Ease (phonetics), but then became Seller and Ease (phonetics). And he, through his company, became a very, very, very strong supporter of FAMU’s efforts through Life Gets Better and many of the other programs that we all are very aware of.

Well, when I came on the Foundation board, I remember, as soon as I got there, he said to you know, I just heard that Charles Langston is retiring, and I’m going to recruit him to the Foundation board. So he served at the Foundation for at least two terms with many of us there and served very well.

The great - there are many great things about him. He’s a well-traveled person, comes to us though with a very strong finance and HR background, which were some of his areas when he was at Seller and Ease (phonetics). And so it’s, indeed, a pleasure, not only do we get a new trustee, but we get a person who has a long history of support.

I can tell you that at the Foundation he’s been a very strong giver as a board member there, and I think it’s a pleasure -- you know, I used to wonder how would they replace Trustee Cardenas, and I think Trustee Langston is a great person to fill that gap for us. And I want to welcome him to the FAMU Board of Trustees.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee Parks.

(APPLAUSE).

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Trustee Langston, thank you for joining us and for your willingness to serve and for all that you’ve done for the University over the years that you’ve been involved with us.

Thank you.

TRUSTEE LANGSTON: Thank you.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Now I’d like to recognize Trustee Gillum to introduce the Student Government Association President Elect.

TRUSTEE GILMUM: Good morning.

Today is, indeed, a bitter sweet moment for me as it is my last meeting of the Board of Trustees; but I am very excited that Andrew Collins, senior here in the School of Business and Industry, will be taking my place as the 2008/2009 Student Body President.

He is one that is new to this Board but not new to the interactions of the Board. His father actually served as a chair of the Board in, I believe, 2001. And so we are excited that he was elected, and I am sure that he will continue to
carry on the torch of excellence with caring for the student body.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you. And we’ll be working with Mr. Collins, and we look forward to working with you.

(APPLAUSE).

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: And, Trustee Gillum, I just want to say how much of a pleasure it’s been for you to join us. I’m so proud of you and enjoy hearing you speak and enjoy your messages when you do speak. And I thought this week was certainly kind of a culmination of that when I got a chance to see you on CNN and hear your remarks, and you represented us well.

Thank you for all that you do and all that we know that you will do.

TRUSTEE GILLUM: Thank you.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Ms. Fuse-Hall, will you please call the roll?

MS. FUSE-HALL: Yes, ma’am.

Trustee Badger.

TRUSTEE BADGER: Here.

MS. FUSE-HALL: Trustee Branker.

TRUSTEE BRANKER: Here.

MS. FUSE-HALL: Trustee Brown.

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TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you.
First I’d like to have a motion to approve the adoption of the agenda.

TRUSTEE PARKS: So moved.

TRUSTEE BADGER: Second.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.

(AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: The agenda is adopted.

Next, I’d like to have a motion to approve the minutes of the following meetings: March 28th, 2008; February 12th, 2008; and the Executive Committee of February 28, 2008.

TRUSTEE PARKS: So move.

TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Second.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.

(AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: The minutes have been approved.

And now I would like to recognize President Ammons for his report.

PRESIDENT AMMONS: Thank you, Madam Chair. To members of the Board and our colleagues who are gathered here this morning, thank you for this opportunity to provide an update on the University.

I also want to extend a warm welcome to Trustee Langston in his new role. As Trustee Parks said, we have known and have worked with Trustee Langston over the years, and it’s good to see him at this table knowing his love and his support for this great university.

And to Trustee Gillum, it’s also a bitter sweet day for me. I know that you and your family and all of us have been waiting for this day for you to graduate and go out into the world and make your mark, which we all know you will, but we’re going to miss you.

TRUSTEE GILLUM: Thank you.

PRESIDENT AMMONS: It has been a great year for me knowing that you were president of SGA, a member of this Board of Trustees, and just a willing worker for this University in whatever we asked you to do. And so it has been a joy serving with you, and we wish you all the best --

TRUSTEE GILLUM: Thank you.

PRESIDENT AMMONS: -- as you prepare for graduation and a great career ahead of you.

And, Andrew, we want to welcome you. Congratulations on your election. We look forward to working with you and getting to understand your platform and your agenda for the administration,
you and Mallory, and you have our commitment to
work with you so that you, too, will have a
successful administration.

I want to begin by making a special
presentation this morning. It is really an honor
for me today to recognize several FAMU employees
for a job well done. Florida's Attorney General
Bill McCollum is encouraging universities now
throughout the State of Florida to have a student
alert system. After recognizing how effective
FAMU's E-2 campus alert system worked in notifying
this University community of shots being fired on
our campus, Attorney General McCollum met with FAMU
Chief of Police Calvin Ross to commend the chief
for the University's successful implementation of
that student alert system.

And the system was used to alert our students
about the incident on March 21st. The initial
alerts and follow-up messages were executed without
any complications and protected students from
additional danger. And, within minutes, the
suspects who were involved in this were all in
custody.

And today I want to recognize the members
of the FAMU Department of Public Safety for their

(APLAUSE).

PRESIDENT AMMONS: A brief update on SACS. As
you know, we submitted our second monitoring report
to SACS on March the 15th. And I would like to
thank all of the members of the leadership team and
their staffs who prepared a well-organized report
for us to submit to SACS. This was truly an
outstanding report that they prepared.

The special committee on the commission on
colleges of SACS visited the campus March 25th
through the 27th. The committee was chaired by
Doctor Susan Bosworth who is an associate provost
for strategic planning and analysis at the College
of William and Mary. It was a four-member
committee which was charged with reviewing evidence
of our compliance with nine specific principles of
accreditation. Members of the committee reviewed
documentation that was compiled by the University,
met with members of the leadership team and staff.
Now, in June, the commission will meet in North
Carolina; and at that time, they will vote on the
accreditation status of the University.

Legislative update, we're all here in
Tallahassee reading and hearing about the economy
and about the budget for next year, and all of the

(APLAUSE).

PRESIDENT AMMONS: If Vice President Gaines
could join us. Chief, congratulations on a job
well done.

And now I'm going to ask the following
officers if they will come forward: Officer
Kenneth Clay, Office Robert Gaines, III, Officer
Erica Ferring, Office Stacey Youmans, Investigator
Audrey Alexander, Sergeant Freddy Franklin,
Sergeant Derrick Folsom, and Lieutenant Norman
Rollins. And let's give them a hand.

(APLAUSE).

PRESIDENT AMMONS: And we also -- well, let's
give them a round of applause for their outstanding
work.

(APLAUSE).

PRESIDENT AMMONS: I would also like to
recognize Ms. Cassandra Frye who sent out the
e-mail notices to the campus during these
incidents.
us, we thought that it was important for us to go
to the Legislature and show them the appreciation
for what they have done for us and what they will
do for us in the future.

The FAMU Task Force has submitted its report
to the Board of Governors, to the Governor, and to
the Legislature. And they determined that, of the
48 corrective actions that were put in place by the
University, 92 percent have been evaluated and
found to be operating satisfactorily.

Since they wrapped up their interim report,
we have continued to work, and 100 percent of
those issues have been addressed and corrective
actions are now in place. Their interim report was
issued and submitted to these bodies on

In the area of academic affairs, we are
continuing to support the FAMU DRS and Doctor
Ronald Holmes, our new superintendent. He has
shared with various stakeholders his plan for 2008
through 2011 for FAMU DRS to become a national
school of excellence.

Focus areas of the plan are the sciences,
mathematics, technology, and foreign language.
Also, to offer advanced placement and 1D courses,

As well as dual enrollment opportunities for the
students at DRS. Other areas where improvements
are planned are professional development
opportunities, retention, faculty recruitment,
student recruitment, parental involvement as well.
And, of course, he wants to develop and promote
alumni involvement.

One of the key areas that we're working with
Superintendent Holmes on now are the salaries of
the FAMU DRS faculty. He has submitted a
recommendation or proposal to the dean and to the
provost, and those are being reviewed; and so we'll
be working with him to address the salary issues at
the FAMU DRS.

In our School of Business and Industry, you
may have seen recently that this coming summer,
through the work of the Wall Street Initiative that
has been put in place by Dean McKinley Floyd and
the faculty in the School of Business and Industry,
we will have more than 40 students from SBI on Wall
Street serving in internships beginning this
summer. And we want to congratulate them on that
initiative.

Professor Mary Simmons was elected president
of the Board of the American Lung Association

effective July 2008, and her term runs through July
of 2010. And so we want to congratulate Professor
Simmons.

We're also looking to expand our research
funding for '07 and '08 and beyond. We now have a
report that we will have in excess of $25 million
of research funded in the College of Pharmacy this
academic year. One award was for 12.8 million for
the biomedical fund programs at FAMU which are
funded by the National Institutes of Health and the
National Center on Minority Health and Health
Disparities. And so we want to congratulate Dean
Lewis, Doctor Holder, and the rest of the faculty
in the College of Pharmacy for this outstanding
work.

Doctor Julian White, our distinguished
professor of music, chair of the Department of
Music and Director of Bands and the FAMU
Symphonic Wind Ensemble were honored at the 2008
Band Masters Association convention in Miami.
Doctor White was awarded the honor and becomes one
of three, only three African-Americans in the
American Band Masters Association, and the only
African-American from a historically black college
or university.

Also this semester, FAMU was the site of a
visit by Nobel laureate Doctor Jerome Friedman.
Doctor Friedman provided a series of lectures for
the Department of Physics. He also toured the
facilities at the Humphries Science Research
Center. Doctor Friedman received the Nobel prize
for the significant step made in the foundation of
the modern theory of the structure of matter, also
known as the standard model.

In the area of administrative and financial
affairs, we are continuing to train our staff on
the new technologies that we have brought on board
at the University. In fact, we have trained over
two hundred staff members in areas that are
critical to the success of our institution, areas
such as payroll, accounts payable, travel, and
financial reporting.

In the area of student affairs, we talked
about this some yesterday, we had an outstanding
tour of the State of Florida, in Dothan, Alabama,
where we visited eight cities, and we took our
up-close and personal tour across this state and
really across the country. The FAMU Connection,
our SGA president, vice president, Mr. FAMU, our
student ambassadors, faculty, and staff were all on
the bus with us as we went across the state and
awarded over 120 scholarships to some of this
state's best and brightest students.

We also had an emergency -- a managed
evacuation exercise here on our campus. The North
Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force
carried out a full-scale exercise, Operation School
Safety on February 18th at FAMU and at Cobb Middle
School.

These periodic exercises are conducted in
order to challenge and evaluate the response and
mitigation capabilities of the Task Force. During
the exercise here at FAMU, we had a chance to test
our emergency response to a crisis situation. IT,
our information technology area, also worked with
student affairs to integrate advanced technologies
into this exercise.

And, in fact, while we're talking about
information technology, we have updated our
information technology security and control policy
that's designed to mitigate security risks to the
University's information technology resources. In
addition, we've completed the system configuration
and client installation of the HP radio security
software on high-risk computer work stations in

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sensitive areas within student affairs, like our
registrar's office, student accounts office, the
comptroller's office, budget, and also in human
resources.

This software provides strong security
controls, including asset management, for machines
used to access the PeopleSoft student financial and
human capital management systems. This is the
cutting edge of technology that is now being used in
the -- in the country to secure technology
resources.

We've also completed the wireless network
upgrades in the women's complex. Paddyfoote,
Gibbs, and Phase III. Utilization has increased by
more than 500 percent in these residential
facilities.

We've also started the deployment of over five
hundred new HP desktop work stations across the
University for the established PC Refresh Program.
So at certain intervals, we refresh the technology
on the campus, and so we're now distributing over
five hundred new computers.

In the area of University relations, we have
raised thus far this year about $3.5 million from
2,176 donors. Last year at this time, we were at

3.1 million from 1,649 donors, and we are
continuing to work in this area.

And, in fact, this would be a good time for me
to introduce to our Board and to the University
community our new Vice President for University
Relations, Ms. Carla Willis. This is Ms. Willis'
first Board of Trustees meeting, and we want to
welcome her to this setting and also to the
University. And we're continuing to work to
increase the private dollars that come into the
University.

(APPLAUSE).

PRESIDENT AMMONS: This week was a pretty good
week for the University in terms of media
relations. CNN in doing their college tour, black
college tour, kicked it off right here at Florida A
& M. We were the first stop on their tour; and, in
fact, this is the first ever Black in America,
Historically Black College tour by CNN. This tour
will serve as a means to introduce the upcoming CNN
documentary, Black in America. The documentary
will explore the provocative, surprising, and often
underreported stories of the African-American
experience, an experience in which Solodad O'Brien
(photonics) will report.

Several departments worked to organize the
event, including Student Activities, Public
Relations, the School of Journalism and Graphic
Communications. As a part of the tour, there was a
DJ, a graffiti wall where students could express
what being black in America meant, and a CNN text
message poll. CNN sponsored the tour in
association with the National Association of Black
Journalists. One reporter from each campus will
win a digital video camera and will have the chance
to win a trip for two to the Essence Musical
Festival in New Orleans. The FAMU campus winner
was senior broadcast major Germane Fletcher.

The Office of Communications has developed an
e-newsletter that will be distributed the 1st and
15th of each month, and it includes information
about the University and a calendar of events.

And I also want to say to Trustee Gillum what
a super job in the interview with CNN. I had a
change to see it and, like always, you made us
really proud. Thank you.

We're also working to expand our message on
hold. When you call the University, and I hope you
don't have a chance to hear too much of the
information, but while you're on hold, there are
Let me just start off, Madam Chair, by also joining in commending Calvin Ross, Chief Ross, and his fine staff, as the President said, for doing an exceptional job a few weeks ago. So I join you in commending our excellent law enforcement.

Mr. President, you mentioned that because of the budget there will not be monies available to give staff, faculty, administration a salary -- I mean salary increase?

PRESIDENT AMMONS: That's correct. At this point in the process, there are no salary increases included in either budget right now from the House or the Senate.

TRUSTEE HOLMES: I was not able to participate in the budget and finance. I tried to get them but couldn't get in. Now that's coming from the Legislature as well as -- that's the most important. So they did not put any money at this time into the budget for salary increases?

PRESIDENT AMMONS: I -- did he ask --

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: He's asking if the Legislature put money in their budget for salary increases.

PRESIDENT AMMONS: They have not. Neither house has salary increases in their budget.

weekend. I will be traveling to Plant City to serve as a keynote speaker for the Plant City Alumni Scholarship Gala down in that area of Florida. The next weekend we'll be in Palm Beach where on Saturday, April 19th, at the Norton Museum of Art, we will be hosting FAMU Day as it unveils an extensive exhibition drawn from the artistic and historical treasures collected by our own Bernard and Shirley Kinsey.

On April 24th through the 27th, that is a weekend of rededication. Among the planned activities are events for the 25th, 40th and 50-year classes, the distinguished alumni awards ceremony, and a celebration highlighting the 40th anniversary of the Department of Computer and Information Systems. Commencement will be held on April 27th in the Tallahassee Leon County Civic Center where we will have two exercises: One at nine a.m. where Bishop Eddie Long will be the keynote speaker; and at 2:00 p.m., Attorney Willie Gary will be the keynote speaker.

Madam Chair, that concludes my report. And if there are any questions, I'll respond to them.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Do any trustees have any questions?

TRUSTEE HOLMES: Madam Chair.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Trustee Holmes.

TRUSTEE HOLMES: How are you doing, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT AMMONS: Good morning, Trustee Holmes. How are you?

TRUSTEE HOLMES: Thank you for a very well-rounded, well-structured presentation.

PRESIDENT AMMONS: Thank you.

TRUSTEE HOLMES: You did a great job.
third of that must go to need-based financial aid.
But we will have a beginning to address salary
inequities on the campus.

TRUSTEE PARKS: Madam Chair, I have a
question.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Trustee Parks.

TRUSTEE PARKS: Doctor Ammons, actually that
was a great lead-in to my next concern. I'm really
concerned that at the DRS school our recruitment
and retention efforts are greatly in jeopardy if we
don't do something to make those positions
attractive for highly qualified people to turn that
school around. And I would hope that you at least
consider that if we do have any monies, right, that
one of the first group that we could address would
be the teachers at the DRS, that situation.

PRESIDENT AMMONS: Well, I think when you take
a look at the entire faculty at Florida A & M, to
include the faculty at the DRS, we must do
something about the salaries. We have
Superintendent Holmes' plan, and a part of these
discussions that we're having is a way for us to
begin to address those salaries at DRS. It is a --
it's a pretty expensive proposition because of what
has happened, and they have fallen so far behind,

but it is one of our priorities, definitely.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any other comments or
questions of the President?

TRUSTEE HOLMES: Madam Chair, my last comment
around salary increases is that I know the
President joins me in that sentiment and the entire
Board of Trustees, and I don't want to jump into the
other resources (unintelligible). But, obviously,
I am, like all of y'all, a strong proponent that
our internal, our faculty, our staff, our
administration in these tough times have worked
superbly, and I know you all agree with that.

And any kind of way, Mr. President, that we
can try to squeeze some money from somewhere to
reward, you know, faculty, staff, and
administration, obviously, I'm going to be a part
of that chorus. I'm trying to make sure that we
dig deep and deeper to try to award our people
something at the end of the fiscal year. I don't
know how we do it.

I don't want to put anything on the table
publicly. I need to talk to you privately about
how I think we ought to do it if the Legislature
does not move forward and give us the appropriate
dollars. And I understand that the monies that you
have at your disposal, that less than a half
million dollars, that does not go that far, does
it?

PRESIDENT AMMONS: Okay. But once we get a
handle on what we may do from our internal
resources, we'll talk with you and the Board about
where we're going because this faculty, staff, and
this entire community has worked so hard over this
last year, and it's just so unfortunate that the
timing of this successful work comes when the state
has no money, so I agree with you. We're going to
look extremely hard at the resources that we have
and begin to reward the hard work that has taken
place on this campus.

We're not going to be able to go as far as we
would like to because I think this faculty and
staff deserve a significant increase, but we're
going to do what we can.

TRUSTEE HOLMES: Thank you, Mr. President.

Madam Chair, thank you so kindly.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee Holmes.

President Ammons, thank you very much for your
report. And you're right, it has been a remarkable
year, certainly an academic year. But when you
look at the calendar, it's been nine months since
you've been here, and your leadership team, led by
you, of course, has really stepped up, and we want
to thank you for everything you've done. But we
also want to thank the University as a whole and
our alumni and the community outside of the
University for stepping up and embracing FAMU
because we are truly in a movement, and I'm sure a
movement in the positive way. So thank you very
much.

PRESIDENT AMMONS: Thank you.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Chairman Jennings has asked
the staff to develop an evaluation process for the
Board of Trustees to review major expectations and
major goals that we agreed to at our retreat last
year. We will forward this information to the
Board, I think, by the beginning of May.

Now I'd like to move to committee reports.

Let's begin with budget and finance.

TRUSTEE DENT: Good morning, Madam Chairman.

Please acknowledge that you can hear me.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Good morning, Trustee Dent.

Yes, we can hear you.

TRUSTEE DENT: Good morning. How are you?

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Great.

TRUSTEE DENT: I will read the -- deliver the
TRUSTEE HOLMES: Second.
TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.
(AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).
TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any opposed?
(NO RESPONSE).
TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It's been approved.
Trustee Dent.
TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you.
Next Vice President Hardee presented a public notice of intent to amend Regulation 3.009, payment of fees. The amended regulation revises the tuition refund percentage from the range of 25 percent to 75 percent to 100 percent in accordance with the Board of Governors Regulation 6C-7.002 for exceptions in instances where a student withdraws or drops a credit course due designated circumstances.
Madam Chairman, I move that the Board of Trustees approve the notice period to revise Regulation 3.009(5b) and the subsequent revision to this regulation once the proper notice has expired.
TRUSTEE WHITE: Second.
TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.
(AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).
TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any opposed?
(NO RESPONSE).
TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It's been approved.
Trustee Dent.
TRUSTEE DUNCAN: I'll move to the informational items. Yesterday the Committee heard a presentation by Vice President Hardee who presented the following informational item: First, she shared with us the House and Senate fiscal year 2008/2009 budget recommendations for FAMU, which Doctor Ammons spoke to recently. Both the House and Senate are recommending $667,447 for the operational cost of the multipurpose teaching gym and funds to cover the increases in health and life insurance.

The Senate budget reduces the -- the Senate budget that's being proposed reduces the general revenue base budget by $5,688,332 and provides $3,326,556 in additional educational enhancement funds. The House budget, which is different slightly than Senate, reduces the general revenue base by $7,025,748 and provides $4,426,550 in additional educational enhancement fund. Both the House and the Senate are recommending a six-percent increase in the resident undergraduate tuition and a reduction to the student financial assistance.
special category.

Ms. Hardee informed the Committee that there was a lottery estimating conference at April 9th, 2008. Again, these are the projections for what revenues the University would get from lottery proceeds. The projections have been revised since ticket sales are running behind forecast, coupled with the weak economy and multiple new games being introduced at the same time.

The House and Senate had included over $60 million in new lottery money in their budget recommendations for the universities and about 30 million for the community colleges to help offset the 2008/2009 general revenue cuts. During the conference, the lottery projections were reduced by $79 million. It appears that this reduction would come from higher education.

Further, Vice President Hardee presented the Board of Governors for the Year 2009/2010 legislative budget request guidelines which includes a timeline for the approval and submission of the legislative budget.

There were also six contracts that exceeded a hundred thousand dollars that have been executed since the last Board meeting. These contracts are pass-through funds for theses are funds that just pass through the University for the Black Male Explorers Program to Bethune-Cookman University, Edward Waters College, and Florida Memorial University. Each of these institutions have two contracts, one for a hundred thousand and one for 145,000.

Finally, Vice President Hardee provided responses to questions from the February 11th, 2008 Budget and Finance Committee meeting. These were several items which the Board of Trustees had raised as questions either surrounding information needed to understand the implications of budget cuts and things that we could do to offset them and this other informational item. There was an update on the implementation of the new payroll system which Ms. Hardee reviewed with us and we were very comfortable that the appropriate actions had been taken to solve some of the early payroll issues that were as part of the payroll implementation back in January.

There was also information which compared the athletic fees for institutions in the MEAC in the State University System. There was a question to understand if the fees that were being charged to students for -- to support the athletic programs were comparable to schools in the MEAC and also in the State University System. That information was reviewed, and there will be follow-up on what was shown there.

Ms. Hardee also stated that Vice President Willis is working with athletics to develop a more effective and comprehensive fund raising program.

Madam Chairman, this concludes my report.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee Dent.

If there are no questions, then I'd like to move to the Audit Committee report.

Trusted White.

TRUSTEE WHITE: Thank you.

Madam Chairman, the Audit Committee has two items for action and several items for information. For the first action item, Vice President Charles O'Duor presented the student financial assistance compliance report for the spring semester of 2008. He stated that the objective of this compliance report was to, A, verify and validate the implementation of the University's corrective actions to determine if it resolved the auditor general's financial aid audit findings. He indicated that the findings had been fully corrected.

Also, Mr. O'Duor commended Vice President Roland Gaines and Ms. Boyd for the excellent work of implementing appropriate measures to resolve the financial assistance audit issues.

Madam Chairman, I move that the Board of Trustees approve the student financial assistance compliance report for spring semester 2008.

TRUSTEE HOLDER: Second.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.

(AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any opposed?

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It's been approved.

Trusted White.

TRUSTEE WHITE: Yes. Vice President O'Duor also presented the Department of Athletics' cash management report for the fall semester of 2007. He stated that the review included management of contracts for the football classics, cash collections, and concessions in the Department of Athletics. He added that the findings and the corresponding recommendations have been discussed with staff in the department. A corrective action plan has been developed and will be implemented.

Given the significant amount of funds involved...
in the classic contracts, I suggested that the
staff from the CFO and legal areas should also
participate in the contract process and had brought
this up at a previous audit committee. In response
to, Attorney Rosalind Fuse-Hall stated that
representatives from the Office of the President,
Financial and Administrative Services, and General
Counsel’s office are all participating in
discussions relating to classic contracts.

Madam Chairman, I move that the Board of
Trustees approve the Department of Athletics’ cash
management report for fall semester 2007.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Can I get a second?

TRUSTEE PARKS: Second.

TRUSTEE GILLUM: Second.

TRUSTEE LANGSTON: Second.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.

(AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any opposed?

(NO RESPONSE).

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: The report has been approved.

TRUSTEE WHITE: In terms of informational
items, the committee heard an update from
Mr. O’Dvor on a legal matter related to the
pharmacy clinics. He explained that the issue
involved irregularities pertaining to the operation
of cash receipts. And he added that the court
hearing on this case would be on April 16th of this
year.

Mr. O’Dvor also presented an update on the
chronology of documents that have been submitted by
both FAMU and the National Science Foundation. He
stated that on March 1st, 2008 the University
submitted to the NSF office of inspector general a
status report on the corrective actions on the NSF
grant audit findings. He added that a reply from
NSF has been received.

Additionally, Mr. O’Dvor explained that the
Board of Governors Task Force had hired a
consortium of Creative Solutions (phonetics) to
conduct verification and validation of the FAMU
corrective action plan. The firm completed the
work in March and submitted the report to the
Governor and the Legislature. This summarized the
following four recommendations including, A, a
formal control framework; B, policies procedures
and knowledge transfer to the next layer of
management; C, management reporting; and D,
management responsibility reporting for internal
controls.

He added that the University submitted
responses to the recommendations. Chair Jennings
also stated that a recommendation on management
responsibility reporting for internal controls is
generally met as part of the annual audit
management letter. Chairman Jennings also
commended President Ammons and his leadership team
for the tremendous turnaround work at the
University in a short period of time.

The Committee also heard a report on the
investigations at the College of Law which resulted
in the termination of certain employees and the
removal of some individuals from the college. Dean
Leroy Pernell and Associate Dean Witherspoon from
the College of Law attended the Audit Committee
meeting and made brief comments in support of the
personnel actions that have been taken. I also
made a request that the comprehensive
recommendations be made in terms of preventing
these issues in other areas of the University in
the future.

Finally, Mr. Derry Harper, Inspector General
and Director of Compliance in the Office of the
Chancellor made brief comments regarding the
management recommendations contained in the
Creative Solutions (phonetics) report.

Madam Chair, this concludes my report.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee White.

If there are no questions of Trustee White, I
will relinquish the chair to Trustee McWilliams
while I give --

TRUSTEE DENT: I have a question, Madam
Chairman.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: I’m sorry. Trustee Dent,
yes.

TRUSTEE DENT: Trustee White, a couple of
meetings ago we had a discussion in the Audit
Committee meeting with regard to review of the
contract, not specifically from an audit control
standpoint, and these were the contracts for some
of the classic games, but just there was a
discussion around was there an opportunity to
enhance kind of what the University’s profit
potential was from those. And it wasn’t clear to
me as part of the report out yesterday if that was
just the audit controls around it or if there was
any further discussion around if the University had
gone back and re-evaluated those contracts.

TRUSTEE WHITE: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT AMMONS: Trustee Dent?
TRUSTEE DENT: Yes.

PRESIDENT AMMONS: Yes, we have. We have looked at all of the contracts that we have for classics, and in at least one case, we have met with the promoter of that game, and we were able to get additional funds. In that particular one, we're in the last year of that contract, and we were able to do it this year.

And as we look at another long-term contract, we are definitely going to be negotiating from a position of strength. And so you will see improved profits from those classics in the future.

TRUSTEE DENT: That's great. Is that something for a future Budget and Finance Committee when things die down, that that committee could take a look at, either after you're done, just with the information of where we were and where you think we could be from a potential standpoint?

PRESIDENT AMMONS: Yes. Yes.

TRUSTEE DENT: Okay. Thank you.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Anything further, Trustee Dent?

TRUSTEE DENT: No, that's good news. Thank you very much.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: You're welcome.

Affairs Committee recommends approval of tenure for the 12 individuals that are referenced on the Board of Trustees' action sheet.

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Trustees approve tenure for the individuals listed on the BOT action sheet.

TRUSTEE PARKS: Second.

TRUSTEE HOLMES: Second the motion.

TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: All in favor, let it be known by saying aye.

(AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Approved.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you.

The Division of Academic Affairs also submitted changes to four regulations and proposed one new regulation. The regulations were noticed in accordance with the University's regulation adoption procedure.

I'm going to ask that we pull the item related to course syllabi, which is the new regulation.

Since we met yesterday, we've had several questions regarding this regulation, so we'd like to pull it back into committee for further review.

I'll proceed with the first regulation.

Regulation 4.001, curriculum requirements, the amended regulation provides that each school, college, or academic unit should establish approved curriculum standards and requirements for students which are to be published in the University's general catalog. Students are to meet the standards and requirements that are in place at the time of enrollment in their course of study.

The regulation also sets forth the applicable requirements for interruptions in a student's course of study, defines interruptions, and describes when readmission to the University is required. In addition, the regulation makes technical changes.

Mr. Chairman, the Academic Affairs Committee discussed this matter and incorporated the recommended change. With the change, the Committee recommends approval of this recommendation; therefore, I move that we approve this regulation as amended.

TRUSTEE HOLDER: Second.

TRUSTEE HOLMES: Madam Chairman, just one question. Trustee Duncan?

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, sir.

TRUSTEE HOLMES: This is Trustee Holmes. I know Trustee Badger had several concerns at
yesterday's Committee meeting.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, sir.

TRUSTEE HOLMES: Are his concerns adequately addressed at this time?

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: I believe they are.

TRUSTEE BADGER: Yes. They've all been answered to my satisfaction, Trustee Holmes.

TRUSTEE HOLMES: Thank you.

So I second the motion, Mr. Chair.

TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: We've got a second?

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, he seconded it.

TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Okay. All in favor.

(AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: So it's approved.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you.

The next regulation is Regulation 4.002, college and school governance. The amended regulation authorizes each school, college, and/or academic unit to establish internal governance procedures which must be followed by faculty and staff of the school, college, and/or academic unit. These procedures must be approved by the Vice President for Academic Affairs prior to submission to the FAMU Board of Trustees and must not conflict with other University regulations, policies, or procedures. In addition, the regulation provides the location of such procedures and makes technical changes.

Mr. Chairman, the Academic Affairs Committee recommends approval of this amended regulation; therefore, I move that the Board of Trustees approve this regulation as amended.

TRUSTEE WHITE: Second.

TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor, let it be known by saying aye.

(AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Okay.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: The next regulation is Regulation 4.003, general catalog of the University. The amended regulation provides that the catalog must meet the requirements of the University's communication policy and be approved by the provost. It further provides it will be made available on the University's web site.

Mr. Chairman, the Academic Affairs Committee recommends approval of this amended regulation; therefore, I move that the Board of Trustees approve this regulation as amended.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, ma'am. Trustee Gillum.

TRUSTEE GILLUM: Since we are pulling the syllabi, the course syllabi, will that come up in June's meeting of the Board of Trustees?

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, I anticipate it will.

TRUSTEE GILLUM: And then will they be expected, professors be expected to implement that grievance procedures.

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Trustees approve this amended regulation.

TRUSTEE GILLUM: Second.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It's been moved and seconded. Any discussion?

(NO RESPONSE).

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: None. All in favor, let it be known by saying aye.

(AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.

TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Thank you, and this concludes my tenure as chair person.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee McWilliams.

TRUSTEE GILLUM: Trustee Duncan, I have a question.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, ma'am. Trustee Gillum.

TRUSTEE GILLUM: Since we are pulling the syllabi, the course syllabi, will that come up in June's meeting of the Board of Trustees?
in the fall of 2008?

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: I'm sorry. Go ahead.

TRUSTEE GILLUM: Will they be expected to implement this new rule in the fall?

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: I think so. Is Linda Barge-Miles here? Ms. Miles?

MS. MILES: Good morning.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Good morning.

MS. MILES: The course syllabi regulation will be presented again to the Faculty Senate so the Faculty Senate can review that. It's going to go through Doctor Holder. It's going to go back to the Council of Deans so that they can do further review of it. It will come back to the Academic Affairs Committee. And after that, it -- we're hoping that it will be in place for fall.

TRUSTEE GILLUM: Okay. And then once -- I guess, Trustee Holder, when you all are reviewing this for the Faculty Senate, you look at if it's going to be for summer and those courses as well?

TRUSTEE HOLDER: Well, the Faculty Senate will not be able to look at this until the retreat, which is in early May. So I don't think it will be ready for the summer, but it certainly can be ready for --

An external consultant, Wayne Baskerville, visited FAMU on April 7th, 2008 and spent an afternoon with the Department of Athletics and the University relations staff. Identification of funding sources to include local, regional, state and national prospective corporate and individual donors is underway.

The Committee heard a presentation from Mr. Kent Taylor, who provided information on the administrative fee structure for the FAMU Foundation. He provided clarity on the University's current administrative fee structure for the FAMU Foundation. The Foundation charges a one-percent administrative fee annually on all endowed funds. Gift fees are five percent on funds $5,000 and above. A seven-percent fee is charged on amounts less than $5,000. There's a $2.50 check charge for processing checks. These charges are consistent with standard business practices.

Ms. Sharon Saunders provided an update on the inaugural committee and the planned activities. Trustee R.B. Holmes and Pamela Duncan have agreed to serve as honorary chairs of the inauguration committee. Doctor Ammons has appointed a working committee that includes representatives from various stakeholder groups.

The committee is developing two new University schools -- University symbols of office, a mace and a medallion. Planned activities include a gospel concert featuring Shirley Caesar, faculty symposiums, a night celebrating the arts, which will feature the art collection of Bernard and Shirley Kinsey; and a gala dinner dance is planned that evening at the Tallahassee Leon County Civic Center.

The installation is scheduled for 10:10 a.m. on Friday, October 31st, 2008 at the Tallahassee Leon County Civic Center. The event is a time of celebration and hope.

Ms. Carmen Cummings provided an update on and highlights of the President's bus tour which was deemed a huge success. During the month of March, a seven-city road tour was launched including the States of Florida and Alabama, which began March 8th and culminated on March 11th. Doctor Ammons, Vice President Gaines, and the Office of Student Affairs awarded nearly two million in merit-based scholarships.

She shared with the Committee the President's schedule of donor and alumni related travel and...
corporation into the University space inventory.
The building has approximately 7,000 square feet. Prior to accepting the donation, the
construction and facilities management unit inspected the building and found it to be in sound
condition and feasible for use by the University.

TRUSTEE HOLMES: Hello.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Can you not hear, Trustee Holmes?

TRUSTEE HOLMES: Yes, I’m back. I got disconnected some kind of way.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Okay. Fine. Hold on. Yeah, Trustee McWilliams is giving his report.

TRUSTEE HOLMES: I’m sorry. Forgive me.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: That’s all right.

TRUSTEE HOLMES: I got disconnected, but I’m back.

TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Okay. Thank you.

The University has contracted to move the building from its present location in Bronson,
Florida to the Tallahassee campus. The building will be used for temporary classroom/office space,
especially during the Jones Hall, Tucker Hall, and Gore Educational Complex renovations. Including
the building in the University’s space inventory makes the building eligible for educational and
general funding from the state for maintenance and repair to the building.

Madam Chairman, I move that the Board approve the inclusion of the building donated by the Henry
and Willa White (phonetics) Youth Foundation, Incorporation -- Incorporated, rather, into the
University’s space inventory.

TRUSTEE PARKS: Second.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.

(AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any opposed?

(NO RESPONSE).

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It’s been approved.

TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Thank you.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: The next item.

TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: The next item is the use of Capital Improvement Fee Trust Fund. On
January 24th, 2008, the Board of Governors approved an allocation of $6,735,913 from the Capital
Improvement Fee Trust Fund in the 2008/9 legislative budget request for FAMU. This Capital
Improvement Fee Trust Fund is funded by student fees.

The Facilities Planning Committee reviewed a
request to use the Capital Improvement Fee Trust Fund for the construction of Phase II of the student recreation center which includes an addition to the existing recreational center, building, the purchase of recreational equipment, and the construction of sports fields. Madam Chairman, I move that the Board approve the use of the Capital Improvement Fee Trust Fund for the construction of Phase II of the student recreational center.

TRUSTEE GILLUM: Second.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.

(AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any opposed?

(NO RESPONSE).

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It's been approved.

TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: The next is the selection of architect and engineers and construction managers for Tucker Hall and Gore Educational Complex. At the December Board meeting, the Facilities Planning Committee informed you that the selection of architects, engineers, and construction managers for Tucker Hall and Gore Educational Complex was in progress. Selection committees appointed by the

President interviewed qualified candidates for these professional services and ranked the candidates in priority. The priority list was reviewed and approved by the President. The Facilities Planning Committee has reviewed the request to ratify the rankings as approved by the President. And I'll just give the priority rankings of the number one. This is for questions only.

I move that the President's approval of the selection committee's ranking for the architect, engineers, and the construction managers for the renovations of Tucker Hall and for Gore Educational Complex and authorize the President to initiate the contract negotiations with the number one ranked firms.

(PHONE INTERRUPTION).

TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Let me give you the names of the number one ranked firms. For architect/engineers, for Tucker Hall, the number one ranked firm is Clements, Rutherford & Associates. The construction managers for Tucker Hall, number one ranked firm is Ajax Building Corporation.
1 authorized the President to initiate contract
2 negotiations with the number one ranked firm, and
3 that has been approved, so let's go down the list
4 of the others.
5 We want to authorize the President to execute
6 contracts with the number one ranked firms upon
7 successful negotiation of contract terms subject to
8 the review and approval of the Office of the
9 General Counsel, also to authorize the President to
10 proceed with negotiations with the next ranked
11 firms should negotiations with the number one
12 ranked firms be unsuccessful until contracts are
13 successfully negotiated and reviewed and approved
14 by the Office of the General Counsel. And,
15 finally, require the President to submit a report
16 to the Board of Trustees at its next regular
17 meeting after the execution of the contracts.
18 So I want to ask for approval of those three.
19 TRUSTEE GILLUM: Second.
20 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All those in favor.
21 (AFFIRMATIVE INDICATIONS).
22 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Any opposed?
23 (NO RESPONSE).
24 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: It's been approved.
25 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Thank you.

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1 TRUSTEE HOLMES: Trustee Duncan, I'm going to
2 have to drop off the call for just a little while,
3 and I'll come back. Thank you.
4 TRUSTEE DUNCAN: All right, Trustee Holmes.
5 Do you have another item, Trustee McWilliams?
6 TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: The next item is change
7 order for Developmental Research School
8 construction. The Facilities Planning Committee
9 reviewed a request for the approval of a change
10 order request number nine for the DRS project, for
11 a change order request resulting in total work
12 additions of $162,512 to the project that have been
13 approved so far by the President.
14 Change order number nine is for additional
15 work totaling $150,020. Change order number nine
16 requests the changes from the 75-percent drawing
17 which we used for bidding purposes to the
18 100-percent drawings.
19 The working price for change order number nine
20 has been reviewed and recommended for approval by
21 the project architect and by the University's
22 construction and facilities management staff. The
23 approval of change order number nine would result
24 in a cumulative work addition of $312,533.93. This
25 represents 1.5 percent of the current guaranteed

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TRUSTEE PARKS: Thank you so much, Madam Chair.

Before I begin my report, I wanted to just reiterate a comment I made yesterday at our committee meeting and to our Department of Public Safety and our Chief of Police and the whole team there. The big splash was the big incident that happened on campus and all of us heard about; and, obviously, when the Attorney General heard about it, he decided to commend him. I think the bigger accomplishment though was the improvements that were made to the EC-2 system over the course of the spring semester. And I know Trustee Gillum and I are two of the trustees who get some of the alerts, and the timeliness of the alerts got a lot better. And appropriately so, when we had the bigger emergency that happened, it was fully in place and operating. And so I wanted to commend them for the improvements made to the system because some of the decisions that they have to make in the alerts are quick decisions that have to be made, and they’ve done that. So I want to commend them for the improvements that they have made to that system.

Now my report. Vice President Gaines

service, Monique Gillum. True worth is in being not seeming, in doing each day that goes by some little good, not in the dreaming of great things to do by and by. For whatever men say in their blindness in spite of the fancies of youth, there’s nothing so keenly as kindness, nothing so royal as truth. Alice Kerry.

Whereas, Monique Gillum has served as a member on the Board of Trustees at Florida A & M University since May 2007; and whereas, she is a proven student leader as demonstrated by her service as vice president and subsequently president of the FAMU Student Government Association, as well as receiving the Florida Achievement Award by the Commission on the Status of Women; and whereas, she was an active and vocal member of the Board with keen inquiries, passionate advocacy and quiet dignity; and whereas, she served dutifully as a member of various committees on the Board, including the Academic Affairs Committee as well as the Student Affairs Committee; and whereas, she’s a member of the Young People for the American Way’s inaugural fellowship class advisory board and the only Floridian student chosen to participate in their front-line leaders academy. She’s also a proud member of the Student Coalition for Justice, the Student National Alumni Association, and the Beta Alpha chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the entire Florida A & M University family commends and salutes Monique Gillum for her numerous contributions to the University and for her extraordinary leadership. Be it resolved that this resolution be included in the minutes of this meeting, and the original document is presented to Trustee Gillum as a token of the Board’s appreciation and thanks. This, the 10th day of April, 2008, James H. Ammons, President; William C. Jennings, Chair, Board of Trustees.

(APPLAUSE).

TRUSTEE GILLUM: If I may.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, Trustee Gillum.

TRUSTEE GILLUM: Thank you. I pride myself on not being an emotional leader, so I’m going to try not to cry. I’ve been counting down every day closer to graduation. We’re at six days of normal classes now, and then next week following finals.

But as I said earlier, this is indeed a bitter sweet moment for me. I am extremely humbled by the
opportunity to serve on this Board. A year ago I was wondering where my place would be in leadership and if I would be accepted as a 20-year-old, somewhat naive young girl coming to a board with some of the most dynamic people that could be on a board. I really appreciate the opportunity to serve. I appreciate your willingness to answer my questions when I had them, and I just thank you all for this opportunity. I thank you for all of your leadership, and I hope that we'll continue to work well together.

I think that Andrew is going to be a great addition to this Board. And, Doctor Ammons, just for you, I'm one of those good statistics. I got in, and I'm getting out in four years.

(APPLAUSE).

TRUSTEE GILLUM: Doctor Humphries once said that a question that we should ask ourselves is: What did we do today to move FAMU forward? And as you all continue your work on the Board, I hope that you would ask yourselves every day: What did you do to move FAMU forward? And though I am leaving this campus, FAMU will continue to be in my heart and in my mind, and I'll continue to ask myself that question: What am I doing to move FAMU forward?

2007; spring preview occurred on March 29th, 2008.

It should be noted that the previews are collaborative efforts between Student Affairs and Academic Affairs. Campus shadowing days, FAMU days in the community, Florida council's workshops, and the culmination with the President's spring bus tour. During the bus tour, over one hundred scholarships were awarded, totaling $1.9 million. Given the turnout and comments of the participants, it is evident that the tour was a very successful venture.

Next, the Committee heard a presentation from Chief Calvin Ross who provided a safety and security briefing. Chief Ross emphasized the need for security on campus in light of the violence that has occurred on campuses across the nation recently. FAMU police have employed several means of security, such as walking the beat, motor unit, electric carts, bicycle patrol, vehicle patrol, and motor unit.

When the shots were fired on campus recently, the police acted with swift action, and training of the officers on hand led to a successful apprehension. As a result, there were five individuals arrested.

The E-2 campus alert text messaging system and the federal emergency siren are the two contact systems used on FAMU's campus. In the very near future, the security systems will be upgraded to enhance the notification to the campus community, i.e., notification digitally to all televisions on campus as well as message boards and intercoms strategically placed in classrooms. Security notification cannot be stressed enough as it is critical that we get information out to the students, faculty, and staff.

Approximately three thousand students have signed up for the E-2 campus emergency notification. Beginning next semester, all new students will be given the option of signing up. If they opt not to sign up, they must sign a document attesting that they elected this option. Students may opt not to receive the text message notification as some vendors charge for the service. If the student, however, has a University e-mail account, he/she will automatically receive the electronic notification.

Finally, Chief Ross noted that the crime statistics for 2007 are down over previous years. Due to the cooperativeness with the city and state
 Agencies, the FAMU Police Department has experienced many successes.

Madam Chair, that concludes my report.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee Parks.

Are there any questions of Trustee Parks?

(NO RESPONSE).

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Seeing none, we now move into the public comment period. Ms. Fuse-Hall, do we have anyone from the public that has signed up to speak?

MS. FUSE-HALL: No, ma'am.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Okay.

TRUSTEE PARKS: Madam Chair.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Yes, Trustee Parks.

TRUSTEE PARKS: I have one little issue, and I had waited for today for Chairman Jennings to be here, and I wanted to just share with you and to thank him for something that has happened over the last year.

Around this time last year, many of us received the very bad audit report and the whole movement came on with establishing the Task Force.

Well, Chairman Jennings was kind of thrown in the middle. He was appointed to the Task Force and was one of the original members that stayed throughout.

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Around that time, I was appointed to the Board of Trustees, and then my friend Trustee Badger came along. We realized that one of the most important things that was going on -- and at that time, we were not on probation -- was this Task Force. So we attended the meetings as observers, but Chairman Jennings was a person who was on that Task Force, and he worked tremendously hard, y'all, and it wasn't easy work. I mean in the middle of not having a permanent president, in the middle of some folks who may have had a different agenda for FAMU and the forces that he had to fight. He fought that fight, I mean the whole year. And those meetings were longer than these meetings, and they were often without answers, and he stuck in there, and it was a beautiful thing.

Another bad thing happened. I think Trustee Badger will remember that meeting that we had in Jacksonville, and that was a terrible day. I don't know if any of y'all recall it. We were there just observing it, and then he and CEO Robinson come, and they alert us to the decision that was made by SACS. And that decision was actually made while SACS was in the Jacksonville area. Y'all may recall. That was a terrible day.

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He reacted to it and jumped on it. And at the time, that was my first-day meeting, Ros Fuse-Hall and Mr. Charles O'Duor, so they were shared with the bad information too. Chairman Jennings stepped up, and as the meetings went on, there were a lot of ups and downs. And I certainly witnessed poor Doctor Ammons, in the first month that he was here, he got a grueling that I hadn't seen other folks get, and I had been to a lot of meetings, but yet we kept going. Chairman Jennings kept that battle going to the point where the summary that you read in the report that you receive is probably not the summary that many folks wanted y'all to get in the end. A good part of that is because of the work of Mr. Hardee and Ros and President Ammons and the fight that took place. And a lot of that battle, you know, hadn't been told, but that was led by Chairman Jennings, and he's a quiet leader, you know, and there were some meeting he didn't say much at the table.

And I think we all ought to see a point, in our own way, whether it's personal notes or whatever, write and thank him for his efforts.

Because, other than SACS, this Task Force was the other huge issue that we had to deal with that he kind of championed, and it wasn't very public, and he did it in his own way, whatever the battle was that we had to fight.

So I wanted to say that. I wanted to say it while he was here. Unfortunately, he's not here, but I think all of us in our own way can thank him for what he did to fight that battle for us. And so I just wanted to go on record of saying that.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Trustee Parks, your remarks are duly noted and greatly agreed with. He is a gentle spirit, but he is very firm, and he's very strong, and he is a strong advocate and has a strong love for this University and has had so for many, many years. But thank you, and we will acknowledge that.

Trustee Badger.

TRUSTEE BADGER: Let me continue that testimonial in that I, too, have monitored and attended all of those Task Force meetings that I possibly could, and especially the last ones. For those who did not have an opportunity, that one I had to do by telephone, and that was a champion event by Trustee Jennings in getting us to where we are now.

And it's a sad day for me that he isn't here.
because it was my intent as well to say to his face today -- and I took on a way of doing things when I was an undergraduate here at FAMU that said a measure of a man is not so much what he says and does but, i.e., uses the forces of his mind and mettle can move others to do that which is right and true. Chairman Jennings to me mimics that expression so much. He's very quietly effective.

But he was not quiet at all at the end of that meeting. And if I can make a personal reference, I was in Palm Coast doing my personal and business taxes, a very, very, very quiet moment for me, it should have been, and he was going so hard at that thing until I just told the CPA to excuse me a minute, keep the clock rolling, I needed to go to my car and plug my phone in and continue to hear. I'm Baptist, and he was getting amens from me out there by myself.

And with all honesty, I saw a man place the caring of FAMU before every other value that anyone could have put up that day. Those who were there will know that, and I just think it should be noted that he is a champion for FAMU, has been and continues to be in his capacity as chairperson for this Board and as a member of that Task Force.

Thank you.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee Badger.

Trustee McWilliams.

TRUSTEE McWILLIAMS: Yes. I just would like to say, I know we recognized Trustee Gilum, but I guess one of the most impressive things about being on the Board to me has been the quality of student leadership that we've had. I mean it, I guess, started back, and I wasn't on the Board at the time, with Larry Rivers, but he still writes in the paper, he's still very passionate about FAMU. Although he's not here, Ramon, and then Phillip was on the Board when I came on, just a tremendous leader. And I know I said to Monique, you've got big shoes to fill, but she's filled them. I mean she's just been tremendous too. And I know Mr. Collins will be also. I'm just impressed with the quality of students that FAMU students choose to lead them, and I just wanted to make that statement.

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Thank you, Trustee McWilliams.

Are there any other remarks from any members?

(NO RESPONSE).

TRUSTEE DUNCAN: Seeing none, if there is no further business to come before the Board, then we are adjourned.

(WHEREUPON, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED).

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CERTIFICATE

I, NANCY S. MITEZE, RPR, CCR, certify that I was authorized to and did stenographically report the foregoing proceedings and that the transcript is a true and complete record of my stenographic notes.

DATED this 23rd day of June, 2008.

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