

**Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Board of Trustees**



**Special Committee on Governance Minutes
Trustee Torey Alston, Chair**

Date: (Tuesday, June 9, 2015)

The Special Committee on Governance met June 9, 2015. Trustee Alston called the meeting to order, and Attorney Barge-Miles called the roll. The following Trustees were present: Alston, Graham, Grable, Lawson, McWilliams, Montgomery, Moore, and Shannon.

BOT Chair Montgomery stated the Special Committee on Governance was established so the Board can articulate how it should operate. He said he had reviewed the practices of other universities in the SUS and identified issues that the FAMU Board should address.

The Board mutually agreed to move forward with improved communication, collaboration and mutual respect. It was agreed that, within thirty-days of receipt, President Mangum would create a plan of action to address the issues listed below.

1. The President's Leadership Team, including President Mangum, would attend all Board and committee meetings (workshops, regular meetings, called meetings, special meetings, etc.).
2. The Vice-Presidents and members of the University Leadership Team would communicate directly with committee chairs and committee members.
3. President Mangum, as Corporate Secretary, will be the main point of contact for Board members, and she would begin on-going regularly scheduled calls to update Board members on critical matters impacting the university.
4. President Mangum will copy the General Counsel's Office on all items prior to transmission to the Board.
5. President Mangum will provide several options to the Board, as it relates to retained counsel, on an as-needed basis.

The Committee will move forward on the following items.

- a. Development of Board priorities
- b. Review of announcement of vacant positions regulation
- c. Development of New Trustee Orientation (Human Resources/General Counsel)
- d. Review of Operating Procedures (i.e. Process for Board elections, appoint of successors, etc.)

Finally, Marcella David, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, shared information regarding performance-based funding.