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**Board of Trustees**

**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 14, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

*Kelvin Lawson, Chair*

Chair Lawson called the meeting to order. Linda Barge-Miles called the roll and a quorum was established. The following trustees were present: Cavazos, Dortch, Harper, Lawrence, Lawson, McClinton, Moore, Perry, Reed, Washington and Woody.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no requests for public comments.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee**

*Kimberly Moore, Chair*

Chair Lawson recognized Trustee Moore for a report from the Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee (BFF). Trustee Moore reported that the Committee heard four action items including the minutes, a BOT policy amendment, the continuing services vendors and the FY 2020-2021 University Budget.

She noted that a report on minority vendor participation and numbers and a report regarding COVID-19 expenses will be included on each BFF committee agenda going forward.

**Special Committee on Athletic – Budget Report**

*Kelvin Lawson, Chair*

Vice President/Athletic Director Kortne Gosha provided an update on budget projections for the Athletic Department due to the Mid-Eastern Athletics Conference (MEAC) cancelling all fall sports. VP Gosha shared that the affected sports are football, track and field and volleyball. He also stated that the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) cancelled all fall championships.

VP Gosha stated that the preliminary budget presented in May 2020 reflected a \$9.5M operating budget. The Department of Athletics has since requested a \$6.5M budget, which is reflective of a reduction in revenue attributed to the lack of fall football and a 10% reduction in student fees. The \$6.5M is also based on a combination of reduced expenditures and 7% salary reductions of department employees earning more than \$35,700. He shared that

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departmental positions have been consolidated and additional responsibilities shared. VP Gosha indicated that he will continue to fund raise and seek additional opportunities to generate revenue.

Chair Lawson stated that the University continues to have its internal monthly reviews with the financial team and audit, as well as monthly meetings with the Board of Governors audit committee. Chair Lawson clarified that student football scholarship are being honored and are within the new budget.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Next, Chair Lawson reviewed the Consent Agenda with the Board. Trustee Dortch moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

The consent agenda included the following items:

**Budget, Finance, and Facilities (BFF):**

- BFF1 Continuing Services Vendors
- BFF2 Final FY 2020-2021 University Budget
- BFF3 Amendment to BOT Policy # 2005A:
  - Increasing Continuing Services Construction Approvals and
  - Increasing Continuing Services Approvals for Design Services

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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