

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF NORTH ALABAMA
UNIVERSITY, ALABAMA
Friday, September 20, 2019**

The Board of Trustees for the University of North Alabama met on Friday, September 20, 2019, in Classroom 111 of Collier Library at 11:00 a.m. in accordance with Section 6 of Act No. 773 of the 1967 Alabama Legislature. A letter from three Trustees (dated August 2, 2019) was sent via email to Governor Kay Ivey in care of her Director of Constituent Affairs requesting that the Governor call the Board to meet on September 20. Proposed letters calling the Board to meet were mailed to the Governor's office on August 20, 2019. On September 11, 2019, Board members were advised via email that the agenda, proposed resolutions, and supporting documents for items of discussion were available for individual electronic access in the Board's software system.

Board President Pro Tempore Simpson called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

I. INVOCATION

Athletics Director Mark Linder of led opening invocation.

II. ROLL CALL

President Kenneth D. Kitts called the meeting to order and the following members were in attendance:

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| Trustee Marty Abrams | T | tee | rcus Maple | (via phone) | Trustee Simpson Russell | 019 |
| Trustee Joel Anderson | T | tee | ld Ouellette | | Trustee Gary Smith | 7 |
| Trustee Wendell Gunn | T | tee | ve Pierce | | Trustee Anne Whitaker | 30, |
| Trustee Libby Jordan | | | | | (via phone) | 3, |

Therefore, a quorum was present. Those present were ex officio members Governor Kay Ivey and Trustee Will Trapp.

Others present for all or part of the meeting:

- Dr. Ross Alexander, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost
- Ms. Amber Fite-Morgan, General Counsel
- Dr. Kimberly Greenway, Vice President for Student Affairs
- Mr. Kevin Haslam, Vice President for University Advancement
- Mr. Mark Linder, Athletics Director
- Mr. Ron Patterson, Chief Enrollment Officer and Assistant to the President for Diversity
- Mr. Evan Thornton, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs
- Dr. Sara Lynn Laird, Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Dr. Joy Borah, Senior Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Dr. Vince Brewton, Dean of the Honors College
- Dr. Greg Carneal, Dean of the College of Business

- Ms. Cindy Conroy, Associate Vice President of Business and Marketing
- Ms. Michelle Egan, Interim Associate Director of University Marketing
- Mr. Michael G. Green, Assistant Vice President for Facilities Planning
- Dr. Matt Harren, Associate Dean of the College of Education
- Dr. Felecia Johns, 2019-2020 Chair of Governance
- Ms. Leah Poyser, University Video Photographer
- Dr. Lisa Parkman, Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives
- Dr. Eric Pashley, Director of Kilbuck Elementary School
- Mr. Sam McGeehan, President of Student Government Association
- Mr. John Pierce, Director of Educational Technology Services
- Dr. Vicki Pierce, Dean of the Anderson College of Nursing
- Mr. Jake Kusserow, Conference Coordinator
- Ms. Reginald Shelton, Senior Assistant to the President for Academic Affairs
- Ms. Amy Johnson, President of Staff Senate
- Ms. Kendall Hollister, Gsworth, *TimesDaily* reporter
- Mr. Matt McKeown, *TimesDaily* photographer

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Russell Smith presented the agenda for consideration. Mr. Pierce, the chair, stated that the agenda was approved as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Russell Smith presented the following items for consideration for the Board Meeting:
- A. Minutes of the June 19, 2019, Board Meeting
 - B. Resolution Authorizing the 2019-2020 Budget Addendum

Upon motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Smith, the consent agenda was approved by a unanimous vote.

V. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Pitts gave a brief summary on the state of the University from a review of current enrollment data for fall; UNA's *News & World Report* ranking; Kilbuck School's award for excellence by *U.S. News & World Report*; and an update on the School of Excellence award for the next year.

VI. ACADEMIC MATTERS AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Committee vice chair meeting on September 13. Dr. Alexander presented information on today's agenda that stemmed from the following items:

A. Review of the Enrollment Management Plan

Following the meeting on September 13, the Enrollment Management Committee reviewed the Enrollment Management Plan presented by Dr. Alexander, with the recommendation of the Enrollment Management Committee and upon motion was approved by unanimous consent.

B. Review of the Addition of a Bio-Engineering Technology Degree

Following the meeting on September 13, the Enrollment Management Committee reviewed the proposal for the addition of a Bio-Engineering Technology Degree presented by Dr. Alexander, with the recommendation of the Enrollment Management Committee and upon motion was approved by unanimous consent.

C. Update on the University of North Carolina 2019-2020 Undergraduate Enrollment

Dr. Alexander presented an overview of the University of North Carolina 2019-2020 Undergraduate Enrollment. This information item requires no action by the Board of Trustees.

D. Academic Information

Dr. Alexander presented an overview of academic information to UNA's institutional advancement committee. This information item requires no action by the Board of Trustees.

VII. ADVANCED UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Committee vice chair meeting on September 13. Dr. Alexander presented information on today's agenda that stemmed from the following items:

Update on UNA
There were no questions or comments.

VIII. CAMPUS ATHLETICS COMMITTEE MATTERS

Committee chair meeting. There was no action on any of the items during this committee's September 13 meeting. The following information items were on today's agenda that stemmed from the following items:

IX. FINANCE, FACILITIES,

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

EMERGENCY MATTERS

Committee chair Ouellette reported meeting on September 13 and that

various topics covered today's meeting agenda:

this committee's

A. Review of Financial

Statement for Quarter End

June 30, 2019

Quarterly financial reports and expenditures are very close. Fiscal year 2018-2019 should

be thoroughly reviewed in the whole and consistent with the budget with positive net income

committee meeting. Revenue per period last year ended September 30.

B. Resolution Approving

University of North Alabama

2019-2020 Budget

Following summary committee Finance, Facilities, and Personnel second by Mr. Smith, the resolution

Mr. Ouellette, with the recommendation of the committee and upon motion was approved by unanimous

recommendation of the committee by Mr. Ouellette and unanimous vote.

C. Resolution Authorizing Renovations to North

Building and Auditorium

Disbursement of Funds

Following summary committee Finance, Facilities, and Personnel second by Mr. Abrams, the resolution

Mr. Ouellette, with the recommendation of the committee and upon motion was approved by unanimous

recommendation of the committee by Mr. Ouellette and unanimous vote.

D. Resolution of the Board Authorizing the Issuance of the University's Series

Trustees of the University of North Alabama to Issue \$100 Million of General Fee Revenue Bonds to Fund the 2019-2020 Build America Bond

of North Alabama Bonds to Advance

Following summary committee last week's committee meeting resolution with minor clarification Facilities, and Personnel Committee Gunn, the amended resolution

Mr. Ouellette, Mr. Thornhill and counsel provided an amended resolution. With the recommendation of the committee and upon motion by Mr. Ouellette presented was approved by unanimous

noted that subsequent amendment of the resolution of the Finance Committee and seconded by unanimous vote.

E. Resolution Approving Additional Funding to Projects: Art Building Darker Rice and Rivers Hall

Additional Funding to Projects: Art Building Darker Rice and Rivers Hall Replacement

with Previously Approved Renovations - an

Mr. Ouellette gave an overview proceed with future projects from a previously approved Gautney answered questions being no further discussion, Personnel Committee, upon resolution was approved by

this resolution, noting that received represent only expenditure authorization including the timeframe for completion recommendation of the committee by Mr. Ouellette and seconded by unanimous vote.

include permission at minimum variance of the board. Mr. Ouellette replacement. The Finance, Facilities, and Personnel Committee by Mr. Pierce, the

F. Information

- (1) **Defeat the list beyond approval funding can be** **main priority year list by \$ Univ in the ed to** **budget for FY 2019-2020** – Mr. Thornton shared maintenance projects to be addressed within the 2019-2020 budget. Many more items are on the list, and an internal database identifies projects that must be addressed at some point. We will receive approximately \$750,000 in grant funding from the Higher Education Commission this year that will address some of these needs.
 - (2) **Hard construction open** **all construction of** **Update** – Mr. Thornton reviewed the construction schedule that leads to an anticipated opening in 2020.
- Neither of these items require any action by the Board at today's meeting.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Trustee Appointment to University Board of Directors

Mr. Russell reported that Mr. T. [Name] has been appointed to serve another term (October 2019 to September 2020) as the representative on the UNA Foundation Board.

B. Resolution of the University Board of Trustees to the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees Article IV - Committees

Mr. Russell reviewed the resolution of the Board of Trustees to change the term of Board committee assignments to two-year terms in even-numbered years. The resolution would change from one-year to two-year terms. Upon motion by Mr. Anderson, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

C. Report from the Evaluation Committee – and – Presidential Employment

The Evaluation Committee's report on Dr. Kitts' annual evaluation that resulted in a high satisfaction rating. The committee also reviewed the recommendations of the retention award committee. Several trustees made comments expressing their confidence in Dr. Kitts. With the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee and upon motion by Mr. Abrams, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

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