FLORIDA A & M UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

IN RE: STUDENT AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:       TONNETTE GRAHAM, CHAIR
                          BETTYE GRABLE
                          TOREY ALSTON
                          BELINDA SHANNON
                          ROBERT WOODY

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STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Student Affairs.

TRUSTEE GRAHAM: I would like to call the
Trustee Student Affairs Committee meeting to order.
Ms. Miller, will you please call the roll?
MS. MILLER: Chair Graham.
TRUSTEE GRAHAM: Here.
MS. MILLER: Trustee Grable.
TRUSTEE GRABLE: Here.
MS. MILLER: Trustee Shannon.
TRUSTEE SHANNON: Here.
MS. MILLER: Trustee Alston.
TRUSTEE ALSTON: Here.
MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, you have a quorum.
TRUSTEE GRAHAM: Thank you.

Trustees, our first order of business is to
approve the minutes from our last meeting. Can I
get a motion for the approval of the May 20th,
2015, minutes?

TRUSTEE GRABLE: So move.
TRUSTEE SHANNON: Second.
TRUSTEE GRAHAM: It's been properly moved and
seconded. Is there any unreadiness?
(NO RESPONSE).
TRUSTEE GRAHAM: Seeing none, barring any, all in favor, say aye.

(AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

TRUSTEE GRAHAM: All opposed by the same sign.

(NO RESPONSE).

TRUSTEE GRAHAM: Motion passes.

Due to our time constraints, I will yield my time for Student Government Association update and for the Student Association update until our Board meeting, and we'll turn the floor over to VP Hudson at this time for our Student Affairs updates.

VICE PRESIDENT HUDSON: Thank you, Madam Chair, and good afternoon, Members of the Board.

I'd like to begin with an enrollment management update. As of July 17th, 2015, we have received 4,590 FTIC, First-Time-In College applications, compared to 3,674; and admitted 2,645 students, compared to 2,088 last year at the same time. So as you can see, we're moving forward with improving our recruitment.

The application deadline for the fall 2015 was May 15th, and we will not accept applications for the fall unless there are extenuating circumstances. The average GPA is a 3.44, and test scores are 1440 SAT, 21.16 ACT.
The Access Opportunity Program admitted 108 students for the summer program, and new student orientation numbers for registered FTIC students are 1,218 compared to 1,056 in 2014, and that's demonstrated on the chart.

We are accumulating data to evaluate increasing the GPA of the fall FTIC cohort to 2.75. That was something that the Provost mentioned this morning. We are looking at how those numbers will reflect as far as our longitudinal data, and we'll bring that to the Board. We're looking forward to the Board discussion at the August 4th meeting.

Next I will -- well, first, before I move on from enrollment management, I also want to thank the Board members for their continued support. I do receive calls from Board members with potential students, scholar students that want to come to the University and visit us personally, and so that's been a big effort. It is everyone's responsibility in recruitment. We also have some active deans, as well as recruiters, from different schools and colleges to support us in that effort.

Next, we'll have a commencement update from Doctor Coleman to discuss summer school.

DOCTOR COLEMAN: Good afternoon, University
Trustees, Board Chair Montgomery, and
Madam President. I'm Angela Coleman, and I am your
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and
the dean of students. And in my capacity, I
currently serve as the co-chair for the University
Commencement Committee.

I just wanted to provide a couple of updates
regarding the summer 2015 commencement ceremony.
The ceremony is currently scheduled to take place
on Friday, August 7th, at 4 p.m. in the Al Lawson,
Jr., multi-Purpose Center and Teaching Gym.
Rehearsal for all students will be held on
Thursday, August 6th, at 4 p.m.

As of today, there are 540 graduation
candidates for the summer 2015 commencement
exercises. This number compares to a number of 450
for summer 2014. So as you can see, we are up in
the number of graduates for this summer. This
number for this year includes five graduates from
the College of Law, eight Army cadets, and five
Navy cadets for the ROTC Officer of Commissioning
ceremony.

This year's commencement speaker will be
Pam Oliver who was a FAMU alumna and Fox Sports
reporter. And at this time the committee is
currently examining the possibility of issuing
tickets for graduation due to limited space and
risk management concerns.

A formal report regarding this proposal is
currently being drafted and will be submitted to
the senior leadership for discussion and
consideration in the future.

This concludes my report.

TRUSTEE GRABLE: Excuse me, Chair Graham.

TRUSTEE GRAHAM: Yes, ma'am.

TRUSTEE GRABLE: I did have a question for
Doctor Hudson, and I think I missed what you said
regarding were we considering some type of GPA
increase. Is that what you indicated? Just to
make sure I understood that.

VICE PRESIDENT HUDSON: Yes, and that's part
of what we're going to present to the Board. The
Board actually approves any changes in profile
admits, and so every year -- well, previously we
had a two-year cycle where the Board approved for
two years the number of access opportunity
students, and so we'll come back to that this year.
But we're also looking at potentially increasing
the minimum GPA.

Right now we admit students at the minimum GPA
of a 2.5, and so we're looking at potentially moving it to a 2.75, but we want to look at the data to see longitudinally how many students would have been admitted if we'd had it previously.

TRUSTEE GRABLE: Thank you, Doctor Hudson.

VICE PRESIDENT HUDSON: You're welcome.

Okay. Moving forward, financial aid updates. We have awarded 6,425 students for the fall term, compared to 3,955 from last year. We've taken a concerted effort to award students so that they can see their awards and return to the University.

Some of the reasons students are not awarded are non-complete financial aid files, verification, tax documents, or incomplete (unintelligible). And so we're encouraging students via social media and email to complete those processes.

Previously Doctor Grable had asked me about awarding students early, and what I did -- I'm still doing some research, but looking at prior -- properly awarding students ten days prior to the start of classes, which is what some other institutions do, there are a couple of issues that we must discuss and a change in the Board policy that would have to take place. Because of previous issues, there was a Board regulation, 3.009, which
states: It is the policy of the University to disperse financial aid after the end of drop/add period.

So we're reviewing that and we'll bring that back to the Board for a discussion, but there are also some issues with potentially students dropping classes and leaving the University and having those funds.

For instance, and I'll use the law school for an example, they may get up to $20,000 in a refund or financial aid. If you have ten students that do not return and does not enroll in classes, that will be an issue for the University of returning those funds within a certain amount of time. So something that we've really got to discuss and talk about are those avenues.

Now in the meantime, one of the concerns was for the law school students, and they will have access to book vouchers beginning August 1st, 2015, for those that have completed financial aid files, Rattler ID card, and have registered for classes. Now this is something that we had started last year and will continue to make sure the law school students have their books in time. And we also have that book voucher program for students on the
main campus as well.

Continuing on, the LGBTQ., that Committee has not met this summer, the students are away; but we have designated a space for them in the Union, which is being renovated for their purposes for a community gathering and for meetings that they're going to have, and so we're looking forward to completing that.

Student activities update, I have attached a draft -- copies of the Welcome Week and Homecoming Week activities in the packet you received. Mr. Marvin Green and Mr. Keenan Williams co-chair the Welcome Week Committee, and Mr. Green and SGA Vice President Justin Bruno (phonetics) co-chair the homecoming activities and committee.

These -- the committees will finalize these drafts within the upcoming weeks; but, however, I wanted to make sure that we provided you with a draft so that you could have definitive dates.

Next we'll have the anti-hazing and ombud's function report. You should have received the report via email from Mr. Bryan Smith to the Committee detailing the activities and an annual report that you'll get every year moving forward on the anti-hazing efforts and what we're doing.
We are changing some -- amending some of the guidelines and student activities for clubs and organizations. Every year we'd like to review and make sure that we are doing things that are at the best advantage of the students but also to protect the University. So we are amending some of those policies before the certification process begins this fall.

Athletics report, Interim AD D'Wayne Robinson had a family emergency, and so he left me with some things to touch on for the athletics report. Currently we have over 70 new incoming prospective student athletes across seven men and women's sports. Recently our men's tennis team was recognized as Academic All Americans. This honor is bestowed upon individuals and teams that have an average 3.5 GPA. We were one of only two HBCUs represented.

This year we also have three student athletes to be accepted to the FAMU School of Law. And at our last meeting, Athletics stated that they had applied for the NCAA grant to assist with academic support; and Madam President already mentioned that earlier, that they received $675,000 in that grant to move forward and assist with APR.
Lastly, I would like to introduce two new additions to the Division of Student Affairs:
Ms. Karen Campbell Miller, Executive Assistant to the Vice President. Ms. Miller currently serves as the Executive Vice President of Student Affairs — as Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs at Florida A & M. She served as Assistant Director for the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs and Case Manager in the Division of Student Affairs at Florida Atlantic University.

A native south Floridian, she earned her bachelor in science in public management from Florida Atlantic and is now working on her Master's degree in higher education leadership. Karen has over 12 years of experience in higher education. Her previous roles include Coordinator for Board Operations at Florida Atlantic, and Administrative Assistant Scholarship Coordinator at Palm Beach College.

The second addition is Major Ray Spalding. Mr. Spalding will be the Director of Veterans Affairs. Major Spalding returned to Florida A & M University to serve as Director of Military and Veterans Affairs. Prior to this, he served in a
variety of civilian and active duty armed forces, the Florida Senate, and the Florida Department of Management Services.

Major Spalding's military career began in 1988 when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He made four deployments on the submarine USS Ohio from 1990 to 1992. He was selected to earn his college degree in his commission as a Naval officer via the Naval Reserve Officer's Training Program. He attended Florida A & M University and graduated with honors.

Upon graduation, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. The highlight of his military career was serving as the Commanding Officer of a weapons company, First Battalion Second Marine Regiment. In this capacity, Major Spalding commanded 250 Marines and sailors through two combat tours in Iraq from 2004 to 2006.

Upon retirement from the Marine Corps in 2012, Major Spalding became a senior legislative analyst with the Florida Senate's Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security through two complete legislative sessions from 2012 to 2014.
Major Spalding is a graduate of Florida A & M University and earned various military awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal and Combat Action Ribbon. He and his wife Vanessa reside in Tallahassee and have three children: Ray the second, Will, and Scarlet.

Will those two individuals please stand?

(APPLAUSE).

VICE PRESIDENT HUDSON: And we welcome them to the FAMU family.

Madam Chair, that concludes my report.

TRUSTEE GRAHAM: Thank you, Vice President Hudson.

Are there any questions from Committee members or other Trustees at this time for the Division of Student Affairs?

(NO RESPONSE).

TRUSTEE GRAHAM: If not, before we close, members, there are several important items that are on the horizon and students need to be aware of.

They include four of the following: Number 1, the enhancement and expansion of the Club and Organizations Review Board. This Board is tasked with reviewing cases and hearing cases relating to allegations concerning members of clubs and
organizations and their actions that are not consistent with the Student Code of Conduct and other University's policies and rules.

Number 2, the implementation of Orgsy (phonetics). Orgsy (phonetics) creates an online community for campus that helps departments, programs, and all member-based clubs and organizations streamline processes and drive engagements. The platform reflects the institution's unique structure and helps you connect and engage with the populations we serve, improves information sharing, minimizes paper usage, tracks co-curricular involvement, and allows us to generate reports on all data collected for annual reports and accreditation.

Three, the intake rules have been modified and freshmen will be allowed to join clubs and organizations beginning their first semester on campus.

And, four, the ratification of the student body documents.

In light of these important items that will be rolled for the coming semester, I would at this time entertain a motion that directs staff to provide correspondence of these and other items.
that they deem appropriate through our famu.edu email notification, and direct correspondence with clubs and organizations' presidents and their advisors before the start of this new academic year.

TRUSTEE SHANNON: So moved.

TRUSTEE GRABLE: Second.

TRUSTEE GRAHAM: Thank you.

It's been properly moved and seconded that we accept these items and the Division of Student Affairs staff move forward as suggested. Is there any unreadiness?

(NO RESPONSE).

TRUSTEE GRAHAM: Seeing none, barring any, all in favor, say aye.

(AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

TRUSTEE GRAHAM: All opposed say nay.

(NO RESPONSE).

TRUSTEE GRAHAM: The ayes have it. Motion passes.

Is there any other business to come before this committee at this time?

(NO RESPONSE).

TRUSTEE GRAHAM: If not, this Committee meeting is adjourned.
WHEREUPON, THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

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CERTIFICATE

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I, NANCY S. METZKE, RPR, FPR, certify that I was authorized to and did stenographically report the foregoing proceedings and that the transcript is a true and complete record of my stenographic notes.

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