




# AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Dr. Christopher B. Roberts, President 

**SUBJECT:** June 7, 2024 Annual Board of Trustees Meeting

Enclosed, please find the materials for the June 7, 2024 Annual Board of Trustees Meeting. The schedule of events for Thursday and Friday is listed below.

*Please note that all events will be held at The Hotel at Auburn University & Dixon Conference Center located at 241 South College Street, Auburn, Alabama 36830.*

### **Thursday, June 6, 2024**

1:30 p.m.	Workshop	Legacy Ballroom
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### **Friday, June 7, 2024**

8:30 a.m.	Call to Order and Opening Remarks	Legacy Ballroom
8:35 a.m.	Committee Meetings	Legacy Ballroom
9:55 a.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees	Legacy Ballroom
10:00 a.m.	Proposed Executive Session	Azalea Room
11:00 a.m.	Reconvened Meeting of the Board of Trustees	Legacy Ballroom
11:15 a.m.	Recess Meeting	Legacy Ballroom
Upon Conclusion of the Meeting	Luncheon	Grand Ballroom II

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jon G. Waggoner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees (w/encl.)  
President's Cabinet (w/encl.)

**SCHEDULE AND AGENDA**  
**JUNE 7, 2024 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**  
**AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks | 8:30 a.m.
- II. Committee Meetings | 8:35 a.m.
  - A. Property and Facilities Committee | Chairperson DeMaioribus | 8:35 a.m.

Project Approvals:

- 1. Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out, Final Approval (Simon Yendle/Emmett Winn)
- 2. University Events Center Addition, Final Approval (Simon Yendle/Jon Thompson)
- 3. Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard, Final Approval (Simon Yendle/John Cohen)
- 4. Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation, and Manufacturing Laboratory, Project Initiation (Simon Yendle/Mario Eden)
- 5. Melton Student Center Patio Renovation, Project Initiation (Simon Yendle/Bobby Woodard)
- 6. Rural Studio Red Barn in Newbern, Alabama – Renovation and Repairs, Project Initiation (Simon Yendle/Karen Rogers)

Real Estate Approvals:

- 7. Authority to Sell Auburn University Land in Talbot County, Georgia (Simon Yendle/Mark Stirling)
- 8. Authority to Purchase Land in Auburn, Alabama (Simon Yendle/Mark Stirling)

Informational Reports:

- 9. Annual Report of Real Estate Holdings – *For Information Only* (Mark Stirling)
- 10. Annual Report of Timber Harvest Revenue – *For Information Only* (Mark Stirling)
- 11. Status Updates – *For Information Only* (Simon Yendle)
  - a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$1,000,000 and Greater
  - b. Project Status Report



- B. Academic Affairs Committee | Chairperson Huntley | 9:05 a.m.
  - 1. Proposed Closure of the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies (Vini Nathan)
  - 2. Proposed Changes to Faculty Personnel Policies (Vini Nathan)
- C. Finance Committee | Chairperson W. Smith | 9:10 a.m.
  - 1. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget and Salary Guidelines – *For Information Only* (Kelli Shomaker)
- D. Audit and Compliance Committee | Chairperson Ainsworth | 9:15 a.m.
  - 1. Approval of Independent Auditors for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024 (Kelli Shomaker)
  - 2. Receipt of the 2023-2024 Code of Ethics Compliance Documents – *For Information Only* (Billy Ainsworth)
  - 3. Receipt of the 2024 Board Self-Evaluation Survey – *For Information Only* (Billy Ainsworth)
- E. Institutional Advancement Committee | Chairperson Sahlie | 9:30 a.m.
  - 1. Auburn University Endowment Portfolio Update – *For Information Only* (Paul Jacobson/Brian Pimentel)
- F. Executive Committee | Chairperson Dumas | 9:40 a.m.
  - 1. Election of the Vice President *Pro Tempore* (Bob Dumas)
  - 2. Election of the President *Pro Tempore* (Bob Dumas)
  - 3. Proposed Awards and Namings (Bob Dumas)
  - 4. Presidential Assessment – *For Information Only* (Quentin Riggins)
- G. Trustee Reports | 9:50 a.m.
- III. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees | 9:55 a.m.
- IV. Proposed Executive Session | 10:00 a.m.
- V. Reconvened Meeting of the Board of Trustees | 11:00 a.m.
  - 1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 12, 2024 Board Meeting

2. Awarding of Degrees for Summer 2024
3. AUM Chancellor's Report
4. President's Report
5. Action Items and Committee Meeting Reports

A. Property and Facilities Committee

1. Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out, Final Approval
2. University Events Center Addition, Final Approval
3. Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard, Final Approval
4. Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation, and Manufacturing Laboratory, Project Initiation
5. Melton Student Center Patio Renovation, Project Initiation
6. Rural Studio Red Barn in Newbern, Alabama – Renovation and Repairs, Project Initiation
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8. Authority to Purchase Land in Auburn, Alabama

B. Academic Affairs Committee

1. Proposed Closure of the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies
2. Proposed Changes to Faculty Personnel Policies

C. Audit and Compliance Committee

1. Approval of Independent Auditors for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

D. Executive Committee

1. Election of the Vice President *Pro Tempore*
2. Election of the President *Pro Tempore*
3. Proposed Awards and Namings

VI. Recess Meeting | 11:15 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
JUNE 7, 2024 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**A. Property and Facilities Committee**

**PROJECT APPROVALS:**

**1. Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out, Final Approval**

Project Summary: The Gogue Performing Arts Center has proposed the build-out of the Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre to realize the full vision of a size-diverse, multi-venue performing arts center at Auburn University. The project consists of extending and enclosing a section of the existing outdoor stage to create a Studio Theatre and constructing a new exterior stage and enhancing the existing Amphitheatre. Additionally, the project includes provisions for additional food service connections and ticketing support.

The estimated total project cost of the Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out project is \$15.0 million. The project will be financed by Gift funds.

Requested Action: It is requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out project.

Previous Approvals: At its meeting on June 17, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out project and the selection of Wilson Butler Architects, of Boston, Massachusetts, as the architect for the project.

**2. University Events Center Addition, Final Approval**

Project Summary: The University Administration has proposed a project to make improvements to the University Events Center. The current Events Center consists of an indoor area and an outdoor section that is often enclosed by a tent structure. The addition project will construct a one-story building addition and provide renovations to the existing facility creating an expanded air-conditioned event space, material storage, and office spaces for the University Special Events staff who are currently located off site.

The estimated total project cost of the University Events Center Addition project is \$14.0 million. The project will be financed by a combination of Gift and University General funds.

Requested Action: It is requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution providing final approval of the University Events Center Addition project.

Previous Approvals: At its meeting on August 25, 2023, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the University Events Center Addition project and the selection of Architecture Works of Birmingham, Alabama, as the architect for the project.

### **3. Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard, Final Approval**

Project Summary: The Athletics Department has proposed the replacement of the existing north endzone scoreboard in Jordan-Hare Stadium. The new videoboard will provide improved gameday experience notably for south endzone patrons, including the student section, who will have a clear view of the new videoboard.

The estimated total project cost of the Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard project is \$25.7 million. The project will be financed by Gift funds.

Requested Action: It is requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard project.

Previous Approvals: At its meeting on February 2, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard project and the selection of LBYD Engineers of Birmingham, Alabama, as the engineer for the project.

### **4. Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center – Analytical, Innovation, and Manufacturing Laboratory, Project Initiation**

Project Summary: The Samuel Ginn College of Engineering has proposed the renovation of the remaining 16,000 square feet of unfinished areas within the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center to create a cutting-edge facility that will foster interdisciplinary collaboration, creativity, and industry-relevant innovation, particularly focused on advanced manufacturing. The project will include laboratories concentrated on manufacturing and the analysis and testing of materials. Additionally, this project will provide collaboration and innovation spaces designed to facilitate idea generation and project development, fostering a vibrant ecosystem of entrepreneurship and technological advancement.

It is anticipated that the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center–Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project will be financed by the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering using funds appropriated from the State of Alabama FY23 Supplemental Budget.

Requested Action: It is requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution to approve the initiation of the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center–Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project and to authorize the commencement of the architect selection process.

Previous Approvals: None.

## **5. Melton Student Center Patio Renovation, Project Initiation**

Project Summary: Student Affairs endorses the Student Government Association's plan to renovate the Melton Student Center Patio to improve student life and involvement at Auburn University. The project intends to optimize the use of outdoor areas next to busy student zones, create a medium-sized outdoor space with audiovisual facilities for holding various events, add outdoor study seats with power outlets, and enhance the game day experience by expanding outdoor seating capacity and installing a video screen for showing games and events creating a more energetic and interactive atmosphere on home football game days near the campus green.

It is anticipated that the Melton Student Center Patio Renovation project will be financed by Student Affairs.

Requested Action: It is requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution to approve the initiation of the Melton Student Center Patio Renovation project and to authorize the commencement of the architect selection process.

Previous Approvals: None.

## **6. Rural Studio Red Barn in Newbern, Alabama – Renovation and Repairs, Project Initiation**

Project Summary: The College of Architecture, Design and Construction has proposed a comprehensive renovation to the Rural Studio Red Barn located in Newbern, Alabama. The renovation will encompass structural repairs, enhancements to life-safety systems and accessibility, and alterations to the space to accommodate the current requirements of the program. The objective of this project is to bring the facility up to current building codes and standards, as well as to provide adequate studio and lecture space for architecture students enrolled in the Rural Studio program.

It is anticipated that the Rural Studio Red Barn Renovation and Repairs project will be financed by the College of Architecture, Design and Construction and the Provost Office.

Requested Action: It is requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution to approve the initiation of the Rural Studio Red Barn Renovation and Repairs project and to authorize the commencement of the architect selection process.

Previous Approvals: None.

## REAL ESTATE APPROVALS:

### **7. Authority to Sell Auburn University Land in Talbot County, Georgia**

Project Summary: A 731-acre parcel of land was gifted to Auburn University in 2016 by Diane Koart for the benefit of the Harbert College of Business. The property is managed by the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment. The Harbert College of Business has determined the Property will not be used for any strategic purpose and has recommended its sale, with the revenue from the sale devoted to Harbert College of Business capital needs. The University has negotiated a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Hat Creek Land LLC for \$1,760,000 which is above the MAI appraisal on the property.

Requested Action: It is requested that the Board of Trustees authorize the President to sell the Property in Talbot County, Georgia consistent with Alabama law, and is empowered to negotiate and execute the deed and all legal documents necessary to effectuate the transaction provided that any sale transactions must be reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel prior to closing.

Previous Approvals: At its previous meeting on February 2, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution authorizing engagement of a duly licensed real estate broker to market and solicit offers for the parcel listed above.

### **8. Authority to Purchase Land in Auburn, Alabama**

Project Summary: Auburn University is interested in acquiring property in Auburn, Alabama, for the benefit of the University. The property is located at 828 South College Street, at the Northwest intersection of Woodfield Drive and South College Street and consists of a residential structure and 0.83 acres. The property is adjacent to the Mullins property purchased by Auburn University in 2021. The acquisition will extend the University's control of the Auburn University side of the intersection which will become an increasingly important entrance to campus, especially considering the completion of the Duncan Drive Extension project. The acquisition of this property would create a 5-acre plot for future development and improve the aesthetics at a major entrance point to campus.

Requested Action: It is requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution approving the purchase of property located at 828 South College Street, Auburn, Alabama, described above, consistent with Alabama law, provided that any proposed sale transactions must be reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel prior to closing.

Previous Approvals: None.

## INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

### **9. Annual Report of Real Estate Holdings – *For Information Only***

Board policies require that a listing of property owned by Auburn University be submitted annually to the Board for its information and review. Accordingly, the summary based on last year's report and changes that have occurred since June 2023 have been prepared for the Board's review.

This item is provided *for information only* and does not require a vote.

### **10. Annual Report of Timber Harvest Revenue – *For Information Only***

A summary report of timber harvest revenue is provided annually to the Board for its information and review. The report shows timber harvest revenue received since June 2023.

This item is provided *for information only* and does not require a vote.

### **11. Status Updates – *For Information Only***

#### **a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$1,000,000 and Greater**

#### **b. Project Status Report**

This item is provided *for information only* and does not require a vote.

## **B. Academic Affairs Committee**

### **1. Proposed Closure of the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies**

Following a review of post-implementation requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies, the College of Architecture, Design, and Construction proposes the program's closure.

### **2. Proposed Changes to Faculty Personnel Policies**

The University Senate has recommended changes to Chapter Three of the *Auburn University Faculty Handbook*. Approved by the University Senate, the proposed changes delineate amended policies and provide increased comprehensiveness, organization, and clarity to the institution's promotion and tenure policies and processes.

**C. Finance Committee**

**1. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget and Salary Guidelines – *For Information Only***

Time will be allotted for the discussion and approval of the budget and salary guidelines for Fiscal Year 2025.

This item is provided *for information only* and does not require a vote.

**D. Audit and Compliance Committee**

**1. Approval of Independent Auditors for Fiscal Year Ended September 3, 2024**

Time will be allotted for a discussion regarding the audit plan for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. The Board will then vote on naming PricewaterhouseCoopers as the external auditors.

**2. Receipt of the 2023-2024 Code of Ethics Compliance Documents – *For Information Only***

Time will be allotted for discussion of the receipt of the 2022-2023 Code of Ethics Compliance Documents.

This item is provided *for information only* and does not require a vote.

**3. Receipt of the 2024 Board Self-Evaluation Survey – *For Information Only***

Time will be allotted for discussion of the receipt of the 2024 Board Self-Evaluation Survey.

This item is provided *for information only* and does not require a vote.

**E. Institutional Advancement Committee**

**1. Auburn University Endowment Portfolio Update – *For Information Only***

It is proposed that a representative of Prime Buchholz, an investment consultant firm that provides consulting services to the Auburn University Foundation related to the investment of Auburn's endowments, present an update to the Board.

This item is provided *for information only* and does not require a vote.

**F. Executive Committee**

**1. Election of the Vice President *Pro Tempore***

Time will be allotted for the election of the Vice President *Pro Tempore* for 2024-2025.



**2. Election of the President *Pro Tempore***

Time will be allotted for the election of the President *Pro Tempore* for 2024-2025.

**3. Proposed Awards and Namings**

Time will be allotted for discussion of a list of proposed awards and namings.

**4. Presidential Assessment – *For Information Only***

Time will be allotted for a discussion regarding the annual Presidential Assessment.

This item is provided *for information only* and does not require a vote.

**PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA  
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Committee Chairperson: Mr. Michael DeMaioribus

Faculty Representative: Dr. Darren Olson, Auburn University (ex-officio, non-voting)

*Please Note: All trustees serve on all committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee.*

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
STUDIO THEATRE AND AMPHITHEATRE BUILD-OUT

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Gogue Performing Arts Center proposes the build-out of the Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre to realize the full vision of a size-diverse, multi-venue performing arts center at Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on June 17, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out project and the selection of Wilson Butler Architects, of Boston, Massachusetts, as the architect for the project; and

WHEREAS, the project will extend and enclose a portion of the existing outdoor stage to create a 3,500-square-foot Studio Theatre and construction of an exterior stage and Amphitheatre; and

WHEREAS, the location of the project will be at the corner of Woodfield Drive and South College Street along the south side of the existing Gogue Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out project is \$15.0 million, to be financed by Gift funds; and

WHEREAS, according to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the project of \$15.0 million, to be financed by Gift funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the approved project budget.

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**TO:** CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President

**THROUGH:** KELLI D. SHOMAKER, Senior Vice President, Business and Administration, and Chief Financial Officer

**FROM:** SIMON YENDLE, Interim Vice President, Facilities Management

**SUBJECT:** PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

**GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER – STUDIO THEATRE AND  
AMPHITHEATRE BUILD-OUT: FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

**DATE:** MAY 8, 2024

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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 June 7, 2024.

**Proposal:**

Consistent with standing policy, it is proposed that the Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out project be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for consideration of a resolution that provides final approval of the project. If approved, the resolution would authorize the President to direct Auburn University Facilities Management to complete the project design, solicit bids, and award a contract for construction.

**Review and Consultation:**

The Gogue Performing Arts Center has proposed the build-out of the Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre to realize the full vision of a size-diverse, multi-venue performing arts center at Auburn University.

At its previous meeting on June 17, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out project and the selection of Wilson Butler Architects, of Boston, Massachusetts, as the architect for the project.

Since that time, the project team has worked to complete the design for the project. The proposed project details are provided below:

- **Project Location:** The Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out project will be located at the corner of Woodfield Drive and South College Street, situated along the south side of the existing center. See Attachment 1 for the site map highlighting this location.

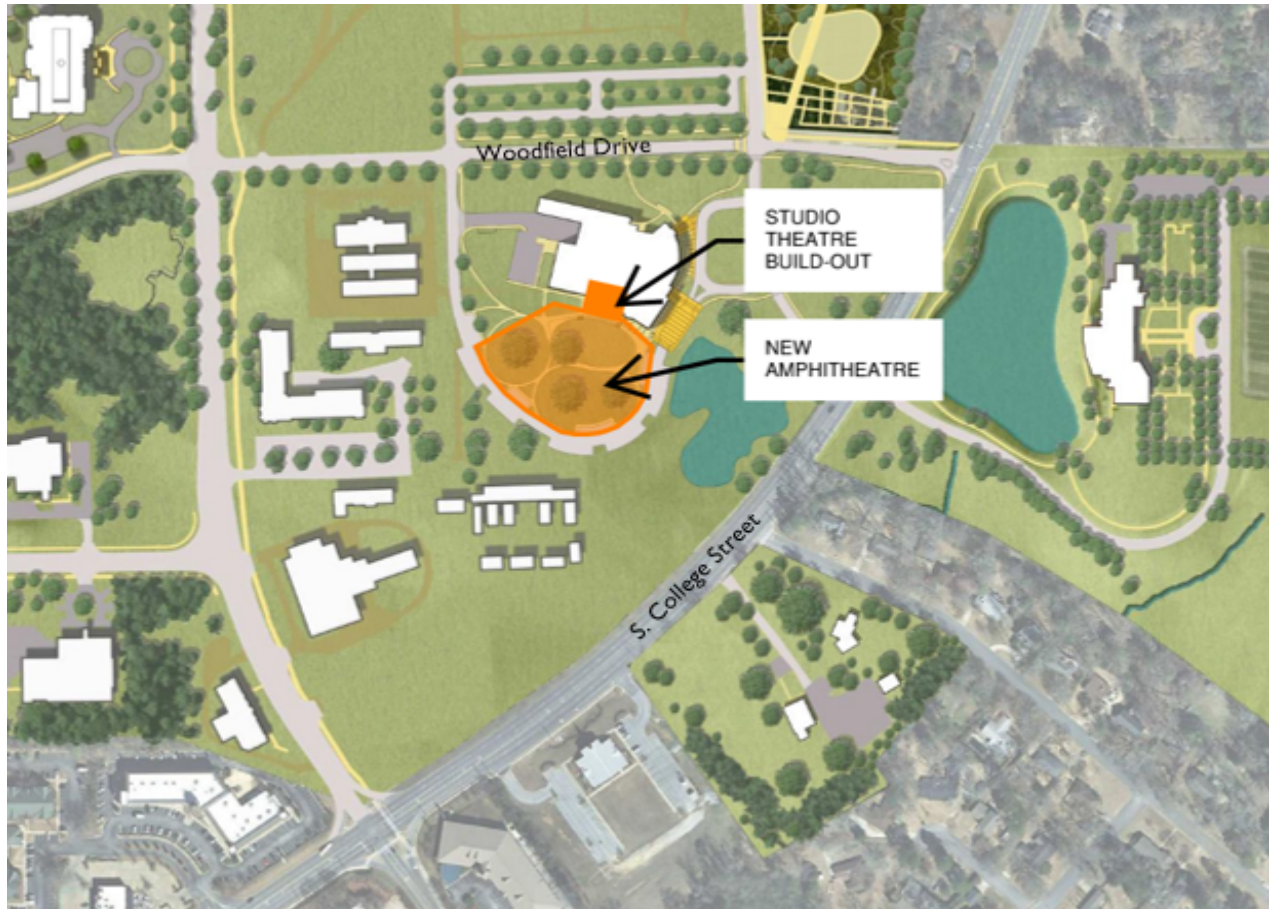
- Program Requirements: The Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out project consists of two main components:
  1. **Studio Theatre Extension and Enclosure**: This part involves extending and enclosing a section of the existing outdoor stage to create a 3,500-square-foot Studio Theatre. The Studio Theatre will serve as a versatile indoor performance venue including a technical gallery.
  2. **Exterior Stage and Amphitheatre Construction**: The second component focuses on constructing a new exterior stage and enhancing the existing Amphitheatre. The Amphitheatre will be a multi-use space, accommodating approximately 1000 patrons in orchestra seats and 2000 patrons in general admission. Additionally, the project includes provisions for additional food service connections and ticketing support.

For visual representations, please refer to Attachment 2 which contains renderings of the Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out project.

- Budget: The estimated total project cost of the Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out project is \$15.0 million, to be financed by Gift funds.

If you concur, it is proposed that a resolution providing final approval of the Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out project be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration at its meeting scheduled for June 7, 2024.

**Attachment 1**  
**Gogue Performing Arts Center**  
**Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out**  
**Site Map**





**Attachment 2**  
**Gogue Performing Arts Center**  
**Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out**  
**Renderings**



*Interior Studio View Looking Out to Amphitheatre*



*Aerial View of the Amphitheatre from South College Street*

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

UNIVERSITY EVENTS CENTER ADDITION

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the University Administration proposed a project to make improvements to the existing University Events Center; and

WHEREAS, the University Special Events staff and Facilities Management have determined that the Events Center would be better utilized, and operational costs would be reduced if the entire facility was permanently enclosed; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on August 25, 2023, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the project the selection of Architecture Works of Birmingham, Alabama, as the architect for the project; and

WHEREAS, the project will construct a one-story, 10,000-square-foot building addition and provide a 7,000-square-foot renovation to the existing facility providing expanded air-conditioned event space, material storage, and office spaces for the University Special Events staff who are currently located off-site; and

WHEREAS, the location of the project is at the Existing University event center located off South College Street near the intersection of Garden Drive; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the University Events Center Addition project is \$14.0 million, to be financed by a combination of Gift and University General funds; and

WHEREAS, according to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the University Events Center Addition project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the project of \$14.0 million, to be financed by a combination of Gift and University General funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the approved project budget.





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

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**TO:** CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President *[Signature]*  
**THROUGH:** KELLI D. SHOMAKER, Senior Vice President, Business and Administration and Chief Financial Officer *[Signature]*  
**FROM:** SIMON YENDLE, Interim Vice President, Facilities Management *[Signature]*  
**SUBJECT:** PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
**UNIVERSITY EVENTS CENTER ADDITION: FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL**  
**DATE:** MAY 8, 2024

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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 June 7, 2024.

**Proposal:**

Consistent with standing policy, it is proposed that the University Events Center Addition project be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for consideration of a resolution that provides final approval of the project. If approved, the resolution would authorize the President to direct Auburn University Facilities Management to complete the project design, solicit bids, and award a construction contract.

**Review and Consultation:**

The University Administration has proposed a project to make improvements to the University Events Center. The current Events Center consists of an indoor area and an outdoor section that is often enclosed by a tent structure. The University Special Events staff and Facilities Management have determined that the Events Center would be better utilized and operational costs would be reduced if the entire facility was permanently enclosed.

At its previous meeting on August 25, 2023, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the University Events Center Addition project and the selection of Architecture Works of Birmingham, Alabama, as the architect for the project.

Since that time, the project team has worked to complete the design for the project. The proposed project details are provided below:

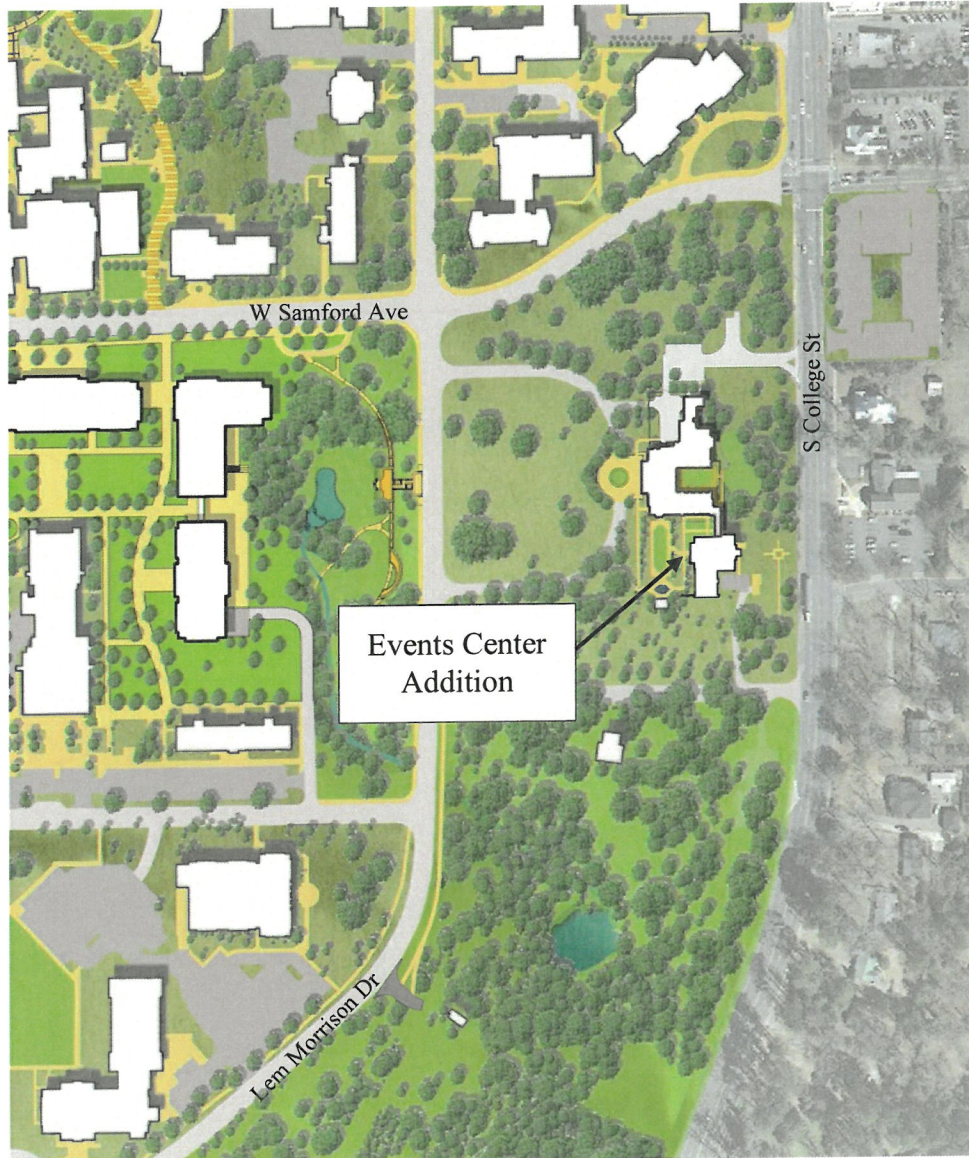
- **Project Location:** The Building addition will be to the existing event center that is located off South College Street near the intersection of Garden Drive. See Attachment 1 for the site map of the project location.
- **Program Requirements:** The University Events Center Addition project will construct a one-story, 10,000-square-foot building addition and a 7,000-square-foot renovation to the

existing facility. Program requirements include expanded air-conditioned event space, material storage, and office spaces for the University Special Events staff who are currently located off-site. See Attachment 2 for the renderings of the University Events Center Addition project.

- Budget: The estimated total project cost of the University Events Center Addition project is \$14.0 million, to be financed by a combination of Gift and University General funds.

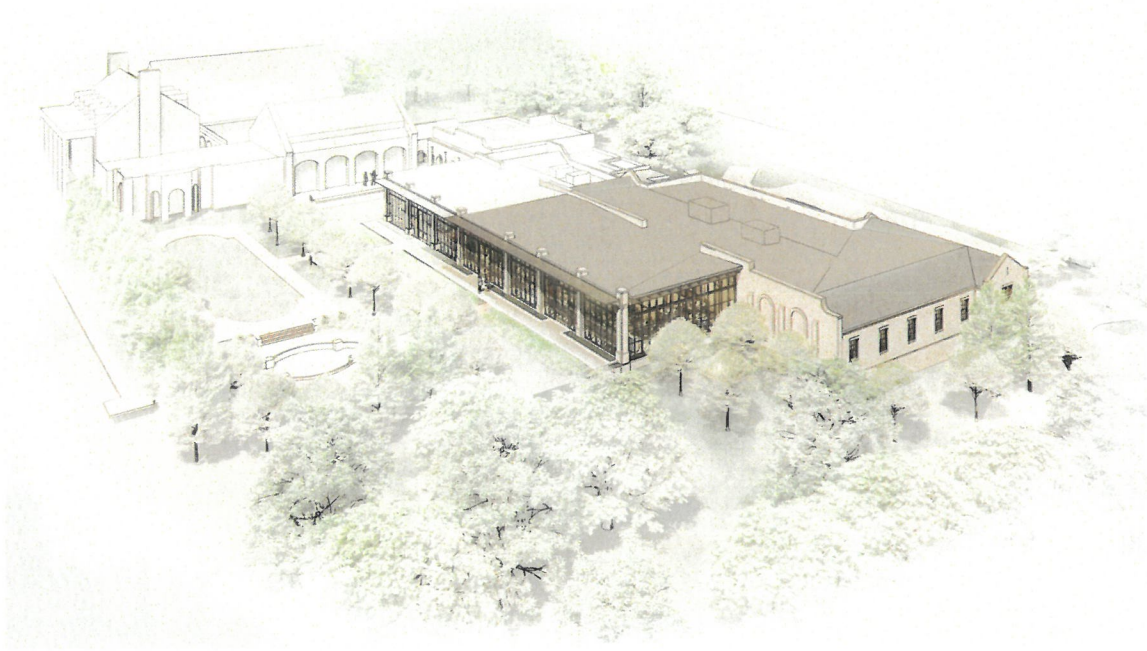
If you concur, it is proposed that a resolution providing final approval of the University Events Center Addition project be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration at its meeting scheduled for June 7, 2024.

**Attachment 1**  
**University Events Center Addition**  
**Site Map**





**Attachment 2**  
**University Events Center Addition**  
**Architectural Renderings**



*Aerial View of University Events Center Addition*



*East Facade Rendering*



*Interior Rendering of Expanded Events Space*



*Interior Rendering of Office Space*

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

JORDAN-HARE STADIUM NORTH ENDZONE VIDEOBOARD

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Athletics Department proposes the replacement of the existing north endzone scoreboard in Jordan-Hare Stadium that will provide a new, modern videoboard to improve the fan experience; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on February 2, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard project and the selection of LBYD Engineers of Birmingham, Alabama, as the engineers for the project; and

WHEREAS, the project will construct a videoboard roughly two-thirds the size of the existing south endzone videoboard that will improve the gameday experience for south endzone patrons, including the student section; and

WHEREAS, the location of the project is at the north end of Jordan-Hare Stadium, just outside the existing stadium structure; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard project is \$25.7 million, to be financed by Athletics Department funds; and

WHEREAS, according to the Board of Trustees policy "D-3, Capital Projects Approval," the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the project of \$25.7 million, to be financed by Athletics Department funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the approved project budget.





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**TO:** CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President *[Signature]*  
**THROUGH:** KELLI D. SHOMAKER, Senior Vice President, Business and Administration and Chief Financial Officer *[Signature]*  
**FROM:** SIMON YENDLE, Interim Vice President, Facilities Management *[Signature]*  
**SUBJECT:** PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
**JORDAN-HARE STADIUM NORTH ENDZONE VIDEOBOARD: FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL**  
**DATE:** MAY 8, 2024

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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 June 7, 2024.

**Proposal:**

Consistent with standing policy, it is proposed that the Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard project be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for consideration of a resolution that provides final approval of the project. If approved, the resolution would authorize the President to direct Auburn University Facilities Management to complete the project design, solicit bids, and award a contract for construction.

**Review and Consultation:**

The Athletics Department has proposed the replacement of the existing north endzone scoreboard in Jordan-Hare Stadium. The Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard project will provide a new, modern videoboard to improve the fan experience.

At its previous meeting on February 2, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard project and the selection of LBYD Engineers of Birmingham, Alabama, as the engineer for the project.

Since that time, the project team has worked to complete the design for the project. The proposed project details are provided below:

- **Project Location:** The new videoboard will be located in the north end of Jordan-Hare Stadium just outside the existing stadium structure. See Attachment 1 for the site map of the project location.
- **Program Requirements:** The Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard project will construct a videoboard approximately 47 feet high by 154 feet wide which is roughly two-thirds the size of the existing South Endzone videoboard. The videoboard will provide an

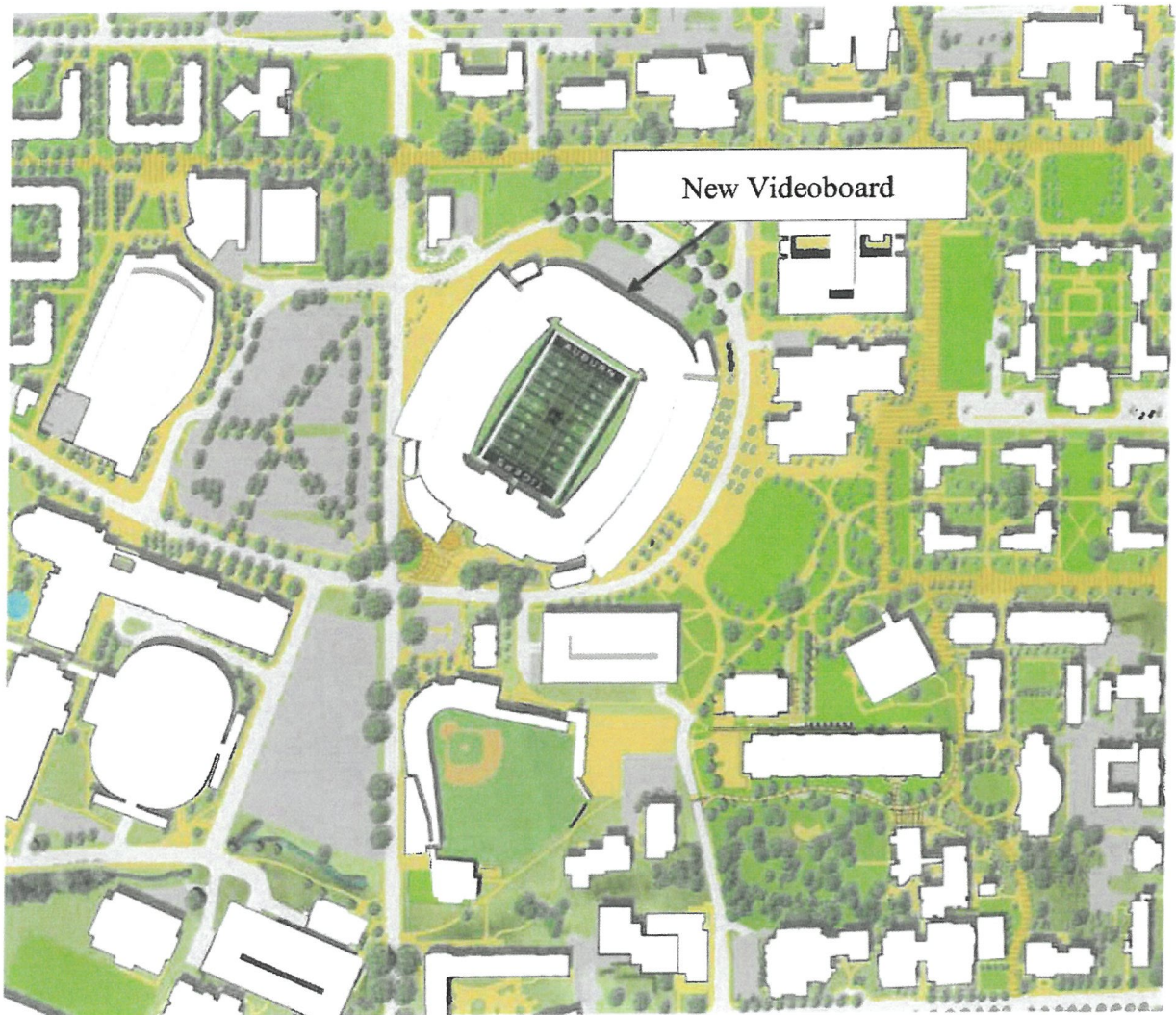
improved gameday experience notably for south endzone patrons, including the student section, who will have a clear view of the new videoboard. The videoboard is planned to be supported by a concrete frame structure that will facilitate further future development in the north endzone. See Attachment 2 for the renderings of the Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard project.

- Budget: The estimated total project cost of the Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard project is \$25.7 million, to be financed by Athletics Department funds.

If you concur, it is proposed that a resolution providing final approval of the Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard project be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration at its meeting scheduled for June 7, 2024.



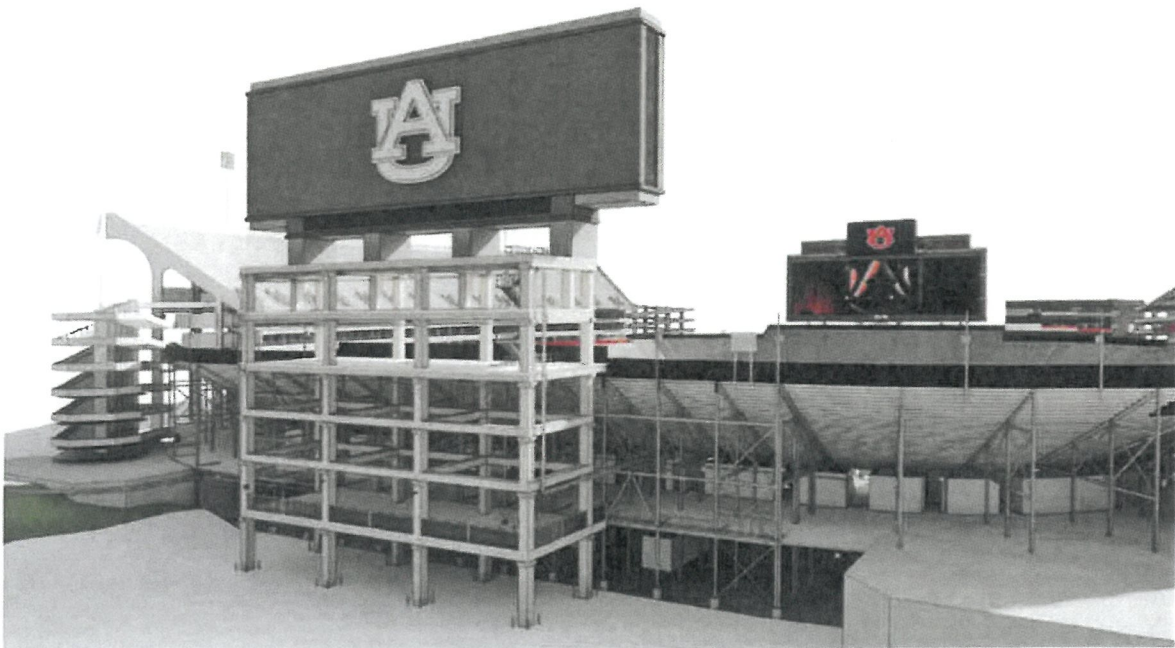
**Attachment 1**  
**Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard**  
**Site Map**



**Attachment 2**  
**Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard**  
**Architectural Renderings**



*North Endzone Videoboard Facing North*



*North Endzone Videoboard Facing South*

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

BROWN-KOPEL ENGINEERING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CENTER  
ANALYTICAL, INNOVATION AND MANUFACTURING LABORATORY

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

WHEREAS, the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering has proposed the renovation of the remaining unfinished area within the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center; and

WHEREAS, the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center–Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project will renovate the remaining 16,000 square feet of unfinished areas to create a cutting-edge facility that will include laboratories concentrated on advanced manufacturing and testing of materials; and

WHEREAS, the project will also provide collaboration and innovation spaces designed to facilitate idea generation and project development, fostering a vibrant ecosystem of entrepreneurship and technological advancement; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this project will be financed by the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering using funds from the State of Alabama FY23 Supplemental Budget; and

WHEREAS, according to the Board of Trustees policy, “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the initiation of this project must be submitted to the Board, through the Property and Facilities Committee, for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center–Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project is approved; and Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to commence the project architect selection process.





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TO: CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President

THROUGH: KELLI D. SHOMAK, Senior Vice President, Business and Administration and Chief Financial Officer

FROM: SIMON YENDLE, Interim Vice President, Facilities Management

SUBJECT: PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

**BROWN-KOPEL ENGINEERING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CENTER-  
ANALYTICAL, INNOVATION AND MANUFACTURING LABORATORY:  
APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO  
COMMENCE THE PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION PROCESS**

DATE: MAY 15, 2024

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 June 7, 2024.

**Proposal:**

Consistent with standing policy, it is proposed that the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center-Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for appropriate action that will approve the initiation of the project and authorize the commencement of the project architect selection process.

**Review and Consultation:**

The Samuel Ginn College of Engineering has proposed the renovation of the remaining 16,000 square feet of unfinished area within the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center to create a cutting-edge facility that will foster interdisciplinary collaboration, creativity, and industry-relevant innovation, particularly focused on advanced manufacturing. The project will include laboratories concentrated on manufacturing and the analysis and testing of materials. Additionally, this project will provide collaboration and innovation spaces designed to facilitate idea generation and project development, fostering a vibrant ecosystem of entrepreneurship and technological advancement.

It is anticipated that this project will be financed by the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering using funds appropriated from the State of Alabama FY23 Supplemental Budget.

If you concur, it is proposed that a resolution initiating the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center-Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project and authorizing the commencement of the project architect selection process be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval at the meeting scheduled for June 7, 2024.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

MELTON STUDENT CENTER PATIO RENOVATION

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

WHEREAS, Student Affairs endorses the Student Government Association's proposal for renovation of the Melton Student Center Patio to improve student life and involvement at Auburn University by making a lively outdoor space that meets the diverse needs of the students and offers more opportunities for students to connect; and

WHEREAS, the Melton Student Center Patio Renovation project intends to optimize the use of outdoor areas next to busy student zones, create a medium-sized outdoor space with audiovisual facilities for holding various events, add outdoor study seats with power outlets, and enhance the game day experience by expanding outdoor seating capacity and installing a video screen for showing games and events creating a more energetic and interactive atmosphere on home football game days near the campus green; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this project will be financed by Student Affairs; and

WHEREAS, according to the Board of Trustees policy, "D-3, Capital Projects Approval," the initiation of this project must be submitted to the Board, through the Property and Facilities Committee, for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Melton Student Center Patio Renovation project is approved; and Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to commence the project architect selection process.

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**TO:** CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President

**THROUGH:** KELLI D. SHOMAKER, Senior Vice President, Business and Administration and Chief Financial Officer

**FROM:** SIMON YENDLE, Interim Vice President, Facilities Management

**SUBJECT:** PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

**MELTON STUDENT CENTER PATIO RENOVATION: APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO COMMENCE THE PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION PROCESS**

**DATE:** MAY 15, 2024

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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 June 7, 2024.

**Proposal:**

Consistent with standing policy, it is proposed that the Melton Student Center Patio Renovation project be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for appropriate action that will approve the initiation of the project and authorize the commencement of the project architect selection process.

**Review and Consultation:**

Student Affairs endorses the Student Government Association's plan to remodel the Melton Student Center patio to improve student life and involvement at Auburn University by making a lively outdoor space that meets the diverse needs of the students and offers more opportunities for students to connect. The Melton Student Center receives over 8,000 visitors daily and around 55,000 visitors on a typical home football game day.

The Melton Student Center Patio Renovation project intends to optimize the use of outdoor areas next to busy student zones by transforming them into flexible spaces for student events, outdoor study areas, and gatherings. The project will create a medium-sized outdoor space with audiovisual facilities, perfect for holding various events. Based on student feedback, the renovation will add over 75 outdoor study seats with power outlets for electronic devices. To enhance the game day experience, the project will expand outdoor seating capacity and install a video screen for showing games and events. This improvement will create a more energetic and interactive atmosphere on home football game days near the campus green.

It is anticipated that this renovation project will be financed by Student Affairs.

If you concur, it is proposed that a resolution initiating the Melton Student Center Patio Renovation project and authorizing the commencement of the project architect selection process be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval at the meeting scheduled for June 7, 2024.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

RURAL STUDIO RED BARN, NEWBERN, ALABAMA  
RENOVATION AND REPAIRS

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

WHEREAS, the College of Architecture, Design, and Construction has proposed the renovation of the Rural Studio Red Barn located in Newbern, Alabama, to encompass structural repairs, enhancements to life-safety systems and accessibility, and alterations to the space to accommodate the current needs of their program; and

WHEREAS, the Rural Studio Red Barn Renovation and Repairs project will enable the Rural Studio program to bring the facility up to current building codes and standards, as well as provide adequate instructional studio and lecture space for the architectural students; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this project would be financed by the College of Architecture, Design and Construction and the Provost Office; and

WHEREAS, according to the Board of Trustees policy, "D-3, Capital Projects Approval," the initiation of this project must be submitted to the Board, through the Property and Facilities Committee, for approval.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Rural Studio Red Barn Renovation and Repairs project is approved; and Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to commence the project architect selection process.



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**TO:** CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President   
**THROUGH:** KELLID. SHOMAKER, Senior Vice President, Business and Administration and Chief Financial Officer  
**FROM:** SIMON YENDLE, Interim Vice President, Facilities Management   
**SUBJECT:** PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

**RURAL STUDIO RED BARN, NEWBERN, ALABAMA, RENOVATION AND  
REPAIRS: APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO  
COMMENCE THE PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION PROCESS**

**DATE:** MAY 22, 2024

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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 June 7, 2024.

**Proposal:**

Consistent with standing policy, it is proposed that the Rural Studio Red Barn Renovation and Repairs project be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for appropriate action that will approve the initiation of the project and authorize the commencement of the project architect selection process.

**Review and Consultation:**

The Rural Studio Red Barn located in Newbern, Alabama, is set to undergo a comprehensive renovation proposed by the College of Architecture, Design, and Construction. The renovation will encompass structural repairs, enhancements to life-safety systems and accessibility, and alterations to the space to accommodate the current requirements of the program. The objective of this project is to bring the facility up to current building codes and standards, as well as to provide adequate studio and lecture space for architecture students enrolled in the Rural Studio program.

It is anticipated that this renovation project will be financed by the College of Architecture, Design and Construction and the Provost Office.

If you concur, it is proposed that a resolution initiating the Rural Studio Red Barn Renovation and Repairs project and authorizing the commencement of the project architect selection process be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval at the meeting scheduled for June 7, 2024.



PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

AUTHORITY TO SELL AUBURN UNIVERSITY LAND  
IN TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, Auburn University ("University") proposes to sell a 731-acre parcel in Talbot County, Georgia ("Property") which was gifted to the University in 2016 for the benefit of the Harbert College of Business by Diane Koart; and

WHEREAS, the Property has been managed by the College of Forestry, Wildlife Sciences and Environment and has produced significant benefit to the Harbert College of Business; and

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees Policy D-10 allows for consideration of the sale of University property when use of such property is no longer required to carry out the mission of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Harbert College of Business has determined the Property will not be used for any strategic purpose and, accordingly, has recommended its sale, with the revenue from the sale devoted to Harbert College of Business capital needs; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Board of Trustees authorized the University to hire a broker to market the Property and solicit acceptable offers to purchase at fair market value, as allowed under Board of Trustee Policy D-8; and

WHEREAS, a broker was hired, listed the Property, and multiple offers were received.

WHEREAS, the University has negotiated a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Hat Creek Land LLC for One Million Seven Hundred Sixty Thousand and No/100 (\$1,760,000), which is above the MAI appraisal on the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that, it is in the best interest of the University to sell the Property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, or his designee, is hereby authorized to sell the Property, consistent with Alabama law, and is empowered to negotiate and execute the deed and all legal documents necessary to effectuate the transaction provided that any proposed sale transactions and documents must be reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel prior to closing.



REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT  
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TO: CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President  
THROUGH: KELLI D. SHOMAKER, Sr Vice President of Business and Administration and Chief Financial Officer  
VIA: SIMON YENDLE, INTERIM Vice President for Facilities SPY  
VIA: MARK STIRLING, Director of Real Estate AS  
FROM: JENNIFER MUELLER, Dean, Harbert College of Business  
SUBJECT: PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
**AUTHORITY TO SELL AUBURN UNIVERSITY LAND IN TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA**  
DATE: MAY 8, 2024

This memorandum 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 June 7, 2024.

**Proposal:**

It is proposed that the Board of Trustees authorize the President or designee to sell certain University property in Talbot County, Georgia.

**Review and Consultation:**

This proposal involves a 731-acre parcel owned by Auburn University in Talbot County, Georgia ("the Property"). The Property was gifted to the University in 2016 for the benefit of the Harbert College of Business by Diane Koart. The Property is depicted in Exhibit 1.

At its February 2024 meeting, the Board approved hiring a real estate broker to market the property for sale. Six real estate companies responded to a Request for Proposal to select a broker. Responses were reviewed and resulted in the selection of Boon Bickerstaff to represent the university. Multiple offers were received, and a purchase agreement was entered into with Hat Creek Land LLC for a purchase price of One Million Seven Hundred Sixty Thousand and No/100 (\$1,760,000). This price is higher than the MAI appraisal of the property.

Board of Trustees Policy D-10 allows for consideration of the sale of university property when use of such property is no longer required to carry out the mission of the University. The Harbert College of Business has determined the Talbot County property will not be used for any strategic purpose and, accordingly, has recommended its sale. The revenue from the sale would be devoted to Harbert College of Business capital needs. The sale is recommended by the Director of Real Estate, the Dean of the Harbert College of Business, the Sr. VP of Business and Administration, and the President.

Therefore, it is recommended that the President be authorized to sell the Property in Talbot County, Georgia. If you concur, it is requested a resolution authorizing the sale of real estate be presented to the Board of Trustees for its consideration at its meeting scheduled for June 7, 2024.

Exhibit 1  
Talbot County, GA

**EXHIBIT 1 – KOART PROPERTY**



PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE LAND  
IN AUBURN, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, Auburn University is interested in acquiring property in Auburn, Alabama, for the benefit of Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, the property consists of a residential structure and 0.83 acres located at 828 South College Street, Auburn, AL (See Exhibit 1).

WHEREAS, this parcel is located close to the intersection of Woodfield Drive (see Exhibit 1), at the Northwest intersection of Woodfield Drive and S. College Street, adjacent to the Mullins property that Auburn University purchased in 2021; and

WHEREAS, this acquisition will extend the Universities control of the Auburn University side of the intersection which will become an increasingly important entrance to campus, especially considering the completion of the Duncan Drive Extension project; and

WHEREAS, owning this property at the intersection creates a 5 acre plot for future development, and improves the aesthetics at a major entrance point to campus; and

WHEREAS, the property will be transferred by general warranty deed; and

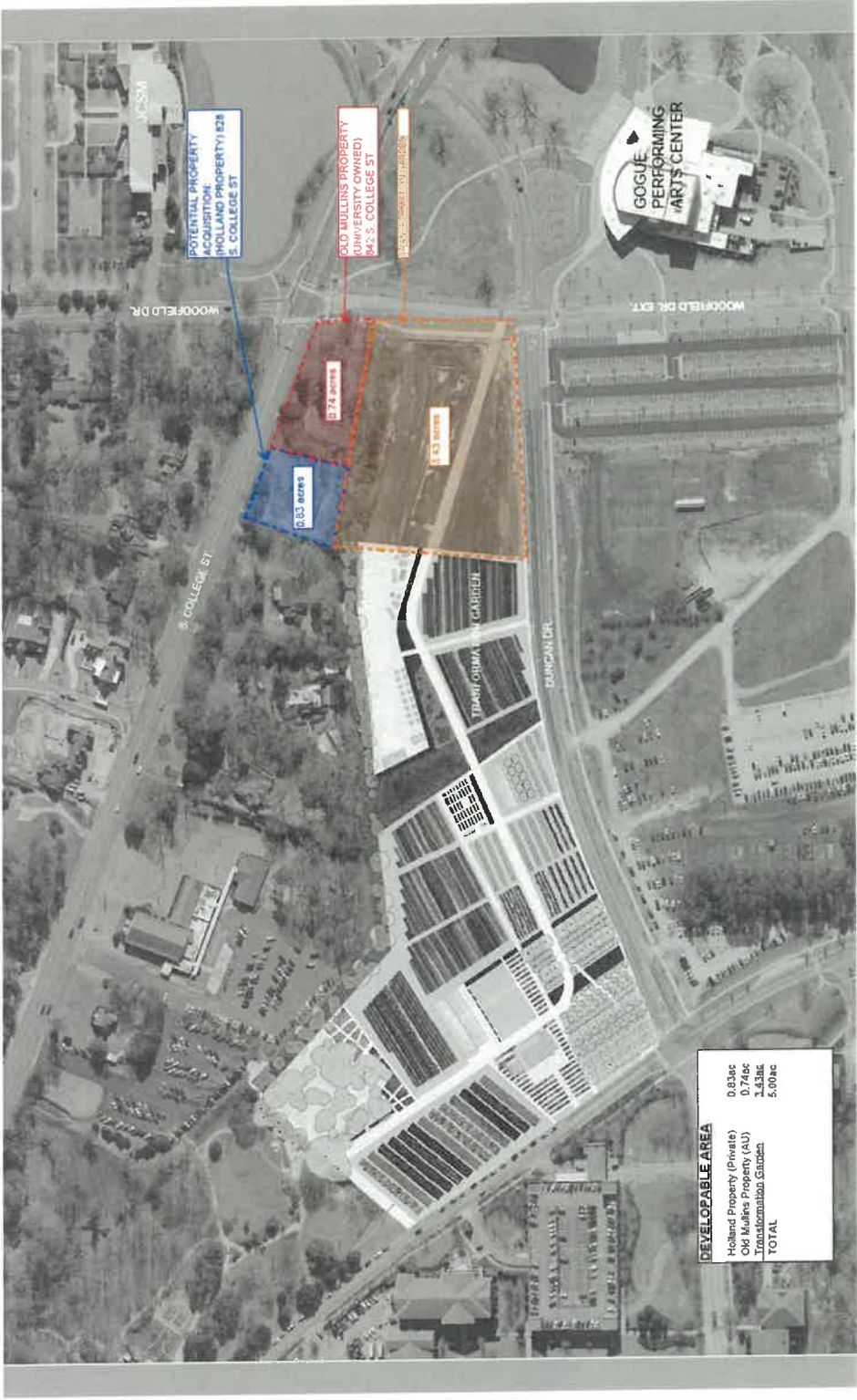
WHEREAS, the purchase price does exceed the MAI appraisal of the property, the property is both unique and desirable because of the future development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the University has acquired an option to purchase the property, subject to AU Board of Trustees approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that, AU approve the offer to purchase the property at 828 South College Street, Auburn, Alabama for eight hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$845,000.00); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase the parcel described above, consistent with Alabama law, provided that any proposed sale transactions must be reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel prior to closing.



Exhibit 1  
828 South College Street







REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT  
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**TO:** CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President  
**THROUGH:** KELLI D. SHOMAKER, Sr. Vice President of Business & Finance and Chief Financial Officer  
**VIA:** SIMON YENDLE, INTERIM Vice President for Facilities   
**FROM:** MARK STIRLING, Director of Real Estate   
**SUBJECT:** PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
**AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE LAND IN AUBURN, ALABAMA**  
**DATE:** MAY 8, 2024

This memorandum 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 June 7, 2024.

**Proposal:**

It is proposed that the Auburn University Board of Trustees authorize the President or designee to purchase certain property in Auburn, Alabama.

**Review and Consultation:**

This proposal involves the purchase of a 1900sf residence and a 0.83-acre parcel owned by Dorothy Holland in Auburn, Alabama for Eight Hundred Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$845,000 or \$23.37/SF). The parcel is located at 828 S. College Street and is close to the intersection of Woodfield Drive (see Exhibit 1), at the Northwest intersection of Woodfield Drive and S. College Street, adjacent to the Mullins property that AU purchased in 2021, across the street from the Gogue Performing Arts Center and Jule Collin Smith Museum. In aggregation with currently owned AU property, a 5 acre development parcel is created that will become an increasingly important entrance to campus, especially considering the completion of the Duncan Drive Extension project. This acquisition was recommended and approved by the Director of Real Estate, Interim Vice President of Facilities, Senior Vice President of Business & Administration and Chief Financial Officer, and President.

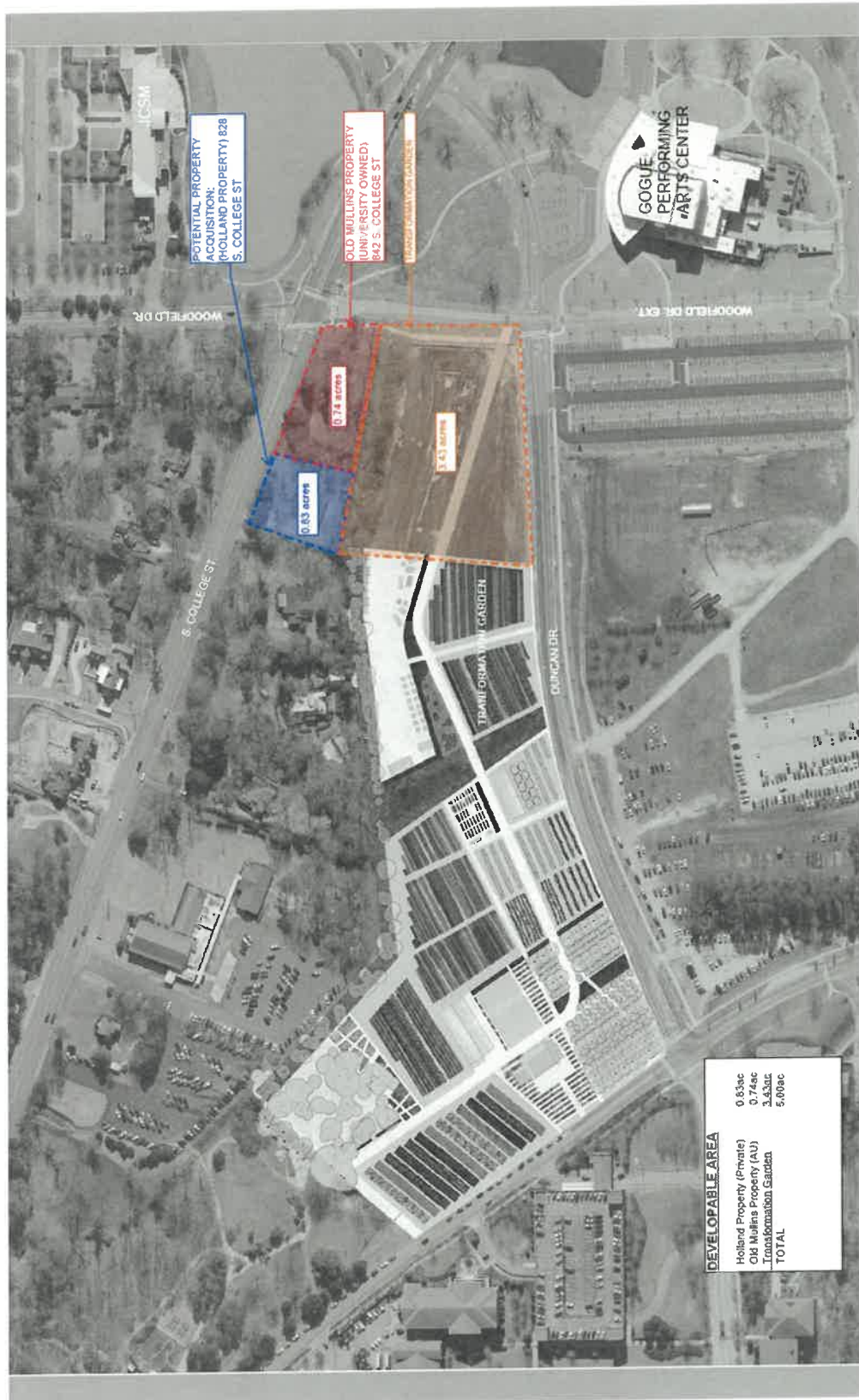
Board of Trustee Policy D-10 allows for consideration of the acquisition of property for use by the University. The purchase price is greater than the MAI appraisal on the property. BOT Policy D-10(10) allows "Acquisitions involving aggregate consideration in excess of the fair market value of the relevant real property will not be approved absent compelling circumstances supporting the consideration (e.g., the uniqueness, location, or importance of the relevant real property to carrying out the mission of the University) as determined in the Board of Trustees' discretion". Auburn University has determined that this parcel is uniquely located adjacent to a gateway to the university and that said location is a strategic and important acquisition. Acquisition of the property will be by general warranty deed.

Therefore, it is recommended that the President be authorized to purchase the property described herein. All documents for acquisition will be reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel

prior to closing. If you concur, it is requested that you recommend this proposal to the Board of Trustees through the Property & Facilities Committee for action.



# Exhibit 1 828 South College Street





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**TO:** DR. CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, PRESIDENT  
**THROUGH:** KELLI D. SHOMAKER, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
**FROM:** MARK STIRLING, DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE  
**SUBJECT:** PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT OF REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS  
**DATE:** MAY 8, 2024  
**CC:** FILE

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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 June 7, 2024.

**Proposal:**

Policy of the Board of Trustees requires that a listing of property owned by Auburn University be submitted to the Board, through the Property and Facilities Committee, for its information and review on the occasion of its annual meeting. Accordingly, property listing and summary based on last year's report and changes that have occurred since June 2023 have been prepared and are submitted for the Board's information and review (*Attachments 1 and 2*).

**Review and Consultation:**

Responsibility for management of real estate records was assigned to the Director of Real Estate at the close of Fiscal Year 2011. Records indicate that the following conveyances of real property have occurred since June 2023: two (2) for Auburn University; two (2) for Auburn University at Montgomery; one (1) for the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station; and none (0) for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

Submission of the information included in the "Summary of Real Estate Holdings" (*Attachment 1*) is required by policy of the Auburn University Board of Trustees.

ATTACHMENT 1

**SUMMARY OF REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS**  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY *and* AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY

ANNUAL REPORT  
2024



JUNE 07, 2024

**AUBURN UNIVERSITY**  
**SUMMARY OF REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS FY 2023**  
June 7, 2024

**Auburn University Real Estate Department**

DEED FILE NUMBER	DATE OF ACQUISITION	FROM WHOM ACQUIRED	ORIGINAL COST / FMV	CURRENT USE	ACREAGE / RESTRICTIONS	LOCATION OF PARCEL
2	Feb. 28, 1945	Mary E. Cox (Auburn Development Society, Inc.)	\$ 38,335.36	Academic	9.73	acres/No
3	July 17, 1915	A.H. Cox	\$ 2,400.00	Academic	6.5	acres/No
4	August 7, 1920 - August 17, 1901	Eva A. Smythe, et al	\$ 3,200.00	Academic	6	acres/No
5	April 6, 1877	Matilda Lee	\$ 250.00	Academic	2.75	acres/No
6	Feb. 8, 1923	Walter & Fannie Hoffman	\$ 2,500.00	Academic	2.14	acres/No
6A	March 3, 1915	J.W. Lella & F. Wright	\$ 400.00	Academic	1.5	acres/No
8	Feb. 17, 1872	East Ala. Male College	\$ 150.00	Academic	15	acres/No
10	June 5, 1889	W.L. Chambers, et al	\$ 2,755.98	Academic	1.5	acres/No
11	Sept. 14, 1887	E. & T.L. Frazier	\$ 10.00	Academic	0.5	acres/No
13	Aug. 20, 1926	Lee County Probate Court	\$ 4,500.00	Academic	0.25	acres/No
14	Dec. 9, 1922	W.F. Heavey	\$ 2,200.00	Academic	0.22	acres/No
15	March 26, 1908	Roger A.P.C. & C.C. Jones	\$ 200.00	Academic	0.02	acres/No
16	Aug. 2, 1907	M.L. Bradford	\$ 3,500.00	Academic	0.67	acres/No
16A	Aug. 2, 1907	Clay Zuber	\$ 800.00	Academic	0	Part of #16/No
16B	Aug. 2, 1907	T.C. & G.E. Bradford	\$ 726.27	Academic	0	Part of #16/No
17	May 9, 1914	Bessie L. Brown	\$ 50.00	Academic	0.11	acres/No
18	April 12, 1922	Young Men's Christian Assoc. of API-Exchange of Property to API	Land Exchange	Academic	0.29	acres/No
20	Nov. 4, 1925	Amos H. Cox	\$ 1,000.00	Academic	0.75	acres/No
21	Sept. 13, 1920	Elijah & Annie Lampkin	\$ 900.00	Academic	1.5	acres/No
22	Aug. 2, 1915	C.A. & Emma Cary	\$ 38.00	Academic	0.11	acres/No
23	Aug. 2, 1915	C.A. & Emma Cary	\$ 522.00	Academic	1	acres/No
24	Aug. 27, 1915	R.M. Mitchell	\$ 1,500.00	Academic	17	acres/No
25	July 9, 1923 (Recd 6/16/65)	J.H. & M.E. Drake	\$ 2,500.00	Academic	13.6	acres/No
26	March 13, 1923	E.E. & D.C. Thomas	\$ 2,500.00	Academic	4	acres/No
27	April 17, 1907	Lula A. & Lummis A. Knapp	\$ 2,000.00	Academic	5.5	acres/No
28	Feb. 17, 1930	Thach Estate	\$ 35,000.00	Academic	2.5	acres/No
29	Aug. 18, 1903	P.H. & A.W. Mell	\$ 2,700.00	Academic	1	acres/No
30	March 29, 1930	Thach, Smith & Hamilton	\$ 14,000.00	Academic	0.61	acres/No
31	April 19, 1934 (Recd 6/16/65)	M.A. Glenn	\$ 15,000.00	Academic	0.75	acres/No
32	Dec. 13, 1923	D.T. & L.D. Gray	\$ 5,600.00	Academic	0.6	acres/No
33	March 16, 1920	T.J. Boyd & Flemings	\$ 6,000.00	Academic	2	acres/No
34	Oct. 26, 1928	M.E. Drake & Askews	\$ 11,200.00	Leased	1.86	acres/Yes
35	June 12, 1923	Mason Estate	\$ 10,000.00	Leased	1.9	acres/Yes
36	Oct. 26, 1928	S.B. Madre	\$ 12,000.00	Leased	0.77	acres/Yes
37	Oct. 27, 1928	F.C. & C.W. Hulse	\$ 3,400.00	Leased	0.7	acres/Yes
38	Oct. 15, 1937	R.P. & D. Ward	\$ 6,765.00	Academic	165	acres/No
39	Oct. 27, 1928-April 23, 1930	James H. Farrar Estate	\$ 2,265.00	Academic	15	acres/No
40	Oct. 12, 1884	J.H. & M.E. Drake	\$ 636.00	Academic	31.8	acres/No
41	Jan. 14, 1884	E.R. Rivers	\$ 500.00	Academic	37	acres/No
41A	Dec. 30, 1886	Strom Estate	\$ 135.00	Academic	7	acres/No
43	Oct. 11, 1935	F.L. & J.W. Drake	\$ 6,000.00	Leased	0.6	acres/Yes
43A	March 23, 1929	J.H. Drake Family	\$ 3,200.00	Leased	0.38	acres/Yes
44	Nov. 29, 1899	L.A. Foster Estate	\$ 538.00	Academic	78	acres/Yes
45	March 5, 1884	J.B. Gay	\$ 1,700.00	Academic	70.7	acres/No
46	Oct. 27, 1924	J.A. Cullars Estate	\$ 2,500.00	Leased?	1.35	acres/Yes

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47	Sept. 1, 1923	R.T. & P.P. Dubose	\$ 3,995.00	Academic	93 acres/Yes	Wire Road AU/Main Campus
48	Nov. 23, 1921	O.B. & R.E. Ennis/T.O. & M.B. Wright	\$ 1,800.00	Academic	50 acres/No	Farm Road AU/Main Campus
49	Sept. 17, 1923	A.Z. & W.H. Pace	\$ 4,360.00	Academic	109 acres/Yes	Donahue Drive AU/Main Campus
50	May 15, 1924	Sophonie E. Foster	\$ 5,219.50	Academic	47.5 acres/No	Donahue Drive AU/Main Campus
51	July 9, 1943	Cherry Estate	\$ 1.00	Academic	2.8 acres/No	Shug Jordan Pkwy. AU/Main Campus
51A	May 1, 1944	B.C. & L.C. Pope	\$ 3,250.00	Academic	58.2 acres/No	Wire Road AU/Main Campus
52	Dec. 7, 1923	Foster Family	\$ 2,160.50	Academic	50.2 acres/No	Shug Jordan Parkway AU/Main Campus
53	Sept. 17, 1923	W.T. & C.P. Rutledge	\$ 2,376.00	Academic	60 acres/No	Camp Auburn Rd. AU/Main Campus
54	Sept. 1, 1923	John D. Foster	\$ 5,000.00	Academic	40 acres/Yes	Donahue & College AU/Main Campus
55	Oct. 23, 1938	Bessie A., Emrick, L.A. & G.A. Miller	\$ 3,688.00	Research	26 acres/No	College & Woodfield AES/Main Campus
56	Feb. 3, 1939	M.L. Cullars	\$ 5,000.00	Academic	225 acres/Yes	Pitts Airport Au/Lee County
57	3/28/40-3/3/43, 10/11/98	A. - O. Airport, Inc. et al	\$ 41,149.10	Academic	333.23 acres/No	N. Auburn Fisheries Unit State 147 AU/Lee County
58	Feb. 16, 1940 - May 20, 1940	Bradley, Evans, & Duke	\$ 8,175.00	Academic	596.173 acres/No	N. AU Fisheries Unit Lee Rd. 046 AU/Lee County
58A	Dec. 18, 1943	G.L. & M.V. Story	\$ 8,500.00	Academic	699 acres/Yes	N. AU Fisheries Unit Lee Rd. 046 AU/Lee County
59	July 10, 1943 - June 10, 1941	D.E. & Minnie Lee, B'ham T. & S. Co.	\$ 1,990.00	Research	300 acres/No	Autauga Co. Forest Unit - AU/Autauga Co.
	Aug. 22, 1928 - Oct 9, 1937	Autauga Co. Probate Off., Birdie I. Doster	\$ 2,405.00	Research	80 acres/No	Prattville Exp. Field - AES/Autauga Co.
60	Dec. 29, 1929 (Recd 9/13/52)	Mary J. Brassil	\$ 1.00	Research	5 acres/No	Gulf Coast Subst-AES-Baldwin Co.
	May 14, 1930 (Recd 9/13/52)	S.E. & B.W. Riatt	\$ 1.00	Research	80 acres/No	Gulf Coast Subst-AES-Baldwin Co.
	Nov. 27, 1929 (Recd 7/6/50)	J. & J. Shuller	\$ 1.00	Research	1 acre/No	Gulf Coast Subst-AES-Baldwin Co.
	July 27, 1936	W.C. Mason	\$ 1.00	Research	76.91 acres/No	Gulf Coast Subst-AES-Baldwin Co.
	Nov. 27, 1929	H.A. Goodrich	\$ 1.00	Research	73.87 acres/No	Gulf Coast Subst-AES-Baldwin Co.
	Nov. 27, 1929	O. & J. Lowell	\$ 1.00	Research	1 acre/No	Gulf Coast Subst-AES-Baldwin Co.
	Nov. 27, 1929	J.M. & M.C. Green	\$ 10.00	Research	20 acres/No	Gulf Coast Subst-AES-Baldwin Co.
	Nov. 27, 1929	R. & B. Klumpop	\$ 1.00	Research	3 acres/No	Gulf Coast Subst-AES-Baldwin Co.
	Nov. 27, 1929	C.G. & F.L. Godard	\$ 1.00	Research	80 acres/No	Gulf Coast Subst-AES-Baldwin Co.
	Oct. 9, 1929	W.H. & M. Stapleton	\$ 1.00	Research	100 acres/No	Gulf Coast Subst-AES-Baldwin Co.
	Oct. 9, 1929	F.A. & F. Duba	\$ 1.00	Research	79.56 acres/No	Gulf Coast Subst-AES-Baldwin Co.
	Oct. 9, 1929	D.C. & L. Stapleton	\$ 1.00	Research	140 acres/No	Gulf Coast Subst-AES-Baldwin Co.
	Oct. 9, 1929	J.R. Aylin	\$ 1.00	Research	40 acres/No	Gulf Coast Subst-AES-Baldwin Co.
	Dec. 14, 1993	Baldwin Co. Court Decree	Donated	Research	85.72 acres/No	Gulf Coast Subst-AES-Baldwin Co.
61	May 23, 1940	Barbour County	\$ 1.00	Research	178 acres/No	Barbour Co. Forest Unit - AU Barbour County
64	April 11, 1940	J.T. & M.C. Newman	\$ 1.00	Research	160 acres/No	Coosa Co. - Forest Unit - AU Coosa County
65A	June 7, 1946	J.A. Cams Family	\$ 12,000.00	Research	100 acres/Yes	Sand Mountain Subst-AES-Dekalb Co.
	Dec. 8, 1937	W.V. & G. Roden	\$ 5,760.00	Research	66 acres/Yes	Sand Mountain Subst-AES-Dekalb Co.
	Sept. 30, 1935	L. & M. Weatherington	\$ 2,000.00	Research	40 acres/Yes	Sand Mountain Subst-AES-Dekalb Co.
	Aug. 22, 1928	W.V. & G. Roden	\$ 1,700.00	Research	18 acres/Yes	Sand Mountain Subst-AES-Dekalb Co.
	Aug. 22, 1928	J.W. & E. Black	\$ 4,400.00	Research	40 acres/Yes	Sand Mountain Subst-AES-Dekalb Co.
	Aug. 22, 1938	W.B. & E.E. Jones	\$ 18,000.00	Research	182 acres/Yes	Sand Mountain Subst-AES-Dekalb Co.
65B	Oct. 16, 1946	R.C. & N.M. Christopher	\$ 7,200.00	Research	60 acres/Yes	Sand Mountain Subst-AES-Dekalb Co.
66	Aug. 21, 1929	C.S. & M. Cook	\$ 5,000.00	Research	60 acres/No	Brewton Exp. Field-AES-Escambia Co.
	July 16, 1938	A. & F. Nicholson	\$ 500.00	Research	19.6 acres/No	Brewton Exp. Field-AES-Escambia Co.
67	Nov. 2, 1942	R.E. & B. Soloman	\$ 750.00	Research	23 acres/No	Wiregrass Subst-AES-Henry Co.
	May 14, 1936	A.D. & K. Walden	\$ 2,852.00	Research	38.021 acres/No	Wiregrass Subst-AES-Henry Co.
	March 14, 1929	Roberts & Wilkinson Families	\$ 26,801.00	Research	220 acres/No	Wiregrass Subst-AES-Henry Co.
	Aug. 23, 1941	O. & C.F. Wilkinson	\$ 2,401.00	Research	40 acres/No	Wiregrass Subst-AES-Henry Co.
	April 30, 1929	E. & M. Lindsay	\$ 1.00	Research	0 Private Road	Wiregrass Subst-AES-Henry Co.
	April 30, 1929	Mary Baker	\$ 1.00	Research	0 Private Road	Wiregrass Subst-AES-Henry Co.
69	March 5, 1946	John & Irene Grayson	\$ 57,417.60	Research	475.18 acres/No	Tenn. Valley Subst-AES-Limestone Co.
	March 9, 1928	J.H. Tolley & Limestone Co.	\$ 30,000.00	Research	240 acres/No	Tenn. Valley Subst-AES-Limestone Co.
	April 6, 1937	Limestone Co., Alabama	\$ 1.00	Research	35 acres/No	Tenn. Valley Subst-AES-Limestone Co.
72	Oct. 29, 1930-July 19, 1967	City of Mobile-4 Deeds	\$ 4.00	Research	17.2 acres/Yes	Ornamental Hort. Subst-AES-Mobile Co.
73	June 19, 1929	J.R. Eddins	\$ 4,500.00	Research	40 acres/Yes	Monroeville Exp. Field-AES-Monroe Co.
	Jan. 6, 1940	Willie Sawyer	\$ 3,200.00	Research	39 acres/No	Monroeville Exp. Field-AES-Monroe Co.



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74	March 19, 1930	Dallas Co., Alabama	Donated	Research	80	Blackbelt Subst.-AES-Dallas County
	March 19, 1930	Dallas Co., Alabama	Donated	Research	1035	Blackbelt Subst.-AES-Dallas County
76	Sept. 21, 1946	L.S. & S.H. Smith	\$ 1,580.00	Research	158	Fayette Co. Exp. Forestry Unit-AES-Fayette Co.
	Oct. 2, 1946	L.S. & S.H. Smith	\$ 2,900.00	Research	103.5	Fayette Co. Exp. Forestry Unit-AES-Fayette Co.
	Sept. 2, 1946	Z.A. & D. Rowland	\$ 1,600.00	Research	160	Fayette Co. Exp. Forestry Unit-AES-Fayette Co.
	Nov. 6, 1944	Z. Housh & J.D. Bone	\$ 1,440.00	Research	120	Fayette Co. Exp. Forestry Unit-AES-Fayette Co.
	Nov. 4, 1944	C.M. & C.C. Anderson	\$ 750.00	Research	60	Fayette Co. Exp. Forestry Unit-AES-Fayette Co.
	Nov. 4, 1944	T.M. & E. McCleskey	\$ 875.00	Research	70	Fayette Co. Exp. Forestry Unit-AES-Fayette Co.
	Nov. 4, 1944	B.F. & M.B. Harkins	\$ 3,750.00	Research	160	Fayette Co. Exp. Forestry Unit-AES-Fayette Co.
	Nov. 6, 1944	J.V. & R. Gilpin	\$ 3,750.00	Research	200	Fayette Co. Exp. Forestry Unit-AES-Fayette Co.
	Nov. 6, 1944	J.P. & P. Trim	\$ 800.00	Research	60	Fayette Co. Exp. Forestry Unit-AES-Fayette Co.
	Dec. 15, 1944	Estate of T.H. Robertson	\$ 4,250.00	Research	240	Fayette Co. Exp. Forestry Unit-AES-Fayette Co.
76-C	Sept. 26, 1946	Linwood S. Smith Estate	\$ 2,900.00	Research	7.5	Fayette County
77	Feb. 23, 1945	A.T. & J. Couch	\$ 175.00	Research	2	Upper Coastal Plain Subst-AES-Marion Co.
	Dec. 28, 1944	A.T. & J.Y. Couch	\$ 5,200.00	Research	80.2	Upper Coastal Plain Subst-AES-Fayette Co.
	Dec. 28, 1944	E.M. & M.E. Earnest	\$ 2,000.00	Research	42	Upper Coastal Plain Subst-AES-Fayette Co.
	Dec. 28, 1944	G.W. & C. Couch	\$ 7,000.00	Research	150	Upper Coastal Plain Subst-AES-Fayette & Marion Co.
	Dec. 28, 1944	J.W. & Julia M. Ward	\$ 6,050.00	Research	82	Upper Coastal Plain Subst-AES-Fayette Co.
	Dec. 28, 1944	Hazel Couch	\$ 10,000.00	Research	298	Upper Coastal Plain Subst-AES-Fayette Co.
	Dec. 28, 1944	D.H. & E.J. May	\$ 2,100.00	Research	40	Upper Coastal Plain Subst-AES-Fayette Co.
	Dec. 28, 1944	J.D. May	\$ 1,900.00	Research	41	Upper Coastal Plain Subst-AES-Fayette Co.
78	June 21, 1945	Auburn Country Club	\$ 30,000.00	Academic	60.95	W. Magnolia Ave. AU/Main Campus
79	Sept. 7, 1945 (Recd 7/31/78)	Beulah Gerson	\$ 52,500.00	Research	664	PBU-AES-Elmore County
81	October 3, 1946	Cary Estate	\$ 30,000.00	Academic	20	Wire Road AU/Main Campus
82	June 6, 1946	County Condemnation	\$ 6,749.00	Research	258	Piedmont Subst.-AES-Tallapoosa Co.
	Dec. 20, 1944	H.J. & D.E. Willis	\$ 3,640.00	Research	240	Piedmont Subst.-AES-Tallapoosa Co.
	Dec. 21, 1944	J.S. Norris	\$ 2,400.00	Research	112	Piedmont Subst.-AES-Tallapoosa Co.
	Dec. 19, 1944	A. & E. Evans	\$ 4,040.00	Research	160	Piedmont Subst.-AES-Tallapoosa Co.
	Dec. 19, 1944	S. & E. Woodyard	\$ 2,340.00	Research	107	Piedmont Subst.-AES-Tallapoosa Co.
	Dec. 20, 1944	L. Ward	\$ 812.00	Research	51.45	Piedmont Subst.-AES-Tallapoosa Co.
	Dec. 19, 1944	W.F. & Donna McGinty	\$ 540.00	Research	20	Piedmont Subst.-AES-Tallapoosa Co.
	Dec. 19, 1944	G. & S. Brown	\$ 3,540.00	Research	100	Piedmont Subst.-AES-Tallapoosa Co.
	Dec. 27, 1944	C.B. & C.E. Sullivan	\$ 5,040.00	Research	160	Piedmont Subst.-AES-Tallapoosa Co.
	Dec. 19, 1944	L. Garlington	\$ 4,040.00	Research	32	Piedmont Subst.-AES-Tallapoosa Co.
	Nov. 15, 1945	L.E. & T.G. Jennings	\$ 2,290.00	Research	9	Piedmont Subst.-AES-Tallapoosa Co.
	Dec. 19, 1944	T.J. & B.M. Henderson	\$ 3,240.00	Research	160	Piedmont Subst.-AES-Tallapoosa Co.
	Dec. 27, 1944	Federal Land Bank of New Orleans	\$ 60.00	Research	0	Mineral Rights
83	Jan. 27, 1948	Presbyterian Church	\$ 10.00	Academic	0.13	Thach Ave. - AU/Main Campus
84	Feb. 2, 1948	E.J. & Leona Orth	\$ 1.00	Research	159.32	N. Alabama Horticulture Substation-AES-Cullman Cty.
85	April 3, 1948	O.D. & C.F. Wilkinson	\$ 33,000.00	Research	276	Wiregrass Subst.-AES-Henry County
87	Jan. 11, 1949	T.J. & M.F. Whatley	\$ 5,080.00	Leased	25.4	Forestry Unit AU/Lee County
88	Nov. 27, 1948	Sims Family	\$ 13,500.00	Academic	20	Wire Road AU/Main Campus
89	Jan. 25, 1961-	U.S.D.A. (Farrar Estate)	\$ 10.00	Academic	40	Roosevelt St. AU/Main Campus
93	Dec. 8, 1948	R. & L.S. Gore	\$ 9,750.00	Research	65	Chilton Area Hort. Subst.-AES-Chilton
	Dec. 8, 1948	R.T. & M. Davis	\$ 12,000.00	Research	80	Chilton Area Hort. Subst.-AES-Chilton
93A	Dec. 8, 1960	Cox Family	\$ 5,000.00	Research	16	Chilton Area Hort. Subst.-AES-Chilton
94	Jan. 10, 1949	McGhee, Merritt & McCabe Families (SOLD)	\$ -	Support	0.6	RR Warehouse AU/Lee County (SOLD- 5/5/2016)
98	Jan. 14, 1948	W.D. & M. Clements	\$ 17,280.00	Academic	576	N. Auburn Dairy Unit-AU-Lee County
99	Feb. 23, 1949	Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Fincher	\$ 2,500.00	Academic	80	N. Auburn Fisheries Unit-AU-Lee Co.
100	March 21, 1949	A.C. & S.C. Carter	\$ 19,630.00	Academic	394.2	N. Auburn Beef Cattle-AU-Lee Co.
101	July 22, 1949	L.L. & W.W. Bradley	\$ 4,050.00	Academic	81	N. Auburn Beef Cattle-AU-Lee Co.
101A	July 22, 1949	M.E. & M.B. Earnest	\$ 4,050.00	Academic	81	N. Auburn Beef Cattle-AU-Lee Co.
102	July 5, 1949	J.S. & C. Smith	\$ 3,000.00	Research	1	Wiregrass Subst.-AES-Henry County



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103	May 14, 1936	R.S. & E. Solomon	\$ 1,200.00	Research	3	Wiregrass Subst.-AES-Henry County
	Aug. 5, 1963	E.P. Strother	\$ 36,000.00	Research	240	Lower Coastal Plain Subst.-AES-Wilcox Co.
	Aug. 29, 1949	Wilcox County	\$ 1.00	Research	1210.2	Lower Coastal Plain Subst.-AES-Wilcox Co.
	May 30, 1951	Wilcox County	\$ 1.00	Research	539	Lower Coastal Plain Subst.-AES-Wilcox Co.
	Jan. 7, 1967	J. & S.M. Strother	\$ 39,600.00	Research	240	Lower Coastal Plain Subst.-AES-Wilcox Co.
104	April 18, 1950	A.C. & S.C. Carter	\$ 15,712.50	Academic	384.1	N. Auburn Beef Cattle Un.-AU-Lee Co.
107	June 6, 1950	G.L. & M.B. Jackson	\$ 2,000.00	Academic	40	N. Auburn Beef Cattle Un.-AU-Lee Co.
108	Oct. 11, 1950	Dewey Hodge	\$ 5,000.00	Academic	51.5	N. Auburn Beef Cattle Un.-AU-Lee Co.
	Dec. 2, 1953	D.W. Ward	\$ 1,200.00	Academic	1.3	N. Auburn Beef Cattle Un.-AU-Lee Co.
112	Aug. 21, 1957	R.E. Hudson Estate	\$ 104,193.21	Academic	333.81	Wire Road AU/Main Campus
114	Jan. 27, 1960	K.M. Lane	\$ 150,000.00	Academic	4.47	College Street AU/Main Campus
115	May 2, 1962	S.R. Copeland	\$ 6,500.00	Reserve	1.92	Wire Road AU/Main Campus
117	July 5, 1962	C.A. Lowery	\$ 9,000.00	Reserve	1	Wire Road AU/Main Campus
118	Sept. 19, 1962	Z. Judd Estate	\$ 580.98	Academic	0.17	Arboretum - College St AU/Main Campus
119	Dec. 26, 1962 - Sept. 14, 1990	P. Kappa Alpha Dowdell Haygood -Yancey	\$ 52,954.76	Leased	6.13	Sigma Phi Epsilon & Sigma Pi Magnolia Ave. AU/Main Campus
122	Nov. 9, 1966	John A.C. & Ruby W. Callan	\$ 32,500.00	Leased	0.39	College Street AU/Main Campus
124	Oct. 27, 1971	A. Hutchinson	\$ 10,500.00	Academic	18.8	N. Auburn Fisheries AU/Lee County
126	Nov. 24, 1971	J. & L. Walker	\$ 14,840.00	Academic	42.4	N. Auburn Fisheries AU/Lee County
127	June 2, 1973	J.D. & M.L. Davis	\$ 58,315.00	Academic	44	N. Auburn Fisheries AU/Lee County
128	May 31, 1976	L.R. Turner (Land Exchange)	\$ 1.00	Academic	1.71	Farmville Church AU/Lee County
129	Dec. 23, 1974 - June 30, 1975	Sheppard, Crowley & Jeter	\$ 255,078.00	Research	511.37	E.V. Smith Research Ctr.-AES-Macon Co.
131	May 31, 1974	B.W. & F.L. Walker, J.M. & S.R. Walker	\$ 1,250,672.29	Research	2715.52	E.V. Smith Research Ctr.-AES-Macon Co.
133	Feb. 5, 1975	W.E. & M.L. Bell	\$ 25,000.00	Research	5.43	North Auburn Fisheries-AU-Lee County
134	Sept. 10, 1976	Turnipseed - Ikenberry	\$ 275,000.00	Research	1028	Turnipseed - Ikenberry Unit AES- Bullock County
135	Oct. 8, 1976	J.W. & V.M. Goodwin	\$ 101,904.00	Reserve	3.04	Birmingham-AU-Jefferson County
136	May 21, 1975	S.A. & P.W. Edgar	\$ 120,500.00	Academic	112.5	N. Auburn Fisheries-AU-Lee County
137	Nov. 21, 1978	Solon Dixon, M.D. & H.P. Coale	\$ 120,000.00	Academic	160	S. Dixon Ctr-AU-Escambia & Covington
	Dec. 7, 1979	Solon Dixon	\$ 145,350.00	Academic	193.8	S. Dixon Ctr-AU-Escambia & Covington
	Aug. 20, 1980	Solon Dixon	\$ 9,334.00	Academic	40	Solon Dixon Center-AU-Covington Co.
	Sept. 8, 1986	Solon Dixon & Timber Value	\$ 693,919.35	Academic	1193.6	Solon Dixon Ctr. - AU - Escambia Co.
	Sept. 4, 1986	Solon Dixon & Timber Value	\$ 2,206,226.21	Academic	3794.9	Solon Dixon Ctr. - AU - Covington Co.
	May 21, 1987	Solon Dixon	\$ 10,333.25	Academic	40	Solon Dixon Ctr. - AU - Covington Co.
139	Oct. 17, 1980	Wigley - Harper Estates	\$ 76,500.00	Research	116	Wigley - Harper - AU - Dekalb Co.
140	Dec. 8, 1983	Mt. Vernon Mills, Inc.	\$ 5,000.00	Research	5.47	Plant Breeding Unit - AES - Elmore Co.
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142	March 23, 1984	R. L. F. & T.M. Baxter, Jr.	\$ 48,000.00	Research	40	Wiregrass Substation-AES-Henry County
143	Sept. 21, 1984	Mary Olive Thomas Estate	\$ 380,000.00	Extension	399.79	Moore's Mill Rd.(Hwy. 12)-CES-Lee County
144	Sept. 20, 1986	Auburn Industrial Development Board	\$ 8,711.87	Academic	2.25	Shug Jordan Pkwy. AU/Main Campus
147	April 4, 1986	Knight,Robinson,Kendrick,Stallings & Janies	\$ 198,000.00	Academic	88.137	Airport AU/Lee County
148	Dec. 8, 1986	Fairchild Industries, Inc. (Insouth)	\$ 300,000.00	Research	12.63	Skyway Drive AU/Lee County
149	Feb. 17, 1987	J.C. Mullins	\$ 2,500.00	Academic	0.072	Woodfield Drive AU/Lee County
150	Dec. 18, 1987	Alumni Association	\$ 175,000.00	Leased	0.4	Miller Ave. AU/Lee County
151	Dec. 29, 1988	Maranatha Christian Churches Inc.	\$ 135,000.00	Academic	0.25	Magnolia Ave. AU/Lee County
152	March 17, 1994	Louise Kreher Turner (Through AUF)	\$ 297,500.00	Academic	119	N. Auburn-Hwy 147 AU/Lee County
153	Nov. 10, 1994	B.W. Capps & Sons, Inc.	\$ 524,091.61	Research	Lot	AU Pavement Test Facility/Lee County
154	June 22, 1995	Lee County Educational Foundation	\$ 2,308,014.50	Academic	16.19	Pitts Airport AU/Lee County
155	Sept. 27, 1996	Solitude Creek Joint Venture II	\$ 940,000.00	Research	Fish Ponds	Beauregard, AL
158	July 12, 1999	Marguerite E. Schamagel	\$ -	Administrative	No	Marion County, AL
159	Jan. 26, 2000	Glenn Estates, Inc.	\$ 260,000.00	Academic	20	CVM AU, Lee County
160	May 18, 2000	John L. Hartman	\$ 106,900.44	Research	31.36	N. Auburn/Lee County
"	June 30, 2000	Raymond and Rebecca Dowdell	\$ 101,960.54	Research	33.95	N. Auburn/Lee County
A128/295	April 28, 1998	AU Foundation/Gift Morrisett	\$ 410,000.00	Academic	9.5	acres & 6.33 acres/Yes Hwy 61, Newberg, AL

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161	June 18, 2001	Floyd & Wilner Richards/Richards Family	\$ 1,215,228.57	Academic	38.28	Webster Rd. AU/Lee County
162	Jan. 23, 1965	James Haygood/Lamb Dowdell	\$ 144,500.00	Reserve	0.714	Lincoln Hts. Subdivision/Auburn/Lee County, AL
163	Sept. 21, 2008	Pebble Hill Property - AU Foundation	\$ 208,000.00	Academic		101 Debardeleben St/Auburn/Lee County, AL
163A	May 12, 2009	Pebble Hill Property - AU Foundation	\$ 10.00	Academic	0.671	Debardeleben St/Auburn/Lee County, AL
164	Sept. 18, 2006	CLOSED Robert G. & Leslie Pitts		Reserve	1.92	724 S. College St (swapped for 174)
165	Oct. 18, 2007	Yarbrough Farms Golf Facility	\$ 575,000.00	Academic	25.5	1493 N. Donahue Dr/Auburn/Lee County, AL
165A	Oct. 18, 2007	Burbic - Yarbrough Farms Golf Facility	\$ 75,000.00	Academic	25.5	1493 N. Donahue Dr/Auburn/Lee County, AL
166	December 1, 2009	Liddell-Hall-Stroud Property - AU Found.	\$ 349,500.00	Academic	50	Wilcox County, AL
167	July 26, 2011	Cary Pick House	\$ 740,000.00	Academic	0.95	N. College St, Lee County, AL
168	November 3, 2009	McClure Clinton Estate	\$ 1,260,000.00	Research	248	Sumter County, AL
169	December 15, 2011	Bruno's Property	\$ 2,400,000.00	Academic	6	E. Glenn Ave. Lee County, AL
170	October 13, 2011	Golden Property	\$ 337,500.00	Academic	1.6	Webster Road, Lee County, AL
171	April 1, 1975	James S. Boyd	\$ 337,500.00	Reserve	12.4	Adlington Va - Washington and Lee Apartments
172	August 28, 2020	Graham/Head Farm	\$ 1,200,000.00	Research	7.7	waiting on transfer from AUF
173	May 31, 2012	Harris Early Learning Center	Leased Property	Academic	1.74	Birmingham - Child Development Center
174	October 18, 2013	Church of Christ	\$ 276,160.00	undecided	2.74	Church of Christ Rental Houses (Pitts Swap)
175	June 2, 2014	Walthall	\$ 3,500.00	Academic	0.85	Rural Studio
176	October 29, 2014	Dean Property	\$ 1,004,976.65	Reserve	0.8	Samford Ave
177	November 21, 2015	Cambridge	\$ 11,500,000.00	Academic	2.55	S. College Dr
178	February 4, 2015	West	\$ 270,000.00	Academic	80	Jackson County - Timber Harvest for Forestry
179	December 11, 2015	Castilian	\$ 635,000.00	undecided	0.29	Thach and Gay
180	March 28, 2016	North Park Deck	\$ 6,250,000.00	undecided	2	W. Magnolia Ave. AU/Main Campus
181	April 4, 2016	Koart Property	\$ 1,169,500.00	Academic	750	Talbot County, GA - Timber Harvest for C.O.Business
182	May 6, 2006	Pumphrey Warehouse	\$ 759,000.00	Administration	2.3	Pumphrey Ave. AU/Main Campus
183	October 13, 2020	Ann B. Pearson	\$ 5,000,000.00	Academic	4.58	Sunny Slope
184	March 16, 2017	T.K. Bullock	\$ 128,000.00	Research	80	Covington County - Solon Dixon Center
185	March 31, 2017	Biggin/Woltosz House	\$ 900,000.00	Academic	0.6	Lee County, Auburn, North College
186	August 10, 2017	Dudley Apartments	\$ 600,000.00	Administration	0.25	Lee County, Auburn, W. Magnolia Ave.
187	April 3, 2018	Pace Property	\$ 5,000,000.00	Administration	177	Lee County, Auburn, Longleaf Drive
188	January 11, 2018	Scott Property	\$ 115,000.00	Administration	1.74	Lee County, Auburn, Auburn University Airport
189	December 13, 2017	David O. Whitten	\$ 372,500.00	undecided	1.01	102 Kimberly Drive, Auburn, AL
190	November 28, 2018	Hood-McPherson Building	\$ 1,500,000.00	Administration	0.2	2013 4th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL
191	October 15, 2021	Mullins Property	\$ 552,000.00	Strategic	0.74	842 S. College Street, Auburn, AL
192	January 10, 2022	Jennison Property	\$ 8,000.00	Research	2.3	Macon County, rural
193	February 2, 2022	Huntsville Building	\$ 13,500,000.00	Research	9.3	345 Voyager Way, Huntsville, AL
194	March 14, 2022	NCAT in Auburn	\$ 4,500,000.00	Research	11.09	Lee County, Auburn, City of Auburn and City of Opelika
195	December 7, 2022	Indian Pines Golf Course	\$ 245,000.00	Administration	11	County Club Lane, Opelika, AL
196	January 7, 2023	Walker Rentals	\$ 550,000.00	Administration	1.53	County Club Lane, Opelika, AL
197	March 24, 2023	Walthall - Red Barn	\$ 30,640.00	Academic	3	Rural Studio, Newbern, AL
198	November 28, 2023	USDA	\$8,000,000.00	academic	6.25	Old USDA tillage farm on W. Samford at Donahue
199	not closed	117 W. Veterans	\$ 2,045,000.00	research	2	City of Auburn IDB property
200	not closed	Rhynne Property	\$ 5,150,000.00	research	904	Prattville Exp. Field - AES/Autauga Co.
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$ 91,434,391.04</b>		<b>29,732.73 acres</b>	

**AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY**  
**SUMMARY OF REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS FY 2023**  
June 7, 2024

**Auburn University Real Estate Department**

DEED FILE NUMBER	DATE OF ACQUISITION	FROM WHOM ACQUIRED	ORIGINAL COST / FMV	CURRENT USE	ACREAGE / RESTRICTIONS	LOCATION OF PARCEL
1	July 29, 1969	McLemore Family	\$ 744,135.00	Academic	498.2 acres	AUM, Montgomery County
3A	April 26, 1977	Oliver Estate	Gift	Academic	1.107 acres	AUM, Montgomery County
4	February 2, 2006	Cauthen Property (Hyundai)	\$ 162,900.00	Excess	4.16 acres	AUM, Montgomery County
4	February 2, 2006	Cauthen Property (US-331)	\$ 350,900.00	Excess	0 acres	AUM, Montgomery County
5	November 6, 2009	Beck Property (Bell Rd / I-85)	\$ 350,000.00	Strategic	8.57 acres	AUM, Montgomery County
6	October 30, 2015	Prescott Property	\$ 400,000.00	Strategic	6 acres	AUM, Montgomery County
7	February 23, 2016	McMahan Property	\$ 2,650,000.00	Excess	22 acres	AUM, Montgomery County
8	February 14, 2022	Pearson Property	\$ 980,000.00	Academic	0.92 acres	AUM, Montgomery County
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$5,637,935.00</b>		<b>537.95 acres</b>	

**AUBURN UNIVERSITY  
REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS FY-2023  
June 7, 2024**

**Auburn University Real Estate Department**

**DIVISION I:**        **AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

1. 1117 Veterans BLvd, Auburn Alabama. AU acquired an 11-acre parcel from the City of Auburn. The property will be used by Auburn University for research projects.
2. 941 Lem Morrison Dr., Auburn, AL. AU acquired the leasehold interest in a fraternity house located at 941 Lem Morrison Drive. Student affairs will determine if it will continue to be used as a fraternity house or as student housing.

**DIVISION II:**        **AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY**

1. Hyundai Blvd. AU sold its interest in a 1.15 acre site on Hyundai Blvd, Montgomery, AL.
2. Atlanta Highway. AU sold its interest in a 22 acre parcel located on Atlanta Highway, Montgomery, AL.

**DIVISION III:**        **ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

1. Rhyne Property. AU purchased 904 acres of farm land in Autaugaville, AL for the purpose of relocating and expanding the Pratville Experiment Station.

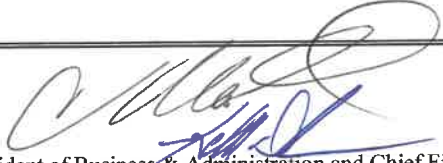
**DIVISION IV:**        **ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM**


No conveyances reported.





COLLEGE OF FORESTRY, WILDLIFE AND  
ENVIRONMENT

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**TO:** CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President 

**THROUGH:** KELLI D. SHOMAKER, Senior Vice President of Business & Administration and Chief Financial Officer 

**THROUGH:** MARK STIRLING, Director of Real Estate 

**FROM:** JANAKI ALAVALAPATI, Dean and Professor, College of Forestry, Wildlife & Environment   
JOEL MARTIN, Director, Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center

**SUBJECT:** ANNUAL REPORT OF TIMBER HARVEST REVENUE

**DATE:** MAY 1, 2024

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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 June 7, 2024.

**Proposal:**

A summary report of annual timber harvest revenue is provided to the Board of Trustees for its information and review on the occasion of its annual meeting. The report shows timber revenue received since June 1, 2023 and is to be presented during the Annual Real Estate Report.

**Review and Consultation:**

The College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment and the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center oversee the management of forest land owned by Auburn University. Staff for the CFWE and SDFEC are responsible for conducting timber sales in accordance with state bid laws and the Five-Year Timber Harvest Plans, last approved by the Board of Trustees at the September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. Timber sales from the approved Harvest Plans have generated a total of \$358,731.25 in revenue for various units over the past year. Foresters on staff utilize two types of sale methods: lump sum and per-unit. Lump sum sales provide an up-front payment, in full, for all timber to be harvested. Per-unit sales provide weekly payments for timber as it is harvested. There are advantages to both methods, and staff try to utilize the method that will maximize the revenue received for each sale. Individual sale information for the previous year is shown on the Timber Sale Revenue Annual Report (Attachment 1).

Record high inflation coupled with lack of demand has caused mills to curtail production. This has suppressed timber prices and there has been very little bounce back. Due to the overall age and forest health of the AU Forest landholdings, timber prices and markets are prioritized behind being a steward of the land first and foremost. Selling the older timber

in an attempt to start production over was a priority to improve overall forest health and get the land back into production.

Markets will remain suppressed next year. Regardless, the AU lands need to continue to sell timber in order to sustainably manage the properties. All planned harvests are subject to local market conditions, weather patterns, and pest/disease outbreaks, which will be monitored closely.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

Submission of the information above and included in the Timber Sale Revenue Annual Report (Attachment 1) provides an informational update to the Board on the previous year of timber sales.



## Timber Sale Revenue Annual Report

June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024

Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station				
Sale Name	Harvest Type	Sale Type	Sale Status*	Revenue
North Auburn Timber Sale #1	Clearcut	Lump Sum	Complete	\$ 177,282.00
North Auburn Timber Sale #2	Clearcut	Pay As Cut	Complete	\$ 47,325.55
North Auburn Timber Sale #3	Clearcut	Lump Sum	Complete	\$ 77,575.00
2023 Fairhope Timber Sale	CC Select Thin	Pay As Cut	Complete	\$ 56,548.70
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 358,731.25</b>

\*Per-unit sale status reported as "complete" (for harvest operations and payments) or "incomplete" (for harvest operations and payments).

Alabama Cooperative Extension System				
Sale Name	Harvest Type	Sale Type	Sale Status*	Revenue
No harvest information to report				\$ -
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ -</b>

\*Per-unit sale status reported as "complete" (for harvest operations and payments) or "incomplete" (for harvest operations and payments).

Auburn University				
Sale Name	Harvest Type	Sale Type	Sale Status*	Revenue
No harvest information to report				\$ -
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ -</b>

\*Per-unit sale status reported as "complete" (for harvest operations and payments) or "incomplete" (for harvest operations and payments).

Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center				
Sale Name	Harvest Type	Sale Type	Sale Status*	Revenue
No harvest information to report				\$ -
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ -</b>

\*Per-unit sale status reported as "complete" (for harvest operations and payments) or "incomplete" (for harvest operations and payments).

**Combined Totals    \$       358,731.25**

**Note:** We are on track to achieve the projected 5 year revenue goal

**STATUS UPDATES**  
**JUNE 7, 2024 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**  
**AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*FOR INFORMATION ONLY*

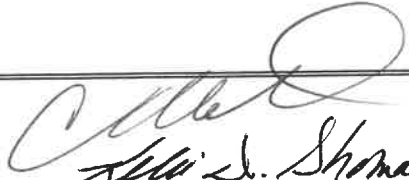


Time will be allotted for the following status updates:

- a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$1,000,000 and Greater
- b. Project Status Reports



FACILITIES MANAGEMENT  
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**TO:** CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President   
**THROUGH:** KELLI SHOMAKER, Senior Vice President, Business and Administration and Chief Financial Officer   
**FROM:** SIMON YENDLE, Interim Vice President, Facilities Management   
**SUBJECT:** PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

**CURRENT STATUS OF NEW CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION/  
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WITH BUDGETS OF \$1,000,000 AND GREATER  
(INFORMATION ONLY)**

**DATE:** MAY 8, 2024

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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 meeting scheduled for June 7, 2024.

**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 June 4, 2001, requested that it receive a regular update on the financial status of Board-approved projects. 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 meeting scheduled for June 7, 2024.

# Auburn University Facilities Management

## Current Capital Projects

(Spending across Multiple Years)

### Summary of Cash Flow by Project Phase

Project Phase	Previous Approved Budget Amount	Current Approved Budget Amount	Actual Spending to Date (across multiple years)	Estimated Spending Assuming Remainder of Budget for FY2024	Estimated Spending Assuming Remainder of Budget for FY2025 & Forward
Substantial Completion	325,460,000	286,860,000	279,850,831	2,716,364	51,612 *
Construction	513,500,000	511,000,000	159,533,384	81,694,470	262,507,064 *
Design	37,825,208	15,325,208	2,890,538	7,135,475	5,299,195
Planning	1,051,900	1,051,900	151,845	809,348	0 *
Totals	877,837,108	814,237,108	442,426,598	92,355,657	267,857,871 *
Other Open Projects	98,428,102	105,058,695	57,466,884	4,609,974	42,981,837
Grand Totals	976,265,210	919,295,803	499,893,482	96,965,631	310,839,708 *

\* On the lines with asterisks, the sum of the spending columns does not equal the current approved budget figure due to projects being executed under budget. See individual project lines on following pages for details.

**ESTIMATED CASHFLOW MATRIX and ACTUAL SPENDING and ENCUMBRANCE ACTIVITY**

<i>Project Name</i>	<i>Project Phase</i>	<i>Original Approved Budget Amount</i>	<i>(A) Current Approved Budget Amount</i>	<i>AU Funding (includes gifts/grants)</i>	<i>AU Bond Funding</i>	<i>Federal/ State or Local Funding</i>	<i>(B) Actual Spending to Date (across multiple years)</i>	<i>Estimated Spending Assuming Remainder of Budget for FY2024</i>	<i>Estimated Spending Assuming Remainder of Budget for FY2025 &amp; Forward</i>	<i>(C) Current Encumbrances Against Project</i>	<i>(A)-(B)-(C) Current Open Balance (Budget less Actuals and Encumbrances)</i>
<b>SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION PHASE</b>											
Lowder Hall - Suites 011, 012 & 013, New Finance Lab Renovations 19-172	COMPLETED	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000			2,397,681	0	0	0	1,102,319 * See note below
Football Performance Center 19-441	COMPLETED	91,900,000	91,900,000	37,000,000	54,900,000		91,767,787	0	0	0	132,213 * See note below
College of Human Sciences Clinic Renovation & Relocation - Summary	Substantial completion	5,510,000	5,510,000	5,510,000			5,095,101	5,000	0	3,360	411,539 * See note below
Tony & Libba Rane Culinary Science Center - Summary	Substantial Completion	95,400,000	110,000,000	20,000,000	90,000,000		108,844,014	459,223	0	76,635	1,079,351 * See note below
Chilled Water System Expansion - New CW Plant At South Campus 18-444	Substantial completion	24,000,000	19,050,000		19,050,000		18,892,965	112,035	0	47,143	109,892 * See note below
Quad Residence Halls - Comprehensive Renovations - Phase I: Harper & Broun Halls 19-557	Substantial Completion	13,500,000	16,500,000	16,500,000			15,699,181	143,971	51,612	148,982	651,837 * See note below
Goodwin Hall - New Professional Recording Studio 18-459	Substantial completion	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000			1,124,899	0	0	0	175,101 * See note below
Melton Student Center - Starbucks Coffee Relocation & Renovations 22-277	Substantial completion	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000			1,533,915	6,000	0	0	216,085 * See note below
Hood-McPherson Building (Bham) - Comprehensive Renovation 20-554	Substantial Completion	21,800,000	21,800,000	21,800,000			20,468,557	1,031,443	0	634,467	696,976 * See note below
Research and Innovation Center and Supporting Building CADC Research Commons 22-215	Substantial Completion	2,700,000	2,700,000	2,700,000			2,283,260	15,163	0	15,163	401,577 * See note below

Auburn University Facilities Management  
Current Capital Projects

**ESTIMATED CASHFLOW MATRIX and ACTUAL SPENDING and ENCUMBRANCE ACTIVITY**

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<b>Facilities Management Training Center - New Facility 21-212</b>	Substantial Completion	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000			2,447,089	39,911	0	15,224	37,687	* See note below
<b>McWhorter Center - Gymnastics &amp; Softball Team Area Renovations 21-380</b>	Substantial Completion	4,900,000	4,900,000	1,300,000	3,600,000		4,597,188	282,812	0	110,054	192,758	* See note below
<b>Graham Farm &amp; Nature Center (ACES) - New Pavilion 22-193</b>	Substantial Completion	2,950,000	2,950,000	2,950,000			2,681,355	138,645	0	101,520	167,125	* See note below
<b>Student Activities Center &amp; Kinesiology Bldg - Renovations For New DPT Program 22-028</b>	Construction	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000		0	2,017,839	482,161	0	482,161	0	
<b>Total Substantial Completion</b>			286,860,000	119,310,000	167,550,000	0	279,850,831	2,716,364	51,612	1,634,709	5,374,460	



## Current Capital Projects

## ESTIMATED CASHFLOW MATRIX and ACTUAL SPENDING and ENCUMBRANCE ACTIVITY

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<b>CONSTRUCTION PHASE</b>											
Academic Classroom & Laboratory Complex - Summary	Substantial Completion/Programming	83,000,000	83,000,000		82,071,760	928,240	70,531,004	615,000	4,975,414	109,834	12,359,162
College of Education Building - New Facility 18-538	Construction	77,000,000	77,000,000	10,000,000	30,585,165	36,414,835	32,664,813	18,000,000	26,335,187	34,082,767	10,252,420
Research and Innovation AU Regional Airport - New Corporate Hangar At South Ramp 22-402	Construction	3,000,000	4,000,000	3,500,000		500,000	2,943,645	1,026,355	0	524,433	531,922
STEM & Agricultural Sciences Complex - New Facility 20-378	Construction	200,000,000	224,000,000	36,000,000	138,000,000	50,000,000	35,992,122	22,500,000	165,507,878	169,003,947	19,003,931
Plainsman Park Improvements 21-378	Construction	30,000,000	30,000,000	3,653,506	26,346,494		8,846,841	11,000,000	10,153,159	14,953,268	6,199,891
Kreher Preserve & Nature Center - Environmental Education Building 20-429	Construction	1,950,000	3,900,000	3,900,000			1,851,749	1,948,251	100,000	1,555,625	492,626
North AU Equine Facility - New Office Building 21-108	Construction	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000			1,297,619	4,771,531	674,350	4,676,538	1,025,843
Parkerson Mill Creek - Greenway Phase III (Lem Morrison Drive To VCOM Pond) 21-514	Construction	1,500,000	2,100,000	881,217		1,218,783	307,796	1,500,000	192,204	1,415,874	376,330
University Student Housing Phase I 19-442	Construction	80,000,000	80,000,000	2,866,298	72,833,702		5,097,795	20,333,333	54,568,872	63,649,092	11,253,113
Quad Residence Halls Renovation Phase 2: Teague & Little Halls 21-358	Bidding-Const Contr	22,500,000	22,500,000	22,500,000			711,039	7,383,333	14,405,628	19,010,671	2,778,290
<b>Total Construction</b>			511,000,000	67,801,021	349,837,121	89,061,858	159,533,384	81,694,470	262,507,064	289,971,378	61,495,238

Auburn University Facilities Management  
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<b>DESIGN PHASE</b>											
Transformation Gardens - Garden Implementation (Phase I) 21-445	Design	147,000	147,000	147,000			133,716	13,284	0	12,236	1,048
Lowder Hall - Academic Advising Suite Renovation 22-007	Bidding-Const Contr	5,500,000	5,500,000	5,500,000		0	235,076	1,841,724	3,423,200	92,283	5,172,641
Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station - New Building 22-258	Design	1,360,548	1,360,548			1,360,548	208,604	806,361	345,583	1,015,750	136,194
Recreation and Wellness Center Renovation for Health Promotion & Wellness Services 23-072	Design	3,200,000	3,200,000	3,200,000			178,317	1,848,350	1,173,333	66,817	2,954,866
Foy Hall - Relocate Campus Dining Kitchen To Existing Service Kitchen 23-264	Design	222,500	222,500	222,500			59,801	162,699	0	155,030	7,669
Athletics Complex Renovations for Sports Medicine 23-180	Design	350,050	350,050		350,050		106,354	243,696	0	133,775	109,921
Gogue Performing Arts Center - Outdoor Pavilion & Exterior Improvements 22-213	Design	1,758,180	1,758,180	1,758,180		0	1,029,872	728,308	0	714,689	13,619
President's Garden Pavilion - University Events Center 23-466	Design	942,420	942,420	942,420		0	290,867	651,553	0	335,937	315,616
Draughton Village Laundry - Convert Laundry Facility Into Restrooms 23-158	HOLD (Design)	94,510	94,510	94,510	0		88,195	6,315	0	5,100	1,215
Jordan-Hare Stadium - Provide A New Score & Video Board System 24-015	Design	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000	0		559,736	833,185	357,079	819,544	370,720
<b>Total Design</b>			15,325,208	13,614,610	350,050	1,360,548	2,890,538	7,135,475	5,299,195	3,351,161	9,083,509

**ESTIMATED CASHFLOW MATRIX and ACTUAL SPENDING and ENCUMBRANCE ACTIVITY**

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<b>PLANNING PHASE</b>												
Auburn University Regional Airport Maintenance Hangar Expansion 21-017	HOLD (Programming)	96,900	96,900	96,900			6,193	(0)	0	0	90,707	* See note below
Neville Arena - New Practice Gym & Team Support Space Renovations 22-041	Design	428,000	428,000	324,494	103,506		134,960	293,040	0	58,152	234,888	
Vehicle Research and Innovation Lab, New Building 23-178	Programming	527,000	527,000			527,000	10,692	516,308	0	479,862	36,446	
<b>Total Planning</b>			1,051,900	421,394	103,506	527,000	151,845	809,348	0	538,014	362,041	

**ESTIMATED CASHFLOW MATRIX and ACTUAL SPENDING and ENCUMBRANCE ACTIVITY**

Project Name	Project Phase	Original Approved Budget Amount	(A)		AU Funding (includes gifts/grants)	AU Bond Funding	Federal/ State or Local Funding	(B)  Actual Spending to Date (across multiple years)	Estimated Spending Assuming Remainder of Budget for FY2024	Estimated Spending Assuming Remainder of Budget for FY2025 & Forward	(C)  Current Encumbrances Against Project	(A)-(B)-(C)  Current Open Balance (Budget less Actuals and Encumbrances)
			Current Approved Budget Amount									
Other Open Projects	Various Stages		105,058,695	91,606,482	6,329,750	7,122,463	57,486,884	4,609,974	42,981,837	19,130,029	28,461,782	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>												
			919,295,803	292,753,507	524,170,427	98,071,870	499,893,482	96,965,631	310,839,708	314,625,291	104,777,030	

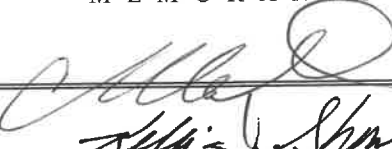
\* On the lines with asterisks, the sum of the spending columns does not equal the current approved budget figure due to projects being executed under budget.





## FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

### MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President 

**THROUGH:** KELLI D. SHOMAKER, Senior Vice President, Business and Administration and Chief Financial Officer 

**FROM:** SIMON YENDLE, Interim Vice President, Facilities Management 

**SUBJECT:** PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

**PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

**DATE:** MAY 8, 2024

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This memorandum requests the following information be presented to the Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee and included on the agenda at the meeting scheduled for June 7, 2024.

#### **Proposal:**

It is proposed that a brief report regarding the status of Board of Trustees-approved capital 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. Since a project can often take several years to execute, as it progresses through the planning, initiation, design, and construction phases of the project, this report is intended to continually inform the Board of Trustees of the status of previously approved projects.

## **CAPITAL PROJECT STATUS**

### **PROJECT/PHASE**

### **STATUS**

#### **Projects in the Planning Stage:**

- College of Human Sciences: Authorization to Commence Fundraising and Capital Project Planning

#### **Initiation Approved**

Initiated November 2023

#### **Projects in the Design Stage:**

- AU Airport Maintenance Hangar Addition (on hold)
- Ag Transformation Gardens - Phase 1: Children's Garden
- Ag Transformation Gardens – Phase 2: Aquaculture Barn & Greenhouse
- Neville Arena – New Practice Gym
- Gogue Performing Arts Center-Venue 2
- Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station – New Building
- Renovation of Space in the Athletics Complex for Sports Medicine
- Vehicle Research and Innovation Laboratory
- Foy Hall Renovation – New Campus Dining Catering Kitchen
- University Events Center Addition
- Auburn University Airport Air Traffic Control Tower
- Caroline Draughon Village (CDV) Laundry Facility Renovation for Recreation and Wellness
- Jordan-Hare Stadium North Endzone Videoboard
- Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement

#### **Initiation Approved**

Initiated June 2021

Initiated September 2021

Initiated September 2021

Initiated April 2022

Initiated June 2022

Initiated September 2022

Initiated April 2023

Initiated June 2023

Initiated August 2023

Initiated August 2023

Initiated November 2023

Initiated November 2023

Initiated February 2024

Initiated February 2024

#### **Projects with Final Approval:**

- Parker Hall Demolition (ACLC Phase 3)
- Jordan-Hare Stadium Field Renovation (on hold)
- Lowder Hall Advising Suite Renovation

#### **Final Approval.**

Approved February 2019

Approved April 2023

Approved November 2023

#### **Projects in Construction Stage:**

- College of Education Building
- Parkerson Mill Greenway-Phase III
- Plainsman Park Improvements
- STEM+AG Sciences Complex
- Kreher Preserve & Nature Center - New Environmental Education Building
- AUM Science Laboratory Facility Renovation
- North Auburn Equine Research Facility – Addition
- New University Student Housing
- Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase 2: Teague Hall and Little Hall
- Village Residence Halls Repair and Refurbishment: Phase III
- Recreation and Wellness Center Renovation for Health Promotion & Wellness Services

#### **Final Approval**

Approved November 2022

Approved November 2022

Approved February 2023

Approved February 2023

Approved April 2023

Approved April 2023

Approved June 2023

Approved August 2023

Approved August 2023

Approved August 2023

Approved April 2024



**Projects Recently Completed:**

- Renovation of Space for the School of Kinesiology's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
- Airport Runway Safety Area Extension
- Chilled Water Plant III (College of Veterinary Medicine)
- Chiller Upgrades & Piping Improvements
- Hood-McPherson Building Renovation
- Auburn University Regional Airport Corporate Hangar at South Ramp
- ACES Graham Farm & Nature Center Pavilion
- Facilities Management Training Facility
- McWhorter Center – Gymnastics & Softball Team Area Renovation
- College of Architecture Design & Construction – Research Commons
- Village Residence Halls Repair and Refurbishment: Phase II

**Final Approval**

Approved April 2023

Approved June 2023

Approved April 2022

Approved February 2022

Approved April 2023

Approved November 2022

Approved November 2022

Approved February 2023

Approved November 2022

Approved September 2022

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA  
JUNE 7, 2024 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. Proposed Closure of the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies (Vini Nathan)
2. Proposed Changes to Faculty Personnel Policies (Vini Nathan)

Committee Chairperson: Ms. Elizabeth Huntley

Faculty Representative: Dr. Lori Eckhardt, Auburn University (ex-officio, non-voting)

*Please Note: All trustees serve on all committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee.*

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN STUDIES

WHEREAS, in 2017, the College of Architecture, Design and Construction established a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies to prepare second-degree-seeking students without a design background to succeed in the Master of Industrial Design program; and

WHEREAS, in spring 2023, faculty in the School of Industrial and Graphic Design elected to close the program due to its inability to meet its post-implementation conditions, specifically student enrollment and graduation rates; and

WHEREAS, faculty in the School of Industrial and Graphic Design will continue to explore other alternative options that enable students without a design background to pursue the Master of Industrial Design; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to close the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies, effective immediately, has been approved by the Interim Dean of the College of Architecture, Design and Construction, the University Curriculum Committee, the Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed closure of the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies be approved and reported to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval and that the closure be submitted to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges as a proposed substantive change requiring the approval of that body.



AUBURN UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

MEMORANDUM TO: Christopher B. Roberts  
President

FROM: Vini Nathan  
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – Proposed Closure of  
the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies

DATE: May 1, 2024

I request that the following item be added to the Board of Trustees' agenda for the June 7, 2024, meeting.

**Proposal:** Following a careful review, faculty in the College of Architecture, Design and Construction recommend the closure of the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies, effective immediately.

**Review and Consultation:** The Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies was created in 2017 to offer a program for second-degree-seeking students who do not possess a background in industrial design with the necessary skills, technical understanding, and intellectual background required to succeed in a Master of Industrial Design graduate program. Following a careful review of the post-implementation conditions, including the average number of new students and graduates, the program has not met its requirements, resulting in the recommended closure. Data from the Office of Institutional Research indicate that no students were enrolled in the program during Fall 2023 and Spring 2024, further demonstrating the request for closure. A teach-out plan is not required.

**Recommendation:** I recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the proposal to close the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies immediately. Following Board approval, I recommend this action be submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval and submitted to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges as a proposed substantive change requiring that body's approval.



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College of Architecture, Design and Construction  
*Office of the Dean*

**TO:** Dr. Vini Nathan  
Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

**THROUGH:** Dr. Karen Rogers   
Interim Dean, College of Architecture, Design and Construction

**FROM:** Dr. Wei Wang   
Head, School of Industrial and Graphic Design

**DATE:** April 29, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Closure of the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies

We request approval to close the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies (IDSS) degree program. Details of the proposal are described below.

## **Proposal:**

The School of Industrial and Graphic Design within the College of Architecture, Design and Construction is proposing the closure of the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies (IDSS) degree program.

## **Review and Consultation:**

The Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies (IDSS) degree was created for students who want to pursue a Master of Industrial Design (MID) but do not have a design background. After being admitted to the Industrial Design Studies Program, students complete forty-three credit hours of undergraduate study in industrial design before starting the MID program.

The IDSS program was implemented in August 2017, with post-implementation conditions being 1) the Annual Average New Admissions (headcount) for 2017-2018 to 2021-22 years will be 8 (eight); 2) the Annual Average number of Graduates for the academic years 2017-18 through 2021-22 will be at least 8 (eight).

We are at the end of the first five-year period. However, neither of the two conditions has been met (actual Annual Average New Admissions: 2.4; actual Annual Average Graduates: 1.6). Moreover, AU Institutional Research shows no students in the program in either Fall 2023 or Spring 2024.

With the closure of the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies program, the School of Industrial and Graphic Design will explore other alternative options to admit students without a design background into the Master of Industrial Design program.

## **Recommendation:**

With the support of the industrial design program faculty, I recommend approval to close the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies (IDSS) degree program.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED CHANGES TO FACULTY PERSONNEL POLICIES

WHEREAS, the faculty personnel policies included in the *Faculty Handbook* reflect Auburn University policies and information; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to the faculty personnel policies have been recommended by the University Senate, with the full support of the Senate Executive Committee, and have received the approval of the Provost and the President; and

WHEREAS, the Board defines policies related to promotion and tenure criteria, the incorporation of external review letters, tenure clock extensions, and the approval of procedures to implement those policies is the responsibility of the President or those duly authorized by the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that President Christopher B. Roberts, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized to revise the contents of the faculty personnel policies designated as Board of Trustee approved policies in Attachment A and is delegated the authority to approve procedures for the administration of these policies.





AUBURN UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

MEMORANDUM TO: Christopher B. Roberts  
President

FROM: Vini Nathan  
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – Proposed Changes  
to Chapter Three of the *Auburn University Faculty Handbook*

DATE: April 30, 2024

I am writing to request that the following item be added to the Board of Trustees' agenda for the **June 7, 2024**, meeting.

**Proposal:** It is recommended that the proposed changes to faculty personnel policies published in the *Auburn University Faculty Handbook* be approved.

**Review and Consultation:** The University Senate has recommended the following changes to Chapter Three of the *Auburn University Faculty Handbook*, specifically regarding the policies and processes associated with faculty promotion and tenure. The changes were approved by the University Senate at the May 16, 2023, full Senate meeting. The proposed changes delineate amended policies, and provide increased comprehensiveness, organization, and clarity to the institution's promotion and tenure policies and processes. Specifically, the proposed changes:

- 1) reflect the development and implementation of departmental/college guidelines in the faculty promotion and tenure process;
- 2) reflect the inclusion of external review letters received prior to departmental consideration as part of the faculty promotion and tenure review process; and
- 3) clarify tenure clock extensions for faculty, particularly information provided by the faculty submitted as part of the promotion and tenure review process.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed changes to Chapter Three of the *Auburn University Faculty Handbook*. If approved, the changes will provide greater clarity and necessary updates resulting in revised promotion and tenure processes and policies.

## Appendix A

### **Proposed Faculty Handbook Changes Approved by the University Senate on 5/16/23**

The University Senate approved the enclosed Faculty Handbook changes on May 16, 2023. The proposed changes are intended to clarify the following related to promotion and tenure:

- a) the criteria used in the review process,
- b) the treatment of external review letters received after initiation of the review process, and
- c) the appropriate consideration of approved tenure clock extensions.

The sections below describe the rationale for each proposed change and show the changes in the Handbook text.

#### **Section 3.6.1 – Promotion and Tenure Criteria**

All academic departments have written standards for promotion and tenure that are communicated and utilized at all levels of faculty review. The Handbook currently refers to a comparative criterion used prior to the adoption of departmental standards. Removal of that reference will ensure that faculty are evaluated relative to established departmental standards.

*Change to Section 3.6.1:*

*Promotion is based on merit. A candidate for promotion should have acceptable achievements in the areas of (1) teaching and/or outreach and (2) research/creative work. They are further expected to demonstrate over a sustained period distinctive achievement in one of these areas or achievement in both areas ~~comparable to that of successful candidates in the discipline in the past five years~~. In addition, they are expected to have contributed service to the University.*

#### **Section 3.6.5.C.3.E – Confidential Letters from Outside Reviewers**

External review letters are a valuable source of information for promotion and tenure decisions and should be available for faculty review at the departmental, college, and university levels. The Handbook language allows letters received after departmental and college consideration to be forwarded directly to the university Promotion and Tenure Committee. To ensure external letters are included in all levels of promotion and tenure reviews, the following change is proposed.

*Change to Section 3.6.5.C.3.E:*

*The department head/chair (or the dean) shall solicit information from outside evaluators in the case of candidates nominated for associate or full professor. In consultation with the candidate and the faculty voting on the candidate, the head/chair (or dean) shall compile a list of potential evaluators.*



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*The head/chair shall then seek responses from at least three of the potential evaluators. These evaluators shall be people outside of Auburn University who are nationally or internationally acknowledged experts in the candidate's field and can comment on the quality and reputation of the candidate's work. In the case of a candidate seeking promotion and/or tenure, evaluators shall be of higher academic rank than the candidate. Letters from the candidate's major professor for a graduate degree, from former graduate students, and from ongoing research partners are unacceptable. Evaluators may be associated with industry, government agencies, foundations, etc. Only letters received in time for departmental consideration shall be made available to the departmental voting faculty and college and/or university committee. ~~If these letters arrive in time, they shall be made available to the voting faculty; otherwise, they shall be sent on to the Promotion and Tenure Committee.~~ The letters from these outside evaluators shall remain confidential and shall not be made available to candidates at any time.*

#### **Sections 3.6.5.C.2.a/3.6.5.D – Tenure Clock Extensions**

Faculty without tenure can currently request a tenure clock extension for FMLA qualifying events and for disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Given that “years in rank” is a component of promotion and tenure evaluations, the following additions are intended to ensure clear communication that an extension was approved (Section 3.6.5.C.2.a) and consistent standards of evaluation of candidates with approved extensions (Section 3.6.5.D).

*Change to Section 3.6.5.C.2.a:*

*A Standard Biographical Data sheet (PDF Form). Candidates may note their number of approved extensions in the biographical data sheet of the dossier under years in rank. Candidates who take an approved extension do not need to explain or justify their reasons for an extension.*

*Change to Section 3.6.5.D:*

*The candidate's dossier (consisting of the departmental guidelines, weights for each performance area, information supplied by the candidate and the information supplied by the department head/chair) and supporting material shall be available for review exclusively by faculty eligible to vote on the candidate. Any approved extension time will not count against the candidate in consideration of the candidate and their record for tenure and promotion (e.g., if a candidate has 6 years in rank including an approved extension of one year, the candidate's record will be assessed as a whole and not excluding any research produced during the leave year(s) using the departmental standards as if it was completed in 5 years). After the faculty has had time to review the dossier and supporting material, the department head/chair, as a nonvoting participant, shall convene a meeting of all eligible faculty to discuss nomination of the candidate.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA  
JUNE 7, 2024 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget and Salary Guidelines – *For Information Only* (Kelli Shomaker)

Committee Chairperson: Mr. Wayne Smith

Faculty Representatives: Dr. Elizabeth Davis-Sramek, Auburn Univ. (ex-officio, non-voting)

Dr. Tewhan Hahn, AUM (ex-officio, non-voting)

*Please Note: All trustees serve on all committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee.*



# AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Office of the Senior Vice President for Business  
and Administration and CFO

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President

**FROM:** KELLI D. SHOMAKER, Sr. Vice President for Business and  
Administration/CFO

**SUBJECT:** FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET AND SALARY GUIDELINES

**DATE:** April 26, 2024

Please allow time at the June 07, 2024, meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees to discuss proposed changes in operating budgets and salary guidelines for Fiscal Year 2025.

**AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA  
JUNE 7, 2024 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. Approval of Independent Auditors for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024  
(Kelli Shomaker)
2. Receipt of the 2023-2024 Code of Ethics Compliance Documents – *For Information Only*  
(Billy Ainsworth)
3. Receipt of the 2024 Board Self-Evaluation Survey – *For Information Only*  
(Billy Ainsworth)

Committee Chairperson: Mr. Billy Ainsworth

*Please Note: All trustees serve on all committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee.*



AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

WHEREAS, The Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees is charged with recommending the appointment of the University's external auditor; and

WHEREAS, The Audit Committee recommends the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP to audit the University's financial statements and to conduct the federally required Uniform Guidance audit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP is appointed as the University's external auditor.



## AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Office of the Associate Vice President  
Financial Services/Controller

May 22, 2024

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. William P. Ainsworth, Auburn University Board of Trustees, Audit and Compliance Committee Chair

THROUGH: Jon Waggoner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

THROUGH: Dr. Christopher Roberts, President  
Kelli D. Shomaker, Senior Vice President for Business and Administration and Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Amy K. Douglas, Associate Vice President for Financial Services/Controller

RE: Annual Evaluation of External Auditors

In accordance with the Board of Trustees' (BOT) policy E-5 *Selection of External Auditors*, at the end of each five-year period, University management formally reviews the continuation of the audit firm based on industry expertise, cost, and overall satisfaction with the services received. The official evaluation occurred three years ago.

Annually, University management reviews the completed audit process, internally and with the external auditors. On May 22, 2024, Auburn University Management, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP representatives, and Trustee Ainsworth met to discuss the prior year audit, the remaining deliverables for fiscal year 2023, and the proposed audit plan for fiscal year 2024.

Based on the annual review, we believe PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP conducted the fiscal year 2023 audit with professionalism and industry expertise. Management had no disagreements with the auditors and believes it is in the best interest of the University to maintain the relationship with PwC. Therefore, Management's recommendation is to retain our current external auditors for the fiscal year 2024 Annual Financial Report and Uniform Guidance audits without issuing a request for qualifications or a request for proposal.

Please contact me at [amydouglas@auburn.edu](mailto:amydouglas@auburn.edu) or 334-844-3604 if further discussions are necessary.



# AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Office of the Senior Vice President for Business  
and Administration and CFO

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS, President

**FROM:** KELLI D. SHOMAKER, Sr. Vice President for Business and  
Administration/CFO

**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS,  
LLP REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 2024 AUDITS

**DATE:** April 22, 2024

Please allow time at the June 7, 2024, meeting of the Audit and Compliance Committee of the Board of Trustees to review and approve the external auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP for the fiscal year 2024 audits of the University's annual financial statements and Uniform Guidance.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

**RECEIPT OF THE 2023-2024 CODE OF ETHICS COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS  
JUNE 7, 2024 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*FOR INFORMATION ONLY*

Time will be allotted for discussion of the receipt of the 2023-2024 Code of Ethics Compliance Documents.

**RECEIPT OF THE 2024 BOARD SELF-EVALUATION SURVEY  
JUNE 7, 2024 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*FOR INFORMATION ONLY*

Time will be allotted for discussion of the receipt of the 2024 Board Self-Evaluation Survey.

**INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA  
JUNE 7, 2024 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. Auburn University Endowment Portfolio Update (Paul Jacobson/Brian Pimentel)

Committee Chairperson: Mr. Clark Sahlie

Faculty Representative: Dr. Jason Bryant, Auburn University (ex-officio, non-voting)

*Please Note: All trustees serve on all committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee.*





## AUBURN UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

Memorandum To: Christopher B. Roberts, President, Auburn University

From: Rob Wellbaum, President, Auburn University Foundation 

Subject: Board of Trustees Agenda Item: Auburn University Endowment  
Portfolio Update

Date: April 24, 2024

### **PROPOSAL:**

It is proposed that a principal of Prime Buchholz, the investment consultant that provides consulting services to the Auburn University Foundation related to investment of Auburn's endowments, present an update to the Institutional Advancement Committee of the Board of Trustees at its June 7, 2024, meeting.

### **BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION:**

While maintaining its fiduciary responsibility for ownership of Auburn University's endowments by establishing investment and spending policies, the Board of Trustees delegates to the Auburn University Foundation authority for the day-to-day management of the endowment portfolio. This includes development of investment strategies; tactical allocation among approved asset classes; strategies within asset classes; and investment manager selection and termination. In order to facilitate communication and reporting between the Auburn University Board of Trustees and the Auburn University Foundation Investment Committee, a member of the Board of Trustees serves on the Investment Committee.

### **RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Trustees periodically should receive reports from the Foundation and its investment consultant. As has been our custom, we are recommending that a report be provided at the June 7, 2024, meeting.

c: Jon Waggoner  
Gena Isbell

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA  
JUNE 7, 2024 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. Election of the Vice President *Pro Tempore* (Bob Dumas)
2. Election of the President *Pro Tempore* (Bob Dumas)
3. Proposed Awards and Namings (Bob Dumas)
4. Presidential Assessment – *For Information Only* (Quentin Riggins)

<u>Committee Chairperson:</u>	Mr. Bob Dumas
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<u>Committee Members:</u>	Mr. Michael DeMaioribus
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Mr. Jimmy Rane

*President Pro Tempore* Quentin Riggins

Mr. Jimmy Sanford

Mr. Wayne Smith

**ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT *PRO TEMPORE***  
**JUNE 7, 2024 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**  
**AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Time will be allotted for the election of the Vice President *Pro Tempore* for 2024-2025.

**ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT *PRO TEMPORE***  
**JUNE 7, 2024 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**  
**AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Time will be allotted for the election of the President *Pro Tempore* for 2024-2025.

**PROPOSED AWARDS AND NAMINGS  
JUNE 7, 2024 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Time will be allotted for any discussion of a list of proposed awards and namings.

**PRESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT  
JUNE 7, 2024 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*FOR INFORMATION ONLY*

Time will be allotted for a discussion of the annual presidential assessment.

## RESOLUTION

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WHEREAS, copies of the minutes of the April 12, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees have been distributed to all members of this Board for review; and

WHEREAS, the members have reviewed the minutes and determined that they constitute a true and correct recitation of the business of the respective meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the minutes of the April 12, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees are hereby approved as distributed.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY

APRIL 12, 2024

**SCHEDULE AND AGENDA  
APRIL 12, 2024 BOARD MEETING  
ON THE AU RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CAMPUS IN HUNTSVILLE, AL  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks
- II. Committee Meetings
  - A. Property and Facilities Committee | Chairperson DeMaioribus

Project Approvals:

- 1. Recreation and Wellness Center Renovation for Health Promotion & Wellness Services, Final Approval
- 2. Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement, Architect Selection
- 3. Auburn University Regional Airport Terminal Ramp Expansion, Authority to Execute

Real Estate Approvals:

- 4. Acquisition of the Rhyne Property in Autaugaville, AL
- 5. Acquisition of the Fraternity House at 941 Lem Morrison Drive, Auburn, AL
- 6. Acquisition of the Research Facility at 1117 West Veterans Boulevard in the City of Auburn's Technology Park North

Informational Reports:

- 7. Status Updates – *For Information Only*
  - a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$1,000,000 and Greater
  - b. Quarterly Report for Projects Costing More than \$500,000 but Less than \$1,000,000 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, Fiscal Year 2024
  - c. Project Status Report

B. Academic Affairs Committee | Chairperson Huntley

1. Proposed Dissolution of the PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy Jointly Administered by Auburn University and AUM Without Impacting the Stand Alone Version of the PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy Offered at Auburn University
2. Proposed Dissolution of the PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy Jointly Administered by Auburn University and AUM and Discontinuation of the Stand Alone PhD Program in Public Administration and Public Policy at AUM
3. Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – *For Information Only*

C. Executive Committee | Chairperson Dumas

1. Posthumous Awarding of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance to Austin G. Collett
2. Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance to Sujith Babu Gunturu
3. Proposed Awards and Namings

D. Trustee Reports

III. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

IV. Proposed Executive Session

V. Reconvened Meeting of the Board of Trustees

1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 2, 2024 Board Meeting
2. Awarding of Degrees – Spring 2024
3. AUM Chancellor's Report
4. President's Report
5. Action Items and Committee Meeting Reports

A. Property and Facilities Committee

1. Recreation and Wellness Center Renovation for Health Promotion & Wellness Services, Final Approval

2. Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement, Architect Selection
3. Auburn University Regional Airport Terminal Ramp Expansion, Authority to Execute
4. Acquisition of the Rhyne Property in Autaugaville, AL
5. Acquisition of the Fraternity House at 941 Lem Morrison Drive, Auburn, AL
6. Acquisition of the Research Facility at 1117 West Veterans Boulevard in the City of Auburn's Technology Park North

**B. Academic Affairs Committee**

1. Proposed Dissolution of the PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy Jointly Administered by Auburn University and AUM Without Impacting the Stand Alone Version of the PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy Offered at Auburn University
2. Proposed Dissolution of the PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy Jointly Administered by Auburn University and AUM and Discontinuation of the Stand Alone PhD Program in Public Administration and Public Policy at AUM

**C. Executive Committee**

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3. Proposed Awards and Namings

**VI. Recess Meeting**

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins convened a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Patriot Event Hall on the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus in Huntsville, Alabama.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins then called upon Board Secretary Jon Waggoner to call the roll. The following voting board members were deemed to be in attendance:

Ms. Caroline M. Aderholt; Mr. William P. Ainsworth; Mr. Michael A. DeMaioribus; Mr. Robert W. Dumas; Mr. James W. Rane; Mr. Quentin P. Riggins; Mr. B.T. Roberts; Mr. M. Clark Sahlie; Mr. James H. Sanford; Mr. Wayne T. Smith; Mr. Zeke W. Smith; Mr. Timothy Vines; and Mr. Walter S. Woltosz.

Governor Kay Ivey, President of the Board; and Mr. James R. Pratt, III were absent from the meeting.

The individuals listed above represent all persons recognized as voting board members at the time of the meeting.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins welcomed Mr. Walter Woltosz to his first meeting as a board member. President *Pro Tempore* Riggins stated that Mr. Woltosz holds an at large seat, which was previously held by Mr. Raymond J. Harbert.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins welcomed those serving on the Board ex officio as follows: Dr. Mark Carpenter, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University campus; and Mr. Jack Hilton, President of the Auburn University Student Government Association.

Dr. Venessa Funches, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University at Montgomery campus, was absent from the meeting. The role of President of the Auburn University at Montgomery Student Government Association is currently vacant.

Also sitting with the Board were the following persons: Dr. Christopher B. Roberts, President of Auburn University; and Mr. Jon G. Waggoner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

The following persons were also in attendance at the meeting: Dr. Vini Nathan, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ms. Kelli Shomaker, Senior Vice President for Business & Administration and Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Bobby Woodard, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs; Ms. Jaime Hammer, General Counsel; Mr. Daniel King, Associate Vice President for Facilities; Dr. Carl Stockton, Chancellor of AUM; Mr. Mark Stirling, Director of Auburn University Real Estate; Dr. Joffrey Gaymon, Vice President for Enrollment; Dr. Jared White, Vice President for Governmental Affairs; Mr. Jim O'Connor, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer; and Dr. Jennifer Adams, Executive Director of Public Relations.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins welcomed the following persons that serve Auburn University and AUM in various capacities: Dr. Robert Norton, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Kim Brackett, AUM Faculty Senate President;

Dr. Elizabeth Davis-Sramek, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Scott Lane, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Henry Schenck, Institutional Advancement Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Christian Dagg, Property and Facilities Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Oladiran Fasina, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Dr. Paul Fox, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Mr. Josh Henderson, Chair of the Auburn University Administrative & Professional Assembly; Mr. Jason Yeomans, Chair of the Auburn University Staff Council; Dr. Tim Kroft, President of the AUM Faculty Senate; Ms. Rebecca Crumpton, President-Elect of the AUM Staff Council; Mr. Paul Jacobson, Chair of the Auburn University Foundation Board of Directors; Ms. LuAnne Hart, President of the Auburn Alumni Association; and Mr. Soolim Jeong, President of the Graduate Student Council.

Finally, President *Pro Tempore* Riggins welcomed that Mr. Tommy Battle, Mayor of Huntsville; and Mr. Joseph Pelfrey, Director of the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center.

The Board then met in various committees, each discussing the items which would later appear on the Reconvened Board Meeting Agenda, as follows:

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 AT 8:35 A.M.**

Chairperson DeMaioribus convened the meeting of the Property and Facilities Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 8:35 a.m. in the Patriot Event Hall on the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus in Huntsville, Alabama.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson DeMaioribus called upon Mr. King for discussion of the following Property and Facilities Committee agenda items:

**1. Recreation and Wellness Center Renovation for Health Promotion & Wellness Services, Final Approval**

Mr. King reported that Student Affairs has proposed to renovate and build out a portion of the basement of the Recreation and Wellness Center to relocate Health Promotion and Wellness Services from the Melton Student Center to the Recreation and Wellness Center. He noted that the project will renovate and build out approximately 6,000 square feet of the basement and existing shell space in the Recreation and Wellness Center. He stated that program requirements include new staff offices, collaboration and meeting rooms, as well as relocated personal training and student workspaces.

Mr. King stated that the estimated total project cost is \$3.2 million, to be financed by Campus Recreation funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Ms. Huntley. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sahlie, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

**2. Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement, Architect Selection**

Mr. King reported that the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment has proposed construction of a new dormitory at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center to replace two existing dorms constructed in 1979. He explained that the Center functions as a living laboratory for hands-on, experiential learning for students, practitioners, and landowners who come to the facility to explore its diverse ecosystems and learn best practices from leaders in their field. He noted that the project will enable the Center to expand its capacity as well as provide more modern and comfortable accommodations for students and visitors to the Center.



Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution approving the selection of Seay, Seay & Litchfield Architects of Montgomery, Alabama as project architect.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Roberts. The motion was seconded by Mr. Huntley, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

**3. Auburn University Regional Airport Terminal Ramp Expansion, Authority to Execute**

Mr. King reported that the Auburn University Regional Airport proposes to expand the existing terminal ramp to the north. He indicated that the growth in the number of aircraft visiting the airport necessitates the ramp expansion. He noted that the expansion will add 8,760 square yards of ramp space and provides 15 additional aircraft tie down spaces.

Mr. King explained that the proposed project also includes three bid alternates, so that more work can be done if favorable bids are received. He stated that bid alternates 1 and 2 would further expand the ramp by constructing an additional 2,660 square yards of ramp space with a capacity of eight more aircraft tie downs; and that bid alternate 3 would construct five helicopter pads.

Mr. King added that the schedule for the project is to bid it on April 15, 2024, and submit the grant application to the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau prior to a May 2, 2024 deadline.

Mr. King indicated that the overall project is estimated to cost \$1.6 – 2.0 million, to be financed by the Federal Aviation Administration, Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau, and local governments.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Roberts. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vines, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

**4. Acquisition of the Rhyne Property in Autaugaville, AL**

Mr. King reported that the Alabama Agriculture Experiment Station (AAES) has a plan to restructure and enhance its field research sites across the state. He stated that one component of the plan is the proposed purchase of a 904.16-acre site in Autauga County. He added that the proposed site has a particular soil type and climate that is desirable for research and is representative of high producing row crop agriculture in Central Alabama.

Mr. King indicated that the purchase would be financed by the sale of two properties that are in AAES inventory that are currently not used for research: (1) the Lower Coastal Plains

Experiment Station (approximately 2,500 acres) and (2) the Turnipseed-Ikenberry Place (982 acres), and that the estimated combined total of the sales is greater than the required purchase price for the Autauga County property.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution approving the purchase of approximately 904.16 acres of real property located on Highway 14, in Autaugaville, Alabama, at a purchase price not to exceed \$5.15 million. He stated that it is also requested that the Board authorize President Roberts to engage a duly licensed real estate broker to market and solicit sale offers for (1) the Lower Costal Plains Experiment Station and (2) the Turnipseed-Ikenberry Place.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Sahlie. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dumas, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

**5. Acquisition of the Fraternity House at 941 Lem Morrison Drive, Auburn, AL**

Mr. King reported that Auburn University owns 2.38 acres of land at 941 Lem Morrison Drive on the west end of campus. He stated that in March 2011, the university leased the land to a fraternity for the term of 50 years to build a fraternity house. He indicated that a fraternity house sized to accommodate 11 students was built in 2012. He stated that the fraternity housing corporation has no interest in continuing to use the fraternity house and that an opportunity has arisen for Auburn University to purchase the leasehold interest in the 8,120 square foot housing facility. He explained that if purchased, Student Affairs would use the facility to provide on-campus housing for other student organizations, such as student veterans, ROTC, or other groups. He noted that Student Affairs has available unrestricted funds with which to purchase the fraternity house at 941 Lem Morrison Drive.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Vines. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

**6. Acquisition of the Research Facility at 1117 West Veterans Boulevard in the City of Auburn's Technology Park North**

Mr. King reported that an opportunity exists to purchase a research facility located in the City of Auburn's Technology Park North. He indicated that the facility is conveniently located 2.25 miles south of Auburn University and 0.5 miles north of Exit 50 on I-85. He explained that the facility is a one-story structure sited on 2.0 acres. He shared that the facility, owned by the City of Auburn's Industrial Development Board, was originally built in 2008 as a manufacturing facility and later upgraded to include significant clean room capabilities to enable research and development of pharmaceuticals.

Mr. King explained that given the current growth of Auburn University's research program, the purchase of the property would address an immediate need for specialized

research space. He indicated that the Senior Vice President for Research reports that there are currently funded research programs waiting to use research space of this quality.

Mr. King noted that there is also an adjacent undeveloped five-acre parcel that is owned by the Auburn Industrial Development Board. He shared that there may be future opportunities to negotiate an option to purchase the adjacent property, if it becomes available. He noted that such a future purchase would allow for expansion of research facilities, if appropriate.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution approving the purchase of approximately two acres of real property located at 1117 West Veterans Boulevard, Auburn, Alabama, at a purchase price not to exceed \$2,045,000. He added that all documents consummating the purchase of the property and option to purchase the adjoining property shall be reviewed as to form by legal counsel for Auburn University.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Ms. Aderholt. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sanford, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

**7. Status Updates – *For Information Only***

- a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$1,000,000 and Greater**
- b. Quarterly Report for Projects Costing More than \$500,000 but Less than \$1,000,000 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, Fiscal Year 2024**
- c. Project Status Report**

Mr. King indicated that the item is included for information only and does not require a vote.

Chairperson DeMaioribus thanked Mr. King for his reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:00 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.**

Chairperson Huntley convened the meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Patriot Event Hall on the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus in Huntsville, Alabama.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Huntley called upon Dr. Nathan for discussion of the first Academic Affairs Committee agenda item.

**1. Proposed Dissolution of the PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy Jointly Administered by Auburn University and AUM Without Impacting the Stand Alone Version of the PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy Offered at Auburn University**

Dr. Nathan reported that the Political Science faculties of Auburn University (AU) and Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) have evolved significantly since the inception of the joint AU/AUM Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Policy. She stated that AU now has the resources to offer the program independently and doesn't require AUM's resources. She explained that the joint Ph.D. program must be dissolved before AU can offer an independent program. She indicated that due to low enrollment in the AUM joint Ph.D. program, AUM no longer wishes to continue to program. She added that a teach-out plan is ready to be put in place once final approval of the dissolution is given that ensures current students won't be affected negatively by the dissolution.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. DeMaoribus. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sahlie, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

Chairperson Huntley thanked Dr. Nathan for her report, and then called upon Dr. Stockton for discussion of the second Academic Affairs Committee agenda item.

**2. Proposed Dissolution of the PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy Jointly Administer by Auburn University and AUM and Discontinuation of the Stand Alone PhD Program in Public Administration and Public Policy at AUM**

Dr. Nathan reported that the Political Science faculties of Auburn University (AU) and Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) have evolved significantly since the inception of the joint AU/AUM Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Policy. She stated that AU now has the resources to offer the program independently and doesn't require AUM's resources. She explained that the joint Ph.D. program must be dissolved before AU can offer an independent program. She indicated that due to low enrollment in the AUM joint Ph.D. program, AUM no longer wishes to continue to program. She added that a teach-out

plan is ready to be put in place once final approval of the dissolution is given that ensures current students won't be affected negatively by the dissolution.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Vines. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

Chairperson Huntley thanked Dr. Stockton for his report, and then called upon Dr. Nathan for discussion of the third Academic Affairs Committee agenda item.

**3. Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – *For Information Only***

Dr. Nathan reported on the following information-only items:

- A new program certificate in Post-Masters Healthcare Simulation;
- The deletion and renaming of the Bachelor of Science in Animal Science, Department of Animal Sciences, College of Agriculture; and
- The deletion and renaming of the Bachelor of Science in Crop and Soil Sciences, Department of Crop, Soil & Environmental Sciences, College of Agriculture.

Dr. Nathan indicated that the item is included for information only and does not require a vote.

Chairperson Huntley thanked Dr. Nathan for her report, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:10 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 AT 9:10 A.M.**

Chairperson Dumas convened a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 9:10 a.m. in the Patriot Event Hall on the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus in Huntsville, Alabama.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Dumas called upon Dr. Stockton for discussion of the first and second Executive Committee agenda items.

**1. Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance to Austin G. Collett**

Dr. Stockton stated that a request is before the Board to award posthumously the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance to Austin G. Collett.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Rane. The motion was seconded by President *Pro Tempore* Riggins, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

**2. Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance to Sujith Babu Gunturu**

Dr. Stockton stated that a request is before the Board to award posthumously the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance to Sujith Babu Gunturu.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Rane. The motion was seconded by President *Pro Tempore* Riggins, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

Chairperson Dumas thanked Dr. Stockton for his reports, and then presented the final Executive Committee agenda item.

**3. Proposed Awards and Namings**

Chairperson Dumas asked for a motion to move consideration of a list of proposed awards and namings to the reconvened meeting.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Rane. The motion was seconded Mr. DeMaiores, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

With there being no further items, Chairperson Dumas recessed the committee meeting at 9:15 a.m.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins then moved to reports from various committee chairpersons and lead trustees as follows:

### **Academic Affairs Committee**

Chairperson Huntley began her report by sharing that at the February 2024 meeting, the Board asked President Roberts to conduct a comprehensive analysis of faculty compensation, workload, and productivity. She indicated that the assignment has been led by Dr. Nathan.

Chairperson Huntley stated that based on conversations with national and aspirational peers who have conducted similar analyses, four consulting firms were identified and contacted. They are McKnight Associates, Mercer Consulting, Huron Consulting, and Deloitte Consulting.

Chairperson Huntley added that of these, only McKnight is new to Auburn. She explained that the other three firms have worked with the university and that Mercer conducted the market compensation study for Auburn staff and A&P. She commented that the Board reviewed and approved the recommendations from Mercer and implemented them over the past two years. She noted that the university has used Huron in the past when the budget model was changed and that the firm is currently being used by the university for research administration. She then indicated that Deloitte is currently engaged with Auburn on an overarching business modernization initiative.

Chairperson Huntley reported that Dr. Nathan has spoken to the appropriate lead team in each of the firms regarding the analysis of faculty compensation, workload, and productivity. She indicated that all the firms have estimated that this would be a 18-24-month process and that the university should anticipate receiving their report and recommendations in Spring 2026. She noted that of course, this is just the first exploratory step and there are numerous processes, timelines, and other details to be discussed.

Chairperson Huntley shared that McKnight has recently accepted two complex turnkey contracts with the UC systems and the earliest that they can even consider taking on any new assignment is at least two years later. She indicated that accordingly, McKnight was removed from consideration.

Chairperson Huntley concluded her report by sharing that the vetting process is continuing with the remaining firms (Mercer, Huron, and Deloitte) and the next step includes a discussion between President Roberts, Provost Nathan, and CFO Shomaker and the each of the firms to establish potential scope, processes, and timelines. She commented that the updates will be forthcoming.

### **Governmental Affairs Committee**

Chairperson Rane began his report by sharing that the Alabama legislature has had a remarkable busy session in Montgomery this year. He stated that, with over two-thirds of the session done, lawmakers are starting to move the Education Trust fund and State General Fund budgets.



Chairperson Rane reported that following a series of short-term funding extensions, the U.S. Congress reached an agreement last month to fund the government through the remainder of the fiscal year. He then noted that Alabama's congressional delegation secured more than \$70 million for Auburn University priorities in these funding bills that have now been signed into law. He concluded his report by sharing that President Roberts and senior leaders visited Washington, D.C. in March to meet with members of the Alabama congressional delegation to thank them for their support and discuss the university's federal priorities for the coming year.

### **Institutional Advancement Committee**

Trustee Woltosz began his report by sharing an endowment update. He stated that AU/AUF combined endowment estimated value is \$1.156 billion, with values of \$814 million and \$342 million, respectively. He noted that the calendar year to date return was 3.9% and the five-year annualized return was 9.1%.

Trustee Woltosz then reported that on March 7, 2024, the AU Foundation Investment Committee complete its annual review of portfolio asset allocation and made no changes in asset class target percentages. He stated that within the asset and fixed income class strategies, the following will be implemented: (1) transition the real asset class segment to 100% private managers to capture additional return and lower volatility and (2) transition the fixed incoming segment from global to US credit only to capture additional return.

Trustee Woltosz concluded his report by sharing a philanthropy update. He shared that the 2024 Fiscal Year fundraising goal is \$175,000,000—with \$102,864,008 raised (59% of the goal met with 50% of the year elapsed), as of March 31, 2024.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins thanked the trustees for their reports. He then indicated that the committee meetings and trustee reports were complete.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 AT 9:15 A.M.**

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins convened a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. in the Patriot Event Hall on the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus in Huntsville, Alabama.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins asked General Counsel Hammer if there was any pending litigation that needed to be discussed in an executive session. General Counsel Hammer indicated that there was pending litigation that needed to be discussed in an executive session.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins then asked for a motion for the Board to enter an executive session. A motion was received from Ms. Huntley. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vines, and the Board approved the motion by a voice vote.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:20 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 AT 10:30 A.M.**

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins reconvened the meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in the Patriot Event Hall on the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus in Huntsville, Alabama.

After reconvening the meeting, President *Pro Tempore* Riggins noted that this was the final meeting for Dr. Mark Carpenter in his official capacity as Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University campus and welcomed him to deliver closing remarks. Dr. Carpenter shared his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as an ex officio member and work alongside the board members throughout the past year. President *Pro Tempore* Riggins thanked Dr. Carpenter for his service and added that the new faculty advisor will be present at the annual meeting in June.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 2, 2024 meeting. A motion was received from Ms. Huntley. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vines, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WHEREAS, copies of the minutes of the February 2, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees have been distributed to all members of this Board for review; and

WHEREAS, the members have reviewed the minutes and determined that they constitute a true and correct recitation of the business of the respective meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the minutes of the February 2, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees are hereby approved as distributed.

Following the approval of the minutes of the February 2, 2024 Board Meeting, President *Pro Tempore* Riggins asked for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the awarding of degrees for the Spring 2024 semester. A motion was received from Mr. Sahlie. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

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 faculty of Auburn University and Auburn University at Montgomery at the end of the Spring 2024 semester, complying with the requirements heretofore established by the Board of Trustees, be and the same are hereby approved.
2. That a list of the degrees awarded be filed and maintained in the records of the University and hereby made an official part of this resolution and of these minutes.

**Property and Facilities Committee**

Chairperson DeMaioribus indicated that the Property and Facilities Committee met earlier and discussed six action items and one item of information. Chairperson DeMaioribus moved for approval of a consent agenda for the Property and Facilities Committee's six action items. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:



PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER  
RENOVATION FOR HEALTH PROMOTION AND WELLNESS SERVICES

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, Student Affairs proposes to renovate and build-out a portion of the basement of the Recreation and Wellness Center to relocate Health Promotion and Wellness Services from the Melton Student Center; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on February 3, 2023, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Recreation and Wellness Center Renovation for Health Promotion and Wellness Services project, and at its meeting on April 14, 2023, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the selection of McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture, of Atlanta, Georgia, as the architect for the project; and

WHEREAS, the project will renovate and build-out approximately 6,000 square foot of the Recreation and Wellness Center basement and existing shell space to provide new staff offices, collaboration and meeting rooms, as well as relocated personal training and student workspaces; and

WHEREAS, the location of the project is in the basement of the Recreation and Wellness Center on Heisman Drive; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Recreation and Wellness Center Renovation for Health Promotion and Wellness Services project is \$3.2 million, to be financed by Campus Recreation funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy "D-3, Capital Projects Approval," the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Recreation and Wellness Center Renovation for Health Promotion and Wellness Services project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the project in the amount of \$3.2 million, to be financed by Campus Recreation funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the approved project budget.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

SOLON DIXON DORM REPLACEMENT

APPROVAL OF PROJECT ARCHITECT

WHEREAS, at its meeting of February 2, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement project and authorized the commencement of the architect selection process; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect issued a Request for Qualifications, and after conducting interviews with four (4) candidate firms, determined the architectural firm Seay, Seay & Litchfield Architects of Montgomery, Alabama, was best qualified to provide design services on this project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the selection of the project architect must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Engage Seay, Seay & Litchfield Architects of Montgomery, Alabama, as project architect to consult in the development of the facility program and project design; and
2. Limit the project planning and design development to the schematic design phase until such time as the program requirements, budget, funding plan, and site are approved by the Board.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

AUBURN UNIVERSITY REGIONAL AIRPORT  
TERMINAL RAMP EXPANSION

PROJECT APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE WORK

WHEREAS, in late November 2023, the Auburn University Regional Airport was notified by the State of Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau that its application for funding assistance to expand the west terminal apron was under consideration by the Federal Aviation Administration; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the Auburn University Regional Airport proposes to expand the existing terminal ramp to the north; and

WHEREAS, the growth in the number of aircraft visiting the airport in recent years necessitates the ramp expansion; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project would expand the existing terminal ramp to the north by constructing 8,760 square yards of ramp space and provide 15 additional aircraft tie down spaces; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project also includes alternates for (1) additional terminal ramp space that would construct an additional 2660 square yards of ramp space with a capacity for 8 more aircraft tie downs and (2) 5 helicopter pads; and

WHEREAS, the planned schedule for this project is anticipated to begin construction in June 2024 and be complete in November 2024; and

WHEREAS, the overall cost of the project is estimated to cost \$1.6 - \$2.0 million to be financed by the Federal Aviation Administration, Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau, and local governments; and

WHEREAS, given the impact on the Auburn University Regional Airport resulting from the expansion, it is appropriate that the Board of Trustees authorize the execution of the Auburn University Regional Airport Terminal Ramp Expansion project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Auburn University Regional Airport Terminal Ramp Expansion project is approved; and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to execute the project.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

ACQUISITION OF THE RHYNE PROPERTY IN AUTAUGAVILLE, ALABAMA

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION

WHEREAS, the Alabama Agriculture Experiment Station has proposed to restructure and change its field research sites across the state by selling two properties to finance the purchase of new property with greater research potential; and

WHEREAS, an opportunity exists for the Board of Trustees to consider the purchase of the “Rhyne Property,” a 904.16 acre parcel of land located on Highway 14 in Autaugaville, Alabama, with an estimated value over \$5,150,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchase will allow Auburn University to add much-needed, quality research space in a facility designated for row-crop production research, with the necessary infrastructure to accommodate row-crop field research and operations, and with the design and layout needed to promote interdisciplinary, team-based projects; and

WHEREAS, if approved, Auburn University would purchase the facility for \$5.15 million; and

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees Policy, “D-9 Real Estate Acquisition Policy” requires Board approval for the acquisition of the Rhyne Property, and consistent with the policy, two MAI appraisal were obtained; and the purchase price aligns with the appraised value of the property; and

WHEREAS, to help fund this land acquisition of the Rhyne Property, the Alabama Agriculture Experiment Station proposes to sell approximately 2,500 acres of land in Wilcox County, which was the former location of the Lower Coastal Plains Agricultural Research Center; and

WHEREAS, to also help fund the acquisition of the Rhyne Property, the Alabama Agriculture Experiment Station proposes to sell 982 acres of land in Bullock County known as the Turnipseed- Ikenberry Place property; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that neither property is currently in use, nor necessary for the academic or research mission of Auburn University in the future; and

WHEREAS, selling both the Wilcox County Property and the Turnipseed-Ikenberry Place Property would provide the necessary revenue to support the purchase of the Rhyne Property; and

WHEREAS, any excess proceeds from these sales would be dedicated to capital improvements at the Rhyne Property, such as equipment sheds and an office/laboratory building, as well as improvements for other experiment stations around the state; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University Board of Trustee Policy D-8 permits the University to offer real property for sale by listing it with a duly licensed real estate broker, provided that the institution determines that this procedure is economically justified and in the best interest of the University; and

WHEREAS, the University proposes to hire a real estate broker to market these properties, because marketing these properties through an appropriate broker will likely result in better sale opportunities than if advertised through an ordinary auction or bid process; and

WHEREAS, any proposed sale transactions resulting from the broker engagement shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for its review and approval prior to closing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that, Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to take such action as is necessary to purchase approximately 904.16 acres of real property located on Highway 14, in Autaugaville, Alabama, at a purchase price not to exceed five million, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$5,150,000) and all documents consummating the purchase of the property shall be reviewed, as to form, by legal counsel for Auburn University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that considering the unique location of the Wilcox County Property and Turnipseed-Ikenberry Place Property and the potential interest in recreational timber production opportunities there, it is economically justified and in the best interest of the University to engage a duly licensed real estate broker to market and identify opportunities to sell the properties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to engage a duly licensed real estate broker to market and solicit sale offers for the Wilcox County Property and Turnipseed-Ikenberry Property, consistent with customary broker practices and Alabama law, provided that any proposed sale transactions must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees prior to closing.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION

**ACQUISITION OF THE FRATERNITY HOUSE AT 941  
LEM MORRISON DRIVE, AUBURN, ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, it is proposed that Auburn University acquire the leasehold interest in the fraternity house located at 941 Lem Morrison Drive, located on University-owned property; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University owns 2.38 acres of land at 941 Lem Morrison Drive in Auburn, AL, and

WHEREAS, in March 2011 Auburn University leased the land to a fraternity for a term of fifty (50) years to build a fraternity house, which was subsequently completed in 2012, and

WHEREAS, after using the house for a number of years, the fraternity housing corporation has no interest in continuing to use the fraternity house; and

WHEREAS, an opportunity has arisen for Auburn University to purchase the leasehold interest in this fraternity house; and

WHEREAS, if purchased, Student Affairs would use this facility to provide on-campus housing for other student organizations, such as student veterans, ROTC, or other student groups; and

WHEREAS, Student Affairs has available unrestricted funds with which to purchase the fraternity house at 941 Lem Morrison Drive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President, or such person as may be acting as President, or his designee, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to take such action as is necessary and desirable to purchase the remaining mortgage interest in the fraternity house located at 941 Lem Morrison Drive in Auburn, Alabama, for the price of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000). All documents consummating the purchase of the leasehold interest shall be reviewed as to form by legal counsel for Auburn University.

**PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION**

**ACQUISITION OF THE RESEARCH FACILITY AT  
1117 WEST VETERANS BLVD IN THE CITY OF AUBURN'S  
TECHNOLOGY PARK NORTH**

**REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION**

WHEREAS, an opportunity exists for the Board of Trustees to consider the purchase of a research facility located in in the City of Auburn's Technology Park North; and

WHEREAS, the 1117 West Veterans Blvd Building is a single-story, 22,300 square-foot building located City of Auburn's Technology Park North, and includes 2 acres of commercial property with an an estimated value of \$2,045,000 ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, given the current growth of Auburn University's research program, the purchase of the Property would address an immediate need for specialized research space; and

WHEREAS, acquiring the Property allows Auburn to add research space in a facility that includes clean room laboratories and open, flexible high-bay space, with the necessary infrastructure to accommodate future modifications that could include modular labs; and

WHEREAS, the Property also could serve as a potential location that will foster collaboration between university researchers and private sector partners in areas such as defense, aerospace, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Senior Vice President for Research reports that there are currently funded research programs waiting to use research space of this quality; and,

WHEREAS, if approved, Auburn would purchase the Property for \$2.045 million; and

WHEREAS, this price equates to a unit cost significantly lower than the current cost of new construction for laboratory facilities with similar capacity and capability; and

WHEREAS, the building would be fully available for use by Auburn University and/or new tenants by fall of 2024; and

WHEREAS, this opportunity was made possible by the close, collaborative relationship between the City of Auburn's Industrial Development Board and Auburn University.

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees Policy, "D-9 Real Estate Acquisition Policy" requires



Board approval for the acquisition of this property, and consistent with the policy, two MAI appraisals were obtained; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price will not exceed the appraised value of the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to take such action as is necessary to purchase approximately two (2) acres of real property located at 1117 West Veterans Blvd, Auburn, AL, at a purchase price not to exceed Two Million and forty five thousand Dollars (\$2,045,000). All documents consummating the purchase of the Property and option to purchase for adjoining property shall be reviewed as to form, by the General Counsel.



**Academic Affairs Committee**

Chairperson Huntley indicated that the Academic Affairs Committee met earlier and discussed two action items and one item of information. Chairperson Huntley moved for approval of a consent agenda for the Academic Affairs Committee's two action items. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeMaioribus, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED DISSOLUTION OF THE PHD IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC  
POLICY JOINTLY ADMINISTERED BY AUBURN UNIVERSITY AND  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY

WHEREAS, the Department of Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University and the Department of Political Science and Public Administration in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Science at Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) have jointly offered a PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy since 1985; and

WHEREAS, a review of the program indicated a jointly offered program is no longer feasible due to the physical location of the campuses, in addition to resource requirements and operational support provided primarily by Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, faculty at both institutions agree Auburn University can provide the organizational, structure and resources necessary to administer a PhD program, resulting in students, faculty and staff who would be better served through a single program; and

WHEREAS, faculty at both institutions unanimously agree that dissolving the jointly offered program will enable Auburn to provide greater long-term feasibility and allocate resources to a future doctoral program while providing an appropriate teach-out plan for those students currently enrolled; and

WHEREAS, the request to dissolve the jointly offered PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy has been endorsed by the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Science at AUM, the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University, the appropriate curriculum committees, the Chancellor at AUM, the Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposal to dissolve the jointly offered PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy, effective Spring 2024, be approved and reported to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval and to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges as a substantive change requiring notification to that body.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED DISSOLUTION OF THE JOINT AU/AUM PH.D. IN PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY

WHEREAS, Auburn University and Auburn University at Montgomery seek to dissolve the joint AU/AUM Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Policy; and

WHEREAS, a teach-out plan agreed upon by both institutions will be put in place so that no current students in the joint Ph.D. will be affected; and

WHEREAS, the request to dissolve the joint AU/AUM joint Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Policy has been approved by the faculty of the AUM Department of Political Science and Public Administration, the faculty of the Auburn Department of Political Science, the AUM Graduate Council, the Auburn Graduate Council, the Dean of the AUM College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the Dean of the Auburn College of Liberal Arts, the Provosts of each institution, the AUM Chancellor, and Auburn University's President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that Auburn University and Auburn University at Montgomery dissolve the joint Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Policy and submit said dissolution to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

**Executive Committee**

Chairperson Dumas indicated that the Executive Committee met earlier and discussed three action items.

Chairperson Dumas reported that the first and second action items presented to the Executive Committee were two posthumous degrees. Chairperson Dumas moved for approval of the items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vines, and the degrees were approved by a voice vote.

Chairperson Dumas reported that the third and final action item presented to the Executive Committee was a list of proposed awards and namings. Chairperson Dumas moved for approval of the item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

POSTHUMOUS AWARDING OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION IN FINANCE TO AUSTIN G. COLLETT

WHEREAS, Mr. Austin Graham Collett, an undergraduate student in the College of Business at Auburn University at Montgomery, passed away on November 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collett passed away before he could complete the final requirements necessary for a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance; and

WHEREAS, the faculty in the College of Business; the Dean of the College of Business; the Provost; and the Chancellor recommend that the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance be awarded posthumously,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance is hereby granted posthumously to Mr. Austin Graham Collett in recognition of his academic achievements as a student at Auburn University at Montgomery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby expresses its sympathy and condolences to the family of Mr. Austin Graham Collett in this period of sadness and that a copy of this resolution be presented to them so that they will know of this action and the university's deep loss.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

POSTHUMOUS AWARDING OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION IN FINANCE TO SUJITH BABU GUNTURU

WHEREAS, Mr. Sujith Babu Gunturu, a graduate student in the College of Business at Auburn University at Montgomery, passed away on February 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gunturu passed away before he could complete the final requirements necessary for a Master of Science in Management Information Systems; and

WHEREAS, the faculty in the College of Business; the Dean of the College of Business; the Provost; and the Chancellor recommend that the Master of Science in Management Information Systems be awarded posthumously,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that the degree of Master of Science in Management Information Systems is hereby granted posthumously to Mr. Sujith Babu Gunturu in recognition of his academic achievements as a student at Auburn University at Montgomery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby expresses its sympathy and condolences to the family of Mr. Sujith Babu Gunturu in this period of sadness and that a copy of this resolution be presented to them so that they will know of this action and the university's deep loss.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION**

**NAMING THE BIRMINGHAM INTERACTIVE MAP AT URBAN STUDIO  
IN THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY BIRMINGHAM BUILDING  
AS THE WILLIAMS BLACKSTOCK ARCHITECTS INTERACTIVE MAP**

**April 12, 2024**

**WHEREAS, Williams Blackstock Architects is a full-service architectural design firm that cultivates true, collaborative partnerships based on a foundation of innovative problem-solving and deep expertise; and**

**WHEREAS, since its founding in 1994, Williams Blackstock Architects' Birmingham-based firm has experienced continued growth by forging trusted relationships and delivering designs with the capacity to unite people; and**

**WHEREAS, the firm has earned numerous accolades for the quality and innovation of its projects; and**

**WHEREAS, Williams Blackstock Architects exemplifies its dedication to offering experiential learning opportunities to future architecture professionals through the continued support of Urban Studio in the School of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape in the College of Architecture, Design and Construction;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Birmingham Interactive Map at Urban Studio in the Auburn University Birmingham Building be named The Williams Blackstock Architects Interactive Map in honor of the firm's generous support and ongoing dedication.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE DONALD E. DAVIS ARBORETUM POND BRIDGE  
AS THE TULIP MARIE MILLER MEMORIAL POND BRIDGE

April 12, 2024

WHEREAS, Marie Kraska received an undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point and graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin Stout, Auburn University, and PhD from the University of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Marie was a lifelong distinguished educator working as a professor at several institutions, including Dalton-Junior College, Mississippi State University and Auburn University. While at Auburn, she took a sabbatical working for the World Bank to establish teacher resource centers in Turkey.

WHEREAS, Marie is the author of five books and multiple refereed data-based articles. She retired from Auburn University in 2017 as a Fraley Distinguished Professor in the College of Education; and

WHEREAS, Marie was married to Dr. Wilbur Miller “Wil” for 29 years. Wil served as an academic dean at the University of Missouri before coming to Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Tulip Marie was one of a kind, a best friend and companion. Marie referred to Tulip Marie as a “canine person” and the bond they shared was truly special. The arboretum is a place where Marie and Tulip Marie often walked and spent time together for almost 13 years; and

WHEREAS, The pond bridge is a beautiful spot to remember Tulip Marie. The decision to establish a memorial in her honor is a tribute to her love and companionship. She was more than just a pet, but a loving soul that will never be forgotten. Tulip Marie will always hold a special place in our hearts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Davis Arboretum Pond Bridge in the College of Sciences and Mathematics be named the Tulip Marie Miller Memorial Pond Bridge in recognition of Marie’s generous support for Auburn University.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE SEMINAR ROOM  
IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
AS THE GILES LYNCH HATHAWAY SEMINAR ROOM

April 12, 2024

WHEREAS, Giles Lynch Hathaway was born in 1915 to Belle King and Edward Albert Lynch, who passed when Giles was 16 days of age and four years of age, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Giles was later adopted by Mabel King, his mother's sister, and her husband, Claude Hathaway, he was raised in Bessemer, Alabama as a Presbyterian, who played football, was on the Debate Team, and had a dance band; and

WHEREAS, he worked after school to help send his brother to Pharmacy College, and after graduation Giles attended Vanderbilt University on a football and music scholarship; and

WHEREAS, in 1936 Margaret Atchison and Giles Hathaway were joined in marriage and in 1940 a daughter, Kay Hathaway '62 was born, and in 1952, a son, Giles Eugene Hathaway was born; and

WHEREAS, Giles always made sure that his children attended Sunday School and Church every Sunday, and he worked two jobs to send Kay to Auburn University where she majored in accountancy within the Harbert College of Business; and

WHEREAS, in 1974 he had a grandson, Hathaway Burke Jones, whom he adored, and died in 1983 before he was able to know his great-grandsons, Giles Patrick Jones and Harrison Bryce Jones; and

WHEREAS, Giles loved Auburn, and had season tickets to Auburn Football games for many years and will always be remembered for his great sense of humor and his gentlemanly manners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seminar Room in the College of Education be named the Giles Lynch Hathaway Seminar Room in recognition of his support and love for Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE LRC MEDIA PRODUCTION ROOM  
IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
AS THE PRATT FAMILY MEDIA PRODUCTION ROOM

April 12, 2024

WHEREAS, the Pratt Family has dedicated their lives and careers to the education of others and “believe in education, which gives me the knowledge to work wisely and trains my mind and my hands to work skillfully; “and

WHEREAS, Christie Posey Pratt was a graduate of Southwest Texas State College. She entered the teaching profession in 1968 and spent 38 years as a middle school classroom teacher, coach, educational leader, and mentor in the public-school systems of Texas and Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pratt’s greatest contributions to education came as a result of her innovative approach to teaching. She created a multi-age learning team in her Fulton County, Georgia middle school, teaching sixth, seventh, and eighth grades simultaneously, which allowed for individualization, acceleration, and remediation of each student in a meaningful classroom setting; and

WHEREAS, her daughters, Cristen Pratt Herring ’93, ’94, ’15 and Carolyn Pratt Wilson ’98, ’99, are both graduates of the College of Education with Cristen receiving her doctoral degree in administration of elementary and secondary education and Carolyn receiving her master’s degree in Elementary Education; and

WHEREAS, Cristen serves as the superintendent of Auburn City Schools and Carolyn is a first grade teacher at Auburn Early Education Center; and

WHEREAS, their love and dedication to the field of education was influenced by Ms. Pratt’s parents, Aaron and Medora Posey, who both held teaching certificates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LRC Media Production Room in the College of Education be named the Pratt Family Media Production Room in recognition of their family’s generous support and love for Auburn University and the College of Education.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER HUDDLE ROOM  
IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AS THE  
JASON CLAY AND EMILY MCCLANAHAN OSBURNE HUDDLE ROOM

April 12, 2024

WHEREAS, Clay graduated with a bachelor's degree from Auburn University in 1999 and Emily received a bachelor's degree in international business from Auburn University in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Clay has spent most of his career in the not-for-profit field, holding various leadership positions, including CEO, to serve nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, Emily, too, has a longstanding tenure working with nonprofit organizations, serving in areas of marketing and content creation. She is also the owner of Emily Osburne & Company where she teaches entrepreneurs how to improve their digital brand; and

WHEREAS, together they bring a wealth of leadership experience and passion to lead, create, develop, and foster professional relationships to unite behind a cause bigger than themselves through their shared goal of giving to support God's work; and

WHEREAS, the Osburnes exemplify the Auburn Creed, professionally and personally, in that, "I believe that this is a practical world and that I can count only on what I earn. Therefore, I believe in work, hard work. I believe in education, which gives me the knowledge to work wisely and trains my mind and my hands to work skillfully;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Learning Resources Center Huddle Room be named the Jason Clay and Emily McClanahan Osburne Huddle Room in recognition of their generous support of Auburn University and the College of Education.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE CURRICULUM AND TEACHING HUDDLE ROOM  
IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AS THE  
SUE ATCHISON PEARSON HUDDLE ROOM

April 12, 2024

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sue Atchison Pearson received her Bachelor of Science degree in Human Science (Home Economics) from Auburn University in 1949; and

WHEREAS, she married her husband, Jack, and taught school for a period of over ten years, beginning her career in Phenix City; and

WHEREAS, they later moved to Jefferson County where she continued to teach until her son John was born, however, she did later renew her teaching certificate and taught several years afterward; and

WHEREAS, she is very active in her church and her bridge clubs and has scholarships named after each of her parents and her late husband at Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, she is also a member of the College of Education Dean's Circle, Auburn University Petric Society, and 1856 Society; and

WHEREAS, her family has been equally as committed to Auburn, with her deceased husband, Jack Howell Pearson, who received his Bachelor of Business degree in 1949, being a stalwart supporter of Auburn University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Curriculum and Teaching Huddle Room in the College of Education be named the Sue Atchison Pearson Huddle Room in recognition of her generous support for Auburn University and the College of Education.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION SYSTEMS LABORATORY IN THE  
GAVIN ENGINEERING RESEARCH LABORATORY  
AS THE KEN AND CATHY ROBUCK NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION SYSTEMS  
LABORATORY

April 12, 2024

WHEREAS, Ken Robuck graduated from Auburn University in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering; and

WHEREAS, He previously served as Chair of the Nuclear Engineering Advisory Board at Auburn University and is also a Director on the Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI) Board and a member of the NEI Executive Task Force on Decommissioning; and

WHEREAS, Ken was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer at *EnergySolutions* in 2018; and

WHEREAS, before his tenure at *EnergySolutions*, Ken served as President at Williams Industrial Services Group, LLC, managing a multi-regional industrial construction and maintenance company for diverse clients in petrochemical, steel and power sectors, including fossil and nuclear energy; and

WHEREAS, Ken and his wife Cathy have been significant contributors to Auburn University and the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering for over a decade;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nuclear Power Generation Systems Laboratory in the Gavin Engineering Research Laboratory be named the Ken and Cathy Robuck Nuclear Power Generation Systems Laboratory in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE CONDUCTOR STAND  
IN THE JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
AS THE TRACI AND BLAKE HENRY CONDUCTOR STAND

WHEREAS, Traci and Blake Henry'98 developed a strong sense of responsibility towards their community from an early age; and

WHEREAS, Traci and Blake, driven by their belief in the transformative power of knowledge and a desire to create a lasting impact, embarked on successful careers: Blake in wealth management, and Traci in pharmaceutical sales and as a personal trainer in the health and fitness industry; and

WHEREAS, Traci and Blake's measure of success is defined by the impact they make on the lives of others and not solely by personal accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, they love to give back to their community by providing strategic guidance and invaluable insights to enact positive change while serving on boards or advisory committees of organizations like the Gogue Performing Arts Center, the CARE Humane Society, and the Women's Philanthropy Board; and

WHEREAS, Traci and Blake are passionate advocates for the causes they support and inspire others to join them in the pursuit of a better future; and

WHEREAS, they both love traveling and exploring the world, and sharing their home in Opelika, Alabama, with their cats Bro and Sis; and

WHEREAS, Traci and Blake believe the Gogue Performing Arts Center elevates our community and contributes to its growth and culture; and

WHEREAS, Traci and Blake have made a significant gift to support this endeavor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conductor Stand in the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center at Auburn University shall be named the Traci and Blake Henry Conductor Stand in recognition of their generous support of Auburn University and devotion to the arts.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE HEAD COACH'S RECEPTION AREA  
IN THE WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER  
AS THE DREW AND DELLA YOUNG HEAD COACH'S RECEPTION AREA

April 12, 2024

WHEREAS, Mr. Drew Young attended Auburn University from 1985 to 1987 and graduated from Mercer University in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in business management; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Della Young graduated from Auburn University in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and received her master's degree from Troy State Dothan in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Youngs have several family ties to Auburn University, including their son Andrew, who graduated from Auburn in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Della Young's grandmother Dorothy Reynolds Daniel played basketball for Auburn and graduated in 1931, and, before she died in 2010, was the oldest living Auburn athlete at the time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Young worked for Blue Circle concrete from 1989 to 2000, before joining Merrill Lynch, where he has been for 24 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Young has been an elementary school teacher for many years, teaching at schools in Alabama and Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Young Family's philanthropic support of the Auburn Football Program has earned them membership into the Shug Jordan Society, a group of loyal supporters of Auburn Athletics; and

WHEREAS, Drew and Della Young have provided invaluable support to Tigers Unlimited and Auburn Athletics, most recently through an investment in the Auburn Football Program with a gift to help build the new Woltosz Football Performance Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Head Coach's Reception Area in the Woltosz Football Performance Center be named the Drew and Della Young Head Coach's Reception Area in honor of the Young Family's generous support and ongoing dedication.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins then indicated that with there being no further items for review, the meeting was recessed at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jon G. Waggoner  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees



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 faculty of Auburn University and Auburn University at Montgomery at the end of the Summer 2024 semester, complying with the requirements heretofore established by the Board of Trustees, be and the same are hereby approved.
2. That a list of the degrees awarded be filed and maintained in the records of the University and hereby made an official part of this resolution and of these minutes.