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AAMU Holds Regular Meeting

Huntsville, Ala. ---- The Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Friday, October 30, at the Sheraton Hotel in Birmingham, Ala., at 1 p.m.

ACTIONS:

- Agenda approved

REPORTS:

President Andrew Hugine, Jr., shared information items pertaining to the (1) Clarification of academic ranks and the corresponding qualifications, along with determination of eligibility for tenure tract positions and at which rank; (2) post tenure review; and (3) program viability at AAMU (relative to Alabama Commission on Higher Education standards).

Faculty Senate President Barbara Cady praised the administration for its support in finalizing the faculty handbook, while SGA President Tavis Richardson noted the organization's "1875 Canned Food Drive" and a project to support children during the Holiday season.

ELECTION:

President Pro Tempore L. Shefton Riggins was re-elected, 6-3-2, over Trustees Sherrod and Montgomery. Trustee Velma Tribue was also re-elected to the post of Secretary, 6-4, over trustee Burse in the second round of voting. Trustee Lucien Blankenship abstained.

Board Officers/Assignments:

President Pro Tempore	Trustee L. Shefton Riggins
Secretary	Trustee Velma Tribue
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee	Trustee Raymond Burse
Chair, Business and Finance Committee	Trustee Odysseus Lanier
Chair, Research and Development Committee	Trustee D. Thomason Bell
Chair, Student Affairs Committee	Trustee Lucien Blankenship
Chair, Athletics Committee	Trustee M. Lynn Sherrod

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The Board voted that the Executive Committee will be comprised of President Pro Tempore, committee chairs and the Secretary, all in full voting capacity. A By-Laws Committee will be appointed at a later date by President Pro Tempore Riggins.

Finally, an ad hoc committee was appointed by Board President Pro Tempore Riggins to fine tune the working relationships and memoranda of understanding between the University, the AAMU Foundation, Normal Hills Student Apartments and the AAMU Research Institute, respectively. (Ad hoc Committee Appointed: Sherrod, Burse, Lanier and Blankenship).

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Trustee Members Present:

Robert Avery
D. Thomason Bell
Lucien Blankenship
Raymond Burse
Barbara Cady
Norman D. Hill
Odysseus Lanier
Emma Melton
James Montgomery
Tavis Richardson
L. Shefton Riggins
M. Lynn Sherrod
Velma Tribue

Upcoming Board Meetings (First Official Announcement):

February 12, 2010: Sub-Committee Meetings
February 26, 2010: Board Meeting

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