During the 110th Anniversary Celebration, Florida A&M University was selected by the TIME Magazine-Princeton Review as the 1997-1998 College of the Year. FAMU was selected from among some of the most prestigious schools in the country to be the first recipient of this honor.

In 2002, as the State of Florida’s education system underwent massive reorganization, Dr. Henry L. Lewis, III, Dean of the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences was appointed interim president. Later the same year, on May 17, 2002, the Board of Trustees of Florida A&M University appointed Dr. Fred Gainous [2002-2004], an alumnus, as the ninth president. Dr. Gainous returned to Tallahassee with a vision of Creating One FAMU.

On December 14, 2004, the Florida A&M University Board of Trustees made history by appointing Dr. Castell Vaughn Bryant as interim president. Dr. Bryant, an alumna, is the first woman to lead the University in its 117 years of existence. President Bryant came with the mission of revitalizing and restructuring the University for the twenty-first century.

Originally designed to meet the needs of the underrepresented and the underprivileged, Florida A&M University continues to serve the citizens of Florida and the world through its provision of pre-eminent educational programs. These programs are the building blocks of a legacy for the hallmarks of Florida A&M University: “Excellence with Caring.” FAMU, Florida’s Opportunity University, is committed to meeting the challenges and need of future generations.

**University Presidents**

Thomas DeSaille Tucker [1887-1901]
Nathan B. Young [1901-1923]
W. H. A. Howard [1923-1924]*
John Robert Edwards Lee, Sr. [1924-1944]
Jubie B. Bragg [1944]*
William H. Gray, Jr. [1944-1949]
H. Manning Efferson [1949-1950]*
George W. Gore [1950-1969]
Benjamin L. Perry [1968-1977]
Walter L. Smith [1977-1985]
Frederick S. Humphries [1985-2001]
Henry Lewis, III [2002]*
Fred Gainous [2002-2004]
Castell Vaughn Bryant [2004 - 2007]*

* Served/Serving in an acting or interim capacity

**Governance**

Florida A&M University, a member of the State University System (SUS), is under the supervision of the FAMU Board of Trustees. The FAMU Board of Trustees is comprised of twelve citizens and one student representative.

The president of the university is appointed by the Board and administers the affairs of the university, with the assistance of administrative officers, faculty, and staff.

**Statements of Purpose**

**General Purpose: Role of FAMU within the State University System**

One of ten universities in the State University System of Florida, Florida A&M University receives the definition of its role from the Board of Governors, the governing body of the State University System. The university is designated as a general purpose institution with curricular offerings in most of the arts and sciences, business, and education at the baccalaureate level and in some graduate degree programs. Further, the University has been directed to develop a set of academic programs to attract a creative level and in some graduate degree programs. Further, the University is also committed to the resolution of complex issues that will enhance humankind.

**Specific Purpose**

Within the Board of Governors’ guidelines, the FAMU community endorses a more specific statement of purpose for the university.

Philosophically, the university is dedicated to the traditional ideals of learning, focusing its attention and efforts upon the creation, transmission, and application of knowledge. These ideals dictate that FAMU’s primary purpose is to advance learning and, thereby, contribute to improving the quality of life for those individuals it serves and their society.

**Vision Statement**

Florida Agricultural 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.

**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.

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University holds the following values essential to the achievement of the University’s mission:

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**EXCELLENCE**

**OPENNESS**

**FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

**COLLABORATION**

**DIVERSITY**

**SERVICE**

**FAIRNESS**

**COURAGE**

**INTEGRITY/ETHICS**

**RESPECT**

**COLLEGIALITY**

**FREEDOM**

**Non-Discrimination Policy Statement**

It is the policy of Florida A&M University to assure that each member of the university community is permitted to work or attend classes in an environment free from any form of discrimination, including race, religion, color, age, handicap, sex, marital status, national origin, veteran status, and sexual harassment as prohibited by state and federal statutes. This shall include applicants for admission to the university and employment.

Questions concerning this policy and procedures for filing complaints under the policy should be directed to the University EEO/EOA Officer.

**Memberships and Accreditation**

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097-4501:}