BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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 in the most recent session of the Alabama Legislature to create a nominating committee to select a list of three persons to submit to Governor Robert Bentley as candidates to fill each vacancy which may occur on the Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees (“Board”). Accordingly, we created the Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees Nominating Committee (“Nominating Committee”) and recently submitted nominees to the governor for four trustees whose terms expired on January 31, 2012.

In our ongoing effort to ensure a fully open, inclusive and transparent process, we are now opening the nomination period again to search for and select three (3) nominees for the vacancy on the board which was created by the resignation of Rev. D. Thomas Bell, Jr., which was communicated to Governor Bentley by letter dated February 20, 2012. Former Trustee Bell was appointed to represent Congressional District 5, as constituted on September 5, 1975. His term was set to expire on January 31, 2014. 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 Thursday, March 15, 2012.
The Alabama A&M University Board currently has one vacancy to serve the balance of Rev. D. Thomason Bell, Jr.’s term in Congressional District 5, as constituted on September 5, 1975, which expires January 31, 2014. Please see the adjoining map to determine if you reside in Congressional District 5, 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. After we receive nominations, the Nominating Committee will meet on March 19, 2012 to select three individuals to submit to Governor Bentley as nominees for the vacancy in Congressional District 5, as constituted on September 5, 1975. 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 5, as constituted on September 5, 1975
- 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