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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Good afternoon, and welcome to the meeting of the Special Committee on Athletics. I call this meeting to order.

Attorney Barge-Miles, will you please call the roll?

ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Boyce.
(NO RESPONSE).

ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Graham.

TRUSTEE GRAHAM: Here.

ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Lawson.

TRUSTEE LAWSON: Here.

ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee McWilliams.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Here.

ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Woody.

TRUSTEE WOODY: Here.

ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Mr Chair, you have a quorum.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you very much.

This is the -- I guess we'd call it the organizational committee -- or organization meeting for this Committee, and I welcome everybody on the Board to participate.

The members of the Committee were sent some
background information. I hope you’ve had a chance
to review it. One of the items was the directive
from Chairman Montgomery, and we’ll go through
that.

Another was the consultant's report that the
Athletic Department received perhaps a year ago, I
think, and that's a lot of information. I don't
know if everybody has had a chance to review it,
but it's very important for this Committee and
really for the whole Board to be familiar with.

The third thing is status of compliance and
APR issues, and I'm going to probably ask the AD to
answer any questions we have about that; and full
budget update and projections, again we'll ask the
AD to assist us on that. We have all the
information.

Any questions before we get started?
(NO RESPONSE).

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Okay. No questions,
let's just get started with the oversight
requirements directed from Chair Montgomery,
oversight areas of responsibility.

First, we were to provide functional oversight
to the Athletic Department; and, second, develop
and present a vision for FAMU athletics.
Oversight areas of responsibility, and if you read the charge, what I've done is gone through that document and kind of grouped whatever I could group in a way that we could address it.

A, the Committee shall annually review and consider policies relating to the Division of Athletics for adherence to its mission: The academic success of our student athletes, the complete integrity of the program, and athletic competitiveness. The Committee shall also review adherence to Presidential goals for intercollegiate athletics.

And there we have -- I said annual comprehensive review by the Committee, and consideration would be November or December, kind of after the end of the football season is what I thought about that; but does anybody have a different feel about that for an annual report?

(NO RESPONSE).

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Good, so that's what we'll do on that one.

B, the Committee shall, on an annual basis, receive and review a State of the Athletic Department Report from the President. And I suggested that the President's annual report on
the state of the Athletic Department should occur sometime at the beginning of the school year, maybe August or September when we're getting ready to get started. If no one has any differences, then we'll keep moving. Any differences of opinion?

(NO RESPONSE).

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Okay. The Committee -- this is C, the Committee shall twice annually review and consider the admissions, grades, and graduation success rates of student athletes as part of the State of the Department Report.

So I suggested that biannual APR review by the Committee, and I said consider including the first review annually as part of the comprehensive report, and then follow the second annually six months later. And those reports would include information on admissions, grades, progression, and graduation rates.

And anyone can stop me at any time, but I'm going to just keep moving otherwise.

D, the Committee shall review and consider policies related to the overall student athlete experience to ensure student athletes are afforded the opportunity to enjoy a well-balanced academic, social, and athletic experience and are provided
the resources necessary to ensure their success academically as well as competitively.

On that charge, we say overall student athletic experience and program compliance reports from the Department should be available before review by Committee members prior to -- it should be, for a review by the Committee members prior to the 8/15 Board of Trustees meeting; therefore, the report should be available -- or thereafter, rather, the report should be available to Committee members annually at least 60 days before the Committee's annual comprehensive review.

So the comprehensive review is done annually in November or December, and then we would expect a report after this year somewhere around October; but this year we'd like to have it by the August meeting.

The Committee shall at least annually review and consider program compliance with Title 9, NCAA and Conference regulations, institutional policies, and other related laws; and then I say, see overall students in Section D.

The Committee shall -- this is F -- the Committee shall be notified on a timely basis of issues that may affect the integrity and reputation
of the athletic programs and shall review and consider policies where necessary to ensure the program complies with all relevant regulations and maintains the highest standards of excellence.

And I say notifications and consultations should be timely as indicated by Chairman Montgomery's directive. I don't think we need to put a time frame on that, everybody knows what timely means.

The Committee shall be consulted to allow for review and consideration of any plans that could potentially affect the campus environment for athletes. And, again, notifications and consultation should be timely as indicated by the Chair.

H, the Committee shall be kept apprised of decisions, large donations, or commercial offers that could impact in a significant way the financial landscape of any of the athletics programs to include any contract renewals or changes or additions to the employment contract of high-level athletics personnel, including but not limited to athletic directors, the coaches of the men's basketball team, women's basketball team, and the football team, or any other athletics employee
whose proposed total compensation exceeds $100,000.

And I and the Committee shall be promptly advised of the development and implementation of general and strategic plans for athletics and on any proposals to add, eliminate, or change the status of the athletic program.

J, the Committee will be on the agenda at the regular Board meeting in June, which we are. And I will commence the consultation with the President and the Athletic Director regarding the development and implementation of the general and strategic plans that are mandated here for athletics and report on the status or progress by the August 15th Board of Trustees meeting.

So if you have any questions or suggestions or comments on any of those items.

CHAIRMAN MONTGOMERY: Mr. Chair.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Yes.

CHAIRMAN MONTGOMERY: I just had a brief comment over here, Montgomery.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Yes.

CHAIRMAN MONTGOMERY: The purpose of the Special Committee, and at least my rationale behind appointing a special committee, is to fix the challenges that we've had in athletics. I have
received and been on the receiving end of communication from the current Athletic Director, and the information has been free-flowing to the extent that I believe possible.

If you'll note on each of the oversight areas, they're not attempts to influence or direct from an operational perspective. There are action items, and they all say review and consider, receive and review, review and consider, shall be notified, consulted, apprised, advised.

And so the spirit behind this is simply that the Committee will be in a position to have the best information available, and then from that point be able to set a vision and strategy for where we want our Athletics Department to be.

I've heard the question numerous times over the years, but I don't believe we have, in all fairness, communicated what we want our Athletics Department to be. And so to the extent that this Committee can do that going forward, one area -- well, excuse me, two areas, you talked -- it says notifications and consultations as indicated by Chairman Montgomery's directive. I'll give you an example.

If there's -- like we got some bad news about
the sports program. Well, you know, you don't want
to make it so granular that you say the
Chief Executive needs to report to us immediately
or within an hour or so, but we do want to evolve
to the point where we get the information before
somebody else notifies us or before the media
notifies us.

With previous administrations, I was very
specific in asking that we receive these type of
Board level -- or information that the Board would
be interested in, like within one hour of the
receipt of the President. All it is is passing on
whether it's bad news or whether it's good news.

And so to the extent that the Committee knows
what our process is in terms of receipt of this
information or how you would proceed in terms of
giving the President the sense of this, keeping in
mind that this is not directed toward
Doctor Mangum, this is directed toward the position
so that it may outlive us in our capacities as
members of the Board.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I've had ongoing discussions with the AD, I
guess since our trip to Boston, about all of this,
and I have not discussed it directly with the
President but plan to do so pursuant to this meeting. I have had no suggestion from the AD or the President that we were overreaching or doing anything of the sort.

We have a lot of problems in athletics. We're going to have to get together again and try and fix it, so I don't think that's a problem right now, and I don't anticipate that it will be, so we're going to move on.

The next item would be -- before we hear from the AD, could we hear from VP Cas -- not VP Cassidy -- Givens rather, on the NCAA, the status of the NCAA investigation. And it might be that he just wants to bring us an update.

VICE PRESIDENT GIVENS: Good afternoon. We do have a little bit to report on as far as the NCAA investigation. We think we're getting close to getting it resolved in a good -- as good as the University can get on these particular allegations. We're anticipating word from the NCAA within the month.

The process that we'll go through we hope to be able to conclude in about three months, and hopefully at that time we'll be able to move on.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you, sir.
Do you have any questions?
(NO RESPONSE).

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you, VP Givens. Okay. AD Robinson will talk to us about the APR, which is a totally different set of problems we have and how we're addressing that and what the status is, and then proceed from there to give us some budgetary information.

AD Robinson.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Thank you very much, Trustee McWilliams. As you know, we are currently under some APR sanctions that will not allow several of our athletics team to participate in post-season play. Those teams at this time are men's cross country, men's indoor track, and men's outdoor track, men's basketball, and football.

Currently those programs are at the level -- at least Level 2 violation within APR, and they also have some limitations placed on them relative to practice, reduction in practice time. And, again as I mentioned, some -- basketball has also a reduction in scholarships, and there's also some reduction in contests as well.

But moving forward, we have implemented
improvement plans to address the APR sanctions that we have on those programs. We implemented programs beginning in 2013/14. Also, in 2014/15, we continued with an improvement plan that was approved by the NCAA -- both plans were approved by the NCAA.

Part of those improvement plans include measures such as identifying incoming at-risk students, student athletes much earlier in the recruitment process; additional staff to implement early-alert systems for those athletes that may come in at risk or deficient; implementation, summer bridge programs to create earlier academic orientation; and also enhance academic tracking and monitoring of our fifth-year student athletes.

As I mentioned, we have implemented improvement plans in the year 2013 and '14 and '14/'15 and plan to do so coming up this summer for 2015/16 as well.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you.

Can you tell us why we have these problems or what's used to calculate it or what --

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Well, let me say this, the challenges of APR are -- well, let me back up just a moment.
APR is a report of two factors: Eligibility, slash, progress toward graduation and retention. The computation of the multi-year cohort goes back to 2010.

It starts with a four-year cohort for this particular year. In 2010 is when we began our -- a decline in APR. In 2010 there was an APR number that was lower than the NCAA standard. In 2011, '12, '13, those four years were calculated, and they resulted in a sum that was lower than the NCAA requirement.

Right now the multi-year -- the NCAA requirement is 930, the multi-year for men's track is 882; and for men's basketball is 905; and for football it is 902.

So the reason is not specific in its identification because of the way that it is calculated; however, we feel that if we can -- now that we have identified and know the areas that we are currently addressing, we can attack those areas, as I mentioned, in addressing those students that are at risk. And when they come in, we've created a profile for our athletes that we're recruiting so that we can recruit better student athletes academically, along with being great
athletes on the field.

We want to, again, identify those students early when they have challenges in the classroom so that -- and, also, increase the staffing that can monitor the activities, the academic activities of these athletes.

So that's our point of attack at this time in addressing our current APR issues, and hopefully gives us a little bit of background as to how the APR is currently being calculated and the years that are used in that calculation to give us the low score that we have right now.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you.
Any questions on that?
(NO RESPONSE).

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: What is our level of academic counseling staffing at this time, and how does it compare with other schools in the conference?

ATTORNEY FUSE-HALL: Currently we have three academic advisors. We just recently were approved -- I'm sorry, not approved. We just passed the first level of being, hopefully, certified for the NCAA grant that will give us additional funding. It's a multi-year grant; it's
a $900,000 grant that we hope to receive that will add to the staffing that we need.

Most universities average about four to five academic advisors that can address 75 students per academic advisor at the most. If we can do that, we will be able to acutely identify more accurately some of the student challenges that we have when they come in.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Yes, sir.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Any other questions?

TRUSTEE MOORE: Mr. Chair, I'm not a Committee member but I do have one question.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: I thought you were a Committee member, aren't you?

TRUSTEE MOORE: Not for this one, lots of others though, but not for this one.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: I'm sorry, go ahead.

TRUSTEE MOORE: Okay. Thank you.

The question is related to the staffing level tied to monitoring and compliance for the Athletic Department. If I recall, in previous reports, we had one person attached to that effort. Has that staffing level changed?

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: It has changed.
We have two people working in that area currently, along with myself as oversight. I still serve as oversight of that area, so we have a compliance coordinator along with another staff person in that area, along with oversight by myself. So we currently have three people overseeing that area.

TRUSTEE MOORE: Okay. Thank you.
TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you.

Before we go into the budget information, I'd like for Ms. Ellenwood, if she is here, to come and give us any additional information about the APR effort.

Ms. Ellenwood.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ELLENWOOD: Good afternoon.
TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Good afternoon.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ELLENWOOD: Just in conjunction with what Mr. Robinson reiterated in terms of the APR and the calculations of where our teams stand, he confirmed in terms of the calculation rate the eligibility -- the academic eligibility, as well as the retention rates that accumulated over a four-year period. Once those accumulations -- over a four-year period, it's based on how each team performs each academic year.

So as the APR rate rolls forward, it's based
upon how the current year of those teams perform and how those historic year fall off the metric. So as we work our way through our current success, we'll continue to move us beyond the penalties and potential post seasons as we move forward.

But it's a calculated rate. And each year the NCAA reviews how those teams are doing, they review the APR improvement plans and further make their determination in terms of how the teams will perform, in terms of whether they're meeting the standard or whether they're not meeting the standard.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you.

I know we don't have the money yet, but the AD suggested that we are in the first rung. Could you tell us -- you say a multi-year distribution of funds from NCAA, should we get this grant. Could you tell us over what period of time and when would we expect to get some funding if we get it?

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ELLENWOOD: The first round of the selection process happened last week. They notified us that we moved on to Phase 2. We are scheduled on June 19th to have a video conference with the NCAA with clarifying questions of our program initiatives that were submitted in the
grant; thereafter, institutions are notified, I believe by July 1st in terms of their recipient awards of the grant. And then the first distribution of funds happen, I believe, in August.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Okay. Good. Well, thank you very much.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ELLENWOOD: You're welcome.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Okay. Mr. AD, you may proceed with the budgetary update.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: For the upcoming year, just so I'm clear --

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: I think we just want the overview, and members of this Committee have it, but I'm not sure the whole Board has it. It starts: The budget prepared for 2014/15.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Got you, yeah, the overview. Okay. The budget prepared for 2014 was prepared by staff that is no longer employed with the University as of November 2014. The President and the new CFO have moved the management of the expenditures within the University's budget office.

This has proved to be very successful as we prepare the budget for the upcoming year and management of that budget -- of the upcoming budget
and producing the potential revenue for the
upcoming year as well. Ten positions were cut,
saving approximately $450,000 in salaries and
benefits. As you can see, the projected beginning
on the year cash balances as of 7/1/2014 was
8,509,000; however, we finished with a cash balance
of $7,584,090. This was now $125,000 less than
projected.

During the beginning of the year, there was a
two-week overlap period of staff that resulted in a
$55,000 additional cost to the Department. With
those staff changes and leaving of staff, we had to
pay a total of $512,000 in overages coming out of
the Department.

Recruiting expenditures for the past and
current football coaches was approximately $60,000.
We had a projected fundraising amount in the amount
of a million dollars that was not accomplished;
however, which resulted in a projected balance
of two thousand and -- I'm sorry, excuse me, which
was not accomplished; and had it been received and
the additional salary payments not occurred, our
projected balance for June 13, 2015, would have
been a positive $236,000.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Of course, that was just
anticipated and not received, so we can't count that as money in hand.

Okay. Are there any other questions of the AD? I think this is kind of a process that we're just trying to get started, and we've got a lot of problems but we have some good people working on those problems, so I think we're going to be fine.

Thank you, sir, unless you have --

TRUSTEE LAWSON: Yeah, just two. We talked about it earlier during Budget and Finance; and that is, really having a real number going into this year for what we think is going to come out of Athletics, versus the inflated number we've had for the last three years.

Number two, and we talked about this at the National Alumni Association meeting in Houston; and that is, helping us understand what your priorities are, because in prior meetings, we were -- you know, some of me as well: Fieldhouse, fieldhouse. But when we really sat down with the Coach, he gave us some slightly different priorities.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Yes.

TRUSTEE LAWSON: And I think we need to be flexible to -- you know, as he is the expert in
that field -- to take his feedback into consideration. So I'd ask that, you know, you just continue to share with us what your priorities are from a funding standpoint because we said fieldhouse I think was 3.5 or whatever; and Coach came back and said, yeah, I'm all for that, but I really need this for summer school today.

So I just want to make sure that we're on target with him as far as what the real priorities are in the Department.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: And just to respond a little bit to that, Trustee Lawson, our goal right now and focus is scholarships and facilities. We know that in order to attack this APR situation that we're in right now, we must get our student athletes into summer school. The incoming freshmen which we -- this year we hope to have all of our incoming freshmen in summer school in an effort to ensure that they continue to progress to a degree a lot more rapidly.

The football coach needed some immediate upgrades in order to better facilitate him doing his job, so those are some areas that we want to aggressively attack at this point with our fundraising and development efforts, because as we
seek to put a winning product on the field, our brand is being impacted now, and ability to have development when we have those kinds of APR issues, and some other things.

TRUSTEE LAWSON: And just one question, a clarifying question, I was looking at the sanctions, and it said: No spring training for football. Did I read that correctly?

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Yes, sir.

TRUSTEE LAWSON: Okay. So that was -- I just hadn't read it closely enough to know that we were not able to have spring football training, at least this year, right?

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: At least the upcoming year, uh-huh.

TRUSTEE LAWSON: Okay.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: That does not mean though that the student athletes will not be able to participate in their own activities; they just will not --

TRUSTEE LAWSON: But they can't be supervised by the coaching staff, right?

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Exactly.

Exactly.

TRUSTEE LAWSON: Okay. And then one thing I'd
like to do, Mr. Chair, if you don't mind, is I'd like to recognize Ms. Suggs for her recent award that she received. I happened to read about that the other day.

So, Ms. Angela Suggs, would you please stand? I'd like to recognize you for your recent award.

(APPLAUSE).

TRUSTEE LAWSON: You could probably explain a little better than I the specifics, but I did see that you're heading to Orlando with a number of other Associate Athletic Directors for a conference coming up so, so congratulations again.

D'Wayne, you could probably share with us a little bit about what the award is all about.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Angela received an award from a marketing organization within the National Association of College Directors of Athletics. It's a first-time award for us. She will be receiving funding to go to that conference, along with myself.

She was fortunate enough to be selected among several different applicants, and it's from the development side and the marketing side. So it was just a very good opportunity for her to be able to go down and gain that knowledge and bring it back
to the Department, so we're really looking forward to her participation in that.

TRUSTEE LAWSON: Thank you.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Before you leave, I'd just like to -- we're going to start on some positive notes. We're going to hear from the President, and then we're going to hear from the Coach.

But I'd just like to congratulate you and the Department on the recent successes that we've had, particularly --

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Can I talk about that a little? Since there are so many problems in athletics, we want to --

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: We can't leave it on a negative note, so just give us briefly --

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Just -- I know the President is going to talk about it a little bit, but we have had a very good spring. We've been blessed with some successes in several sports and with our student athletes.

My recollection with my Sports Information Director, it's some things that haven't happened in quite some time. We started off with the outdoor championship of women's track; we also got Coach of
the Year; we also got Outstanding Performer -- Outstanding Female Performer in the indoor track; followed that up with softball championship, which was very exciting, us playing Bethune-Cookman, of course, you know, our in-state rival, beating them in the finals.

Baseball followed that up with an outstanding trip, as hopefully all of you know by now, to Boston to go to Fenway Park, which was a great marketing and public relations opportunity for us; playing against North Carolina Central, which was a very pivotal series for us to -- as we went on to win the South Division in baseball, and then followed that up with winning the baseball MEAC championship and Coach of the Year in that area as well. Coach Darlene Moore won Coach of the Year in outdoor track.

So I can't say enough what our spring sports have -- the breath of positive fresh air that they've brought to the Department. It's been really great. I think having that positive energy within the Department has created a great sense going in -- great sense of excitement as we close out the year and go into the new year for our recruiting.
Our recruiting for incoming students has gone up, which is a clear indication of what athletics can do for the University when -- the positive impact that it brings to bring students within the University, so it's been good.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you so much, sir; appreciate it.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Sure. Thank you.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Okay, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MANGUM: Thank you very much.

I just had a couple of things I wanted to update on, it's nothing new, so don't look excited. But I did want to comment on the question about our priorities and what we're working towards in the nearer and the longer term, especially since the question was raised about what we're focusing on.

I do believe all of our sports need scholarship funds for our students in the summer. It's a significant part of their academic progress, especially since those that may be aided in some way don't receive aid because of, you know, federal regulations. So it's important for us to be able to offer scholarships, but also to increase our course offerings in the summer that would address their progress as far as their majors and in their
disciplines.

We're looking to increase the activity across the summer for all of our students, and there are two sets of priorities: There's a capital set of priorities, and there are operational priorities. And I count the scholarships and student support and student success as operational funding that's needed, but we do need facilities as well. And that fieldhouse is one that I think we continue to try to focus on.

And I'll just give you one little example. Yesterday when I visited the fieldhouse at the Coach's invitation to see the great upgrades or, you know, marginal upgrades that have been made to make it look more presentable and a place of home, I saw three athletes that were going to their car after practice, and I asked them: So what do you guys need? And they started laughing, and the first thing they said was: Facilities, facilities, facilities, and protein.

And so I said, we can work on the protein first. But that's important for us to be able to support our students with the libations that they need while they're practicing, and we're hoping that some of the smaller fundraising activities,
like food in the locker room and food in the places where they hang out as a team is also important.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you very much. It's all important. It all adds to our effort to be successful and supportive.

Thank you, Mr. AD.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ROBINSON: Yes, sir.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: You've talked about spring sports. We have a fall sport that's coming up, so I want to end the Committee meeting by giving the gentleman a chance to speak to us who could give us some information about that.

Coach Wood, please.

COACH WOOD: Good evening.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: How you doing?

COACH WOOD: Thanks for the invitation, and I appreciate the opportunity to come always and present our program or talk about where we are in the summer phase of what we do in terms of education and training because that's part of, you know, the four pillars of what we're trying to accomplish, you know, with our student athletes.

But as President Mangum had talked about, we've got 63 kids here right now that are training and going to summer school, a combination of
A session and C session. B session won't start, obviously, until the 29th of June; and at that particular time, we'll anticipate 95 players here. Now hold on, all 95 of those guys are not scholarship players, but the majority of those guys are.

So we'll expect 95 players here, one for the 23rd orientation that will follow through with classes; and, also, we're allowed to train and have a six-week program at that point with our student athletes. But, also, it's mandatory that they also attend summer school during that particular time.

And so far our proposal and what we've been able to do is do three hours of summer school, some will take more than that. Our priority that way is: One, for fifth year guys who are trying to graduate because we're trying to, obviously, get those points.

And then, also, for eligibility and seniors, because we've got about five or six kids who will graduate at the end of that season next year if they can take the hours this summer and be successful, which they will, and they graduate with a full load of 12 to 15 hours next fall.

But that's what we're doing right now, and
we're really pleased with the progress, a lot of excitement within our football team. I think we're gaining a lot of momentum, good morale right now. We're trying to maintain that, obviously, with what we're doing with summer school.

But that's kind of where we are right now in a nutshell, and I guess the report would say -- or the state of the program is that we're in good shape right now from that standpoint.

You know, we have, you know, needs, of course, but every program at SCS, and BCS, for that matter, always do; we're always trying to get better.

So with that said, I know that that's what part of the conversation is here, and I applaud that obviously; and, hopefully, at the end of the day, or at the end of some of these sessions, we will have those solutions and keep moving forward.

But I do appreciate all of the consideration you give to athletics in general, and football especially, and we'll hopefully see some of the results, fruits of that labor in the fall. So thank you.

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: Thank you, sir; appreciate it.

Okay. Any other concerns or questions?
(NO RESPONSE).

TRUSTEE MCWILLIAMS: If none, then thank y'all for your attention. The meeting is adjourned.

(WHEREUPON, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS WAS ADJOURNED).

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