

## 4.2.2 A Legislative Strategy Plan

### Accomplishments to Date:

In January 2017, Dr. Robinson hired Barbara Cohen-Pippin, an experienced individual with extensive background in Florida politics and higher education, as the University's governmental liaison. Since the hiring, both Dr. Robinson and Ms. Pippin have been actively engaged in the upcoming legislative session by developing a "FAMU Legislative Priorities" document and the Legislative Strategy for 2017-18.

**During the 2017 legislative session, the Legislature funded the following items:**

#### **Center for Access and Student Success (CASS) facility - \$3.5M**

CASS will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of services to students and constituents. Designed to be a multipurpose building serving as a one-stop shop for recruitment, admissions, financial aid and enrollment management, CASS will also house the registrar and scholarship offices, counseling services and the Center for Disability Access and Resources.

#### **Online Course Offerings - \$1M**

Expanding our online course offerings will allow FAMU to offer a broad array of courses for degree programs that will respond to the needs of the large number of students who must work during the summer or who have obstacles that conflict with class schedules.

#### **FAMU/FSU Joint College - \$1M**

This appropriation will align FAMU faculty salaries with FSU salaries in the joint College of Engineering

#### Meeting Engagements

**June and July** - In conjunction with the Vice President for Strategic Planning, Analysis, and Institutional Effectiveness developed and presented the 2018-2019 Legislative Budget request (LBR).

**August**- Assisted with and attended meetings with legislators and alumni chapters at their respective "Meet and Greet" events in Polk County, Jacksonville, Gainesville, and Tampa.

Met with the Department of Agriculture and the University of Florida to discuss proposed rules for implementation of SB 1726 relating to Hemp.

Held post session legislative meetings with staff of the House and Senate Higher Education Appropriations Committees to discuss FAMU's 2017 legislative projects.