

Florida A & M University
Emergency Full Board of Trustees Meeting

Teleconference

FAMU President's Conference Room

Trustees Present: Challis M. Lowe, Chair; William Jennings, Vice-Chair; Phillip Agnew; W. George Allen; Regina Benjamin; Laura Branker; Al Cardenas; Mary Diallo; Pamela Duncan; R. B. Holmes; Leerie Jenkins; Daryl Parks

Trustees Absent: Spurgeon McWilliams

Minutes/Summary

The Board of Trustees Emergency Teleconference Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Roll Call established a quorum present and the Agenda, which was adopted, included four items: the shift of fiduciary responsibility of the College of Engineering from FAMU to FSU; status of accreditation for the College of Law and the College of Pharmacy; summer school; and employee health insurance. A fifth item was added by Trustee Duncan—BOT elections.

President Castell Vaughn Bryant was asked to address several concerns regarding the shift of fiduciary responsibility of the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering from FAMU to FSU. She stated that the initial agreement/ plan makes provisions for one university to act as fiscal agent and one as operational agent with rotation of duties. Both are to be monitored by a Joint Management Council. However, FAMU has served as fiscal agent since the inception of the College until a Memorandum (07-08) stated that FSU would become fiscal agent. Additionally, she stated that the fiscal agent is the only thing on the table. Further, she stated that the Legislature reserves the right and power to overturn committee decisions and not necessarily after consultation.

Trustee Parks asked how this decision would affect FAMU. President Bryant responded that nothing will be changed except the E & G Budget.

Trustee Benjamin's concern was that the public thinks that we are turning over the Engineering College to FSU.

Trustee Allen asked if President Bryant had entered into an agreement with FSU President T. K. Wetherell.

