



AUBURN UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 21, 2014

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Board of Trustees

**SUBJECT:** September 5, 2014 Meeting

Enclosed are materials that comprise the proposed agenda for the Friday, September 5, 2014 meeting of the Board of Trustees in Ballroom B of the Hotel at Auburn University. Listed below is the tentative schedule; times and locations that are subject to adjustment, depending on length of individual meetings.

Friday, September 5, 2014 (Ballroom B, AU Hotel)

9:30 a.m. Property and Facilities Committee  
9:45 a.m. Joint Academic Affairs and AUM Committees  
10:00 a.m. Finance Committee  
10:15 a.m. Executive Committee  
10:20 a.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (Ballroom B, AU Hotel)  
(Proposed Executive Session – Meeting Room A, AU Hotel)  
11:00 a.m. Reconvene Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (Ballroom B)  
11:30 a.m. Luncheon (Ballroom A, Right, AU Hotel)

We appreciate all that you do for Auburn University and look forward to seeing you on Friday, September 5, 2014. Please call me, if you have questions regarding the agenda. Also, please let Grant Davis, Sherri Williams, or me know if you need assistance with travel and/or lodging arrangements.

Sincerely,

Jay Gogue  
President

JG/smw

Enclosure

c: President's Cabinet (w/encl.)  
Mr. Grant Davis (w/encl.)

**DRAFT SCHEDULE & AGENDA  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2014  
BALLROOM B OF THE AU HOTEL  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2014**

- I. Committee Meetings (Ballroom B, AU Hotel)  
\*\*Committee Meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. - - all other meetings are subject to change in starting time, depending upon the length of individual meetings.
- A. Property and Facilities Committee/Chairperson Harbert/9:30 a.m.
1. [Cater Hall Repair and Renovation, Approval of Project Initiation and Authorization to Commence the Project Architect Selection Process](#) (Dan King/Tim Boosinger)
  2. [Woodfield Drive Extension, Approval of Facility Program, Site, Budget, Funding Plan and Schematic Design](#) (Dan King)
  3. [Mell Classroom Building: Approval of Project Program, Site, Budget, Funding Plan, and Schematic Design](#) (Dan King/Tim Boosinger)
  4. [Real Estate Acquisition Johnson Property, Solon Dixon Center Covington County, Alabama](#) (Dan King/Mark Stirling)
  5. [Status Updates](#) (Dan King)
    - A. [Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \\$1,000,000 and Greater](#) (Dan King)
    - B. [Quarterly Report for Projects Costing More than \\$500,000 but Less Than \\$1,000,000-3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2014](#) (Dan King)
    - C. [Project Status Report](#) (Dan King)
- B. Joint Committee Meeting/Academic Affairs and AUM Committees/Chairpersons Huntley and Sahlie/9:45 a.m.
1. [Proposed Option in Photography in the Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts Degree at AUM](#) (Joe King)
  2. [Proposed Master of Accountancy at AUM](#) (Joe King)
  3. [Proposed Bachelor of Arts in Geographic Information Systems at AUM](#) (Joe King)
  4. [Proposed Master of Arts in Geographic Information Systems at AUM](#) (Joe King)
  5. Introduction of Vice President of Student Affairs (Tim Boosinger)

C. Finance Committees/Chairpersons McCrary/10:00 a.m.

1. [Approval of the 2014-2015 Budget](#) (Don Large)

D. Executive Committee/Chairperson Lanier/10:15 a.m.

1. [Presidential Assessment](#) (Jimmy Rane)
2. Proposed Awards and Namings (Gaines Lanier)

II. REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES/10:20 A.M. (Ballroom B)

A. Proposed Executive Session (Meeting Room A)

III. RECONVENED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES/11:00 A.M. (Ballroom B)

(Agenda items are determined primarily based upon committee actions.)

11:30 a.m. - LUNCHEON – BALLROOM A, RIGHT

## RESOLUTION

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WHEREAS, copies of the minutes of the Reconvened Meeting on Friday, June 27, 2014 have been distributed to all members of this Board for review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that the minutes of its Friday, June 27, 2014 meeting is hereby approved as distributed.

## RESOLUTION

### AWARDING OF DEGREES

WHEREAS, Auburn University confers appropriate degrees upon those individuals who have completed requirements previously approved by this Board of Trustees and stated in University Catalogs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That all degrees to be awarded by the faculties of Auburn University on December 13, 2014 and Auburn University Montgomery on December 20, 2014, complying with requirements heretofore established by the Board of Trustees, be and the same are hereby approved.
2. That a list of the degrees awarded on the above listed dates be filed in the Book of Exhibits and made a part of this resolution and of these minutes.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 5, 2014

### A. Property and Facilities Committee

#### 1. Cater Hall Repair and Renovation: Project Initiation and Authorization to Commence the Project Architect Selection

Cater Hall was originally built in 1915, and since that time has served as the President's residence, the social center for the Quad dormitories, the administrative offices of Katherine Cooper Cater, Dean of Women, and most recently, as the home of the Honors College. In 2003, Cater Hall was listed on the National Register of Historic Places due to its historic and cultural value to Auburn University. Cater Hall is ninety-nine years old and in need of repair and renovation. As a result, Facilities Management proposes to execute a two phase project to repair and renovate Cater Hall to correct exterior building envelope, structural, mechanical, electrical, and interior architectural issues. The request before the Board of Trustees is to approve the initiation of the project and to authorize the commencement of the architect selection process.

#### 2. Woodfield Drive Extension: Approval of Project Program, Site, Budget, Funding Plan, and Schematic Design

It is requested that the Board of Trustees approve the program requirements, budget, funding plan, site, and schematic design for the Woodfield Drive Extension project. This project will construct a two lane road to provide access to the Auburn University Research Park and Health Science Sector on the west side of South Donahue Drive. The Woodfield Drive Extension has an estimated total project cost of \$1.4 million, to be funded by state funds.

#### 3. Mell Classroom Building: Approval of Project Program, Site, Budget, Funding Plan, and Schematic Design

It is requested that the Board of Trustees approve the program requirements, budget, funding plan, site, and schematic design for the "Mell Classroom project. This project will construct an approximately 69,000 square foot facility that will provide state-of-the-art classrooms, lecture halls, team based learning space, and collaborative learning areas. The project location is on the west side of the Ralph Brown Draughon Library on Mell Street and has an estimated total project cost of \$25 million to be funded by unrestricted University funds. \*A review of the Academic Success Center—Mell Commons project/facility name is underway and will be modified after the August 21, 2014 Cabinet Meeting

4. Real Estate Acquisition Johnson Property, Solon Dixon Center Covington County, Alabama

Auburn University is seeking authorization from Auburn University's Board of Trustees to purchase 19 acres adjacent to the Solon Dixon Center in Covington County, Alabama. The property offered for sale consists of vacant timber land. The property will expand the existing footprint of the Center and will be used in a manner consistent with the mission of the Solon Dixon Center. The purchase price of the property is nineteen thousand (\$19,000.00) dollars, which is the appraised value.

5. Status Updates (Dan King)

B. Joint Committee Meeting/Academic Affairs and AUM

1. Proposed Option in Photography in the Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts Degree

AUM seeks to provide students the opportunity for sustained study of photography by offering a Photography option in its Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts. This option will include 16 hours of study in Photography courses. This option will require no additional faculty lines or other resources. AUM's library has resources adequate to support the program and AUM also has a dark room/photography lab to support the option. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the faculty and Head of the Department of Fine Arts, the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts, the AUM Curriculum Committee, the Provost and Chancellor. It is requested that the Board consider a Resolution to approve the proposed Photography option in AUM's Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts.

2. Proposed Master of Accountancy

The Department of Accounting at Auburn University at Montgomery proposes to develop a Master of Accountancy Degree. This program is designed to develop skillsets required to prepare accounting professionals to work in a globally competitive environment. This degree will provide our accounting graduates and others in the River Region with an opportunity to earn an advanced degree or to take additional coursework beyond the baccalaureate degree while establishing their eligibility to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination. The proposed program will provide AUM greater visibility, enhance enrollments and position the university to attract students interested in furthering their accounting careers. The Department of Accounting surveyed its stakeholders in the River Region in July 2013 to determine the interest and need for AUM to offer a Master of Accountancy Degree. The survey sampled employer stakeholders consisting of private practice firms; federal, state and local governments; and representative

industries in the region. There was unanimous agreement that the AUM Department of Accounting should offer a Master of Accountancy Degree. The proposed degree will not require additional space but will require one additional faculty member. This proposal has been endorsed by the Faculty and Chair of the Department of Accounting, Dean of the College of Business, AUM Graduate Council, the Provost and the Chancellor. It is requested that the Board consider a resolution to approve the proposed Master's Degree in Accounting for Auburn University at Montgomery.

3. Proposed Bachelor of Arts in Geographic Information Systems

Auburn University at Montgomery seeks to provide students interested in pursuing careers in Geographic Information Systems—the application of computer technology to the analysis of space and spatial relationships—an opportunity to prepare for such work at the undergraduate level. The demand for such students is increasing, and AUM's undergraduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems has already had a good track record in preparing and placing such students. The undergraduate program would capitalize on that success. This degree was endorsed by AUM's Department of Sociology, Curriculum Committee, Dean of Liberal Arts, Provost and Chancellor. The program would require one additional (tenure-track) faculty appointment in Geographic Information Systems; this appointment would also support the proposed Master of Arts in Geographic Information Systems. It is requested that the Board consider a resolution to approve the proposed Bachelor of Arts in Geographic Information Systems for Auburn University at Montgomery.

4. Proposed Master of Arts in Geographic Information Systems

Auburn University at Montgomery seeks to provide students interested in pursuing careers in Geographic Information Systems—the application of computer technology to the analysis of space and spatial relationships—an opportunity to prepare for such work at the graduate level. The demand for such students is increasing, and AUM's graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems has already had a good track record in preparing and placing such students. The Master's program would capitalize on that success. This degree was endorsed by AUM's Department of Sociology, Graduate Council, Dean of Liberal Arts, the Provost and Chancellor. The program would require one additional (tenure-track) faculty appointment in Geographic Information Systems; this appointment would also support the proposed Bachelor of Arts in Geographic Information Systems. It is requested that the Board consider a resolution to approve the proposed Master of Arts in Geographic Information Systems for Auburn University at Montgomery.



C. Finance Committee

1. Approval of the 2014-2015 Budget

Time will be allocated for discussing and approving the 2014-2015 Budget.

D. Executive Committee

1. Presidential Assessment

Time will be allocated for discussion of the 2013-2014 Presidential Assessment.

2. Proposed Awarding and Degrees

Time will be allocated for discussion of any awards or namings.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

CATER HALL REPAIR AND RENOVATION

APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND AUTHORIZATION  
TO COMMENCE THE PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION PROCESS

WHEREAS, Cater Hall was originally built in 1915, and since that time has served as the President's residence; the social center for the Quad dormitories; the administrative offices of Katherine Cooper Cater, Dean of Women; and most recently, as the home of the Honors College; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Cater Hall was listed on the National Register of Historic Places due to its historic and cultural value to Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, due to its age and need of repair and renovation, Facilities Management proposes to execute a two phase project to repair and renovate Cater Hall to correct exterior building envelope, structural, mechanical, electrical, and interior architectural issues; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is expected to cost in excess of \$1,000,000 and Board of Trustees policy stipulates that all construction and renovation/adaptation, infrastructure or outdoor facility projects with budgets of \$1,000,000 or more, must be submitted to the Board through the Property and Facilities Committee for action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Cater Hall Repair and Renovation project is approved; and Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to commence the selection process of a project architect.



FACILITIES MANAGEMENT  
M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** JAY GOGUE, President

**THROUGH:** DONALD L. LARGE, Executive Vice President

**FROM:** DAN KING, Assistant Vice President for Facilities

**SUBJECT:** PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

**CATER HALL REPAIR AND RENOVATION: APPROVAL OF PROJECT  
INITIATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO COMMENCE THE PROJECT  
ARCHITECT SELECTION PROCESS**

**DATE:** AUGUST 22, 2014

This memorandum requests the following proposal be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee and included on the agenda at the meeting scheduled for September 5, 2014.

**Proposal:**

Consistent with standing policy, it is proposed that the Cater Hall Repair and Renovation project be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for appropriate action that will: (1) approve the initiation of the project and (2) authorize the commencement of the architect selection process.

**Review and Consultation:**

Cater Hall was originally built in 1915, and since that time has served as the President's residence; the social center for the Quad dormitories; the administrative offices of Katherine Cooper Cater, Dean of Women; and most recently, as the home of the Honors College. In 2003, Cater Hall was listed on the National Register of Historic Places due to its historic and cultural value to Auburn University.

With Cater Hall becoming 100 years old in 2015, Facilities Management recently completed a comprehensive facility assessment of Cater Hall. This assessment identified the following major problems:

1. The exterior building siding and windows need replacement.
2. The foundation has settled and requires repair.
3. The mechanical and electrical systems are at the end of their useful life and require replacement.
4. The building interior requires renovation to maintain the quality of the space and to improve space utilization.

Given these issues, Facilities Management proposes to execute a two phase project to repair and renovate Cater Hall.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The Cater Hall Repair and Renovation project is expected to cost in excess of \$1,000,000. Standing policy of the Board of Trustees stipulates that all construction, renovation/adaptation, infrastructure, or outdoor facility projects with budgets of \$1,000,000 or more, be submitted to the Board of Trustees for action.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

WOODFIELD DRIVE EXTENSION

APPROVAL OF FACILITY PROGRAM, SITE, BUDGET,  
FUNDING PLAN & SCHEMATIC DESIGN

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees approved the initiation of Woodfield Drive Extension project and the selection of a project architect at its meeting of April 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Woodfield Drive Extension project would construct a two lane road to provide access to the Auburn University Research Park and Health Science Sector on the west side of South Donahue Drive; and

WHEREAS, estimated total project cost of the Woodfield Drive Extension facility is \$1.4 million, to be funded by state funds; and

WHEREAS, the schematic design of the Woodfield Drive Extension project, prepared by the architect, has been determined to be consistent with the "*Comprehensive Master Plan*," the "*Image and Character of Auburn University*," the facility program, and the project budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the project program for Woodfield Drive Extension project is approved, and Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to:

1. Establish a total project budget in the amount of \$1.4 million to be funded by state funds.
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project.
3. Solicit bids for construction conditioned upon the availability of sufficient funding as approved by the President.
4. Award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the project budget.



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**TO:** JAY GOGUE, President  
**THROUGH:** DONALD L. LARGE, Executive Vice President  
**FROM:** DAN KING, Assistant Vice President for Facilities  
**SUBJECT:** PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
**WOODFIELD DRIVE EXTENSION: APPROVAL OF PROJECT PROGRAM, SITE,  
BUDGET, FUNDING PLAN, AND SCHEMATIC DESIGN**

**DATE:** AUGUST 22, 2014

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This memorandum requests the following proposal be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee and included on the agenda at the meeting scheduled for September 5, 2014.

**Proposal:**

Consistent with standing policy, it is proposed that the Woodfield Drive Extension project be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for consideration of a resolution to approve the program requirements, budget, funding plan, site, and schematic design. If approved, the resolution would authorize the President to direct the consultants to complete the required plans; solicit bids for construction; and award a contract for construction.

**Review and Consultation:**

At its meeting on April 11, 2014, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the project initiation and the architect selection for the Woodfield Drive Extension project.

Since that time, the project team has completed the schematic design for the Woodfield Drive Extension project. The project details are provided below:

- **Program Requirements:** To construct a two lane road to provide access to the Auburn University Research Park and Health Science Sector on the west side of South Donahue Drive. See attachment.
- **Budget:** The estimated total project cost of the Woodfield Drive Extension project is \$1.4 million.
- **Funding Plan:** The project will be funded using state funds.
- **Project Location:** Woodfield Drive will be extended to the West of South Donahue Drive eventually to intersect with Lem Morrison Drive.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The Woodfield Drive Extension project is expected to cost in excess of \$1,000,000. Standing policy of the Board of Trustees stipulates that all construction and renovation/adaptation, infrastructure or outdoor facility projects with budgets of \$1,000,000 or more, be submitted to the Board of Trustees for action.



# Attachment 1

## Woodfield Drive Extension





PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

MELL CLASSROOM BUILDING

APPROVAL OF FACILITY PROGRAM, SITE, BUDGET,  
FUNDING PLAN & SCHEMATIC DESIGN

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees approved the initiation of Central Classroom Facility project at its meeting of June 17, 2011 and the selections of the project architect and construction manager at its meeting of April 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS, subsequent strategic and campus planning efforts have modified the original Central Classroom Facility concept, and in its place, it is proposed that the University construct two classroom buildings and a laboratory facility; and

WHEREAS, the first building to be constructed of these three facilities is the Mell Classroom Building, which will provide approximately 69,000 square foot of state-of-the-art classrooms, lecture halls, team based learning space, and collaborative learning areas in support of Auburn University's instructional mission; and

WHEREAS, the project location is on the west side of the Ralph Brown Draughon Library on Mell Street; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Mell Classroom Building facility is \$25,000,000, to be funded by unrestricted University funds; and

WHEREAS, the schematic design of the Mell Classroom Building project has been determined to be consistent with the "*Comprehensive Master Plan*," the "*Image and Character of Auburn University*," the facility program, and the project budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the project program for Mell Classroom Building project is approved, and Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to:

1. Establish a total project budget in the amount of \$25 million to be funded by previously budgeted University funds.
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project.
3. Solicit bids for construction conditioned upon the availability of sufficient funding as approved by the President.
4. Award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the project budget.

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**TO:** JAY GOGUE, President  
**THROUGH:** DONALD L. LARGE, Executive Vice President  
**FROM:** DAN KING, Assistant Vice President for Facilities  
**SUBJECT:** PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

**MELL CLASSROOM BUILDING: APPROVAL OF PROJECT PROGRAM, SITE,  
BUDGET, FUNDING PLAN, AND SCHEMATIC DESIGN**

**DATE:** AUGUST 22, 2014

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This memorandum requests the following proposal be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee and included on the agenda at the meeting scheduled for September 5, 2014.

**Proposal:**

Consistent with standing policy, it is proposed that the Mell Classroom Building project be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for consideration of a resolution that approves the program requirements, budget, funding plan, site, and schematic design. If approved, the resolution would authorize the President to direct the consultants to complete the required plans; solicit bids for construction; and award a contract for construction.

**Review and Consultation:**

During its meeting on June 17, 2011, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the Central Classroom Facility project, and at the meeting of April 10, 2012, the Board of Trustees approved the selection of a project architect and a construction manager.

Over the last two years, the Provost staff, campus community, and the project team have worked to define the scope of work and the facility program for central classroom facilities in accordance with the University's Strategic Plan. The program that has been developed, as a result of this effort, calls for the construction of following three buildings:

1. Mell Classroom Building: This facility will provide approximately 40% of the total required classroom, team learning, and collaboration space. It will be located adjacent to the RBD Library on Mell Street.

2. Academic Success Complex: The Academic Success Complex will consist of two buildings and will be located on the current site of Parker and Allison Halls:
  - a. A classroom facility which will provide approximately 60% of the total classroom, team learning, and collaboration space requirement.
  - b. A laboratory facility which will provide new instructional laboratory space to reduce the current campus shortfall in laboratory space for Chemistry, Biology, Physics and other science courses.

The Mell Classroom Building will be the first project to be constructed. As a result, this request for schematic design approval applies only to the Mell Classroom Building project. The other two projects will be brought before the Board of Trustees, individually, at a later date, for approval of project initiation and to authorize the selection of project architects and construction managers specific to these projects.

The project team has completed the schematic design for the Mell Classroom Building project. The project details are provided below:

- Program Requirements: This project will construct an approximately 69,000 square foot facility that will provide state-of-the-art classrooms, lecture halls, team based learning space, and collaborative areas.
- Budget: The estimated total project cost of the Mell Classroom Building facility is \$25,000,000.
- Funding Plan: The project will be funded using unrestricted University funds.
- Project Location: The project would construct an addition to the west side of the Ralph Brown Draughon Library on Mell Street. See attachment one (1).

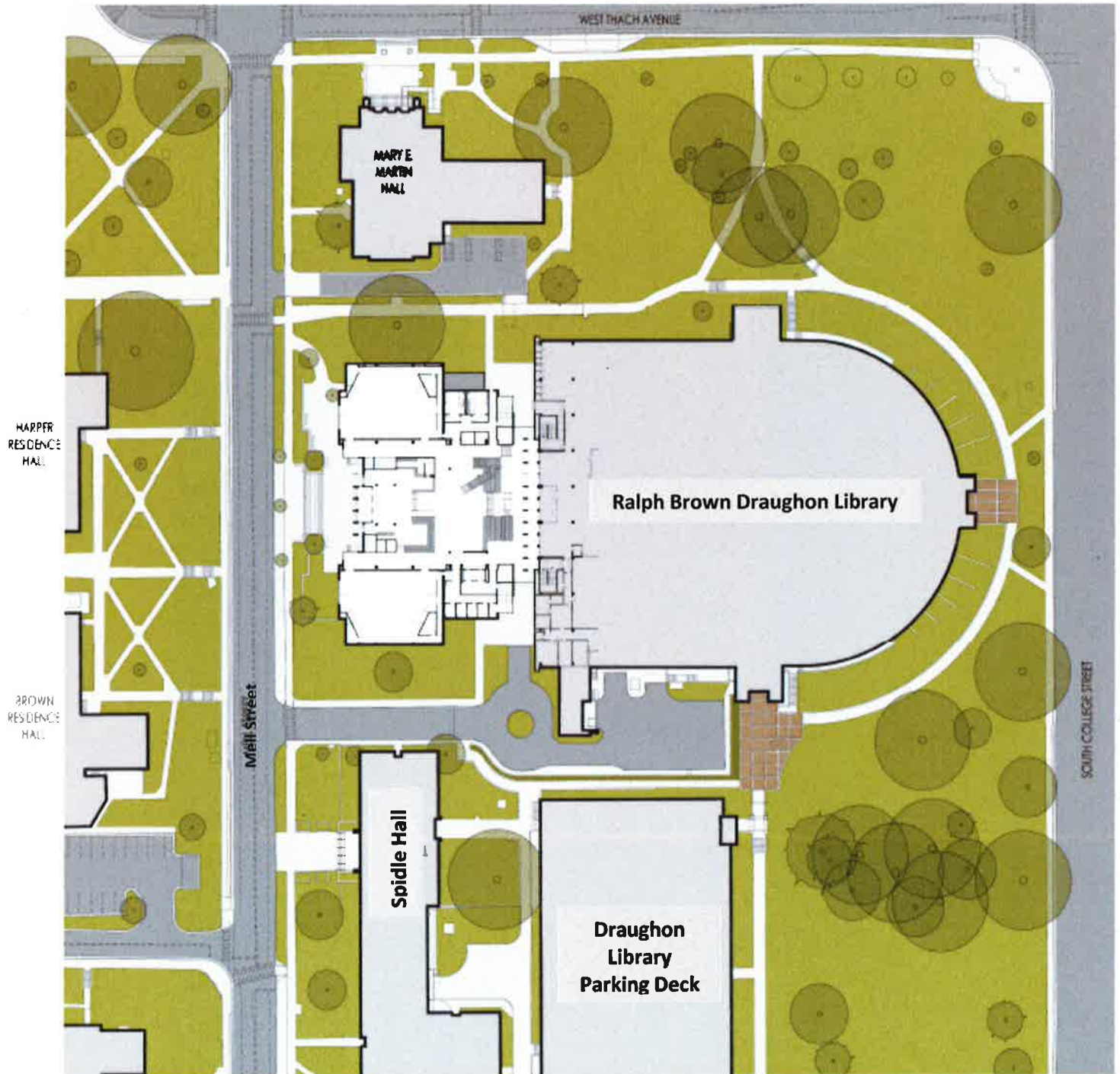
If you concur, it is proposed the facility program, budget, funding plan, site, and schematic design be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration of an appropriate resolution for approval at the meeting scheduled for September 5, 2014.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

Standing policy of the Board of Trustees stipulates that all construction, renovation/adaptation, infrastructure or outdoor facility projects with budgets of \$1,000,000 or more, be submitted to the Board of Trustees for action.

# Attachment 1

## Mell Classroom Building Site Plan



PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION  
JOHNSON PROPERTY, SOLON DIXON CENTER  
COVINGTON COUNTY, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, Auburn University owns and operates the Solon Dixon Center in Covington County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, approximately 19 acres of vacant timber land located adjacent to the Solon Dixon Center in the Covington County, as shown in Exhibit A, have been offered for sale to the University by the Estate of D. J. Johnson; and

WHEREAS, an appraisal of the property has been completed and the purchase price will not exceed the appraised value; and

WHEREAS, the additional property will contribute to the mission and operation of the Solon Dixon Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Jay Gogue, President, or such person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to take such action as is necessary and desirable to purchase approximately 19 acres of land located in Covington County, Alabama. All documents consummating the purchase of the property shall be reviewed as to form by legal counsel for Auburn University.



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**TO:** JAY GOGUE, President  
**THROUGH:** DONALD L. LARGE, Executive Vice President  
**THROUGH:** TIMOTHY BOOSINGER, Provost  
**THROUGH:** DAN KING, Assistant Vice President for Facilities  
**THROUGH:** B. G. LOCKABY, Interim Dean, School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences  
**FROM:** MARK STIRLING, Director of Real Estate  
**SUBJECT:** PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
**REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION OF THE JOHNSON PROPERTY,  
SOLON DIXON CENTER, COVINGTON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**DATE:** AUGUST 14, 2014

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This is to request that the following item be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee and be included on the agenda of the meeting scheduled for September 5, 2014.

**Proposal:**

It is proposed that approximately 19 acres of land owned by the Estate of D.J. Johnson be acquired by the University. The property is adjacent to Auburn University owned property at the Solon Dixon Center in Covington County, Alabama. The additional property will be used consistent with the Center's mission.

**Review and Consultation:**

An opportunity has arisen for the Board of Trustees to consider the purchase of property adjacent to the Solon Dixon Center. The property is offered for sale by the Estate of D.J. Johnson. If purchased, the additional land will effectively contribute to the mission and operation of the Solon Dixon Center.

The property offered for sale consists of approximately 19 acres of vacant timber land. (Attachment A) Consistent with standing policy, a summary appraisal report, dated July 1, 2014, was secured from William E. Bryant. The purchase price is not greater than the appraisal. Funds to offset the purchase price are available from the Solon Dixon Center Quasi Endowment Account.

The proposal for acquisition is recommended by the Interim Dean of the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences and the Provost. If you concur, it is requested that you

recommend the proposal to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee at the meetings scheduled for September 5, 2014.

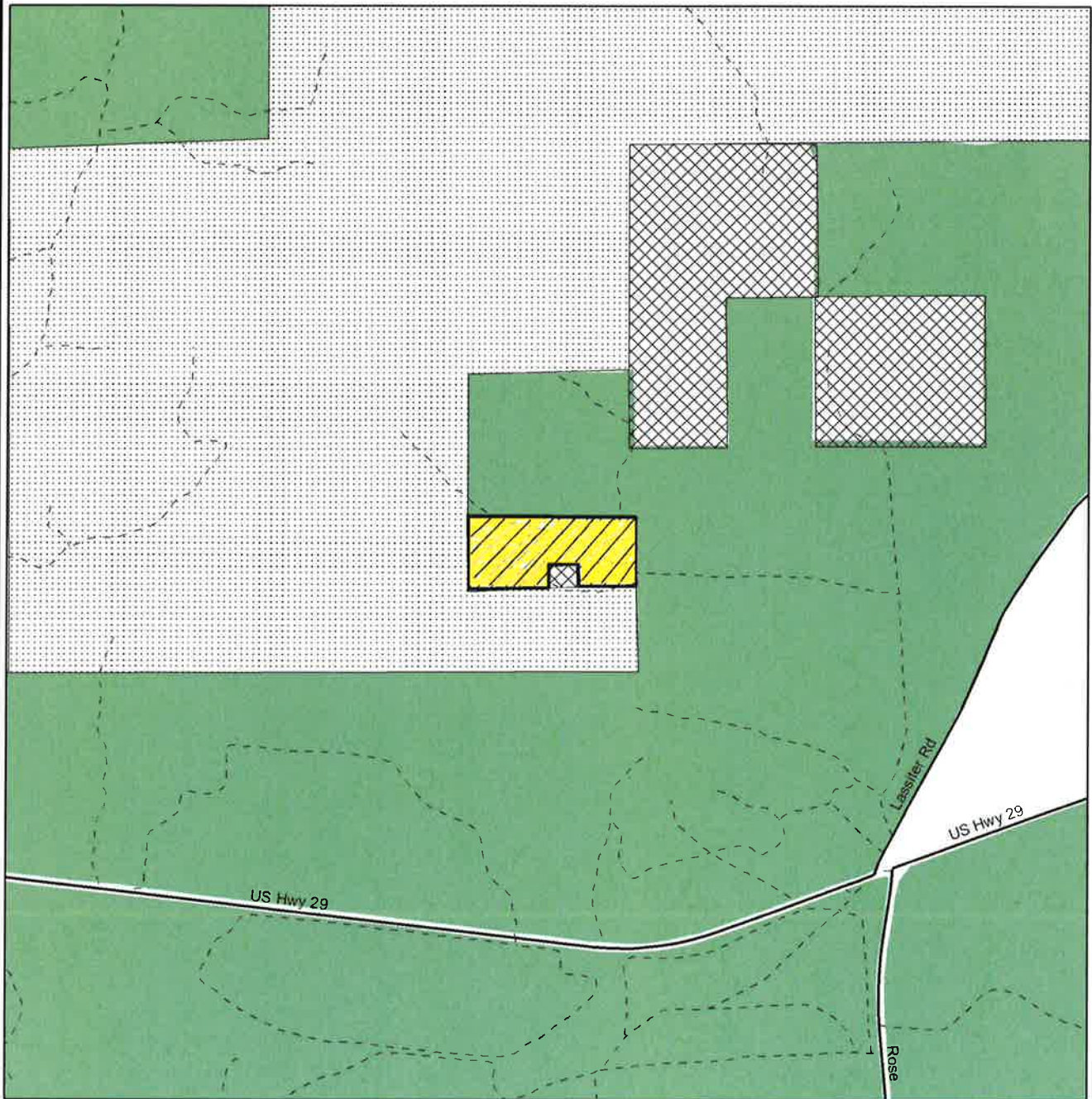
**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The purchase of property contiguous with the Solon Dixon Center is consistent with the long range objectives of that facility. Board policy outlining the procedure for the acquisition of real estate has been followed in establishing the fair market value of the property. The amount payable to the sellers will not exceed the appraised value. Funds to offset the purchase price are available from the Solon Dixon Center Quasi Endowment Account. It is therefore recommended that the property offered for sale by the Estate of D. J. Johnson be purchased by the University.





# Exhibit A: Real Estate Acquisition Johnson Property Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center (SDFEC) Covington County, AL



## Legend



D.J. Johnson Estate



Other Owners



SDFEC



Covington County Roads



Charles Dixon Company



SDFEC Roads

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles





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**TO:** JAY GOGUE, President  
**THROUGH:** DONALD L. LARGE, Executive Vice President  
**FROM:** DAN KING, Assistant Vice President for Facilities  
**SUBJECT:** PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
**CURRENT STATUS OF NEW CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION/  
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WITH BUDGETS OF \$1,000,000  
AND GREATER**  
*(For Information Only)*  
**DATE:** AUGUST 22, 2014

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This is to request that the following proposal be submitted to the Property and Facilities Committee and included on the agenda of the Board of Trustees meetings scheduled for September 5, 2014.

**Proposal:**

Consistent with standing practice, it is proposed that the current status report of new construction/renovation/infrastructure projects with budgets greater than \$1,000,000 be submitted, *for information only*, to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

**Review and Consultation:**

The Board of Trustees at its meeting on April 11, 2014, requested that it receive a regular update on the status of new projects that are underway or planned which have project budgets of \$1,000,000 or more. The attached list includes projects at Auburn University and outlying units.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

Consistent with the request of the Board of Trustees for a current status report of new construction/renovation/infrastructure projects with budgets greater than \$1,000,000, the attached listing is provided, *for information only*, to the Board through the Property and Facilities Committee for inclusion on the agenda of the meetings scheduled for September 5, 2014.

Data as of 07/18/2014

# *Auburn University Facilities Division*

## **Current Capital Projects**

(Spending across Multiple Years)

### *Summary of Cash Flow by Project Phase*

<i>Project Phase</i>	<i>Previous Approved Budget Amount</i>	<i>Current Approved Budget Amount</i>	<i>Actual Spending to Date (across multiple years)</i>	<i>Estimated Cash Flow Assuming Remainder of Budget for FY2014</i>	<i>Estimated Cash Flow Assuming Remainder of Budget for FY2015 &amp; Forward</i>
Substantial Completion	206,201,000	278,991,000	266,363,204	3,705,744	8,018,142 *
Construction	88,840,000	9,650,000	3,234,663	2,920,767	3,494,570
Design	7,366,907	7,548,099	3,193,831	250,000	4,104,268
Planning	7,562,575	7,562,575	2,161,689	400,000	5,000,886
Totals	309,970,482	303,751,674	274,953,387	7,276,511	20,617,866 *
Other Open Capital Projects	31,538,685	27,653,969	8,609,250	3,800,000	15,244,719
Grand Totals	341,509,167	331,405,643	283,562,637	11,076,511	35,862,585 *

\* On the lines with the asterisks, the sum of the spending column and both cash flow columns does not equal the current approved budget figure. The reason relates to two projects that were completed under budget: (1) "Installation of Hot Water Lines for the Athletic and Recreation Sector of Campus" project under budget by \$872,606. (2) "Biodiversity Learning Center" project under budget by \$31,304.

## Current Capital Projects

## ESTIMATED CASHFLOW MATRIX and ACTUAL SPENDING and ENCUMBRANCE ACTIVITY

Project Name	Project Phase	Original Approved Budget Amount	(A)		AU Bond Funding	Federal/ State or Local Funding	(B)		Estimated Cash Flow Assuming Remainder of Budget for FY2015 & Forward	Estimated Cash Flow Assuming Remainder of Budget for FY2015 & Forward	(C)		(A)-(B)-(C)
			Current Approved Budget Amount	AU Funding (includes gifts/grants)			Actual Spending to Date (across multiple years)	Estimated Cash Flow Assuming Remainder of Budget for FY2014			Current Encumbrances Against Project	Current Open Balance (Budget less Actuals and Encumbrances)	
<b>SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION PHASE</b>													
Installation of Hot Water Lines for the Athletic and Recreation Sector of Campus	Completed	2,800,000	2,800,000	1,294,921	1,081,175		1,927,394	0	0	0	0	872,606	*
Biodiversity Learning Center (Previously named COSAM-Preserved Specimens Laboratory) 06-010	Completed	2,650,000	3,500,000		3,500,000		3,468,696	0	0	0	0	31,304	*
MRI Research Center - New Building 09-098	Substantial Completion	11,201,000	11,201,000			11,201,000	11,080,479	109,000	11,521	112,573		7,948	
Campus Pedestrian Improvements - Tiger Concourse - Ginn Plaza 08-116	Substantial Completion	2,500,000	2,500,000	548,000	1,952,000		2,486,162	5,000	8,838	500		13,338	
Student Recreation (Kinesiology) - New Building 09-220	Substantial Completion	21,600,000	21,600,000		21,600,000		19,486,520	0	2,113,480	39,319		2,074,161	
Student Recreation & Wellness Center Building (07-225)	Substantial Completion	72,000,000	72,000,000	5,000,000	67,000,000		70,444,687	500,000	1,055,313	733,481		821,832	
Facilities Buildings 6, 7 and Related Projects 07-054 & 10-149	Substantial Completion	7,500,000	7,500,000	4,323,980	0	3,176,020	7,357,004	142,996	0	72,416		70,580	
Olympic Sport Training & Support Facility Building Renovations 11-131	Substantial Completion	3,500,000	3,500,000		3,500,000		2,705,483	544,517	250,000	503,720		290,797	

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			<i>Current Approved Budget Amount</i>	<i>AU Funding (includes gifts/grants)</i>			<i>Actual Spending to Date (across multiple years)</i>	<i>Estimated Cash Flow Assuming Remainder of Budget for FY2014</i>		<i>Current Encum- brances Against Project</i>	<i>Current Open Balance (Budget less Actuals and Encum- brances)</i>	
Small Animal Teaching Hospital (09-083, 1 Ph I, 09-083 Ph II)	Substantial Completion	70,000,000	74,000,000	30,000,000	34,000,000	10,000,000	70,061,077	2,000,000	1,938,923	2,962,118	976,805	
Plainsman Park - Team Support Facilities Renovations (12-073)	Substantial Completion	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000			1,025,813	174,187	0	89,429	84,758	
Telfair Peet Theatre Building Addition 09-204	Substantial Completion	3,300,000	3,990,000	3,990,000			3,677,956	230,044	82,000	211,145	100,899	
South Donahue Residence Hall, Dinning, Biggio Parking Facility 10-217	Substantial Completion	61,500,000	75,200,000	6,600,000	68,600,000		72,641,933	0	2,558,067	1,283,814	1,274,253	
<b>Total Substantial Completion</b>			278,991,000	52,956,901	201,233,175	24,377,020	266,363,204	3,705,744	8,018,142	6,008,515	6,619,281	*

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<b>CONSTRUCTION PHASE</b>												
Lowder Hall - East Courtyard, New Student Lounge (12-013)	Construction	1,000,000	1,400,000	1,400,000			937,496	360,000	102,504	359,774	102,730	
Equine Sciences Facility-New Building 13-155	Construction	68,006	1,400,000	1,400,000			969,233	410,767	20,000	360,063	70,704	
East Glenn Administrative Support Facility - Comprehensive Renovation 13-150	Construction	33,000	3,750,000	3,750,000			727,083	1,000,000	2,022,917	2,264,407	758,510	
Foy Hall - Convert Loading Dock Area Into A New Dining Facility 13-180	Construction	29,125	2,200,000	2,200,000			130,367	800,000	1,269,633	1,728,236	341,397	
Samford Park At Toomer's Corner - Landscape Redevelopment 13-109	Construction	208,589	900,000	900,000			470,484	350,000	79,516	302,853	126,663	
<b>Total Construction</b>			9,650,000	9,650,000	0	0	3,234,663	2,920,767	3,494,570	5,015,333	1,400,004	

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DESIGN PHASE												
Ag Heritage Park 98-333	Construction and Design Future Projects	2,666,320	2,666,320	2,666,320			1,427,581	0	1,238,739	0	1,238,739	
Pebble Hill Renovation 06-176	Design	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000			483,277	40,000	1,976,723	0	2,016,723	
Hill Residence Halls - Building Renovations & Upgrades 10-155	Design (Partial budget only at this point)	800,000	1,377,587		1,377,587		1,211,861	100,000	65,726	6,000	159,726	
Facilities Mgmt Complex - New Facility For Waste Reduction, Mail Services & Service Support 13-194	Design	823,000	823,000	823,000			49,876	15,000	758,124	13,294	759,830	
Woodfield Drive - Roadway Extension To New VCOM Site & Other Site Improvements 14-052	Design	181,192	181,192	181,192			21,236	95,000	64,956	125,347	34,609	
Total Design			7,548,099	6,170,512	1,377,587	0	3,193,831	250,000	4,104,268	144,641	4,209,627	

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PLANNING PHASE												
WW Walker Bldg Phase II - Pharmaceautical Research & Development Ct 07-037	Planning (Partial budget only at this point)	2,807,620	2,807,620	2,807,620			599,480	0	2,208,140	1,241,985	966,155	
Central Classroom Facility - New Building 11-209	Schematic Design (Partial budget only at this point)	3,500,000	3,500,000		3,500,000		1,211,274	100,000	2,188,726	132,624	2,156,102	
Student Activities Center - Comprehensive Renovation 13-110	Schematic Design (Partial budget only at this point)	150,000	150,000	150,000			96,166	0	53,834	20,818	33,016	
Band Rehearsal Hall Facility (phase II) 09-183	Schematic Design (Partial budget only at this point)	230,000	230,000	230,000			228,528	0	1,472	207	1,265	
Athletics Sports Medicine Facility - New Building & Relocation from BEMC 12-132	Schematic Design (Partial budget only at this point)	75,000	75,000		75,000		11	0	74,989	50,000	24,989	
AU Regional Airport - Aviation Education Facility 13-285	Schematic Design (Partial budget only at this point)	120,355	120,355	120,355			26,099	50,000	44,256	61,396	32,860	
Graduate Business Education Bldg	Schematic Design (Partial budget only at this point)	679,600	679,600	679,600	0	0	131	250,000	429,469	20,000	659,469	
Total Planning			7,562,575	3,987,575	3,575,000	0	2,161,689	400,000	5,000,886	1,527,030	3,873,856	

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Other Open Capital Projects	Various Stages		27,653,969	23,289,570	4,314,399	50,000	8,609,250	3,800,000	15,244,719	8,577,572	10,467,147	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>												
			331,405,643	96,054,558	210,500,161	24,427,020	283,562,637	11,076,511	35,862,585	21,273,091	26,569,915	*

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**TO:** JAY GOGUE, President  
**THROUGH:** DONALD L. LARGE, Executive Vice President  
**FROM:** DAN KING, Assistant Vice President for Facilities  
**SUBJECT:** PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
**QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PROJECTS COSTING MORE THAN  
\$500,000 BUT LESS THAN \$1,000,000 – 3<sup>rd</sup> QTR FISCAL YEAR 2014  
(For Information Only)**  
**DATE:** AUGUST 22, 2014

This memorandum requests the following proposal be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee and included on the agenda at the meeting scheduled for September 5, 2014.

**Proposal:**

The Board of Trustees, at its meeting on April 11, 2014, adopted a resolution stipulating that all projects with a total cost in the range of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 be reported quarterly. The intent of this report is to keep the Property and Facilities Committee informed of those projects as they are occurring on campus. Consistent with standing policy, it is proposed that this report be submitted for information only.

**Review and Consultation:**

Projects initiated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014 and costing more than \$500,000 but less than \$1,000,000 are listed in the following table.

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2014 Projects \$500,000 - \$1,000,000</b>	<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Sciences Center Classroom Bldg. Rooms 116/118, Convert Into An Active Learning Classroom	14-014	922295-102048-P100	\$565,585

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

Consistent with standing policy, this report is submitted to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for information at the meeting scheduled for September 5, 2014.



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**TO:** JAY GOGUE, President  
**THROUGH:** DONALD L. LARGE, Executive Vice President  
**FROM:** DAN KING, Assistant Vice President for Facilities  
**SUBJECT:** PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
**PROJECT STATUS REPORT**  
**DATE:** AUGUST 22, 2014

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This memorandum requests the following proposal be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee and included on the agenda at the meeting scheduled for September 5, 2014.

**Proposal:**

In response to informal inquiries with regard to particular projects in progress or envisaged, it is proposed that a brief report regarding the status of Board of Trustees approved projects be submitted, *for information only*, to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

**Review and Consultation:**

The responsibility of the Board of Trustees extends to the oversight of funding, planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of University buildings and facilities. The date of project establishment in the development process is often separated by years from the date of dedication. Although the process is prolonged, Board interest remains enthusiastic throughout. This Project Status Report is intended to inform interested parties of the status of projects previously approved by the Board of Trustees.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The desire to be responsive to inquiries regarding specific capital projects and the process from conception to completion has prompted the development of a Project Status Report. The current memo is provided, *for information only*, to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for inclusion on the agenda of the meeting scheduled for September 5, 2014.

**PROJECT/PHASE****STATUS****Projects in Planning Stage:**

- Equine Sciences – New Facilities Phase I On hold pending funding
- Band Rehearsal Hall Phase 2 On hold pending funding

**Projects in Design Stage:**

- Pharmaceutical Research & Development Center Approved June 2007
- Renovations to the Hill and CDV Residence Halls Approved June 2010
- Central Classroom Facility Approved June 2011
- Relocation of Sports Medicine and Other Team Functions from the Coliseum Approved February 2012
- Student Activities Center Renovation Approved April 2013
- Aviation Education Facility Approved November 2013
- Graduate Business Education Building Approved February 2014

**Schematic Design Approved:**

- Pebble Hill Renovation & Addition Approved November 2007
- Recycling and Service Support Facility Approved November 2013

**Projects in Construction Stage:**

- Small Animal Teaching Hospital – Phase II Approved February 2010
- Lowder Hall Faculty and Staff Lounge Approved April 2012
- East Glenn Administrative Support Complex Renovation Approved June 2013
- Auburn Oaks at Toomer's Corner Redevelopment Approved June 2013
- Foy Hall Dining & Courtyard Improvements Approved August 2013
- Equestrian Center Phase I: Arena Pavilion Approved November 2013

**Projects in Closeout Stage or Complete:**

- Telfair Peet Theatre Addition Approved November 2009
- Auburn Recreation and Wellness Center Approved June 2010
- Facilities Division Buildings VI & VII Approved June 2010
- Department of Kinesiology Building Approved September 2010
- Student Residence Hall at West Samford & Donahue Approved February 2011
- Auburn Wellness Kitchen Approved November 2011
- Renovation of Plainsman Park Locker Rooms Approved April 2012

AUM COMMITTEE  
AND  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED OPTION IN PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN VISUAL  
ARTS DEGREE

WHEREAS, the AUM Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts degree provides opportunities for students to focus on major art forms; and

WHEREAS, photography has become a well-established art form since its inception in the nineteenth century and the proliferation of electronic media has only increased the presence of photography in the lives of most people; and

WHEREAS, even with technological advances, effective photography demands rigorous training and an option in photography would draw on courses currently taught at AUM; and

WHEREAS, launching the proposed photography option in the Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts degree would require no additional resources; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to establish an option in Photography has been endorsed by the Faculty and Department Head in the Department of Fine Arts, the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts, the AUM Curriculum Committee, the Provost, and the Chancellor of AUM.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed option in Photography in the Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts at AUM be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

July 30, 2014

To: Dr. Jay Gogue  
President

From: John G. Veres III

Subject: Proposed Board Agenda Item  
Option in Photography in the Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts

Please consider including this proposal on the agenda of the September 5, 2014, meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**Proposal:**

Auburn University at Montgomery seeks to provide students interested in Visual Arts with the opportunity to engage in in-depth study of Photography. AUM therefore proposes an option in Photography in its Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts.

While advances in digital technology have made photography more popular, real accomplishment as a photographer requires rigorous training. Consequently, students have increasingly sought more formal training in photography. Therefore, AUM proposes to initiate a Photography option in its Bachelor of Visual Arts degree to provide this opportunity for our students.

**Review and Consultation:**

This proposal has been endorsed by the Faculty and Head of the Department of Fine Arts, the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts, AUM Curriculum Committee, and Provost.

The option draws entirely on courses currently offered by AUM. No additional resources will be required.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The proposed option will foster a higher degree of accomplishment in photography among graduates of the Visual Arts program in our Department of Fine Arts. It is recommended that the proposal be submitted to the Board of Trustees through the Auburn Montgomery Committee and Academic Affairs Committee and placed on the agenda at the meeting scheduled for September

5, 2014. If the Board approves, the program would then be sent for approval by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

Dr. King and I are available to answer any questions you may have regarding this proposal.

Thank you for your kind attention.

AUM COMMITTEE  
AND  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

WHEREAS, the faculty in the Department of Accounting at Auburn University at Montgomery wishes to offer a Master of Accountancy Degree program that would further prepare its accounting graduates and others in the River Region to advance in their respective career fields; and


WHEREAS, the proposed Master of Accountancy degree program would enhance enrollment by providing students with the opportunity to tailor advanced study to their unique career goals; and

WHEREAS, the request to create this Master of Accountancy degree has been endorsed by the Dean of the College of Business, the University Graduate Council, the Provost, and the Chancellor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that the proposed Master of Accountancy from the College of Business at Auburn University at Montgomery be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

July 30, 2014

TO: Dr. Jay Gogue  
President

FROM: John G. Veres, III   
Chancellor

SUBJECT: Proposed Board Agenda Item  
Proposed Master of Accountancy Degree

I am writing to request the inclusion of the proposal described below on the agenda for the September 5, 2014 meeting of the Auburn University Board of Trustees.

Proposal:

The Department of Accounting at Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) proposes to offer a Master of Accountancy Degree. This degree is designed to develop skillsets required of accounting professionals in a globally competitive environment. This program will allow graduates from AUM's nationally accredited baccalaureate program in accounting to further advance in their field.

Review and Consultation:

The faculty and department head in the Department of Accounting, the Dean of the College of Business, the AUM Graduate Council and the Provost have endorsed this proposal. Also, The Department of Accounting surveyed its stakeholders in the River Region in July 2013 to determine the interest and need for AUM to offer a Master of Accountancy Degree. The survey sampled employer stakeholders consisting of private practice firms; federal, state and local governments; and representative industries in the region. There was unanimous agreement that the AUM Department of Accounting should offer a Master of Accountancy Degree.

Once initiated, this program will require one additional tenure track faculty member.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The proposed Masters of Accountancy Degree will provide accounting graduates and other stakeholders in the River Region with an opportunity to earn an advanced degree or to take additional coursework beyond the baccalaureate degree while establishing their eligibility to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination. This degree program will give AUM greater visibility and



enhance enrollment by providing students the opportunity to tailor advanced study to their career goals.

Dr. King and I are available to answer any questions you may have regarding this proposal.

Thank you for your kind attention.

AUM COMMITTEE  
AND  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, AUM seeks to provide additional opportunities for students interested in developing professional skills at the undergraduate level in Geographic Information Systems, the sophisticated application of computer analysis to spatial relationships; and

WHEREAS, AUM's program in Geographic Information Systems is well recognized and undergraduate education focused in Geographic Information Systems will provide employees needed in a variety of occupations in and beyond the state, in both the private and public sectors; and


WHEREAS, work in Geographic Information Systems increasingly demands training in the field and AUM's Certificate in Geographic Information Systems has provided AUM a track record of preparing students for such work and placing them in positions and AUM is well positioned to offer students a variety of hands-on experience in the field, through internships and especially through grants and contracts; and

WHEREAS, the request to create this Bachelor of Arts in Geographic Information Systems has been endorsed by the AUM's Department of Sociology, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts, Curriculum Committee, Provost, and Chancellor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed Bachelor of Arts in Geographic Information Systems be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

July 30, 2014

To: Dr. Jay Gogue  
President

From: John G. Veres III 

Subject: Proposed Board Agenda Item  
Bachelor of Arts in Geographic Information Systems

Please consider including this proposal on the agenda of the September 5, 2014 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**Proposal:**

Auburn University at Montgomery seeks to provide students interested in pursuing careers in Geographic Information Systems—the application of computer technology to the analysis of space and spatial relationships—an opportunity to prepare for such work at the undergraduate level. The demand for such students is increasing, and AUM's undergraduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems has already had a good track record in preparing and placing such students, who have often obtained jobs even before completing the certificate. The Bachelor of Arts program would capitalize on that success.

**Review and Consultation:**

This proposal was endorsed by AUM's Department of Sociology, Curriculum Committee, Dean of Liberal Arts, and Provost.

The program will require one additional (tenure-track) faculty appointment in Geographic Information Systems; this appointment would also support the proposed Master of Arts in Geographic Information Systems.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

AUM currently offers an undergraduate certificate in GIS, available both in bricks-and-mortar versions and online. The GIS program and lab have garnered national and state recognition, as evidenced by:

- More than \$1.2 million in external contracts and grants since 2008
- Being one of four universities selected to assist with emergency relief following the tsunami in Japan in 2011
- Becoming the statewide host of "GIS Day," an annual event hosting corporate representatives from the industry and GIS users, with displays and talks. Despite its name, this is a two-day event.

- Significant international ties with universities or institutions in Argentina, Ecuador, Mexico, Russia, and Switzerland
- A faculty member appointed to the Alabama Governor's GIS Advisory Board
- A faculty member appointed as a Technical Advisor to the Governor's Black Belt Improvement Commission
- Development of the State of Alabama's GIS training course
- Participation in an international program to test the accuracy of portable X-ray Fluorescence Analyzers for lithic artifact source determination
- A faculty member who serves as cartographer for, and is on the editorial board of, the journal *Mesoamerica*
- Faculty certified by the Geographic Information Systems Certification Institute

Currently, there are no stand-alone undergraduate GIS degree programs in Alabama and they are uncommon in the southeast. Hence, establishing a program at AUM offers the university a comparative advantage. Degree programs in Alabama that do allow study of GIS have embedded GIS in other disciplines such as urban planning or geospatial studies in geography.

It is recommended that the proposal be submitted to the Board of Trustees through the Auburn Montgomery Committee and Academic Affairs Committee and placed on the agenda at the meeting scheduled for September 5, 2014. If the Board approves, the program would then be sent for approval by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

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AUM COMMITTEE  
AND  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed Master of Arts of Geographic Information Systems from the School of Liberal Arts be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

July 30, 2014

To: Dr. Jay Gogue  
President

From: John G. Veres III 

Subject: Proposed Board Agenda Item  
Master of Arts in Geographic Information Systems

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**Review and Consultation:**

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- A faculty member appointed as a Technical Advisor to the Governor's Black Belt Improvement Commission
- Development of the State of Alabama's GIS training course
- Participation in an international program to test the accuracy of portable X-ray Fluorescence Analyzers for lithic artifact source determination
- A faculty member who serves as cartographer for, and is on the editorial board of, the journal *Mesoamerica*
- Faculty certified by the Geographic Information Systems Certification Institute

Currently, graduate students enrolled in GIS courses at AUM are pursuing a Master of Liberal Arts degree or are pursuing the Certificate. However, the number of graduate students in GIS could be substantially higher if AUM offered a master's degree in the field. An MLA program is not a natural recruiting shell for a technical and professional program like GIS. Currently, there are no stand-alone graduate GIS degree programs in Alabama. Most degree programs in Alabama that offer instruction in GIS offer it in other disciplines such as urban planning or geospatial studies in geography.

It is recommended that the proposal be submitted to the Board of Trustees through the Auburn Montgomery Committee and Academic Affairs Committee and placed on the agenda at the meeting scheduled for September 5, 2014. If the Board approves, the program would then be sent for approval by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

Dr. King and I are available to answer any questions you may have regarding this proposal.

Thank you for your kind attention.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### RESOLUTION

#### 2014-2015 BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University as follows:

Section 1. The operating budget for Auburn University covering current operating funds and auxiliary funds for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014, and ending September 30, 2015, as presented by the President and approved by the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees, be, and the same is hereby approved.

Section 2. Nothing in said budget shall be accepted or construed to be legal obligations or liabilities against Auburn University. The amounts fixed in the components of the budget for the year 2014-2015 shall be understood to be the relative amounts to be paid or expended for those components in relationship to the funds and/or income of the University available for the support and maintenance of the University

Section 3. The proposed expenditure amounts as set out in the budget are hereby approved and adopted and the President is authorized and empowered to enact such budget on October 1, 2014. The President is further authorized and empowered to effect routine adjustments to this budget as deemed necessary and appropriate.

Section 4. The Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees is requested and authorized to approve material adjustments in this budget as may be determined necessary and presented by the President.





AUBURN UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 04, 2014

MEMORANDUM TO: President Jay Gogue

FROM: Donald L. Large, Jr. 

SUBJECT: Board of Trustees Agenda Item -

Proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget for Trustee Consideration

Please find enclosed a copy of the proposed Budget for Auburn University, which includes all four divisions with breakdowns by colleges and departments as appropriate. Additional information is included regarding capital projects and proposed spending along with other summary information.

We will be prepared to review the proposed budget in detail if desired by the Finance Committee and will be requesting approval of the proposed budget for implementation effective October 1, 2014.

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Enclosure

c: Mr. Grant Davis

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### PRESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT

Time will be allocated for discussion of the Presidential Assessment.