Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Board of Trustees’ Annual Retreat

Quincy Farm
May 4, 2014

Agenda

**Facilitators:** Dr. Alvin Schexnider and Dr. Carol Cartwright

8:00 a.m. Arrival and Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- Board Chair: Trustee Badger
- President: President Mangum
- AGB Facilitators: Dr. Carol Cartwright and Dr. Alvin Schexnider

8:45 a.m. Review of the Workshop Agenda and Goals

9:00 a.m. Issues and Trends in Public Higher Education
- National issues and trends
- Issues specific to HBCU’s

9:45 a.m. Essential Building Blocks of Effective Governance
- The Role of Board Culture
  - What is it and why does it matter?
- Characteristics of FAMU’s Board Culture

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Roles and Responsibilities of Governing Boards
- Fundamentals of Effective Trusteeship
- Roles and Responsibilities of Boards of Public Universities
- Survey of Trustees’ Perceptions of Board Effectiveness
  - Discussion of perceptions
    - What are they?
    - Why do they exist?
  - Are changes needed?
12:15 p.m.  Lunch

1:15 p.m.  Characteristics and Best Practices of Effective Boards
   - Leadership
   - Performance, process and structure

2:15 p.m.  Expectations of Boards and Presidents
   - Trustees’ Expectations of Their President
   - The President’s Expectations of Trustees
   - AGB’s Concept of Integral Leadership
     o What belongs to the Board?
     o What belongs to the President?
     o What belongs to the faculty?

3:30 p.m.  Break

3:45 p.m.  Building an Effective Board
   - Commitment Statements
     o Best Practices and Sample Statements

(Small groups work to develop elements of a proposed statement of commitment that should include Board members’ commitments to how they will work together and statements about how the Board members will support the President and the presidency.)

4:45 p.m.  Questions, Summary Observations and Evaluation
   - Development of short list of priority items for short-term follow-up; develop similar list for longer-term action.

5:00 p.m.  Adjourn

Recommended Reading: