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Florida A&M University National Alumni Association (FAMUNAA)

Executive Board Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 8:00 p.m.

Executive Board Members Present:

Leroy Bell; Angela Bledsoe; Greg Clark; Carolyn Collins; Carmen Cummings-Martin (Non-Voting); Jean Downing; Cassie Farmer; Regina Gardner (Non-Voting); Tirrell Hamilton; Nicole Jones; Derris King; Skip McClemore; Thomas Mitchell; Reginald Mitchell; Juanita Moore; James Moran; Akunna Olumba; Yolanda Pinkard; Artisha Polk; Bob Porter; Van Russ; Keith Shannon; Pat Shaw; Mary Smith; Jaylen Smith; and Kathy Times.

Other Appointed Officers and Committee Chairs:

Marion Gibbons; Brandon Hill; and Nichole Phillips

Invited Guests:

Dr. William Hudson, FAMU VPSA

Call to Order:

President Clark called the meeting to order.

Invocation:

Chaplain Keith Shannon said the opening prayer.

Roll Call:

The Recording Secretary took the roll and confirmed a quorum.

Agenda:

The agenda was approved unanimously.

Welcome new ex-officio board members

President Clark welcomed Jaylen Smith, SGA Senate President and now Acting SGA President and Trustee.

Resignation of First Vice President

President Clark announced that he has accepted the resignation of 1st Vice President Charles Lewis. He will take some time to consider who will be a worthy replacement.

Approval to release S.O.S. Rattler Retention Scholarship funds to students

The Board discussed the SOS Scholarship. President Clark wanted to work with the Student National Alumni Association, SGA and the Vice President for Student Affairs. President Clark sought Board Approval to release funds to be used for the SOS Scholarship. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

52nd Northeast Regional Conference – Philadelphia, PA

General Leroy Bell presented information about the upcoming Northeast Regional Conference. The Conference will be held from August 11-13, 2016 in Philadelphia. At the Hilton Garden Inn at \$139 per night.

Old Business

Conclusion of Tampa Convention Business Meeting

President Clark discussed his plans for concluding the Business meeting of the General Convention. The meeting is planned for Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

Carolyn Collins asked about whether we will invite all registrants that attended the Tampa Convention. The President responded in the affirmative.

Artisha Polk will notify the registrants officially via e-mail.

Registrants will be encouraged to read the reports in advance. All presenters should be prepared to present as well.

Date for 2017 General Convention

The date previously presented for the 2017 Convention actually falls on Mother's Day Weekend and will not work. Thus, the newly proposed date will be May 25-28, 2017 (Memorial Day Weekend) will now be proposed.

Governmental Relations Report

Carolyn Collins gave a report on how well the BOT Meeting went. She is interested in bringing the panelist from the retreat in to do a workshop. She gave further information on Governmental Relations.

New Business

Trustee Jaylen Smith reported that the voting precinct was moved off campus to St. Eugene's Chapel. The University is bringing back TOPS Orientation program. He spoke to Chief Calloway and was informed that the President has purchased three (3) new busses. The University is negotiating the extension of Taltran passes for off-campus transportation.

President Clark discussed that we did raise dues to support paying staff. Since then, however, President Clark started discussions with Vice President Cotton to work together to possibly get 2-3 people that will support the NAA.

President Clark discussed that he has asked Kathy Times to develop the NAA PR Strategy for crisis management and public relations. The proposal that they are looking at keeps her working for the NAA as a volunteer without compensation.

Reginald Mitchell asked about the status of the Midwest Regional Convention (next year in Chicago), the Farwest (no plans for this year) or Southern (talking about possibly a convention next year). The Florida Region will have a 1-day conference in January.

FAMU Admissions

Dr. William Hudson, FAMU Vice President for Student Affairs came on the call to discuss students. He addressed our concern about enrollment projections. FAMU is not replacing as many students entering as we are currently graduating. We are going to get a lot of calls from students who were not accepted to FAMU due to low test scores and the need to take remedial courses in order to take college courses. If students enroll in community college in the fall and successful pass, FAMU will admit them in the Spring. Minimum 2.5 GPA Core Classes. ACT: 19 math, 19 English, 18 Essay. SAT: 460 Math, 460 English.

They are testing the online application that accepts fee waivers, letters of recommendation, transcripts and all documents being able to be submitted online. There will be subsequent on everything discussed.

General Bell asked about the sharing of information regarding students as it relates to FERPA. VP Hudson discussed the need for NAA Members to sign confidentiality agreements so that he can share student information with the NAA.

Carolyn Collins asked Dr. Hudson discussed the PERT exam to test out of mediation.

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NAA Directory

Van Russ asked about the NAA Chapter Directory. The Office of Alumni Affairs has offered to help us with that document. Artisha Polk, Reggie Mitchell and Juanita Moore chimed in on the need for this information and the efforts being undertaken to gather this information. General Bell discussed the data from the officer change report and section 5.5 of the bylaws. Carolyn Collins discussed the need for the office of advancement to remove the link for the FAMU Alumni Directory that does not have information.

Parliamentary Opinion

Angela Bledsoe reiterated that the Board properly voted to accept the resignation of the 1st Vice President.

Adjournment:

Chaplain Keith Shannon closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.