



# Florida A&M University

## National Alumni Association, Inc.

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### Florida A&M University National Alumni Association (FAMUNAA)

#### Executive Board Minutes

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

#### Call to Order

President Lt. Col. Gregory L. Clark Presiding

#### Roll Call

Roll Call was taken and recorded electronically by the Recording Secretary. A quorum was confirmed via the electronic participation report of the meeting.

#### Executive Board Members Participating: 23

Gen. Leroy Bell; Angela Bledsoe; Lt. Col. Greg Clark; Dr. Carolyn Collins; Carmen Cummings-Martin (non-voting); Jean Downing; Cassie Farmer; Lenard Franklin; Regina Gardner (non-voting); Nicole Jones, Esq.; Derris King; Skip McClemore; Reginald Mitchell, Esq.; Thomas Mitchell; Juanita Moore; Dr. James Moran; Akunna Olumba, Esq.; Yolanda Pinkard; Artisha Polk; Van Russ; Keith Shannon; Pat Shaw; and Mary Smith.

#### Other Committee Chairs, Officers and Guests Participating: 5

Gioia Bufkin; Doris Hicks; Charles Lewis; Stephen Roberson; and Leila Walker.

#### Invocation

Opening Prayer was done by Chaplain Keith Shannon.

#### Agenda

**The Budget and Finance Committee and Fundraising Committee Reports were added.**

#### Recording Secretary's Report

Minutes were approved;

#### President's Report

Dr. Hudson and enrollment report. Wanted Trustee Woody to come on and discuss Football Stadium issue, but unavailable. State Audit will be released soon.

### **1st Vice President's Report**

Dr. James Moran gave update of the Convention.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Len Franklin gave an update on the Treasurer's Report. There was discussion on title to the endowment accounts for informational purposes only. The report was accepted without objection.

### **Financial Secretary's Report**

Juanita Moore presented the Financial Secretary's Report for informational purposes only. The report was accepted without objection.

### **Southern Region**

Yolanda Pinkard gave the region report for informational purposes only. She will follow up on newly elected officers to update the Chapter Directory Forms.

### **Midwest Region**

Derris King gave his report for informational purposes only.

### **Florida Region**

Jean Downing gave his report for informational purposes only. Florida Region meeting will be February 25, 2017 at the Doubletree Hotel in Orlando, FL. FAMU BOT will conduct a town hall meeting at

### **Media and Technology Committee**

Stephen Roberson gave a committee report for informational purposes concerning the new website and database. He submitted a timeline in his report.

### **Governmental Relations Committee**

FAMU Day at the Capitol is April 6, 2017. There will be a \$10 registration and form for members. Meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month. Dr. Collins updated the committee on FAMU Day at the Capitol and the FAMU Legislative Issues. The BOG Meeting will be in

Lakeland, FL on January 25-26, 2017. In March the FAMU BOT Meets and FAMU hosts the BOG meeting in March as well.

### **Budget & Finance Committee Report**

Reginald Mitchell presented the report for the following action item:

#### **Action Item #1: Membership Committee - Life Membership Plaques and Cards, and Alumni Cards and Pins Request of \$8,460.50**

The executive Board unanimously approved the Membership Request.

### **Other Business**

#### **President's Focus Group Retreat Request of \$3,000.00**

The Committee tabled the discussion of a travel budget request of \$3,000 to be held prior to the Florida Region Meeting for the next meeting due to cash flow issues.

### **New Business**

We will have to analyze ongoing necessary expenditures in light of cash flow issues. We will take up this issue as a part of the Annual Budget Draft due on March 25, 2017 to the membership. Therefore, budget requests are due on February 25, 2017.

### **Fundraising Committee Report**

Mary Smith gave her report for informational purposes only. She discussed the fundraising projects Text-To-Donate Rattler – Text to number 50555 and text the word “Rattler”. Mary will distribute a flyer with instructions.

Polk County wanted to donate back their proceeds from profit sharing.

### **History Book Committee Report**

Dr. Walker gave the History Book Committee Report. Van Russ gave an update on the current status of getting the book to publication, the delays and opinion as to next steps.

Dr. James Moran gave the History Book Advisory Committee Report.

President Clark tabled the budget request until after the book has been edited and proofed by the Committee and Advisory Committee

Any Gala request will be presented to the Budget and Finance Committee.

### **President's Retreat**

The president discussed arriving a day before the Florida Region meeting to have focus groups and strategic discussions.

### **Good of the Order**

N/A

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.