

**Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Board of Trustees' Annual Retreat**



**Quincy Farm
May 4, 2014**

Agenda

- Facilitators:** Dr. Alvin Schexnider and Dr. Carol Cartwright
- 8:00 a.m. Arrival and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- Board Chair
 - President
 - AGB Facilitators
- Trustee Badger
President Mangum
Dr. Carol Cartwright and
Dr. Alvin Schexnider
- 8:45 a.m. Review of the Workshop Agenda and Goals
- 9:00 a.m. Issues and Trends in Public Higher Education
- National issues and trends
 - Issues specific to HBCU's
- 9:45 a.m. Essential Building Blocks of Effective Governance
- The Role of Board Culture
 - What is it and why does it matter?
 - Characteristics of FAMU's Board Culture
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Roles and Responsibilities of Governing Boards
- Fundamentals of Effective Trusteeship
 - Roles and Responsibilities of Boards of Public Universities
 - Survey of Trustees' Perceptions of Board Effectiveness
 - Discussion of perceptions
 - What are they?
 - Why do they exist?
 - Are changes needed?

- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. Characteristics and Best Practices of Effective Boards
- Leadership
 - Performance, process and structure
- 2:15 p.m. Expectations of Boards and Presidents
- Trustees’ Expectations of Their President
 - The President’s Expectations of Trustees
 - AGB’s Concept of Integral Leadership
 - What belongs to the Board?
 - What belongs to the President?
 - What belongs to the faculty?
- 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:45 p.m. Building an Effective Board
- Commitment Statements
 - Best Practices and Sample Statements
- (Small groups work to develop elements of a proposed statement of commitment that should include Board members’ commitments to how they will work together and statements about how the Board members will support the President and the presidency.)*
- 4:45 p.m. Questions, Summary Observations and Evaluation
- Development of short list of priority items for short-term follow-up; develop similar list for longer-term action.
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Recommended Reading:

“Effective Governing Boards: A guide for Members of Governing Boards of Public Colleges, Universities, and Systems” AGB Press, 2010.

Alvin J. Schexnider, “Can Boards Ensure a Healthy Future for Historically Black Colleges,” (Trusteeship, November/December 2013).

Alvin J. Schexnider, “Saving Black Colleges” Palgrave MacMillan, 2013.

Rick Legon, “The 10 Habits of Highly Effective Boards,” (Trusteeship, March/April, 2014).