



Annual Homecoming Meeting
National Alumni Association of Saint Augustine's University
October 19, 2018
1:00 PM
Martin Luther King, Jr. Conference Center
Saint Augustine's University
1315 Oakwood Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27610

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - 1:12PM

Call to Order

Dr. John T. Larkins, NAA President

Invocation

Rev. Alexander G. Dabney, NAA Chaplin

President's Remarks

- Agenda, etc., will be posted on website for review by alumni.
- Mentioned FB page.
- Problems need progress, support the University.
- SAU needs alumni and friends support, now more than ever
- Transparency is important.
- Ad hoc committees have been created: Grants (collaboration w/other Universities needed) (grants in STEM area).
- Suggest bringing in 500 students; need to raise 2.2M.
- Suggest Merit Scholarships as a target for NAA.
- Pledged to give 10K as president of NAA.
- We need to be committed to the progress of the University.
- We need to better communicate our needs and make good partnerships connections.

Review and Adoption of Agenda

- Motion to adopt by Charlotte Turpin, Raleigh Wake Chapter.
- Seconded by SAU Trustee Brian Boulware.
- Agenda adopted.

Installation of Officers: Secretary; Assistant Secretary; Chaplain

- Officers installed by Rev. Dabney.

Alumni Trustee Report - Ms. Pattye J. Brown (Attachment 1)

- Motion to accept by report by Jameel Harris, Atlanta Chapter.
- Seconded by Mary Ford, DC Metro Chapter.
- Motion carried; report accepted

NAA-SAU Officers Reports

Secretary - Mrs. Barbara Scott Akinwole (Attachment 2)

- Motion to accept by SAU Trustee Brian Boulward.
- Seconded by Walter Stewart, Chapter not identified
- Motion carried; report accepted.

Treasurer - Mr. Joseph Lynn

- Motion to accept for information only by Treasurer.
- Seconded by SAU Trustee Brian Boulward.
- Motion carried; accepted for information only.

[Robert Shepherd asked question about IRS money to be paid by NAA—concerned about taking money away from SAU—Mr. Lynn replied that this is past issue that we are trying to remedy that is not associated with the University's finances.]

Standing Committee Reports - Dr. Johnelle Sherald - Vice President, NAA-SAU

Web-Site/Social Media - Mrs. Barbara Akinwole, member, reporting. (Attachment 3)

Constitution and Bylaws - Mr. Joseph Lynn, Chairperson

- Presented proposed amendments to the Constitution.
- Asked for a voter to accept proposed amendments by show of voting cards.
- Motion to accept new proposed amendments into the constitution in entirety SAU Trustee Brian Boulward.
- Seconded by Shirley Coldes, Chapter not identified.
- Motion carried; amendments approved for addition to Constitution, Oct 19, 2018.

Membership - Roland Otey, NAA Executive Director and Chairperson

- Reviewed NAA membership and benefits and reason for joining; encouraged all alumni to become members.
- Motion to accept membership committee report by Cassdell Singletary, Charleston, SC Chapter.
- Seconded by Sharon Bomar, Atlanta Chapter.
- Motion carried; report accepted.

[Janelle Starks, DC Metro Chapter, made a statement in clarification that an alumnus being a paid member of a local chapter does not automatically make them a member of the NAA. To be a member of the NAA, an alumnus must pay \$50 and this fee must be paid at the beginning of each fiscal year or at first meeting of the chapter.]

[Anzela King, South Florida Chapter, asked a question about subscribing membership fee ---now changed to \$100 or more for a 3-year period.]

New Business

- Awarding of Certificates to 2018 NAA Dorm Cleanup Project Volunteers- Dr. John T. Larkins and Dr. Johnelle L. Sherald (*Get list of names from Johnelle*)
- Recognition of 2018 Alumni King and Queen Contestants - Dr. John T. Larkins
- Announcement of 2019 NAA Summer Conference
- NAA conference will be in Orlando 2019; notice out within next few weeks—June 27-30

Fallen Falcons Memorial Service - Rev. Alexander G. Dabney

- This session was not held.
 - Known alumni as of this meeting:
 - Julian Wyatt Davis, Class of 72
 - Maurice Campbell, Class?
 - Victor Huggins Class, of 1980
 - Tennille T. King, Class of 2003
 - Leshia Murphy- Johnson, (attended 93-94)
 - Lisa Justice Hickman, Class of 2000
 - Frederick Errington Bethel, Class of 1951
 - Marion Watford Jackson, Class of 1964
 - Sandra Bell Alford June 21, 2018 (Not sure whether a Falcon. Cashier in the business office 40 years)
 - Ollie M. Dunston, Class of

University Reports

Alumni Affairs - Mrs. Sheryl Ximines, Director, SAU Alumni Affairs

- Update: Homecoming activity tickets still available.
- Remember a Fallon Falcon through a donation.
- Classes in Commencement Reunion for 2019 are those for years ending in 4 and 9.

Office Of Institutional Advancement - Dr. Steven Hairston, Vice President Institutional Advancement

- Three organization were highlighted for donations given to the University
 - Gregg Smith from the Bahamas---Mother Pratt foundation---\$6K for students from the Bahamas
 - Raleigh Wake Chapter---Gloria Whitehurst, president---\$5K to scholarship fund
 - Falcon Sixthman (basketball reference)—Ben Johnson—\$9,500—Alumni were encouraged Falcon Sixthman website to donate \$78 for SAU

University Updates - Dr. Everett B. Ward, President Saint Augustine's University

- Dr. Ward's report highlights
- Turnaround strategy working with \$200K in surplus at end of fiscal year
- Since Feb 2014, University has been under observation from SACS---now in 4th year; site visit 10/18/18
- University has progressed from 4 standards to complete SACS 2 standards:
- 2.11.1 SACS core standard--lookup
- 3.3.1 SACS standard --lookup improve student outcomes
- University must show a higher fiscal surplus for 2019
- University has until November 19 to respond to SACS site committee report results
- December 7-8: dates that University must go before SACS board to defend all report items
- University needs alumni help recruit students
- University needs major contributions by November 19, 2018
- Alumni were encouraged to contact inactive alumni for should contributions
- Need financial resources to hire faculty---very important!

Questions

- From the floor, speaker not identified - Was quota for freshman year class met? A: No.

- From Shelly Harvey, DC Metro Chapter - What is University doing to retain students? A: Setup office of scholarships to help students be aggressive in getting scholarships; encourage students to apply for Pell grants, state, and other sources for funds, after which time SAU will look at shortfall.
- From former SAU recruitment director Chris Whithers - Explain methods used to increase enrollment in details; address changes made and how this affected not making projected enrollment. A: Changes made did affect not meeting recruitment quota.
- From Glen Thomas, chapter not identified - Do we have any ideas on how we will manage compliance with SACS report for forthcoming SACS report. A: Need to increase fundraising to meet this goal; need to show financial resources are in place to meet SACS requirements; we can make pledges and collected in same year.
- From Harold Mallette, Raleigh-Wake/Raleigh-Wake Retired Chapter - how much money needed by 11/19? A: \$500K
- From Sandra White, chapter not identified - What do we need to do to provide better services to students—customer service issues? A: University will give customer service training to staff.
- From Newman Davis, chapter not identified - Given the previous advance from Episcopal Church in the last fiscal year, how much and how will we need to make up difference if we do not get same this fiscal year? A: \$300K
- From Sterling Goodwin, Raleigh-Wake Retired chapter - Strategy for raising money by 11/19; what are looking at putting in place for accomplishing goal? A: We a need major blitz to alumni for donation of unrestricted funds.
- From Henry Capers, YAC - What can we as alumni do to support students, re: writing component—what type of components; wants to help as recent grad, A: Any alumnus can return to campus to work with students—work w/NAA on this project
- From the floor: How viable is football program and what is this program's impact on University finances; how long can we effectively support? A: Double edged sword—trying to have private donations; need to determine how to adequately balance the cost—football is a CIAA membership requirement.
- From Trustee Bullward - Giving by age groups—address this—A: Majority in 55 years and older category; 30-45-50 age group lacking—45 under 45 program helps address this lack—need help from NAA to continue to address this issue.

President Ward encouraged alumni to contact students from their respective areas—get with them and help with most of their needs, while they are on campus and back at home.

The 2018 Homecoming Raffle Drawing winners

1rd prize – Carrie Weldon, Charleston, SC Chapter

2nd prize – Lucretia Frasier, Charleston, SC Chapter

3rd prize - Maureen Sanner, Garner, NC

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Barbara Scott Akinwole, NAA Secretary.