

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ITS MEETING ON APRIL 15, 2020**

A called meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Alabama A&M University took place beginning at 12:30 PM, April 15, 2020, pursuant to Notice given in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings law set forth in section 36-25A-1 et seq. of the Code of Alabama as modified by the emergency proclamations of the Governor of the State of Alabama. The deliberations which were conducted, and the action taken, expressly relate to matters necessary to respond to COVID-19, and are necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Board of Trustees on behalf of the University as a result of the present, exigent circumstances. The meeting was conducted in a fashion which permitted members of the public to listen to or participate in the meeting. All of the members of the Executive Committee were present and participating by telephone conference call in which all persons could simultaneously hear and respond, including trustees Dr. Jerome Williams, Chris Robinson, Ginger Harper, John Hackett, Jr. and Kevin Ball. University president Dr. Andrew Hugine and members of his cabinet were also present and participated, including Attorney Angela Debroy, Dr. Gary Crosby, Dr. Malinda Swoope, Mr. Clayton Gibson, Dr. Archie Tucker, and others.

A quorum of the executive committee was declared present, and the meeting was called to order. An agenda, which was published with the notice of the meeting, identifying two action items was adopted. A copy of the agenda is attached to this Report as Exhibit 1. Information related to action item one concerning waiver of required fees for summer school 2020 was presented by Dr. Hugine and Mr. Gibson. In light of the exigent circumstances created by COVID-19 and response to the declared pandemic, the present economic conditions, the fact that the students are not physically on campus but are involved in Online classes, to incentivize students and remain competitive with other institutions of higher learning (which have already announced waiver of such fees) and to enhance retention of students and incentivize student participation in summer school, the Administration recommended waiver of fees for summer school 2020 for both graduate and undergraduate classes. However, the applicable tuition per credit hour will be charged. After presentation of the exigent circumstances requiring this action, Trustee Robinson moved, seconded by Trustee Harper, that required fees for summer school 2020 be waived. The executive committee voted unanimously to approve this motion.

President Hugine and Dr. Crosby addressed and presented the second proposed action item – to waive ACT/SAT requirements for fall 2020 admission. This proposal is made in light of numerous restrictions created by and the impact of COVID-19 upon the admission process. Circumstances and actions related to COVID-19 have limited the ability of high school students to sit for the ACT and SAT examinations. Further, the University has developed a composite predictive index for consideration of success at the University in connection with the admission process. This composite predictive index takes into consideration both entrance examinations and the high school GPA of the applicant. The University's experience has indicated that the high school GPA is the best predictor of performance in college. Other colleges and universities have also taken similar action with respect to admission of students for fall 2020. The Administration recommended a temporary waiver of ACT/SAT requirements for first time, first-year student applicants from the United States and internationally. Dr. Hugine also noted that applicants must still meet ACT/SAT thresholds to qualify for merit-based scholarships. Based upon a motion made

by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Harper, the executive committee unanimously approved the temporary waiver of ACT/SAT requirements for admission for first time, first-year US and international students at the University.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, the meeting was properly adjourned.

**ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY
NORMAL, ALABAMA**

**MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
Pursuant to Governor Ivey's State of Emergency Provisions

Zoom Phone Conference Call
Dial-In Number: 1-312-626-6799
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**Wednesday, April 15, 2020
12:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

- A. Roll Call of Members
- B. Adoption of Agenda
- C. Action Items
 - a. Waive required fees for Summer School 2020 and assess tuition only
 - b. Waive ACT/SAT requirement for Fall Admission 2020
- D. Adjournment