Strategic Plan

for

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Academic Year 2004-05 – Academic Year 2012-2013

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INTRODUCTION

The University's mission statement, vision statement, and core values provide its various stakeholders with an enduring sense of purpose, aspiration, and ideals. These items also serve as the foundation for this strategic plan, and thus are provided below.

**Mission Statement**

"The mission of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), as an 1890 land-grant institution, is to provide an enlightened and enriched academic, intellectual, moral, cultural, ethical, technological and student-centered environment conducive to the development of highly qualified individuals who are prepared and capable of serving as leaders and contributors in our ever-evolving society. The University seeks and supports a faculty and staff of distinction dedicated to providing outstanding academic preparation at the undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and professional school levels, with a particular emphasis on integrity and ethical conduct. FAMU is committed to inspirational teaching, exemplary research and meaningful public and community service through creative partnerships at the local, state, national and global levels. The University is also committed to the resolution of complex issues that will enhance humankind. While the University continues its historic mission of educating African Americans, persons of all races, ethnic origins and nationalities are welcomed and encouraged to remain life-long members of the university community. The University, through its diverse faculty and staff, provides a caring, nurturing, collegial and respectful environment."

**Vision Statement**

"Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University will provide the citizens of Florida, the nation, and the world with inspirational teaching, relevant research, and meaningful service by offering opportunities to enhance humankind."

**Core Values**


The mission of Florida A&M University compels it to produce highly qualified graduates capable of productively contributing to the State of Florida, the nation and the world. Since its inception in 1887, Florida A&M University (FAMU) has gone through several metamorphoses. Beginning as a state normal school for African American students, the institution evolved through the stages of being a teachers' college and a senior college, into a full-fledged state university in 1953. What began as a small state normal school with fifteen students is today a fully accredited comprehensive/doctoral university spread over 423 acres containing 156 buildings with over 13,000 students enrolled in 13 colleges and schools and two institutes. Collectively, these programs offer 66 bachelor's degrees in 103 major tracks, 37 master's degrees, two professional degrees, and 11 Ph.D. degree programs, which are taught and administered by more than 650 faculty members.

For more than 117 years, Florida A&M University has served the citizens of the State of Florida and the nation through its preeminent educational programs by continuously producing capable and productive graduates. FAMU's educational programs have been and continue to be the