

# FLORIDA **A&M** UNIVERSITY

## **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Thursday, August 11, 2022**

Chair Kelvin Lawson called the meeting to order. Trustees Bell, Cavazos, Cliatt, Dortch, Dubose, Harper, Lawson, Perry, Reed, and Washington established a quorum.

There were no requests for public comments.

### **Closed Session**

The first agenda item was a closed session regarding collective bargaining. Chair Lawson recognized Attorney Shira Thomas to provide background and instructions. Attorney Thomas stated that Chapter 447.605 provides that all discussions between the employer and their legislative body relative to collective bargaining shall be closed and exempt from Section 280.611, Florida Statutes. Attorney Thomas identified the following individuals to participate in the closed session: the Board of Trustees, President Robinson, Provost Edington, chief negotiator Rob Larkin, Herbert Bailey, Nichole Murry, Sandi Smith Anderson, Michael Abazinge, Latrecha Scott, Michael Johnson, Allyson Watson, Reginald Ellis and attorneys Denise Wallace, Shira Thomas, Candace Stuart Morris, and Kentavia Coates.

The Board moved into a closed session for collective bargaining regarding the Graduate Students Association and the FAMU Developmental Research School faculty. At the close of the session Trustee Washington moved approval of the revised FAMU BOT-UFF-GAU Collective Bargaining Agreement to increase the base salary to \$11,701 and to pro-rate a one-time \$500 wage increase. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dubose and passed unanimously. Next, Trustee Washington offered a motion to approve the revised FAMU BOT-UFF-DRS Collective Bargaining Agreement to increase base teacher wages and to provide a \$1000 one-time wage increase. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dubose and passed unanimously.

### **State Contracts and State Piggy-back Vendors**

Next, Chair Lawson recognized Vice President Gloria Walker to present the state contracts and state piggyback vendors. She reported that the University is seeking approval to purchase products, materials, and supplies from Data Set Ready, Signal House Communications, and Presidio Networked Solutions for projects exceeding the President's \$1M signatory authority for the period ending June 30, 2023. She also presented the list of planned projects, the priority order, and the estimated amounts.

Chair Lawson asked VP Walker to present an ongoing review of this item at each BOT meeting. He also noted that this item is on the consent agenda.

### **Final 2022-2023 University Operating Budget**

Vice President Walker was recognized to present the 2022-2023 Final University Budget. She shared an itemized list of the budget and showed a year-over-year comparison. Chair Lawson asked for questions and reminded the Board that they had seen the budget during the June meeting. He again noted that the Budget was on the Consent Agenda.

VP Walker confirmed that the University did not receive a special infusion of lottery dollars.

## **Annual Equity Report**

Dr. Latrecha Scott presented highlights from the annual Equity Report. She shared the following:

- Full-time Florida community college transfers increased 7.9% compared to five years ago.
- Student retention increased for male and female first-time in college students.
- Masters and doctoral degrees earned increased compared to five years ago.

She shared that the University has growth opportunities in faculty diversity and the number of tenured faculty. President Robinson stated that eight faculty members were promoted to the rank of full professor. Four of those faculty members are females, and three of the four are in stem disciplines.

## **National Alumni Association Budget**

Chair Lawson recognized Vice President Shawnta Friday-Stroud, who presented the 2022-2023 FAMU National Alumni Association (NAA) budget. She confirmed that the new Executive Board for the NAA has seen the budget. Chair Lawson noted that the budget was on the consent agenda.

## **Consent Agenda**

Chair Lawson read the Consent Agenda into the record and indicated that “BFF 2 - Property Acquisition” was removed from the Consent Agenda and would be considered separately. The Consent Agenda included the following items:

### **Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee (BFF)**

- BFF1 2022-2023 University Budget
- BFF3 State Contracts and State Piggyback Vendors
  - Data Set Ready, Inc.
  - Signal House Communications
  - Presidio Network Solutions, LLC
- BFF4 Revised Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

### **Direct Support Organizations (DSO)**

- DSO1 2022-2023 FAMU National Alumni Association Budget
- DSO2 BOT Policy 2005-18, University Athletic Booster Policy

### **Board of Trustees (BOT)**

- BOT1 Annual University Equity Report
- BOT2 GAU Agreement re: Base Pay and Bonus
- BOT3 DRS Teacher Bonus

Trustee Dortch offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Harper and was supported by a unanimous vote.

Attorney David Self presented a resolution regarding “BFF 2 - Property Acquisition” for Board approval. He read the full resolution into the record. The resolution provided authority for the president to enter into negotiations for the property, which was not to exceed \$14M; it noted that the University would seek approval from the United States Department of Education to acquire the property; it indicated the location and specifications of the property and that it would be used for student housing. Attorney Self shared that there are 118 beds and that 75% of those are filled with FAMU students. Trustee Dortch moved acceptance of the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Trustee Harper, and it passed unanimously.

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.