

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF NORTH ALABAMA UNIVERSITY
Friday, June 11, 2021

The Board of Trustees for the University of North Alabama met in a regular session on Friday, June 11, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, 1000 University Drive, Fayetteville, Alabama. The meeting was held in accordance with the provisions of the Alabama Constitution and the Alabama Open Access Law. The meeting was held in accordance with the provisions of the Alabama Constitution and the Alabama Open Access Law. The meeting was held in accordance with the provisions of the Alabama Constitution and the Alabama Open Access Law.

Board President Professor James Simpson called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

I. INVOCATION

Mr. Evan Thornton conferred the opening prayer.

II. ROLL CALL

President Kenneth Kittling called the meeting to order and the following members were in attendance:

- Trustee Marty Brooks
- Trustee Joel Anderson II
- Trustee Wendell Gupton
- Trustee Marcus Maples
- Trustee Nancy Sanford
- Trustee Gary Smith
- Trustee Anne Whitaker

The following members were absent: Trustee Will Thompson. Also present were Executive Director of the University, Governor Kay Ivey and

Others present

- Mr. Ross Alexander, Provost and Executive Director
- Mr. Jason Christie, Executive Director
- Ms. Amber Littlejohn, General Counsel
- Mr. Kimberley Granwehr, Vice President
- Mr. Kevin Paslawski, Vice President
- Mr. Ron Parsons, Vice President
- Mr. Evan Thornton, Vice President
- Ms. Bliss Anderson, President of Student Government
- Mr. Sara Lynch, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Mr. Joy Borja, Senior Vice Provost
- Mr. Vince Bawton, Dean of the College of Business
- Mr. Greg Canales, Dean of the College of Business

- Ms. Michelle Eubanks, Director of University Communications and Marketing
- Ms. Farjorie Green, Assistant to the Chancellor
- Dr. Matt Green, Associate Dean of the College of Education and Human Services
- Ms. Leah Johnson, University Videographer
- Mr. John McGee, Director of Educational Technology Services
- Dr. Amber Paulk, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Dean of Graduate & Professional Studies
- Mr. James Pennington, Legal Counsel for the University
- Dr. Nicki Pierce, Dean of the Anderson Center for International Technology Specialist
- Mr. Chris Robertson, Lead Instructional Designer
- Mr. Mike Russell, Instructor, Chair of the History Department
- Dr. Matthew Schombacher, Senior Assistant to the President
- Ms. Regina Sherrill, Senior Assistant to the President
- Mr. Mike Statom, President of Student Government Association
- Ms. Barbie Terry, Assistant Vice President for University Advancement
- Dr. Laura Williams, 2020-2021 President of the Faculty Senate
- Dr. Chunsheng Zhang, Senior Vice President for International Affairs

Also present were *Times Daily* staff photographer Dan B... reporter Bernie... and sportswriter David Gl...vach.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Fussell submitted the agenda for consideration. Upon motion by Mr. Pierce, second by Ms. Statom, the agenda was approved as presented by unanimous vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

- Mr. Fussell submitted the following items for consideration for collective approval:
- A. Minutes of March 5, 2021, Quarterly Board Meeting
 - B. Resolution of Commendation to Board of Admissions 2020-2021 Staff Secretary, resident,
 - C. Resolution of Commendation to Faculty Association President, University of North Alabama, Jooch, 2020-2021 Student Government, ment
 - D. Resolution of Commendation to Faculty Association President, University of North Alabama, Willia, 2020-2021 Faculty Senate, te

Upon motion by Mr. Page and second by Mr. Statom, the agenda items listed above were approved separately and severally by unanimous vote.

V. REPORT ON THE RESIDENT

Dr. Kitts gave a brief summary on the state of the University from a prepared text. Topics included:

- Commendation of faculty and staff for their hard work and status of search for his replacement
- Outlook for the future
- Measures taken to ensure financial stability

regarding the 2008-2009 budget and UNA's continued push for accreditation.

VI. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

In the absence of Committee members, Mr. Alexander to review items on today's agenda that were presented on June 10.

A. Resolution A-1: Provisional Renaming of the College of Business as the College of Business Administration

Following submission of the recommendation of the Academic Affairs and Enrollment Committee and upon motion by Ms. [Name], the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

B. Resolution A-2: Provisional Renaming of the College of Arts and Sciences as the College of Arts and Sciences

Following submission of the recommendation of the Academic Affairs and Enrollment Committee and upon motion by Dr. [Name], the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

C. Resolution A-3: Provisional Renaming of the Department of Micro-Credentials as the Department of Micro-Credentials and Higher Education Development – and – Higher Education Organizational Support

Following submission of the recommendation of the Academic Affairs and Enrollment Committee and upon motion by Ms. [Name], the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Russell addressed the importance of micro-credential programs with regard to the needs of students and employees to fill the skill gap in the workforce. He noted that many are seeking ways for strengthening UNA's brand as programs are being finalized for UNA soon.

D. ADVANCEMENT **RECORD TO 2024 STRATEGY** **FINANCIAL**

This update was presented to the Board twice and no action was taken. This item was presented as an item on the Board agenda. There were no questions.

VII. ADVANCEMENT **UNIVERSITY** **OPERATIONS** **FINANCIAL**

Committee Chair **High** **Topics** **This**

which included:

- Great project
- Continuation
- Status of
- Plans for

One information the the discussion

Foundation and **University** **Foundation** **agenda for**

meeting. There **investigations** **the** **report had been**

committee setting **issues** **at** **the**

VIII. CAMPUS **ATHLETICS** **AND DIVERSITY** **COMMITTEE**

Committee Chair **Report** **and** **covered**

meeting. Of note:

- Mark Lirio
- UNA student
- The Sports
- As required
- University
- Significant

One action item **reviewed** **committee** **discussions –**

Presidental Meeting **and** **the** **Attorney General**

the full Board at **the** **the** **of the**

Diversity Committee **by** **Mr. Pierce** **second by**

resolution was approved **Mr. M** **made**

Gray's endorsement **the** **the** **the**

IX. FINANCE, FACILITIES, AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MATTERS

Committee chair Abroms reported on the following topics discussed during this committee's meeting on June 11, 2021:

A. Review of Financial Report for Quarter Ending March 31, 2021

The University is a solid financial institution in the face of inequitable state funding. Approximately \$100 million in state funding is expected this year due to the Schneider energy project. The state is a net contributor in the fiscal year due to the pandemic, but expectations. The state has been mitigating the economic impact of the pandemic through the CARES Act and American Rescue Act. The committee reviewed the financial report and required no action by the Board.

B. Resolution Approving Proposed University Tuition and Fees for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

Abroms gave an overview of the resolution being held and emphasized that next year's tuition changes again are being held at a row of no tuition increase. There is no question with the Finance, Facilities, and Personnel Committee and unanimous motion by Mr. Abroms and Ms. Whitaker, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

C. Resolution of the Board of Trustees for University of North Alabama Authorizing the Issuance of General Revenue Bonds

Abroms noted that this resolution allows the university proceed with a \$25 million bond issue subject to approval of the Board within the next 60 days. He noted that the Board's Executive Committee had already approved the resolution at its meeting in September to consider the matter. With the recommendation of the Finance, Facilities, and Personnel Committee, Mr. Abroms moved to approve the resolution, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Page. Ms. Whitaker specified the priority capital project objects as currently identified are:

- o Music Building renovations and expansion
- o Student Recreation Center renovations and expansion
- o Relocation of UNA basketball courts

There being no further discussion, the resolution was then approved by unanimous vote.

D.	App	roving Additional Facilities Projects: Latet Renovation	to Proceed with all Renov	previously discussed 541 W.
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Mr. Abramson		three additional items bro	ward by th	ttee:
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(C)		Assessment/Internal Communication item is provided is not new issues of concern and address any area	Policy Annation with senior aditial institu	rt – This meeting and on continues to k.
(C)		2020 Audit – The University of concern in its mo	rieved and financial a	n opinion with rt.
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X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Triennial Reaffirmation of Acknowledgment of Fiduciary Duties

Following the triennial reaffirmation of fiduciary duties meeting held on June 10, 2021, Board members collectively reaffirmed and signed individual statements of compliance with the standards of the University of North Alabama. These signed statements will be held on file as documentation in support of compliance with the standards.

B. Resolving the Board of Trustees Primary Function

In his overview of the self-evaluation process, Mr. Russell noted that the Board's primary function is to govern the University of North Alabama. He discussed the Board's role in setting standards and policies, and the importance of the Board's primary function. Mr. Kitts noted that the Board's primary function is to govern the University of North Alabama, and that the Board's primary function is to govern the University of North Alabama. The Board's primary function is to govern the University of North Alabama.

XI. MOTION TO RECESS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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"I declare that the legal matter being litigated in the Bibb Memorial Presbyterian Church is not yet a controversy, and therefore, the application of the Alabama Code §36-25A-7 is not applicable to this matter. The Board's primary function is to govern the University of North Alabama, and that the Board's primary function is to govern the University of North Alabama. The Board's primary function is to govern the University of North Alabama."

Upon motion by Dr. Pennington, and a unanimous vote, the meeting recessed at 10:08 a.m. for a recess and to enter into executive session.

At approximately 10:15 a.m., the Board entered into executive session. Ms. Fite-Morgan, Mr. Pennington, Dr. Alford, and Mr. Patters remained in the room with Dr. Kitts and the Board for the duration of the session. Ms. Terry was on hand for a few minutes to answer any questions related to an honorarium discussion. Ms. Terry was on hand for a few minutes to answer any questions related to an honorarium discussion. Ms. Terry was on hand for a few minutes to answer any questions related to an honorarium discussion.

