Memorandum

To: The Student Body of Florida A&M University

From: Anthony Q. Siders II, Student Body President and University Trustee

Date: July 8, 2013

Re: Change in tuition at recent Famu Board of Trustees Meeting

Greetings Fellow Rattlers,

To address the many inquiries I have received from students regarding the matter on a tuition change, and in an effort of transparency allow me to clarify some items that led to the decision made by our Board of Trustees.

In regards to undergraduate tuition, the 2013 State Legislature approved a 3% increase in undergraduate tuition; however, the Governor vetoed it in an effort to maintain a steadfast opposition to raising the cost of college for students in Florida. Pursuant to s. 1009.24 (4) (b) F.S. (Florida Statutes) "the resident undergraduate tuition per credit hour shall increase at the beginning of each fall semester at a rate equal to inflation, unless otherwise provided in the General Appropriations Act." which has been approved by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research as 1.7% (rate of inflation).

With this state law in mind, Tuition will increase by $1.75 per credit hour for Undergraduate students (Resident and Non-Resident). However, amongst further discussion on the board, the University has agreed to grant a tuition waiver of $1.75 per credit hour to offset the increase in cost to the student, which means that technically there will be NO "increase in overall tuition" for the upcoming year.

Lastly, as your Student Body President, transparency is, was, and forever will be at the forefront and hallmark of the "A&E Administration." In addition, it is incumbent upon me to ensure the cost of higher education remains accessible to students at our beloved University and through any and all efforts I will see that through.

Rattler Pride!

Anthony Q. Siders, II
Student Body President and University Trustee