

MINUTES  
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STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE  
FLORIDA A & M UNIVERSITY  
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Chairperson Ann Duncan convened the Board of Governors Student Affairs and Campus Life Committee meeting at 11:00 a.m., January 29, 2009, in the Student Union Ballroom at Florida A & M University. The following members were present: Vice Chair Stanley Marshall, Frank Martin, A. J. Meyer, Commissioner Eric Smith, Gus Stavros, and Dr. Zach Zachariah.

1. Board of Governors Regulation for Public Notice

Chair Duncan announced that one BOG regulation would be reviewed and noticed at this meeting and explained that, following review and input from the universities, this regulation would be acted upon by the Board at its March meeting. She called on Jon Rogers to summarize BOG Regulation 8.003-Textbook Adoption. Dr. Rogers said that the textbook adoption regulation was developed by a SUS-wide Textbook Affordability Work Group that included faculty senate presidents, students, academic affairs officers, instructors, librarians, auxiliary enterprise contacts, and BOG staff. This regulation directs the university boards of trustees to develop regulations designed to lessen the cost of textbooks for students. Regulations should address calendar decisions regarding textbook adoption, decisions regarding book editions, how university employees can and cannot be compensated for textbook selection, and procedures to provide textbooks to students with financial hardship. Dr. Rogers said that the work group also compiled suggested procedures and an information brochure to assist universities. Without objection, the Committee recommended that the draft regulation be forwarded to the full Board for noticing.

2. Report on SUS Council for Student Affairs Meeting

Chair Duncan reported on a November meeting that she participated in with the SUS Council for Student Affairs (CSA). She said that the vice presidents are very interested in working with and supporting the work of the Committee. The CSA identified four priorities that could be addressed by the BOG Student Affairs Committee: (1) alcohol and excessive drinking, (2) student health insurance, (3) veterans services, and (4) First Generation Grant Program and

financial aid. Chair Duncan said that these issues will be incorporated into the Committee Work Plan and will be reviewed by the Committee. She reported that a conference call with the CSA is being planned for early March.

3. Report on Florida Student Association (FSA) meeting

Chair Duncan reported on a January 16<sup>th</sup> Florida Student Association meeting that she participated in via conference call. She said that FSA members are very interested in student issues and how they can support the work of the BOG. She called on Governor A. J. Meyer, President of the FSA, to comment on this meeting. Governor Meyer presented the FSA 2009 Legislative Priorities, which focus on the following issues: differential tuition, student fees and their implementation, the Bright Futures program, mandatory health insurance, and early voting policies. He said that the FSA will be visible and active in Tallahassee during the legislative session and will voice support for BOG initiatives. Governor Meyer announced that FSA Rally on the Hill is planned for March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol and that students from all universities will travel to Tallahassee to meet with legislators and to rally support for SUS students.

4. Discussion on Committee Work Plan

Chair Duncan deferred discussion and approval of the Committee Work Plan until the March meeting.

5. Adjournment

Chair Duncan adjourned the Committee meeting at 11:30 a.m., January 29, 2009.