

Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:

Kelvin Lawson, Chair

Vice Chair Kimberly Moore called the Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting to order. Linda Barge-Miles called the roll and a quorum was established. The following trustees were present: Cavazos, Cliatt, Harper, Lawrence, Lawson, Moore, Stone, Washington, and Whigham.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

REVISED ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN

Trustee Moore recognized Provost Edington to provide an update on the proposed revision to the University's Accountability Plan. He explained that the University had an opportunity to offer M.S. and Ph.D. programs in material science and engineering through the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering. He said that in order to offer those programs at FAMU, the Board of Trustees needed to add the programs to the University's Academic Program Coordination list, which is part of the 2021 Accountability Plan. He indicated that this approval needed to be executed prior to August 31st, so that it could be included on the Board of Governors September meeting agenda.

Dr. Murray Gibson, Dean of the College of Engineering explained the significance of the programs. He stated that material science and engineering is a powerful field at the research level in the United States. He said that he program has been offered at FSU since 2008, but was just moved to the College of Engineering in 2020. Because it is now offered at the joint College, he wanted FAMU students to be able to participate in the programs. He said that faculty from other departments like physics and chemistry would be able to take graduate students through this program by affiliating with it. He indicated that adding the programs would not be costly because the College already has faculty teaching the courses.

Trustee Lawrence moved approval of the revision to the Accountability Plan. The motion was seconded by Trustee Harper and the motion carried, without opposition.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business for the Board, the meeting adjourned.