CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
Kelvin Lawson, Chair

Chair Lawson called the Special Committee on Athletics meeting to order. Ms. Karai Lockley – Senior Associate Athletic Director of Business and Finance/Senior Woman Administrator called the roll. The following committee members were present, and a quorum was established: Trustee Ann Marie Cavazos, Trustee Thomas Dortch Trustee David Lawrence, Trustee Xavier McClinton, and Chair/Trustee Kelvin Lawson.

Chair Lawson opened with a motion to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2020 meeting. Trustee Dortch moved approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cavazos and the motion carried.

VP/AD Kortne Gosha was given the floor by Chair Lawson to discuss two items on the September agenda: Fall sports schedule and facility upgrade updates.

The Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference chose to postpone all fall sports to the spring – which includes football, volleyball, and women’s cross country. Men and women’s basketball are considered winter sports and is still slated to resume competition in the Fall. Currently – the NCAA has not decided if October will still be the official start of the season.

Although Fall sports will be moved to the Spring – this has required the Athletics Department to evaluate travel and the number of events that will be attended by each sport. There will be a modified schedule which would include Florida A&M playing in divisions that would essentially avoid air travel for majority of the teams.

Regarding Football – the planning committee is still in the infancy stages on how the conference will proceed with scheduling for the Spring. However – once this information has been solidified – VP/AD Gosha will provide an update to the Board of Trustees.

Many of student-athletes are currently on campus and settling into the new protocols set forth by state and campus officials. As of September 2nd – 90% of the student-athlete population has tested at Bragg Memorial Stadium. Athletics is dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of the student-athletes – which is the departments’ number one priority.

Moving forward – VP/AD Gosha continued to discuss the facility enhancements that are currently in progress. A video was played on the improvements in and around the Galimore-Powell Field House after 37 years – including replacing the roof and new lockers. The artificial turf installation for softball is 70% complete and will undoubtedly assist with the yearly maintenance expenditures.

The Athletics Department is committed to raise $750,000 with the ‘All In Campaign’ for all facility enhancements.