

FAMU DRS Board Meeting

January 24, 2013

Attendees:

Mr. Terry Watson
Dr. Patricia Green-Powell
Dr. Tony Manson
Dr. Lavetta Henderson
Dr. Serena Roberts
Mr. Michael Wallace
Mr. Sam Houston

Mr. Terry Watson, board chair, called board Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

He (Watson) welcomed those in participation. He acknowledged those who sent him messages, etc during the passing of his Dad.

Board members and guest/public members gave introductions.

Board Nominees/Nomination Process Update: Mr. Watson will be meeting with Dr. Robinson next week to finalize the new board members. The list was provided to Dr. Robinson of those who expressed interest. The goal is to have all new members appointed by next week.

DRS Administration Update:

- ✓ School Grade Update: DRS received 2011-12 school grade: D. Dr. Patricia Hodge explained how the grade was calculated and what DRS raw scores were. She also went over the assessment learning gain areas. The Middle School acceleration and participation performance was new this year (Middle School Honors Classes received extra points).
- ✓ FCAT Preparations: FCAT Preparations will begin this year for Elementary, Middle and High School students in core subject areas: reading, writing, math and science. Students will be targeted to attend the preparation sessions based upon their previous FCAT scores. DRS is still looking for a science teacher that is willing to assist students in science preparation. A small stipend will be offered. Student assistance and assessment during the day include: Success Maker, ALEKS and afterschool tutorials.

- ✓ School Improvement Plan: Dr. Patricia Hodge will submit a School Improvement Plan to the Board of Trustees as an overall strategic plan to improve the school grade. The School Improvement Plan will also include professional development needs for faculty and staff. DRS will take a close look at funding and school programs (Title I Part A and Title II Part B) to assist with professional development needs of the school. The Board briefly discussed what the Title I Part A and Title II Part A programs entail as it relates to school improvement, student achievement and teacher training and professional development. A needs assessment will be completed by the spring of this year to assist in the implementation of the DRS School Improvement Plan for academic success. Many major barriers of implementation of the plan are funding sources for the necessary action steps. The plan was presented to the University. Suggestions included listing milestones (i.e. projections in 2013, 2014, etc.) for progress monitoring. Suggestions also included projections of student enrollment growth along with financial phases towards action steps. The final plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees in the near future.
- ✓ DRS School Security Plan: Dr. Patricia Hodge presented the Board with the newly revised FAMU DRS Emergency Plan.
- ✓ Activity Fee Budget: Last year ended the year with \$26,000. Have collected \$60,000.00 for this year. 2011-2012 collected \$45,000.00.
- ✓ Title I Policy: Ms. Shatoya Mitchell , Title I Coordinator, presented to the Board a request to revise the Title I Part A Food Policy to accommodate the Fall Parental Involvement meeting in September 2012. The cost was a spaghetti dinner of the amount of \$1000,00. The dinner amount was more than original policy amount. We are asking for a one time exception of the policy to accommodate the dinner. The Board will seek General Counsel if the one time revision can be implemented to increase the food policy allocation to 55% from 25%.

Board Updates

- ✓ Recreational Facilities Update: Progress is being made on the recreational field.

Board Member Comments: Mr. Watson thanked Board Members for coming to the meeting.

Public Comments: N/A

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.