Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees



Special Committee on the College of Law Minutes June 7, 2017

Trustee Belvin Perry, the committee's chair called the meeting to order. The roll was called and a quorum was established. The committee members present were Trustees Grable, Perry, and Woody. The first item of business was to review the committee's scope, which includes the following issues:

- 1. American Bar Association Accreditation
- 2. Bar passage rate
- 3. Faculty quality and composition
- 4. Recruitment
- 5. Job Placement
- 6. Internships and clerkships
- 7. Student morale
- 8. Attrition rate
- 9. Community perception of law school
- 10. Communication Plan/Strategy

Next, Trustee Perry recognized Dean Leroy Pernell to provide an update. He emphasized that the law school is fully accredited. He highlighted the following:

- The college's attrition rate has improved;
- An external review of career services was just completed and a substantial reorganization will occur;
- When the new clinical director is hired, that person will oversee externships;
- He plans to work with the Board of Visitors to offer internship experiences for students;
- He suggested that the College will look at partnering with bar review companies; and
- The applications for admission is up by 30% this year. The college has 1200 applicants this year.

The committee discussed its next steps. The Board Liaison will work with the committee members to schedule a site visit. The committee will plan to have a day and a half meeting. They will meet from 6-8:30 pm the first day and 8:30am to 3:30pm the next day. During that visit, the committee will look at the 10 items for review stated above and bring a report back to the Board in September.