Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Board of Trustees

September 14, 2016
Overview

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AGB: Why Restructure?

The Association of Governing Boards recommends that committee structures should:

- Produce optimal opportunities for engagement
- Yield strategic discussions and decision making on topics that matter most
- Focus more on issues of major consequence
- Improve governance to better address the institutions strategic issues
- Address issues facing the University
- Spend less time listening to reports
- Place trustees on committees that utilize their strengths and abilities
SUS: Why Restructure

An analysis of the other 11 State University System (SUS) universities:

- SUS institutions have an average of five (5) committees
- Eleven (11) combine Budget/Finance with either Audit or Facilities
- Five (5) have some combination of Finance and Facilities
- Seven (7) combine academic affairs and student life
- FAMU has the highest number of committees at 9
- Only FAMU has a standalone Budget and Finance Committee
- Only FAMU has a standalone Facilities Committee
Trustees: Why Restructure?

FAMU BOT provided the following primary reasons for restructuring:

- Structure and assignments do not fit the needs of the Board and FAMU
- FAMU has six standing committees and three special committees
- Large number of committees affects how Board operates
- Number of committees members serve on impacts effectiveness
- Committees should address:
  - strategic plan
  - major issues
  - performance measures/metrics
- Time in BOT meetings should be used more efficiently
- Align committee assignments with members’ interests and skill sets
- Under current structure:
  - two (2) members serve on five (5) committees
  - three (3) serve on four (4) committees
# Current Committee Structure

**Board of Trustees Committee Assignments**

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**BOT REPS:**
- FAMU NAA – Trustee Woody
- FAMU Foundation – Trustee Lawrence
- Rattler Boosters – Trustee Dortch

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Attributes for Proposed Structure

• Combine the following committee:
  o Student Affairs and Academic Affairs
  o Budget and Finance and Facilities Planning
  o Governance and Special Committee on Presidential Evaluation
• Establish a Performance Measure and Strategic Planning Committee
• Trustees should serve on no more than three committees
• Trustees should chair no more than one committee
• Align Trustees’ interests and skills sets with committee assignments
Comparison of Existing v. Proposed

• **Existing Standing Committees**
  – Student Affairs
  – Academic Affairs
  – Governance
  – Budget and Finance
  – Facilities Planning
  – Audit

• **Special Committees**
  – Presidential Evaluation
  – DSO
  – Athletics

• **Proposed Standing Committees**
  – Academic and Student Affairs
  – Governance (including Presidential Evaluation)
  – Budget and Facilities
  – Audit
  – Strategic Planning (Performance Measures/Funding)

• **Special Committees**
  – DSO
  – Athletics
## Proposed Committee Structure

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