

**Special Committee on the College of Law
Committee Minutes
March 4, 2021**

The Special Committee on the College of Law met March 4, 2021. The following committee members were present and established a quorum: Belvin Perry, Kristin Harper, and David Lawrence.

Trustee Perry asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2021 meeting. Trustee Harper moved approval. The motion was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.

Next, Trustee Perry recognized Dean Keller for a report regarding a letter from the American Bar Association (ABA). Dean Keller shared that the ABA Council on Legal Education concluded that the College of Law had demonstrated compliance with Standard 316 which requires that at least 75 percent of a law school's graduates in a calendar year, who sat for a bar examination, must have passed a bar examination administered within two years of their date of graduation. The 2018 graduating class had a passage rate of 81.5 percent, which placed the College into compliance.

Dean Keller then updated the Committee on key performance indicators for the class that began in 2020, comparing them with other SUS institutions:

<u>Performance Indicator</u>	<u>FAMU</u>	<u>SUS</u>
LSAT	147	161
Undergrad GPA	3.30	3.74
Median GPA of 1 st year Fall Cohort	2.51	2.60

Regarding current admissions, Dean Keller stated that there is a larger pool of applicants this year. The College has 692 applicants, compared to 537 at the same time last year. She stated that the incoming LSAT and GPA credentials for this cohort exceeded those admitted in 2017 – 2020. She said that she feels the College is on track to meet or exceed its goals for those credentials.

Dean Keller reminded the Committee that the College of Law consultant Barry Currier is working on a review of the College's academic and non-academic functions to identify areas of strength for further development and areas of weakness, which would require retooling, reinvigorating, or reimagining. He is also working on data analytics to benchmark the College against peers and aspirational institutions. Mr. Currier then provided an update to the Committee. At the conclusion of the report, the Committee asked Dean Keller to revise the timeline for Mr. Currier's deliverables. They also agreed to schedule a meeting with the College of Law faculty via Zoom.

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