee Karl White presented the Audit Committee report. He noted that the committee heard from Vice President Charles O'Duor, who presented the University Audit Plan for 2008-09. The

vice president stated that the plan incorporates six follow-up items from the final report of the Board of Governors Task Force on FAMU finance and operational control issues.

Trustee White moved that the Board of Trustees approve the University Audit Plan for 2008-09. It was properly seconded and the motion carried.

In connection with the presentations of the Direct Service Organizations (DSO) reports, the DSO audits were presented for approval pursuant to the Audit Charter. Ms. Carla Willis, CEO of the FAMU Foundation, Inc., presented the Foundation audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. She stated that the Foundation received an unqualified opinion; however, there was one finding. She added that a corrective action will be implemented. Further, she stated that a request for proposal will be issued for investment advisory services and investment management services.

Mr. Lenard Franklin, Treasurer for the FAMU National Alumni Association, presented the audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. He stated that the National Alumni Association received an unqualified opinion and there were no findings.

Mr. Mickey Clayton, Executive Director for the Boosters Club, Inc., presented the audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. He stated that the Boosters Club received an unqualified opinion and there were no findings.

Trustee White moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Direct Service Organization audits for the FAMU Foundation, Inc., the National Alumni Association, and the Boosters Club, Inc. Trustee Parks seconded the motion and it carried.

Vice President O'Duor presented an update on the audit of the National Science Foundation (NSF) awards for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The University received an unqualified opinion; however, the audit disclosed findings related to internal controls. A corrective action plan for addressing the findings has been developed to ensure compliance with the requirements of the NSF agreement.

Academic Affairs Committee

Trustee Pamela Duncan noted that the Committee heard a presentation from Provost Hughes Harris regarding a request from Dr. Richard Dozier. Dr. Dozier sought approval for an additional leave of absence without pay for the 2008-09 academic year. The FAMU Board of Trustees has already approved his leave of absence without pay for the 2007-08 academic year. He is requesting an additional year to continue his work with Tuskegee University, by serving as Associate Dean and coordinating the University's effort to reinstate its accreditation with the National Architectural Accrediting Board.

Trustee Duncan moved that the Board of Trustees approve Dr. Dozier's leave of absence without pay for the 2008-09 academic year. Trustee Holder seconded the motion and it carried.

Next Trustee Duncan recognized Dr. Ronald Holmes, Superintendent for the Florida A&M University Developmental Research School. Dr. Holmes presented an Update on: student

enrollment; school grade status; restructuring plans; new building completion; challenges; strengths and morale at FAMU DRS.

The board heard a presentation by Dr. Shawnta Friday-Stroud, Chair of the SACS Leadership team. The SACS Leadership Team includes Dr. Gita Pitter, Dr. Walter Mercer, and Dr. Vera Harper. Dr. Friday-Stroud presented an overview of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Commission of Colleges (SACS-COC). An update was given on FAMU's completion of the Compliance Certification (Self-Study) Document and the important role played by the BOT members and all of the stakeholders. The Compliance Certification Document will help FAMU assess and improve itself. As a result of this process, some recommendations have been made and will continue to be made to aid University Administration in continuing to improve its programs, and services, and operations.

The last informational item was presented by Attorney Leroy Pernell, Dean of the College of Law. Dean Pernell presented a College of Law accreditation update. The College of Law is scheduled for a site visit by the American Bar Association Committee on the Accreditation of Law Schools on February 22-25, 2009. The College of Law is currently preparing its self-study and strategic plan as required by the ABA's Standards and Rules of Procedure of Approval of Law Schools. It is anticipated that these documents will be completed this month and forwarded to the Office of the Provost in time for review and modification with the goal of providing these documents to the ABA by December 2008. Dean Pernell discussed several significant and outstanding programs and new faculty hires at the College of Law which will enhance their position for ABA's recommendation for full accreditation.

Facilities Committee

Trustee McWilliams presented the committee report which reviewed a request for the approval of Change Orders #12 and #13 for the Developmental Research School construction project.

Change Order #12 was a request to extend the time for the completion of the project from September 30, 2008, to October 14, 2008. The Construction Manager based his request on excessive inclement weather which delayed site work as well as the delivery of materials. This Change Order has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the project architect and by the University's Construction and Facilities Management staff. The extension of time will have no adverse impact on the planned occupancy of the building.

Change Order #13 was a request for additional work on this project totaling \$108,799.73. The additional work included plumbing, landscaping, utilities infrastructural improvements, fencing, and irrigation. The approval of Change Order #13 would result in cumulative work additions of \$723,735.45. This amount exceeds the cumulative Change Order amount of \$250,000 which the President is authorized to approve. The project's contingency exceeds the cumulative work additions to date. The work and prices for Change Order requests #13 have been reviewed and recommended for approval by the project architect and by the University's Construction and Facilities Management staff. Neither of these changes will exceed the contingency funds allotted for this project.

Trustee McWilliams moved that the Board (a) approves Change Order Request #12 to extend the time for Completion of the Developmental Research School construction project from September 30, 2008 to October 14, 2008; (b) approves Change Order Request #13 for \$108,799.73 for work additions; and (c) authorizes the President to execute these Change Orders. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

The Facilities Planning Committee reviewed a request for the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the University and the City of Crestview. During the 2008 legislative session, the Florida Legislature allocated \$2,500,000 to the University to advance its Rural Development Health Care Program. In furtherance of this effort, the City of Crestview in Okaloosa County, Florida has offered to donate to the University the 39,000 square foot AlateX Textile Building located in downtown Crestview. The University intends to expand its College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Nursing and the School of Allied Health Sciences into the AlateX Textile Building as the University's Rural Development Health Care Facility (the "RDHCF"). The City of Crestview has requested that the historic nature of the building be preserved and the University has requested the building be certified as free of hazardous substances as required by the State of Florida. The basic terms and conditions of the understanding between the University and the City of Crestview are set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding on Exhibit "A".

Trustee McWilliams moved that the Board authorizes the President to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Crestview, Florida pursuant to the basic terms set forth on Exhibit "A" and to accept on behalf of the University a conveyance of fee simple title to the historic AlateX Textile Building, all subject to the review and approval of the Office of the General Counsel. The motion was properly seconded and it carried.

The Committee also heard that the University had received proposals from seventeen (17) firms to serve as the architect for the Crestview Building remodeling. A recommendation for the architect for the Crestview Building remodeling will be made to the President by the end of October 2008.

The Committee heard the following status report of the four ongoing major construction projects:

Project	% Complete	Completion Date
Multi-Purpose Teaching Gym	75%	02/28/09
Developmental Research School	95%	10/14/08
The University Commons	80%	12/31/08
Campus-wide Electrical and Technology Infrastructure Upgrades	87%	02/28/09

The Committee heard that the University had received proposals from ten firms to serve as Master Planner for the 2010-2020 Master Plan. A recommendation for the Master Planner will be made to the President by the middle of November 2008.

Direct Support Organization(s) Committee

Trustee Brown presented the committee report. The Committee was informed that the Audited Financial Statements for the DSOs, namely, the FAMU Foundation, FAMU Boosters, and FAMU National Alumni Association, were submitted to the Committee for information only. Vice President Carla Willis advised that the Audited Financial Statements were approved by the Audit Committee pursuant to the Audit Charter.

Vice President Willis provided an update on overall giving to the University, and Alumni activities. First quarter fiscal year comparisons were up to about \$1.4 million on the quarter compared to just over \$1 million for this same period of time last year. Various types of gifts make up this total, but the trend is upward, despite the current economic conditions. This is a good indicator of alumni, corporate, and other support of FAMU.

Vice President Willis also provided the Committee with an update on the Faculty and Staff Scholarship Endowment Campaign, which is a subset of the \$1.4 million. This annual giving campaign increases University endowment support. All funds raised provide scholarships for students. Currently, for the 2008 campaign, \$193,000 has been raised towards the \$250,000 goal. Vice President Willis recognized units on campus that have gone above and beyond their goals in this campaign.

Further, the committee heard from Ms. Adriene Wright who provided an update on the Tom Joyner "School of the Month" Campaign. Ms. Wright reminded the Committee that at the last DSO Committee meeting, it was reported that FAMU was the first of the "School of the Month" participants to raise over \$1 million. FAMU is in the homestretch of reaching its goal of \$1.5 million by the end of December 2008. The campaign has currently brought in \$1,033,945.00. A number of plans are underway to reach this goal.

Mrs. Carmen Cummings Martin provided an update to the Committee on Alumni activities that have occurred since the last Committee meeting.

- Mrs. Cummings Martin presented an update on the President's travels to various cities, travels which allowed him to provide more up close and personal opportunities to engage with our faithful alums, parents, and prospective students of FAMU.
- On September 27th, President Ammons welcomed Michelle Obama and Jill Biden to FAMU, along with a crowd of over 10,000 supporters.
- On October 2, FAMU joined the circle of HBCUs for the Victoria Secret PINK, a new initiative on licensed collegiate attire. We are proud that Alumni and Trustee Richard Dent, COO of the Victoria Secret PINK Line, has been involved in this project.
- October 3rd was a historic day for the Institution, marking the 121st birthday of FAMU.
- Plans for the Inaugural festivities are underway for the FAMU President and First Lady. Events will be held October 26-November 1.

Vice President Willis informed the Committee that the Foundation staff will move into a new location. Trustee Parks informed the board members who were not present during the Audit Committee meeting that the Investment Committee of the Foundation had met regarding the current financial situation and have acted accordingly.

Trustee-Student Committee

Trustee Parks presented the committee report. He noted that there is one change in the minutes from the last meeting; second page, third line, "Sampson" should be changed to "Young."

Trustee Andrew Collins, SGA President, briefly discussed the efforts of the students since the last board meeting.

- SGA has spent considerable time registering students to vote. The University President and the SGA President have been working collaboratively to get all students registered.
- On October 19, student will have a sleep-over at the Civic Center and the next day walk from the Civic Center to the Supervisor of Elections office to cast their votes.
- Early voting begins October 20 and SGA will also shuttle students to designated voting locations.
- SGA President expressed gratitude for:
 - Improvements in student life and student welfare;
 - Safety and security has been improved; and
 - The increase of staff in the Police Department has added security for students.
- Although these are important improvements, communication is vital. Students are gaining confidence in the email system; but, we need to find more options for utilizing this system to communicate with students.
- The Rattler Spirit is strong around campus.
- Excitement around inauguration of 10th President.
- October 20 – November 2 is Homecoming Week.
- Students are excelling in academics in and out of classroom; SBI students participated in the National Black MBA competition and won. FAMU is the only institution, in the history of this competition that can boast being "back-to-back" winners.
- The Student Body Constitution/Statutes Revisions was tabled until later.
- SGA Cabinet members present were introduced.

The committee heard updates from Vice President Roland Gaines including that the former Learning Development Evaluation Center (LDEC) held a re-naming ceremony and reception earlier in the day. The new name of the center is Center for Disability Access & Resources (CeDAR). The Director had a presentation regarding the name.

In an effort to familiarize the board with offices within the Division of Student Affairs, the Committee was introduced to the Financial Aid Office. Marcia Boyd, Financial Aid Director, introduced her management team and gave a brief update on financial aid. It was explained that the current economic state of the U.S. has a direct effect on our students and the lending institutions. Many banks are experiencing credit crunches and are not able to provide the requested monies, i.e. Regions Bank and EdAmerica.

Moreover, the staff informed the board that the lenders have delayed in providing funds to the institution. It is harder for students to get loans and also hard for parents to get loans. This in turn creates a delay in collection of tuition; as well as creates an increase in short-term loan requests. Sixty-five percent (65%) of FAMU students applied on time and therefore have been processed and funded. Those students applying late are the ones facing problems. More and more students will experience PELL Grant shortages in availability. President Bush did not renew the Student Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) program, which will also create hardships for many students. The University will return to the Direct Loan Program in 2009 – 2010 to help provide more options for students.

Other updates from Vice President Gaines include:

- The Division of Student Affairs experiences \$271,000 total cuts from its budget.
- The institutional scholarships are doing very well.
- Scholars this year: National Merit Scholars – 5; Finalists – 15; Semi-Finalists – 6; Life Gets Better – 31. Forty (40) laptops were given to freshman scholars who met the requirements.

Trustee Duncan, Trustee Solomon Badger, and President Ammons offered accolades to Vice President Gaines and the Division of Student Affairs, especially Admissions, Financial Aid and the Registrar's Office. "These areas can break or make the University." Vice President Gaines indicated that he also thanked his staff for their services.

President Ammons also stressed that students and their issues are taken very serious. There are several issues that are never publicized that the Division must handle. There is a commitment of the Student Affairs Leadership Team to handle the students' issues and solve as many of their problems as possible. Sometimes the problems are not the fault of FAMU, but everything will be done to provide prompt, courteous and fair service.

Chairman Jennings recognized Ms. Fuse-Hall to recognize any members of the public who signed up for public comment. Mr. RaShaun Kelly, a FAMU student addressed the issue of Financial Aid. Chairman Jennings thanked Mr. Kelly for his comments and asked him to see Vice President Gaines.

Several members offered comments about the current status of the University and the positive direction it is proceeding.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalind Fuse-Hall, Assistant Corporate Secretary