

Alumni Town Hall

Questions & Answers

Q: Do you foresee hiring more alumni in leadership positions?

A: My goal is to assemble a leadership team that will work with me in moving this university forward. If they are alumni of this institution, then that would be a bonus.

Q: I have also noticed the trends of gentrification at HBCUs across the country. With the revitalization of Murchison Road, what can we do to compact that?

A: We work closely with our internal/external stakeholders to ensure that conversations about development in and around Fayetteville State University include community input. As the city has put more emphasis on the development of the Murchison Rd corridor, we have attended and hosted town halls to allow such input.

Q: With everything that has happened in the last year as it relates to racial equity and disparities, are there plans to tap into the philanthropic, for profit companies that have become interested in giving to HBCUs?

A: We are currently having conversations with several of these companies.

Q: What strategies can be put in place to encourage those 20,000+ who do not give to also embrace the spirit of generously giving back to FSU?

A: Intentional and consistent engagement with alumni is the key. We are increasing our engagement strategies in a number of ways which include via personal conversations, social media and other technologies.

Q: Would you consider hosting another town hall within your first 100 days and can your team and you give us a look at some goals you want to implement for FSU?

A: My plan is to have frequent – at least four times a year – Town Halls with faculty, staff, students, and alumni. We want to be transparent and show you what we are doing to advance FSU.

Q: Can you tell us more about the degrees that have been recently discontinued at the university, and why were those degrees discontinued?

A: Typically, degree programs are discontinued due to persistent low demand/enrollment or duplication of program learning outcomes in other degree programs. We have not discontinued a degree program, since 2015.