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Florida A&M University National Alumni Association (FAMUNAA)

Executive Board Minutes

Wednesday, August 31, 2016 8:00 p.m.

Call to Order

1st Vice President James L. Moran, Jr., Ph.D.

Presiding

Tonight was a special Executive Board Meeting for official Executive Board Members only and not Committee Chairs.

Invocation

Opening Prayer was done by Chaplain Keith Shannon.

Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by the Recording Secretary

Executive Board Members Participating: 20

Pat Shaw, Bob Porter, Angela Bledsoe, Yolanda Pinkard, Keith Shannon, Carmen Cummings-Martin, Jaylen Smith SGA Senate President, Leroy Bell, Kier Riley, Van Russ, Nichole Phillips, Cassie Farmer, Keith Shannon, Akunna Olumba, Kathy Times, James Moran, Artisha Polk, Greg Clark, Lenard Franklin, Mary Smith, Thomas Mitchell, Jean Downing, Reginald Mitchell, Juanita Moore, and Nicole Jones

Quorum was confirmed

Discussion: Alumni activity since the Board of Trustees' decision not to renew the FAMU President's contract

a) **Circulating petition to remove President Clark from office** (Petition to Remove NAA President)

The Board discussed the petitions circulating on social media. One petition is to retain FAMU President Elmira Mangum on Change.org. The second petition is designed to suspend President Greg Clark as per the procedures in the FAMU NAA Bylaws.

The 2nd petition is anonymously authored, largely anonymously signed, slanderous and does not have the requisite number of signatures. It is in the form of updated e-mails from change.org from an organization entitled Rattlers4FAMU@gmail.com sent on 08-30-2016.

Jaylen Smith argued that a petition of appointed officers is not grounds for suspension. Reginald Mitchell stated that appointed persons could be subject to suspension for advocating the removal of the person that appointed them.

SGA President asked about what grounds would appointed officers and committee chairs be terminated. The answer was that no grounds are needed according to the bylaws. Appointed officers do not require the same due process as is required for the board to suspend either elected or appointed officers.

President Mitchell discussed that we should have a position on this issue and should support the president.

Van Russ inquired as to what number constitutes 10%. The answer provided by Financial Secretary Juanita Moore is 2,670. In other words at least 267 active members must sign the petition and be verified.

The General Counsel answered questions as to grounds for slander and libel.

4) Call to Action

After much discussion, the board avoided recommending to the President who they can remove from appointment as that is solely the province of the President. The board voted to draft a letter supporting President Greg Clark. A special committee shall draft the resolution language and send it out after the approval by President Clark.

5) Adjourn

The Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.