Letter from the Chairman of the Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees Nominating Committee

Members of the Alabama A&M University Family:

You may be aware that Section 16-49-20 of the Code of Alabama, which contains a portion of the enabling statute which created and governs Alabama A&M University, was amended to create a nominating committee to select a list of three persons to submit to Governor Robert Bentley as candidates to fill any vacancies which may occur on the Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees (“Board”). At the request of Governor Bentley, the Nominating Committee is being reactivated to receive nominations and make recommendations to the Governor to fill the vacancies created by the expiring terms for trustees serving on behalf of Congressional District 3, as constituted on September 5, 1975, and the At-Large position held by Trustee Lucien Blankenship, both of which are set to expire on January 31, 2013.

In our ongoing effort to ensure a fully open, inclusive and transparent process, we are now formally opening the nomination period to search for and select three (3) nominees for each vacancy. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16-49-20 of the Code of Alabama, three names will be provided to the Governor for each vacant position from which to appoint the new trustee. The nominee for the vacancy in Congressional District 3 must “be a bona fide resident and qualified elector within that district as it was constituted on September 5, 1975.” The At-Large position may be filled by nominations from any district within the state of Alabama or from “outside of the state.” We encourage all interested individuals to apply, or nominate a qualified individual, by submitting a nomination letter, resume and any letters of support through one of two methods:

1. submit all nomination information electronically to the following link on Alabama A&M University’s Web Site: www.aamu.edu/trustees;

2. submit nomination information via hard copy (if you do not have access to the Internet or e-mail) to the Board’s Attorney Rod Steakley at Sirote & Permutt, PC, ATTN: Ms. Alicia Ford, 305 Church Street, Suite 800, Huntsville, Alabama 35801, Telephone: 256-518-3607, Fax: 256-518-3681.

Please note that your nomination letter, resume and any letters of support must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CST on Tuesday, February 19, 2013.
Please see the adjoining map to determine if you reside in Congressional District 3, as it was constituted on September 5, 1975, as candidates for selection must live in the respective congressional districts for which appointments will be made to be eligible for consideration.

The Nominating Committee is looking for leaders who are forward-looking, service-oriented and committed to furthering Alabama A&M University’s instruction, research and extension missions. The Nominating Committee consists of one member from the Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees, one member of the Alabama A&M University family selected jointly by the Faculty Senate and the Staff Senate, the president of Alabama A&M University’s Student Government Association, a representative designated by the President of the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Madison County Legislative Delegation as selected by the delegation, the president of Alabama A&M University’s National Alumni Association, and a community representative selected by other members of the Nominating Committee.

Please review the following requirements applicable to those that apply or are nominated to serve on the Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees:

- Must be a resident of Congressional District 3, as constituted on September 5, 1975, or the United States of America for the At-Large position held by Trustee Lucien Blankenship
- Cannot be an employee of Alabama A&M University, other than the faculty senate president
- Cannot be a member of the Board Nominating Committee
- Cannot be a member of the governing board
- Cannot be an officer of any public post-secondary educational institution, and
- Cannot be an elected or appointed official having the power of review of the Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University budget, other than the Governor

If there are any questions, please contact the Office of the Board of Trustees at 256-518-3607 or trustees@aamu.edu. I am honored to serve as Governor Bentley’s President Pro Tempore of the Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees and the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Thank you for your assistance as we work diligently to select the men and women who will contribute to moving Alabama A&M University forward, thereby ensuring its efficacy and long-term viability.

Sincerely,

Odysseus M. Lanier, President Pro Tempore
Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees
Chairman, Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees Nominating Committee