

Absent: James Amann, Kwaku Andoh, Eric Ashford, Gregori Faroux, Gary Fessenden, Melody Harris, Keisha Jones, Angie Lymon, Mike Raderstorf, LaRose Raston, Randy Trammell, Angela Turk, Lillian Winfrey, Henry Winston, Jeff Pruett.

Guests: Leon Staples, Oyin Jones, Debbie Rupp, Edgar Torbert, Cheryl Johnson-Ransaw, Pam Barr, Jan McCord, Yvonne Mangiaracina.

Opening Business

Jowanna Tillman called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

Staff Retreat
The Staff Retreat was announced for the day of May 21.

Strategic Planning
Pam Barr and Sandra Garber of the university’s Strategic Planning committee held a forum to hear staff ideas about the university’s strengths, weaknesses, and ideas for the future. The discussion covered a wide range of issues, including the importance of hiring more staff, providing more training, sustainability, security, the vital history of Sweet Auburn and the Old Fourth Ward, community engagement, and improving university administrative systems.