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IN RE: BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING (EMERGENCY MEETING)

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TRUSTEE WARREN: How is everyone doing? Great.

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I apologize for the suddenness of the notice and the

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shortness of notice as well.

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We have some business to accomplish today that

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requires a little bit of your time, and I promise that

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we'll be efficient with it, so you can get back with

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your respective duties.

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I call this meeting to order, and I understand

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Attorney Barge-Miles has already confirmed that we

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have a quorum.

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ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: If I could go ahead and

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call the roll?

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TRUSTEE WARREN: Please do, for the record.

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ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Carter?

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TRUSTEE CARTER: Here.

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ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Dortch?

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Trustee Grable?

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TRUSTEE GRABLE: Here.

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ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Graham?

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TRUSTEE GRAHAM: Here.

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ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Lawrence?

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TRUSTEE LAWRENCE: Here.

1 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Lawson?

2 Trustee McCoy?

3 TRUSTEE McCOY: Here.

4 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Moore?

5 TRUSTEE MOORE: Here.

6 Trustee Perry?

7 TRUSTEE PERRY: Present.

8 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Reed?

9 TRUSTEE REED: Here.

10 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Warren?

11 TRUSTEE WARREN: Here.

12 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Washington?

13 TRUSTEE WASHINGTON: Here.

14 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: And Trustee Woody?

15 TRUSTEE WOODY: Here.

16 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Dortch, have you  
17 joined the call?

18 TRUSTEE DORTCH: Yes, I'm here.

19 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Thank you.

20 Mr. Chair, you have a quorum.

21 TRUSTEE WARREN: Thank you, Attorney Barge-Miles.

22 Our first agenda item is a closed session related  
23 to pending litigation.

24 For the record, today is Tuesday, March 29, 2016.

25 The time now is 10:19. We have several components of

1 the attorney-client session that we need to address,  
2 and therefore, I will ask Attorney Thomas, our interim  
3 general counsel, to provide information for us to  
4 proceed into the attorney-client closed meeting and  
5 the topics of our discussion for that meeting.

6 Attorney Thomas?

7 ATTORNEY THOMAS: Good morning, Trustees.  
8 Section 286.011, subsection 8, of Florida Statutes, and  
9 Article 5.11 and 5.12 of the FAMU Board of Trustees  
10 Operating Procedures requires the Board to meet with  
11 counsel, in closed attorney-session, to discuss  
12 pending litigation that's before a court or before an  
13 administrative agency, conditioned upon a number of  
14 requirements.

15 One such requirement mandates that the board  
16 attorney advise the board in public meeting that he or  
17 she declares or desires advice concerning litigation.  
18 I am so advising the board that I desire such advice  
19 concerning settlement negotiations and litigation  
20 strategies and expenditures concerning pending  
21 litigation before the state courts.

22 Notice of this attorney-client session, including  
23 statutorily-prescribed participants, was published  
24 with the Notice of this FAMU BOT meeting. The  
25 commencement of the session will be announced by the

1 board chair later in this open meeting, and the  
2 meeting will be reopened at the conclusion of this  
3 session.

4 Please note that the subject matter of this  
5 closed session is limited to settlement negotiations  
6 and strategy sessions related to expenditures. No  
7 final action or final decision is to take place or be  
8 made at the closed attorney-client session. Any final  
9 decisions must be voted on in the Sunshine.

10 Also, be advised that the entire session must and  
11 will be recorded by a Certified Court Reporter, who  
12 shall record the times of commencement and  
13 termination, and also whose notes must be and  
14 willfully be transcribed and filed with the University  
15 Clerk.

16 No portion of the session may be off of the  
17 record. All discussions, proceedings, names of  
18 persons present and speaking will be recorded. Such  
19 transcript must be made a part of the public record at  
20 the termination of the litigation or settlement of all  
21 claims.

22 Mr. Chairman, at this point, we need to leave our  
23 public meeting and move into the attorney-client  
24 meeting, and then we will reconvene in the public  
25 meeting at its conclusion.

1 TRUSTEE WARREN: Thank you, Attorney Thomas.

2 May I have a motion from one of the members to  
3 move to close the current meeting?

4 TRUSTEE WOODY: So moved.

5 TRUSTEE MOORE: Second, Trustee Moore.

6 TRUSTEE WARREN: It's been moved and properly  
7 seconded. All in favor, signify by the sign of "aye."

8 (All answer in the affirmative.)

9 TRUSTEE WARREN: Those opposed, like sign.

10 We are ready to move into the closed session.

11 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Okay. Trustee Warren, we  
12 are going to clear the conference room. This is  
13 Linda, and we'll clear the conference room. We will  
14 have the Court Reporter and the University's legal  
15 counsel with you.

16 TRUSTEE WARREN: And Linda, could you also insure  
17 that the only people on the line when we do start the  
18 closed session are those who are members of the board?

19 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Yes. And Dr. Mangum, I  
20 believe you're online now?

21 PRESIDENT MANGUM: Yes.

22 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: So Dr. Mangum will be on  
23 the line, as well as the board, and the attorneys, and  
24 that's it. And it's confirmed.

25 TRUSTEE WARREN: We won't reconvene our

1 conversation until we have that confirmation.

2 (Thereupon, the Board went into closed session at  
3 10:24 a.m.)

4 (Thereupon, the Board concluded closed session at  
5 11:42 a.m.)

6 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Chair Warren, we are back  
7 in the main conference, so we're ready to get started  
8 again.

9 TRUSTEE WARREN: Thank you.

10 Attorney Barge-Miles, can we reconfirm that we  
11 have a quorum?

12 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Yes. Trustee Carter?

13 Trustee Carter?

14 Trustee Dortch?

15 TRUSTEE DORTCH: Here.

16 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Grable?

17 TRUSTEE GRABLE: Here.

18 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Graham?

19 TRUSTEE GRAHAM: Here.

20 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Lawrence?

21 TRUSTEE LAWRENCE: Here.

22 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Lawson?

23 TRUSTEE LAWSON: Here.

24 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee McCoy?

25 Trustee McCoy?

1 Trustee Moore?

2 TRUSTEE MOORE: Here.

3 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Perry?

4 TRUSTEE PERRY: Here.

5 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Reed?

6 TRUSTEE REED: Here.

7 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Warren?

8 TRUSTEE WARREN: Here.

9 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Washington?

10 TRUSTEE WASHINGTON: Here.

11 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Woody?

12 TRUSTEE WOODY: Here.

13 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Mr. Chair, you do have a  
14 quorum.

15 TRUSTEE WARREN: Thank you, Attorney Barge-Miles.

16 We are now back in open session. We will now  
17 take up some matters of Justin Bruno versus FAMU Board  
18 of Trustees case.

19 Do I have any member of the Board of Trustees who  
20 is at this point willing or interested in making a  
21 motion regarding the case?

22 TRUSTEE DORTCH: Chair, this is Trustee Dortch.  
23 I would like to make a motion.

24 TRUSTEE WARREN: Trustee Dortch.

25 TRUSTEE CARTER: This is Matthew Carter. I got

1 kicked off somewhere, so where are we?

2 TRUSTEE WARREN: We are back in the open session,  
3 Trustee Carter, and we will log you in as being  
4 present to it. We are in the process of entertaining  
5 a motion from Trustee Dortch.

6 Trustee Dortch, you have the floor.

7 TRUSTEE DORTCH: Mr. Chair, to my colleagues,  
8 after complete review of what matters before us, it is  
9 quite a tough decision. On one end, not wanting to  
10 tread on the rights of our students and to interfere  
11 with their right to govern; it is also critical that  
12 we make decisions as Trustees that is in the best  
13 interest of Florida A&M University, short term and  
14 long term.

15 After reviewing the fact that the electoral  
16 commissioner, our commission is elected by the student  
17 body. The fact that the Supreme Court is elected by  
18 the student body as part of their governance, as is  
19 the Student Government Association offices; that this  
20 is a matter that has been reserved for students and we  
21 must preserve the right for students to govern  
22 themselves.

23 I also understand in the larger jurisdictional  
24 issues and consequences for Florida A&M University and  
25 the State University System of Florida at large, it is

1 necessary to, I feel, to appeal the court order to  
2 maintain the integrity and autonomy -- and I say  
3 autonomy -- of internal student procedures.

4 Also, given the exigent circumstances of this  
5 legal matter, it was necessary to move forward  
6 expeditiously in the matter that the University did.  
7 I deem that one is what I would expect the Chairman of  
8 the Board to, at least in consultation with general  
9 counsel and administration, to take actions to at  
10 least prepare us, to be prepared to address those  
11 issues.

12 So all of that said, I therefore move that we  
13 ratify the decision of the Chair to file notice of  
14 appeal of the temporary injunction in the matter of  
15 Bruno versus Florida A&M University, and to authorize  
16 counsel to file an appeal and any necessary writs as  
17 we move forward regarding this matter; and also, to  
18 authorize appropriate litigation expenditures,  
19 appropriate reasonable litigation expenditures,  
20 consistent with the discussions in the closed  
21 sessions.

22 TRUSTEE WARREN: Is there a second to Trustee  
23 Dortch's motion?

24 TRUSTEE REED: I second the motion.

25 TRUSTEE WARREN: Who was the confirming second?

1 I'm sorry.

2 TRUSTEE REED: Trustee Reed.

3 TRUSTEE WARREN: It's been moved and properly  
4 seconded by Trustee Reed. Any further questions  
5 and/or comments before we take a vote?

6 TRUSTEE LAWRENCE: Chair, this is Dave Lawrence.  
7 Hang on a second.

8 TRUSTEE WARREN: Hang on a second. I heard  
9 Trustee Lawrence.

10 TRUSTEE LAWRENCE: As you know, I need to depart,  
11 but let me say this. I can support the motion and  
12 understand the need for it and understand the need for  
13 it on behalf of student democracy. What I want to  
14 accompany this is a full public relations plan. I  
15 don't mean shmoozing anybody. I mean a communications  
16 plan that alerts the media, the students, the faculty  
17 and, yes, all of us on the Board of Trustees, to  
18 exactly what the case is, for what we're doing, and  
19 why this is right for the students of Florida A&M  
20 University.

21 TRUSTEE WARREN: Okay.

22 TRUSTEE LAWRENCE: Yes, sir.

23 TRUSTEE WARREN: Okay. I'm sorry. Trustee  
24 Carter.

25 TRUSTEE CARTER: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, at the

1 appropriate time I want to speak against the motion.

2 TRUSTEE WARREN: This is the appropriate time.

3 TRUSTEE CARTER: Okay. Thank you, then if I'm  
4 recognized.

5 TRUSTEE WARREN: You are.

6 TRUSTEE CARTER: First of all, in this context, I  
7 look at this from the standpoint of I look at the  
8 students and we're basically saying to them, do as we  
9 say and not as we do, and that sounds like hypocrisy  
10 to me; and hypocrisy, to me, is a stretch too far.

11 First of all, the University have remanded this  
12 case because there's no actual basis. They never had  
13 a trial. There's no evidentiary proceeding before.  
14 There is a plethora of improprieties at Orlando  
15 campus. The signatures were not proper, students did  
16 not have the opportunity to vote, no proper list of  
17 voters, no signatures, the ballots were not properly  
18 numbered, improper counting of the ballots. I think  
19 this is embarrassing, but by the same token, we cannot  
20 reward bad behavior. I think the University could  
21 have handled it better and we wouldn't have been in  
22 this situation.

23 So my perspective is to say that if had the  
24 University given their students an opportunity to be  
25 held a form of due process, we wouldn't even be here,

1 so for that reason I'm voting no against the motion.

2 TRUSTEE WARREN: We'll take a vote in a moment,  
3 Trustee Carter.

4 Are there others that have questions and/or  
5 comments?

6 TRUSTEE PERRY: Yes. This is Belvin Perry.

7 TRUSTEE WARREN: Trustee Perry?

8 TRUSTEE PERRY: I am very concerned we were not  
9 provided adequate information to make an intelligent  
10 decision on this phone. We weren't provided a copy of  
11 Judge Cooper's order and we weren't provided a copy of  
12 the transcript. We were not provided even copies of  
13 what happened with the students in their own internal  
14 organization, nor any rules or procedures.

15 As I said before, Judge Cooper is a Circuit Court  
16 judge. His ruling is only binding in this particular  
17 case. He's not a District Court of Appeals judge, and  
18 my take is, that we are going to be expending funds  
19 that may end up creating bad law when there's no need  
20 to.

21 Thank you.

22 TRUSTEE WARREN: Thank you, Trustee Perry.

23 Are there others?

24 All right. So what's your pleasure, ladies and  
25 gentlemen? Is there a call for the question or not?

1 TRUSTEE LAWSON: I just had one last question.

2 This is Lawson, I'm sorry.

3 TRUSTEE WARREN: Trustee Lawson.

4 TRUSTEE LAWSON: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

5 As we look at the motion, I fundamentally support  
6 the motion because I think there are broader  
7 implications, but I'm hopeful throughout this process  
8 we can review or the appropriate people can review the  
9 Supreme Court's internal processes on campus, because  
10 if I'm reading the information correctly, it appears  
11 that Mr. Bruno did not get an opportunity to state his  
12 case, which was simply, most of the improprieties or  
13 all of the improprieties took place at the Orlando  
14 campus, which is where I believe the votes should  
15 reside.

16 Now, I assume that fact is correct. No one has  
17 told me that. Unfortunately, I'm forced to get my  
18 information through the Democrat. So if that's  
19 correct, that's my only concern, but fundamentally, I  
20 do understand the bigger picture of the motion and do  
21 plan to support it.

22 TRUSTEE WARREN: Thank you, Trustee Lawson.

23 Are there others?

24 TRUSTEE MOORE: Trustee Moore. Call the  
25 question.

1 TRUSTEE WARREN: The question has been called by  
2 Trustee Moore and has been seconded.

3 So I would like to have a voice vote. Attorney  
4 Barge-Miles, if you could record the voice vote for  
5 us, please?

6 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Carter?

7 TRUSTEE CARTER: No.

8 TRUSTEE WARREN: Hold on. This is -- all in  
9 favor of the motion. Sorry, say individually whether  
10 favor or not. I'm sorry.

11 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Carter?

12 TRUSTEE CARTER: No.

13 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Dortch?

14 Trustee Dortch?

15 Trustee Grable?

16 TRUSTEE GRABLE: No.

17 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Dortch?

18 TRUSTEE DORTCH: Yes, I was on mute.

19 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Dortch?

20 TRUSTEE DORTCH: Yes.

21 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Graham?

22 TRUSTEE GRAHAM: No.

23 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Lawrence?

24 TRUSTEE LAWRENCE: Yes.

25 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Lawson?

1 TRUSTEE LAWSON: Yes.

2 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee McCoy? He's off  
3 of the line.

4 Trustee Moore?

5 TRUSTEE MOORE: No.

6 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Perry?

7 TRUSTEE PERRY: No.

8 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Reed?

9 TRUSTEE REED: Yes.

10 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Warren?

11 TRUSTEE WARREN: Yes.

12 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Washington?

13 TRUSTEE WASHINGTON: Yes.

14 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Trustee Woody?

15 TRUSTEE WOODY: Yes.

16 ATTORNEY BARGE-MILES: Seven yesses, five nos.

17 TRUSTEE WARREN: All right. Sounds like the  
18 motion carries.

19 TRUSTEE DORTCH: Mr. Chairman?

20 TRUSTEE WARREN: Who is speaking?

21 TRUSTEE DORTCH: Trustee Dortch.

22 TRUSTEE WARREN: Trustee Dortch.

23 TRUSTEE DORTCH: In light of what we've heard, I  
24 think it's important, since we are one family and one  
25 team, I think there is a grave concern that, one, we

1 don't just take this action and leave nothing about  
2 the other activities.

3 One, I think the Trustees should get some kind of  
4 defined plan for us to deal, in terms of crisis  
5 management in this matter, because alumni and all need  
6 to get as best possible actions so we make it clear  
7 that we are not -- decisions we make on this is not  
8 about us interfering and saying the students were  
9 right or wrong. I think that needs to be done and  
10 explained.

11 This is a far greater issue than just that, and  
12 that's why we are taking the action. It's about the  
13 judge's action and not in anything material to what  
14 the students did. I think that should be part of a  
15 plan that should be in place.

16 I also encourage that you, as Chair, may appoint  
17 a two- or three-member team, or whatever you so  
18 choose, task force, to really look at this whole  
19 matter and to -- since as I heard that the policies  
20 were approved by this board, and if I'm correct in  
21 what I heard, why we don't dictate that. I think we  
22 need to work together with student leadership to try  
23 and clear up these kinds of issues.

24 We all know that in a general election in the  
25 public, if there's improprieties, they usually throw

1 out the whole election. But on the students  
2 situation, I think that needs to be addressed.

3 And we all know, as you said, I am very concerned  
4 that we are sitting in a Trustee Board meeting and not  
5 one time did this issue come to us, to give us any  
6 indication this was brewing, which again, as we said,  
7 transparency and communication. I have a serious  
8 problem with that, and other things that happened and  
9 we were not informed.

10 We have got a build or trust, and at the same  
11 time we can't do our job if we are not informed,  
12 because information is power.

13 So I would recommend those things follow this, so  
14 in no way it does not appear we're taking sides with  
15 any students in this. I think FAMU should be afforded  
16 to every student, whether a student ran and got one  
17 vote or ran and got 5,000 votes. It still must be one  
18 of fairness, and we need to make sure this one is  
19 addressed appropriately.

20 TRUSTEE WARREN: Thank you, Trustee Dortch.

21 Are there any others who would like to weigh in  
22 here?

23 TRUSTEE REED: This is Trustee Reed. I think the  
24 other comments that were made by the members of the  
25 board is surrounding the issues of transparency, and a

1 lot of the documentation that we've had a chance to  
2 come to understand; the legal, in essence, but hasn't  
3 really explained how the process works.

4 I think in accordance with all of the  
5 communication that's been taking place, publicly, that  
6 we really need to be very transparent in to how does  
7 governance process work, and who is making what  
8 decisions where. I don't think that's clear  
9 internally, as well as externally, to others that I  
10 have kind of had the chance to kind of wave from  
11 (inaudible) opinion.

12 So from a communication standpoint, as you  
13 discussed before, I think it's paramount we provide  
14 clarity to the community as what the decisions are and  
15 how these matters are being managed accordingly and  
16 who in this University who has the responsibility and  
17 the role that the University has in that process. We  
18 need to make it very transparent and clear.

19 TRUSTEE CARTER: Mr. Chairman?

20 TRUSTEE WARREN: Yes.

21 TRUSTEE CARTER: This is Trustee Carter.

22 TRUSTEE WARREN: Trustee Carter.

23 TRUSTEE CARTER: I really do think that we have a  
24 tremendous journey ahead of us to generate some  
25 credibility when you consider that, you know, I know

1 the vote is over and I don't want to rehash that or  
2 anything like that, but we're dealing with getting  
3 involved in the student elections when we have far  
4 more significant issues to deal with, although they  
5 are related.

6 And I think that -- I think that going forward  
7 we're going to have to be far more transparent. We're  
8 going to have a far more robust communications system,  
9 so we know in advanced what's going on with the  
10 university and when we do have someone who we need to  
11 update and has questions, we can answer it  
12 intelligently. And on matters of litigation,  
13 obviously, the press respect that when they say it's a  
14 matter of litigation, they're not going to stress  
15 that.

16 But I do think we have a far more fundamental  
17 problems is with our communications, our transparency  
18 and with our accountability, and I sincerely hope we  
19 can begin today working on improving that.

20 Now, to all of our stakeholders -- not just to  
21 the members of the Board of Trustees or to Board of  
22 Governors, but to the students, to the faculty to the  
23 alumni, and also the people in the community that  
24 supports the University and are going to continue to  
25 support the University. I think there's nothing wrong

1 with being upfront and truthful with people, and we  
2 really need to do that so I think we need to start  
3 today on doing that, Mr. Chairman.

4 TRUSTEE WARREN: Thank you, Trustee Carter.

5 Hand on a second, guys. We have one other issue  
6 to deal with while we have a quorum. Can we deal with  
7 that, and then we can come back and have discussion,  
8 if you would like, around any topic that you want.

9 Well, actually we can't.

10 TRUSTEE GRABLE: Mr. Chairman, (inaudible) for  
11 enough for us to be able to -- (inaudible) and I think  
12 this would be an appropriate time. To delay it may  
13 mean that some of us won't be on the line, and I'm  
14 sorry to interrupt, but I'm, no.

15 TRUSTEE WARREN: Trustee Grable, the thing is, we  
16 have another issue that we need to vote on.

17 TRUSTEE GRABLE: I understand that, Mr. Chairman,  
18 but you know (inaudible) and I would like to make my  
19 comment. It will be short.

20 TRUSTEE WARREN: Well, we have enough of you  
21 remaining to deal with the banking issue as we go  
22 forth.

23 TRUSTEE GRABLE: Well, my comment is will be  
24 through in one minute.

25 TRUSTEE DORTCH: Well, Mr. Chair, you are

1 controlling this meeting and that is your call.

2 TRUSTEE WARREN: I would like to deal with the  
3 business issue, and I will open the floor for  
4 discussion following it, but I need to get this issue  
5 done so that the university can do its business.

6 TRUSTEE GRABLE: And I agree with that, but let  
7 me offer for the future, that if you're going to open  
8 the discussion for us to be able to make comments  
9 about a vote, and you allow one member to do that,  
10 that then you're setting up some sort of system that I  
11 think you don't intend to do.

12 So I will defer, but I would like for us to keep  
13 that in mind in the future. And I do recognize you as  
14 the chair, but once you allow one member to speak on  
15 an issue, I think it's only fair that the rest of us  
16 get an opportunity.

17 TRUSTEE WARREN: I couldn't agree with you more,  
18 Trustee Grable, and I did not say we would not come  
19 back to those comments. I just want to make sure that  
20 we get the business of the University done. It's a  
21 very small issue. If we can do that and get it over  
22 with, we'll be right back to open mic.

23 So can we do that?

24 TRUSTEE GRABLE: Thank you, I will defer.

25 TRUSTEE WARREN: So our next item of business is

1 to discuss the banking resolution.

2 Attorney Thomas, if you could brief us on that so  
3 we can take action on that.

4 ATTORNEY THOMAS: Sure. The resolution before  
5 you is on naming authorized signatories. Section  
6 1011.42 Florida Statutes, and University Regulation  
7 1.021 requires that the Board of Trustees designate  
8 and record in its minutes the legal name and position,  
9 the title of any University employee authorized to  
10 sign checks to pay any legal obligations of the  
11 University.

12 The resolution designates that the authorized  
13 signatories will become effective upon passage of this  
14 resolution, and any prior authorizations regarding  
15 this matter are rescinded.

16 TRUSTEE WARREN: Is there a motion around the  
17 resolution?

18 TRUSTEE WOODY: So moved.

19 TRUSTEE LAWSON: Second.

20 TRUSTEE WARREN: I think that was Trustees Woody  
21 and Lawson?

22 TRUSTEE LAWSON: Yes.

23 TRUSTEE WOODY: Yes, that's correct.

24 TRUSTEE LAWSON: Correct.

25 TRUSTEE WARREN: Are there any questions or

1        comments about the resolution?

2            Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying  
3        "aye."

4            (All answer in the affirmative.)

5            TRUSTEE WARREN: Those opposed, like sign.

6            Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

7            So now, with that being done, Trustee Grable,  
8        thank you for your patience with me there.

9            We will go back, for to those of you who would  
10       like to weigh in further with direction to us and to  
11       staff about how we go forward with this issue; the  
12       larger issue for us to undertake at the University  
13       around this are emanating from it anyways.

14            So Trustee Grable, you have the floor.

15            Trustee Grable, are you still there?

16            TRUSTEE GRABLE: I was on mute. I'm sorry. I  
17       wonder if we take this situation we were faced with  
18       regarding the litigation that we were discussing  
19       earlier, and if the tables were turned and Mr. Bruno  
20       was in the position of Victor Chrispin, I believe --  
21       if I'm mispronouncing his name -- I do apologize -- I  
22       wonder how that would have turned out. And that's  
23       what concerns me the most.

24            I heard the attorneys suggest that this is about  
25       the students, but it's not just -- my vote wasn't

1 about Mr. Bruno independently. It was about what if  
2 it was in the reverse, and that concerns me greatly,  
3 what would have been the response. So that's all of  
4 the comment I wanted to make.

5 Thank you, Chair.

6 TRUSTEE WARREN: Thank you, Trustee Grable.

7 Are there others of you?

8 TRUSTEE WASHINGTON: Chair, this is Trustee  
9 Washington. I just have a quick point.

10 TRUSTEE WARREN: Washington, is it?

11 TRUSTEE WASHINGTON: Yes.

12 TRUSTEE WARREN: Go right ahead.

13 TRUSTEE WASHINGTON: I just wanted to reiterate  
14 that at our last board meeting, Chair, you made a  
15 comment, a very eloquent comment, about the staff  
16 doing their due diligence prior to bringing issues to  
17 the Board, and it is clear from today's conversation  
18 that it was not done. I understand it was an  
19 emergency meeting, but the ability for us to make  
20 informed decisions really does depend on the staff  
21 briefing us and insuring that we have all of the best  
22 information, and that also bears on our public face  
23 and our ability to speak publicly about, obviously not  
24 pending litigation issues, but issues pertaining to  
25 the University.

1           So I just wanted to reiterate the fact that many  
2           of the Trustees have made comments about having the  
3           communications and crisis plan, and really just having  
4           the information that we need ahead of time, not an  
5           hour before a meeting, to make the best decisions that  
6           will benefit the University.

7           TRUSTEE WARREN: Thank you, Trustee Washington,  
8           and I read you loud and clear there.

9           I have to ask all of you for your patience and  
10          trust that I'll deal with this issue. It has been one  
11          that has lingered for much too long, and probably I  
12          can't recall a time since I've been on the board that  
13          it hasn't been one, so we will address this for sure.

14          Barring any other questions or comments from any  
15          of you, we can adjourn the meeting.

16          TRUSTEE DORTCH: So moved.

17          TRUSTEE WOODY: Second.

18          TRUSTEE WARREN: All in favor, signify by the  
19          usual sign of "aye"?

20          (All answer in affirmative.)

21          TRUSTEE WARREN: Thank you very much for your  
22          time today.

23          (Off of the record at 12:10.)

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