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Florida A&M University National Alumni Association (FAMU NAA)
Executive Council (Executive Board and Chapter Presidents) Minutes
Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Call to Order

President Clark Called the Meeting to order.

Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by the Recording Secretary. The roll recognized all executive board members, all Chapter Presidents, and then removed all other persons not authorized to be on the call.

Executive Board Members

Past President, Recording Secretary, Far West Member-At-Large, Financial Secretary, Parliamentarian, Florida Region Vice President, Media and Technology, Executive Assistant, Mr. President, Executive Assistant, Northeast Region VP, Executive Director, Audit, 3rd Vice President, Southern Region VP, Past President, Southern Member-At-Large, 2nd Vice President

Chapters

New York, Capital City Chapter, Leon County, Marion County, Las Vegas Chapter, Central Mississippi Chapter, Birmingham, AL Chapter, New Orleans, LA (NOLA) Chapter, Northern Virginia Chapter, Sarasota/Manatee County Chapter, Central Ohio Chapter, Capital City Chapter, South Dade Chapter, Charlotte, NC Chapter, JRE E Lee / Jacksonville Chapter, Southwest Georgia Chapter, Massachusetts Chapter, Washington D.C. Chapter, Orlando Chapter, Peachtree Chapter, Broward County Chapter, Brevard County Chapter, Columbia, SC Chapter, Dallas / Fort Worth Chapter, Tampa Chapter, Chaplain / Raleigh Durham, NC Chapter, Palm Beach, Metro Atlanta Chapter, St. Lucie, Miami-Dade County, Southwest Florida Chapter, Fayetteville, NC Chapter, Montgomery Chapter, Gold Coast Chapter, Madison County

Identified Callers

Carolyn Collins, Gregg Bishop NYC, Dr. Leila Walker, Victor Gaines, Artisha Polk, Anne McKinney, Carolyn Jones, Kim Cowan, Regina Gardner, Reggie Mitchell, Sr., Van Russ, Angela Bledsoe, Derrick Singleton, Juanita Moore, Mary Smith, Kim Cowan, Jean Downing,

Chantel Black, Sharon Duncan, Thomas Mitchell, Sr., Tirrell Hamilton, Floyd Hill, Steven Roberson, Kristin Harper, Anne McKinney, Marian Gibbons, Victor Gaines, Greg Clark, Nichole Phillips, Dr. Leila Walker, Akunna Olumba, Kathy Times, Lenard Franklin, Freddie Young, Gen. Leroy Bell, Magaleda Youcin, Cassie Farmer, Carmen Cummings, Irene Walker, Nedra Speights Fortson, Atyia Allen, Artie Polk, William Youmans, Tony ?, Chuck Lewis, Gioia Bufkin, Apryl Freeman, Marcus Leach, Gerald Jenkins, Wendell Dougins, Mary Smith, Keith Shannon, Yolanda Pinkard, Carolyn Collins, Skip McLemore, Donita Williams, Denetra Collins, Shaquesa Zigler, Melody Jacobs, Dr. Jabari Premph, Lynnete Wims, Nicole Jones, Travis Jones

Invocation

Opening Prayer was done by Chaplain Keith Shannon.

Statement of the Agenda

President Clark stated that the purpose of the call is for a special meeting of the Executive Council (FAMU NAA Executive Board and all Chapter Presidents). He admonished the participants not to share the call-in number to persons who are not members of the Executive Council. The President wants to meet with the Executive Council on a quarterly basis.

The main reason for the call is to officially respond to an Opinion-Editorial (Op-Ed) letter that he wrote on behalf of himself to the Tallahassee Democrat. His support's keeping Interim Chairman Kelvin Lawson on the Board of Trustees (BOT) for the following reasons:

- 1) There are only 2 rattlers (alumni) on the BOT.
- 2) The FAMU BOT is the most lopsided in terms of not having alumni on the Board.

Members should ask persons why they made a decision in private before attacking them in public. The President has taken this position on behalf of himself and not the board. Has had a conversation with Chairman Kelvin Lawson and believes he can lead.

Past President Collins said that the NAA needs to stay off of social media with negative information. She agrees with President Clark trying to keep institutional memory on the BOT. The NAA members need to be at BOT Meetings. Asks that everyone be in Tallahassee for the next BOT Meeting. Social media las little fact. A Governmental Relations Committee member disagreed with the President's Op-Ed and wrote his own. Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but she cannot have someone on her committee that does not support our NAA President.

President Clark stated that supporters that work for FAMU President Mangum put out a picture of the Executive Board meeting with Governor Rick Scott and suggested that it was a clandestine meeting. The meeting with the Governor was to get him not to use the veto pen against FAMU. The meeting was held on the same day as "FAMU Day at the Capitol". The Governor also discussed his criteria for the selection of BOT Members to appoint.

The same group of President Mangum supporters to a picture of NAA President Clark in his military uniform and labeled him a traitor. This is unprofessionally messing with his livelihood and they have crossed the line.

Past President Mitchell asked that we hear from Chapter Presidents first since the meeting is for them.

Montgomery, AL Chapter – Even though the NAA president speaks for himself, unless he is very explicit that he is not speaking for the Association, his comments will be taken as speaking for the NAA. He then asked “What is our strategy for dealing politically with the breakdown on the board.”

Charlotte, NC Metro Chapter – “Are you asking Chapter Presidents to communicate these sentiments back to our Chapters? Answer: “Yes.”

President Clark said that we can do a summary of the conference call to distribute out to Chapter Presidents, but each call can also take notes.

Derrick Singleton stated that he is not on social media, so he will need to get a summary of the talking points online. President Clark said that they can discuss the highlights offline.

Artisha Polk stated that the official FAMU NAA Social Media links are all at the bottom of the e-mails that are sent out to members.

Kristin Harper ask “What is the best way for individuals to make their voices known.”

Persons or Chapters speaking in favor or against the contract renewal of Dr. Mangum	
Favor	Opposed
Ann McKinney (Marion County) Her Chapter has not expressed any negative feedback concerning the President.	Kristin Tucker (Central Ohio) I don't think that Dr. Mangum is the right person for FAMU and should not be renewed. The President, however, has put on an excellent marketing campaign.
Cassie Farmer – NE Region Member-At-Large The President may have be shy personality-wise, but strikes her as able to get the job done.	Thomas Mitchell, Sr. (Past NAA President) Dr. Mangum has alienated the entire FAMU Community. She thinks all we do is party; brought in Associate VP to oversee the Office of Alumni Affairs (OAA) and fired all employees; no longer an OAA; makes decisions without informing BOT; sabotaged SGA elections while full-time employee assisted the opposition; COE decision; disrespects the NAA; accepts invitations, then cancels (FAMU Day at Capitol, Seminole County 50 th , NAA Annual Meeting); missed BOG meetings; she has demonstrated that her

	mentality is not to be with the stakeholders. The Faculty Senate President voted no confidence in the President.
Jerrold Jenkins (Dallas / Fort Worth) The FAMU NAA should always support the FAMU President.	Angela Bledsoe (Parliamentarian) If you worked in corporate America and behaved this way w/ boss you would have been fired; questionable hires; tension w/ alumni & faculty; taking ownership of University successes that she did not achieve; How much has Dr. Mangum personally been able to bring?; Wants to know specifically what she has done to make her “great”?
Chantel Black (NOLA) As a journalism professional the NAA should not make public statements against the President.	Dr. Jabari Prempeh (Montgomery, AL) President ignored 50 year graduates during the Weekend of Rededication (WORD) reunion at graduation. 1 st time that he is aware in history. No FAMU presence to raise money or bring protocol greetings. Total disrespect and disregard for alumni.
Nedra Fortson (Southwest Georgia) Agrees that we should not take a position against the University President.	Atiya Allen (Massachusetts) The FAMU President left a poor taste in the mouth of its members.
Melody Jacobs (Fayetteville / Fort Bragg) Military in her supports the President. Fears instability should we search for another President.	Dr. Carolyn Collins (Past President) Development Research School (DRS – FAMU High) poor status; Football fieldhouse condition President’s annual fund reflects loss of endowment; Investment Committee Issues; Provost previously suggested that FAMU decline from 10K students to 6K and projects are now there; But the Passport program is good.
Leesha Roundtree (West Palm Beach) Not totally against more alumni on BOT. Thinks negligence of administration in past years may trickle down to BOT. Getting rid of President may dissuade others from applying. Let the BOT do what it’s going to do at the June 10 th meeting. We should not take a position.	Dr. Leila Walker (Capital City Chapter and History Committee) The community does not support President Mangum. In addition, the faculty union (FAMU UFF) also voted no confidence in the president.
Carolyn Jones (NAA Membership Chair) The major and most important stakeholders are the students. They have not protested. The faculty as a group (despite the Faculty Senate President individually) has not protested. The President is moving FAMU forward.	Akunna Olumba (NAA General Counsel) The students did march about the SGA elections. The students have been disenfranchised by the President. Faculty or administrators do not speak up because the President fires people who disagree with her.

	Alumni are important for fund-raising and recruiting because they have a personal stake. The alumni are autonomous. It is no different than football. If your Coach isn't winning, you fire the Coach.
Victor Gaines (Leon County) He has not personally witnessed any issues with President Mangum. FAMU is moving in the right direction under Dr. Mangum's leadership. He has not witnessed the lack of communication skills alleged.	Greg Clark (President) Save Our Student (SOS) Campaign – FAMU didn't support the NAA could have raised over \$1MM; WORD – used to raise over ¼ Million; Protocol – several instances of the President violating protocol for the NAA President and Cluster Representatives that cost FAMU donations; COE Budget; President's impatience w/ NAA Fundraising breakfast; Faculty Issue; Dean's evaluation (SBI, Pharmacy, Journalism and Architecture) appears unfair; Enrollment decline; Change of admission requirements w/out notification
Gregg Bishop (New York)	

Charles Lewis stated that Chapter Presidents should call an emergency meeting to get input from their Chapter members.

Kristin Tucker asked do we believe it will be beneficial or harmful to take a formal position. President Clark responded as an individual he thinks we should take a collective position.

President Mitchell stated that “The BOT and community are awaiting the NAA position and we should take a position. The time has come for us to deal with this issue.”

Cassie Farmer asked if it was beneficial for the NAA itself to take a position and publicize it. President Clark answered it has been done in the past.

Past President Collins recommends that the NAA take a full-day at the annual meeting to handle NAA business. She also stated that the Association has a responsibility to evaluate the FAMU President.

Past President Mitchell stated that the NAA Executive Board called a meeting with the Executive Cabinet of FAMU. Two (2) weeks later after telling the NAA that we would be happy with the

results, they fired our Office of Alumni Affairs (OAA) membership staffer and also fired our OAA fiscal staffer during the NAA Audit.

Nedra Fortson stated that the President's metrics and evaluation materials are on her page (famu.edu).

Freddie Young (Miami) stated that we should leave this meeting with direction. She asked what can be done on Facebook to make it positive. We need a strategic plan.

William Youmans (Orlando) stated that any future Presidential extensions will only be 1 year. Some people feel that 1 yr. extension is a punishment.

President Clark said "True". The Governor has taken exception to State University System (SUS) long-term presidential contracts and wants them to face annual renewal each year just like other state employees. Dr. Mangum will get a 1-year extension if renewed. Receives over \$425,000 in salary, some of which is paid via the Foundation. After she leaves she gets a "golden parachute" of 90% of her current salary, then matched to the highest paid faculty thereafter.

The Governor is pushing more toward compensation tied to accomplishment of goals and objectives.

Past President Mitchell said that Chapter Presidents need to participate in conference calls so that they are informed. The NAA should do a press release to discuss what we accomplished during the annual meeting.

Leesha Roundtree (Palm Beach) said there is a breakdown in communication to her chapter because she was not aware of the existence of previous Executive Council calls. The NAA needs to reach out to all chapters if they are not participating.

Past President Mitchell said that Chapter Presidents and all officers should not allow people to falsely speak ill of the NAA and not respond.

Marion Gibbons (Executive Assistant) said that when we (the NAA) do something good, the media trend is that a backlash occurs. We need to celebrate that past convention.

General Leroy Bell (NE Region VP) said that we need to define Executive Council in the Bylaws and define its mission.

Past President Mitchell responded that it has been defined verbally to him several times.

President Clark serves on the BOT Presidential Evaluation Committee.

President Clark stated that we need to agree to disagree, but take information back to the chapters, but not social media.

Past President Carolyn Collins thinks the NAA should look at evaluation parameters and consider specifics to feed back to Chapters and members. If we give homage to the University President, then we should also give homage to the NAA President.

President Clark stated that we all need to go back and survey chapters and we shall reconvene a week from tonight. Same time next Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 8:30 p.m.

The question was asked can members sent in their numbers in advance to the Recording Secretary to make it easier to confirm the roll call?

Gerald Jenkins asked is it possible to get a synopsis of high points and low points of the administration?

List of what president is being evaluated on sent out by Corresponding Secretary.