

**Direct Support Organizations (DSO) and Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Minutes**  
**Trustee John Crossman, Chair**  
**Thursday, June 11, 2026**

Trustee John Crossman called the meeting to order. Trustees Emery Gainey, Deveron Gibbons, Roderick Harris, Kennedy Williams, and Victor Young were in attendance and established a quorum.

**Approval of February 12, 2026, DSO and Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Williams motioned for approval; seconded by Trustee Harris. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of FAMU Foundation Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget Amendment**

Dr. Brandi Tatum-Fedrick presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 FAMU Foundation Operating Budget Amendment, approved by the FAMU Foundation Board of Directors on May 29, 2026. The amendment authorized the transfer of \$250,000 from Foundation contingency funds to support Athletics operational obligations at fiscal year-end while maintaining compliance with applicable Foundation and University policies.

Trustee Young motioned for approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 FAMU Foundation Operating Budget Amendment; seconded by Trustee Gainey. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Gift-Related Naming Recommendation**

Dr. Tatum-Fedrick presented a gift-related naming recommendation that had been unanimously approved by the University Naming Committee on May 21, 2026. The recommendation was associated with a transformational seven-figure gift commitment from a distinguished Florida A&M University alumnus in support of the renovation, enhancement, and construction of the Track and Field House.

Committee members expressed appreciation for the significant philanthropic investment and its impact on student-athletes and athletics facilities.

Trustee Gainey motioned for approval of the gift-related naming recommendation; seconded by Trustee Harris. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Crossman noted that, pursuant to Board of Trustees Policy No. 2008-05, the gift-related naming action item would be presented to the full Board of Trustees for consideration and approval as a non-consent agenda item.

**Approval of FAMU Foundation Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget**

Dr. Tatum-Fedrick presented the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 FAMU Foundation Operating Budget, which had been approved by the FAMU Foundation Board of Directors on May 29, 2026. The proposed budget totaled approximately \$6.82 million.

She further reported that the Foundation Board approved a strategic reallocation plan providing that, should the President's salary ultimately be funded through state appropriations, the corresponding Foundation resources would be redirected to support the Marching "100," Athletics, and Foundation contingency reserves.

Trustee Harris motioned for approval of the fiscal year 2026-2027 FAMU Foundation Operating Budget; seconded by Trustee Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of FAMU Rattler Boosters Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget**

Dr. Tatum-Fedrick presented the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 FAMU Rattler Boosters Operating Budget. The budget supports the organization's mission of providing supplemental resources and advocacy for Florida A&M University Athletics and had been approved by the Rattler Boosters organization.

Trustee Gainey motioned for approval of the fiscal year 2026-2027 Rattler Boosters Operating Budget; seconded by Trustee Young. The motion carried unanimously.

**Update on Divisional Activities**

**A. FY 2025-26 University Advancement Updates**

**B. DSO Updates**

- **FAMU Foundation, Inc.**
- **FAMU National Alumni Association**
- **FAMU Rattler Boosters**

Dr. Tatum-Fedrick provided a University Advancement update and reported fundraising totals of approximately \$15.6 million as of June 3, 2026, including more than \$12.3 million in new cash and approximately \$3.3 million in pledges and planned gifts.

**Highlights included:**

- Record levels of planned gift commitments.
- Growth of more than \$1.5 million in alumni giving.
- An increase of 837 alumni donors.
- Growth of more than \$427,000 in friend giving.
- Corporate support totaling approximately \$6.9 million.
- More than \$5 million awarded in student scholarships.

Dr. Tatum-Fedrick also highlighted a successful artificial intelligence pilot initiative conducted in partnership with DataMoose and the College of Law, with plans to expand implementation across additional colleges and schools beginning July 1. Dr. Tatum-Fedrick noted that Direct Support Organization updates were included in the Trustees' briefing materials and were available for review.

Committee members commended the University Advancement team for its fundraising performance, donor engagement efforts, and progress toward achieving annual fundraising goals.

President Marva Johnson praised the advancement team for helping foster a culture of philanthropy across the University and strengthening partnerships between colleges, donors, and corporate supporters.

**Athletic Directors Report**

**A. Athletics Department Update**

Director of Athletics John Davis presented a year-in-review report highlighting competitive, academic, and operational achievements across the athletics program.

**Key accomplishments included:**

- A department-wide student-athlete GPA of 3.16.
- Graduation of 32 student-athletes during the spring semester.

- Continued conference and national success across multiple athletic programs.
- A SWAC Championship and NCAA Regional appearance by the softball program.
- National recognition earned by men's golf through its Division I PGA Works Collegiate Championship title.
- Six student-athletes qualifying for the NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Athletics leadership also discussed efforts to strengthen academic accountability, NCAA compliance, and student-athlete support through enhanced monitoring systems and organizational structure.

The committee recognized several distinguished coaches and athletics leaders for their contributions to Florida A&M University and celebrated recent honors and achievements within the athletics program.

Committee members expressed appreciation for the continued success of Florida A&M Athletics and its positive impact on student-athletes, alumni engagement, and institutional visibility.

### **Chair Crossman's Update**

#### **A. DSO Operating Model Initiative**

Chair Crossman provided an update regarding the One FAMU Direct Support Organization Operating Model Initiative. He recognized consultant Chekeshia Kidd and K6 Consulting for conducting a comprehensive review of the University's direct support organizations and engaging stakeholders throughout the process.

Chair Crossman emphasized that the initiative is intended to strengthen coordination, alignment, collaboration, and organizational effectiveness while building upon the contributions of all University-affiliated organizations. He encouraged stakeholders to view the effort as an opportunity for innovation and continuous improvement in service to students, alumni, faculty, and future generations of Rattlers.

With there being no further business, Chair Crossman adjourned the meeting.