The FAMU Foundation Board has appointed six new members to serve for a four year term. The new members are:

Elaine Armster, special projects chief, Georgia Department of Transportation
Jemal Gibson, corporate executive and author
Clifton Goins IV, finance director, VSA Partners
Laurence Humphries, planning coordinator, Chevron Corporation
Keisha Senter, associate director, office of the president, Rockefeller Foundation
Tirrell D. Whittley, principal and CEO, Liquid Soul Media

As a non-profit organization, Florida A&M University Foundation, Inc. is established with the specific mandate to serve as a custodian of contributions from the private sector, alumni, friends, and industry. The Foundation receives, invests and administers funds. In addition, the Foundation acts as a trustee and exercises in general the powers of a not-for-profit organization under the laws of Florida.

During its annual meeting in Atlanta, Ga., the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) lifted the 12-month probation status placed upon Florida A&M University (FAMU) in December 2012.

“We are extremely pleased with the decision by SACSCOC to remove the probation sanction, which signifies that Florida A&M University is in compliance with the standards of the regional accrediting body,” said FAMU Interim President Larry Robinson. “As a member institution of SACSCOC, we fully appreciate the peer review process and we are committed to continuing the work needed to maintain the high standards of the commission.”

Robinson acknowledged that it took a comprehensive university-wide effort led by teams of dedicated faculty, staff and students that worked tirelessly outside of the limelight to help the university address the SACSCOC concerns.

“I would like to thank our Board of Trustees for their guidance and support and the FAMU SACS Leadership Team for their dedication and persistence. I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our students, faculty and staff who made invaluable contributions that helped bring about this positive outcome.”

FAMU expects to receive a letter from SACSCOC in January 2014 confirming the Dec. 10th announcement.

FAMU has been listed as an “Online Colleges in Florida That Win on Affordability” by the website AffordableCollegesOnline.org (AC Online). FAMU was ranked No. 16 on the list of 53 institutions. Affordable Colleges Online helps students find affordable college options and provides information about financial aid and college rankings. FAMU offers three online master’s degrees — MBA, master’s in nursing and the master’s in public health.

Each program requires prospective students to have post-baccalaureate degree work experience, a 3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average or GRE score of 1000 (300 on the new GRE) or 600 on the GMAT (for the MBA program).
FAMU receives inaugural awards from the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities

FAMU has been recognized with the Innovation Award and the Exemplary Alumni Award during the inaugural 1890 Land-Grant Universities Teaching, Research and Innovation Awards (APLU).

The Innovation Award is presented to the university that has the largest increase in successfully transferring intellectual property into new products, processes, applications, materials or services that have been successfully taken to market from 2011-2012 through 2012-2013. FAMU was recognized for a 67 percent increase in its Intellectual Property Transfer between 2012 and 2013.

FAMU intellectual property transferred to processes, products, applications, materials, systems or services in 2012-2013 includes:

- Dr. Karam Soliman and Dr. Elizabeth Mazzio; Nutraceutical Agent for Parkinson's Disease (License);
- Dr. Elizabeth Mazzio and Dr. Karam Soliman; Effective Topical Treatment for Dysthrodisis and Dry Skin Disorders (License);
- Dr. Jiang Lu; ”Majority Muscadine Grape” (New much larger grape variety with trademarked name) (License);
- Moeub Lanh; Finger Flag and Flag Assembly (Waiver);
- Dr. Jennifer Cherrier and Mr. Alex Bolques; Water Retention and Noise System (Waiver);
- Dr. Violeta Tsoi-lova; Cosmetics Products/ Cosmeticaceutical (Muscadine Grapes for Use as a Source of Flavonoid Compounds) (Waiver);
- Malcolm Kelly, Nordian Brown and Lei Leyta; Snelling; Collapsible, Sanitized Straw Assembly (License); and
- Dr. Hermant Vasanthahl and Mehboob Sheik; Source of Flavonoid Compounds (License) Cosmeceutical (Muscadine Grapes for Use as a Source of Flavonoid Compounds) (Market)
- Mr. Alex Bolques; Water Retention and Noise System (Market)
- Dr. Karam Soliman and Dr. Elizabeth Mazzio; Nutraceutical Agent for Parkinson’s Disease (License)
- Ms. Faye Watkins; Nutraceutical Agent for Parkinson’s Disease (Market)
- Dr. Elizabeth Mazzio; Nutraceutical Agent for Parkinson's Disease (License)
- Dr.football

FAMU students can complete one year of law school during undergraduate

Florida A&M University (FAMU) has created a 3-3 Program, wherein undergraduates can complete three years (90 credits) of education at FAMU and then complete their fourth year as a first year law student at the FAMU College of Law in Orlando, Fla.

This program, funded by Title III, Part B grant from the U.S. Department of Education, allows students to complete an undergraduate degree and attain their juris doctor (JD) degree in six years (3+3) instead of the customary seven years. This saves on tuition and allows focused and motivated students to start their legal careers a year earlier than normal.

While the College of Law already offers the most reasonable tuition in the state of Florida, subtracting one year of undergraduate costs certainly enhances the College of Law’s value. Currently, the 3+3 program has partnered with the departments of history and political science, criminal justice, sociology, and African American studies departments.

For initial selection into the program, a student must have a minimum SAT score of 1000 or a comparable ACT score; minimum of 15 credit hours of completed FAMU course work, with a 3.2 FAMU grade point average; completion of a minimum of one semester in residence at FAMU, and an application during the second semester of the freshman year or during the sophomore year. To be admitted to the College of Law, the 3+3 applicant must still take and attain a qualifying LSAT score and be otherwise approved for admission by the College of Law.

Faye Watkins is the new dean of libraries. In this position, Watkins will continue the mission of transforming the delivery of library resources and services and expanding access to the extensive knowledge base offered by the global academic community.

Since October of 2007, Watkins served as director of the library at Hampton University, in Hampton, Va., where she worked to ensure that the library had the necessary resources to support the university’s academic programs. Her responsibilities included strategic leadership for the library, supervising a staff of 34 librarians and support staff, coordinating budget planning and expenditures for a total budget of $2.1 million. Watkins earned a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Texas at Austin in 1990. In 1998, she earned a dual master's degree in English and library and information science from the University of South Carolina.

FAMU names Joyce Ingram new VP of human resources

FAMU recently welcomed Joyce A. Ingram as its new assistant vice president for human resources (HR). Ingram, whose appointment began Nov. 22, comes to FAMU after serving as an assistant vice president and chief HR and diversity officer at Florida State University (FSU) for more than 10 years.

During her post at FAMU, Ingram will serve as the chief HR officer and be responsible for directing effective university-wide planning and administration for all human resources activities. She will play a vital role in guiding and developing programs and strategies that support the growing needs, trends and issues of higher education in relation to HR.
Florida A&M University and The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (TCSPP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will provide for the development of an articulation agreement between the university and the Chicago School to bridge students into the community psychology master’s program and the counseling psychology doctorate program.

This MOU will further enhance the outstanding legacy of the FAMU Department of Psychology. More than 80 students receiving the bachelor’s degree and/or master’s degree in psychology at FAMU have gone on to receive doctorates in psychology and related fields since the mid-1980s. The Chicago School of Professional Psychology is a graduate university that offers more than 20 degree programs related exclusively to psychology and related behavioral sciences.

The fall edition of the A&M Magazine is currently available online. This issue includes information on Rattlers from across the university on all levels who have helped continue the legacy of excellence that has made FAMU one of the best institutions of higher learning in America. A&M highlights FAMU graduates who have gone on to obtain their doctoral degrees, thus emphasizing that FAMU serves as a rich training ground for minority Ph.D holders. The magazine also takes a look at the newly formed College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities and chronicles the return of the Marching “100” under the leadership of Dr. Sylvester Young, director of marching and pep bands. Please enjoy!

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