

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

NOVEMBER 18, 2011

AGENDA
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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1. Approval of the September 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes
2. Awarding of Degrees
3. President's Report
4. Action Items and Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs Committee/Chairperson Thompson

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proposed Bachelor of Music
2. Proposed Concentration in Chinese for International Business Program in the BSBA
3. Proposed Renaming of the Community Agency Counseling Option as the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Option
4. Proposed Renaming of the Joint Master of Science in Nursing-Clinical Nurse Specialist as the Joint Master of Science in Nursing
5. Establishment of Managerial Group to Enable Auburn University to Conduct Selected Classified Research Programs

B. Property and Facilities Committee/Chairperson Blackwell

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Auburn Montgomery Residence Hall, Approval of the Facility Program, Budget, Funding Plan, Site and Schematic Design
2. Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center Classroom Facility, Approval of the Facility Program, Budget, Funding Plan, Site and Schematic Design
3. Telfair Peet Theater Addition, Approval of the Facility Program, Budget, Funding Plan, Site and Schematic Design

4. Auburn's Wellness Kitchen Dining Facility, Approval of the Facility Program, Budget, Funding Plan, Site and Schematic Design
5. Real Estate Acquisition, Bruno's Building and Property, 1530 East Glenn Avenue, Auburn, Alabama
6. Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Request to Renew Lease, 104 Hemlock Drive

C. Executive Committee/Chairperson Rane

1. Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science for Kyle E. Nixon
 2. Proposed Awards and Namings
5. Recess Meeting

MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY
HELD FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2011
BALLROOM B, AU HOTEL
AUBURN UNIVERSITY

The Board of Trustees of Auburn University reconvened for a meeting on Friday, November 18, 2011, in Ballroom B of the Auburn University Hotel on the Auburn campus. President Pro Tempore Raymond Harbert convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Upon roll call by Board Secretary Grant Davis, the following named members of the Board of Trustees were deemed to be in attendance:

John G. Blackwell, Byron P. Franklin, Samuel L. Ginn, Raymond J. Harbert, D. Gaines Lanier, Robert E. Lowder, Charles McCrary, Sarah B. Newton, James W. Rane, and Virginia N. Thompson

The following named Trustees were absent:

Dwight L. Carlisle and Governor Robert Bentley

The individuals listed above represent all persons recognized as members of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University at the time of the meeting. Also sitting with the Board were faculty advisors, Claire Crutchley (AU) and Neleigh McKenzie (AUM); Auburn University SGA President Kirby Turnage; and Auburn University Montgomery SGA President, Darius Pettway.

Other persons in attendance for the meeting included the following:

Jay Gogue, President; Timothy Boosinger, Interim Provost; Don Large, Executive Vice President; John Veres, Chancellor for AUM; Grant Davis, Secretary to the Board of Trustees; Lee Armstrong, General Counsel; Jon Waggoner, University Counsel; Brian Keeter, Director of Public Affairs; Sherri Fulford, Executive Director of Governmental Affairs; Dan King, Assistant Vice President for Facilities; Wayne Alderman, Dean of Enrollment Services; Royrickers Cook, Assistant Vice President for Outreach; John Mason, Vice President for Research; Larry Fillmer, Executive Director for Program Development; Deedie Dowdle Executive Director, Communications and Marketing; Nakeisha Janigan, Chair, AU Staff Council; Seth Humphrey, Chair AU Administrative and Professional Assembly; Ralph Ioimo, AUM Faculty President; Ann Beth Presley, AU Faculty Senate Chair; members of the media; and others.

Mr. Harbert asked Mr. Armstrong if there were matters to be discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Armstrong indicated that there were pending or potential litigation matters to discuss. A motion was received from Mr. Harbert to move into Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Newton, and the Board of Trustees unanimously approved. Mr. Harbert announced that the meeting would reconvene within forty-five minutes.

Mr. Harbert reconvened the meeting at 10:55 a.m., and a motion was received from Mr. Blackwell to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2011, meeting. Mr. Lanier seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WHEREAS, copies of the minutes of the Reconvened Meeting on Friday, September 9, 2011, have been distributed to all members of this Board for review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that the minutes of its September 9, 2011, meeting are hereby approved as distributed.

Rev. Franklin then moved for adoption of the Awarding of the Degrees, seconded by Mr. Blackwell, and the Board unanimously adopted the following:

AWARDING OF DEGREES

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That all degrees to be awarded by the faculties of Auburn University on December 12, 2011, and Auburn University Montgomery on December 17, 2011, complying with requirements heretofore established by the Board of Trustees, be and the same are hereby approved.
 2. That a list of the degrees awarded on the above listed dates be filed in the Book of Exhibits and made a part of this resolution and of these minutes.
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Mr. Harbert then called upon Dr. Gogue for the President's Report. Dr. John Veres presented a report from the AUM Campus, and then Dr. Boosinger introduced Dr. Mason for a report on External Bioenergy Funding since 2007 from Dr. Taylor. Upon its conclusion, Dr. Gogue thanked everyone for their reports.

Mr. Harbert then moved into Committee Reports as follows:

Academic Affairs Committee -- Chairperson Thompson. Ms. Thompson advised that earlier the Committee had reviewed several items and moved for adoption of a unanimous consent agenda. A second was received from Mr. Rane, and the Board unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREE

WHEREAS, the Department of Music in the College of Liberal Arts has proposed a Bachelor of Music degree program; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Bachelor of Music degree would serve undergraduate students interested in pursuing graduate programs in music performance and in seeking careers as professional musicians; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bachelor of Music would serve students in other music-related degrees and is considered to be a professional program by the National Association of Schools of Music; and

WHEREAS, offering a Bachelor of Music Degree would enable Auburn University to become more competitive with peer institutions that offer such a degree program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bachelor of Music would not require any additional faculty resources; and

WHEREAS, the request to establish the Bachelor of Music degree has been endorsed by the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, the University Curriculum Committee, the Interim Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed reopening of the Bachelor of Music program from the College of Liberal Arts be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) for review and approval.

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED CONCENTRATION IN CHINESE FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS PROGRAM IN THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the College of Business proposes to create a new concentration in Chinese for the existing International Business Program in the Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts program; and

WHEREAS, offering a concentration in Chinese would enhance the existing concentrations in French, German, and Spanish and would address an area of growing demand; and

WHEREAS, the proposed concentration would address an increasing need for graduates in diverse international business related fields; and

WHEREAS, the request to create this concentration has been endorsed by the Dean of the College of Business, the University Curriculum Committee, the Interim Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed concentration in Chinese for the International Business program in the College of Business be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) as an item of information.

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RENAMING OF THE COMMUNITY AGENCY COUNSELING OPTION AS THE CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING OPTION

WHEREAS, Community Agency Counseling is a formal option available to students completing the Master of Science or Master of Education programs in Counselor Education in the College of Education; and

WHEREAS, the graduate programs in Counselor Education were recently reaccredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling Related Education Programs; and

WHEREAS, the accrediting body recommends that the degree option in Community Agency Counseling be renamed to more closely align it with similar programs in the discipline; and

WHEREAS, the requested renaming has been endorsed by the Dean of the College of Education, the Graduate Council, the Interim Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the College of Education's Community Agency Counseling Option be renamed as the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Option, and that the renaming be forwarded to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, (ACHE) as an item of information.

PROPOSED RENAMING OF THE JOINT MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING-CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST AS THE JOINT MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

WHEREAS, the Auburn University/Auburn University Montgomery Joint Master of Science-Clinical Nurse Specialist program currently offers two formal options; and

WHEREAS, removal of the phrase "Clinical Nurse Specialist" from the current Master of Science in Nursing program title would better represent the programs offered; and

WHEREAS, the request to rename the *Joint Master of Science in Nursing Program-Clinical Nurse Specialist* as the *Joint Master of Science in Nursing* has received the approval of the Dean of the School of Nursing, Auburn University's Graduate Council, Auburn University Montgomery's Graduate Council, Auburn University's Interim Provost, Auburn University Montgomery's Chancellor, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed renaming of the Joint MSN program be approved, and that the renaming be forwarded to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, (ACHE) as an item of information.

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF MANAGERIAL GROUP TO ENABLE AUBURN UNIVERSITY TO CONDUCT SELECTED CLASSIFIED RESEARCH PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees acknowledges that Auburn has been conducting classified research since 1971 and that continuation of such research remains important to Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, only universities and contractors who have been granted a facility security clearance, and individuals holding appropriate security clearances are permitted access to classified information; and

WHEREAS, in order for Auburn University to continue to conduct classified research, it is required by the Department of Defense to establish a Managerial Group charged with the responsibility for the protection of classified information under classified contracts awarded to Auburn University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that those persons occupying the following positions among the officers of Auburn University, or such other person as may be acting in such positions shall be known as the Managerial Group, having the authority and responsibility for the negotiation, execution, and administration of Department of Defense (DoD) or User Agency contracts, as described in DOD 5220.22-M, "National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual" (NISPOM).

Title:

President
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Associate Provost and Vice President for Research

Associate Vice President for Research
Assistant Vice President for Facilities
Executive Director for Research Program Development
Executive Director for AU Huntsville Office

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and all other members of the Managerial Group have been processed, or will be processed, for a personnel security clearance for access to classified information to the level of the facility security clearance granted to this institution, as provided for in the NISPOM. The said Management Group is hereby delegated all of the Board's duties and responsibilities pertaining to the protection of classified information under classified contracts of the DoD or User Agencies of the NISPOM awarded to Auburn University. The following officer positions, as well as any members of the Board of Trustees, shall not require, shall not have, and can be effectively excluded from access to all classified information in the possession of Auburn University, and do not occupy positions that would enable them to affect adversely the policies and practices of Auburn University in the performance of classified contracts for the DoD or User Agencies of the NISPOM awarded to Auburn University, and need not be processed for a personnel security clearance.

Officers:

Executive Vice President and CFO
Assistant Vice President for University Outreach
Vice President for Student Affairs
Vice President for Alumni Affairs
Vice President for Development
Chancellor, Auburn University at Montgomery
Director, Alabama Cooperative Extension System
Director, Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station
Director of Intercollegiate Athletics
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees

Title:

President Board of Trustees/Governor
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Member, District 6
Member, District 7
Member, District 8

Member, District 9
At-Large
At-Large

Property and Facilities Committee - - Chairperson Blackwell. Mr. Blackwell stated that earlier the Committee had met to discuss several items on a unanimous consent agenda. A second was received from Mr. Rane and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

AUBURN MONTGOMERY RESIDENCE HALL APPROVAL OF THE FACILITY PROGRAM, BUDGET, FUNDING PLAN, SITE & SCHEMATIC DESIGN

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on 15 April 2011, adopted a resolution that approved the project and at its meeting held 17 June 2011, approved the selection of the firm Williams and Blackstock as architect and B.L. Harbert International as construction manager for the project; and

WHEREAS, a facility program has been developed for a student housing facility of approximately 144,740 square feet which will house 293 students in 148 suites; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Auburn Montgomery Residence Hall has been estimated in the amount of \$30 million, and funds for the project will be furnished from the sale of bonds to be offset by resident room fees; and

WHEREAS, a site for the residence hall has been identified on the east side of campus parallel to Taylor Road; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn Montgomery Residence Hall shall be developed and designed as a phased residential master plan. The new Residence Hall has been sited and designed to accommodate current unmet needs and inspire future growth in this residential district of the campus.

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

1. Establish a total project budget in the amount of \$30 million to be funded from the sales of bonds to be offset by resident room fees.
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project.

3. Solicit bids for construction conditioned upon the availability of sufficient funding as approved by the President.
4. Award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the project budget.

RESOLUTION

SOLON DIXON FORESTRY EDUCATION CENTER CLASSROOM FACILITY APPROVAL OF THE FACILITY PROGRAM, BUDGET, FUNDING PLAN, SITE & SCHEMATIC DESIGN

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, at its meeting held on April 15, 2011, approved the initiation of the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center Classroom Facility project and authorized the President to initiate the process for the selection of an architect; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, at its meeting held on September 9, 2011, approved the Architects Group of Mobile, Alabama as the project architect; and

WHEREAS, the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center Classroom Facility will be a 6,500 square feet facility consisting of one 100-seat auditorium, one 40-seat classroom and required support spaces; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost for the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center Classroom Facility is \$1.65 million to be funded with a combination of gift and School of Forestry and Wildlife Science funds; and

WHEREAS, the new facility will be located at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center, near Andalusia, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the schematic design of Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center Classroom Facility, prepared by the architect, has been determined to be consistent with the image and character of the surrounding buildings on the Solon Dixon campus, the facility program and the project budget.

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

1. Establish a total project budget in the amount of \$1.65 million to be funded from gifts and School of Forestry and Wildlife Science funds.
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project.
3. Solicit bids for construction conditioned upon the availability of sufficient funding as approved by the President.

4. Award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the project budget.

RESOLUTION

TELFAIR PEET THEATER ADDITION APPROVAL OF THE FACILITY PROGRAM, BUDGET, FUNDING PLAN, SITE AND SCHEMATIC DESIGN

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, at its meeting held on November 6, 2009, adopted a resolution that approved a project to construct an addition to Telfair Peet Theater; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, at its meeting held on June 17, 2011, adopted a resolution that approved selection of the firm Davis Associates, Inc. of Birmingham, Alabama as the architect on the project; and

WHEREAS, a facility program has been developed for an addition of approximately 7,600 net square feet consisting of a 125 seat Black Box Theatre with support spaces such as control rooms and dressing rooms, as well as a 2,200 square foot Dance Studio and additional offices should favorable bids be received; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Telfair Peet Theater Addition has been estimated in the amount of \$3.3 million, and the project is to be funded by College of Liberal Arts gift funds and reserves and University general funds; and

WHEREAS, a site for the new addition has been identified adjacent to Telfair Peet Theater on the east side of the existing facility; and

WHEREAS, the Telfair Peet Theater Addition shall be developed and designed consistent with the "*Comprehensive Master Plan*" and the "*Image and Character of Auburn University*".

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

1. Establish a total project budget in the amount of \$3.3 million to be funded by College of Liberal Arts gift funds and reserves and University general funds.
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project.
3. Solicit bids for construction conditioned upon the availability of sufficient funding as approved by the President.

4. Award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the project budget.

RESOLUTION

AUBURN'S WELLESS KITCHEN APPROVAL OF THE FACILITY PROGRAM, BUDGET, FUNDING PLAN, SITE, AND SCHEMATIC DESIGN

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, at its meeting held on September 24, 2010, adopted a resolution that approved a project to renovate the Sewell Hall student housing and dining facility; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, at its meeting held on February 4, 2011, adopted a resolution that approved the change of scope of the project from a renovation to a replacement of Sewell Hall with new student residence hall, dining, and transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, at its meeting held on September 9, 2011, approved the facility program requirements, site location, budget, funding plan, and schematic design for the South Donahue and West Samford Avenue Residence Hall; and

WHEREAS, Auburn's institutional peers, along with national collegiate dining professionals, are increasingly recognizing the need for and advantages of a campus dining facility that caters to students' special dietary concerns, as well as the demanding eating regimens of competitive student athletes desirous of improving their overall health and wellness through high caliber, performance-based nutritional meal choices; and

WHEREAS, a facility program has been developed for a student dining facility ("Auburn's Wellness Kitchen") of approximately 9,500 net square feet with the capacity to seat between 170 and 200 students; and

WHEREAS, this dining facility will serve the entire student body, faculty, and staff, consistent with the Board's stated objective of enhancing students' ability to utilize Required Meal Plan dollars within the campus community; and

WHEREAS, the cost of Auburn's Wellness Kitchen has been estimated in the amount of \$5.0 million and will be constructed using Athletic Department funds; and

WHEREAS, a site for the dining facility has been identified adjacent to the Parking and Transportation Facility at Biggio Drive to the north of the Athletics Complex; and

WHEREAS, Auburn's Wellness Kitchen has been designed to be consistent with the "*Comprehensive Master Plan*" and the "*Image and Character of Auburn University*".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President,

be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to:

1. Establish a total project budget in the amount of \$5.0 million to be funded by the Athletics Department.
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project.
3. Solicit bids for construction conditioned upon the availability of sufficient funding as approved by the President.
4. Award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the project budget.

RESOLUTION

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION BRUNO'S BUILDING AND PROPERTY 1530 EAST GLENN AVENUE AUBURN, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, in June 2002, adopted a resolution that approved the Auburn University Comprehensive Campus Master Plan which included among its goals and principles the creation of a pedestrian-friendly campus and a compact core of academic facilities and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees in April 2011, approved a set of Campus Objectives which called for the revitalization of the core of campus by replacing several older, deteriorated, academic buildings; and

WHEREAS, certain facilities and functions located within the academic core that do not require a central location have been routinely relocated to perimeter or off-campus sites to make room for functions that do require campus core locations; and

WHEREAS, approximately 6.11 acres of land and a building located at 1530 East Glenn Avenue in the City of Auburn have been offered for sale to the University by the owner of the vacant Bruno's food market; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of this land and building will reinforce and increase the effectiveness of the campus through the provision of a site for the relocation of certain units located in the academic core that do not require a core location; provide the opportunity for the consolidation of off-campus leased space, and/or may facilitate the expansion of key academic programs or functions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that

Jay Gogue, President, or such person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to take such action as is necessary and desirable, including acceptance of a statutory warranty deed, to purchase approximately 6.11 acres of land with improvements that include a building and parking lot, located at 1530 East Glenn Avenue, Auburn, Alabama. Two MAI appraisals of the property have been completed, and the purchase price shall not exceed the appraisal price. All documents consummating the purchase of the property shall be reviewed as to form by legal counsel for Auburn University.

RESOLUTION

KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY REQUEST TO RENEW LEASE 104 HEMLOCK DRIVE

WHEREAS, the Kappa Sigma Fraternity currently owns a fraternity house on campus at 104 Hemlock Drive pursuant to a lease that expires May 31, 2012; and the fraternity would like to renew the ground lease for the property and renovate the structure; and

WHEREAS, the Kappa Sigma Fraternity has a plan to make necessary repairs to the fraternity house in three phases; and

WHEREAS, the request has been reviewed and recommended, with conditions by the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Committee on Fraternities and Sororities, and the Office of Campus Planning and Space Management; and the President concurs.

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

1. Execute for and on behalf of Auburn University a 49-year lease renewal at \$1.00/year for the site located at 104 Hemlock Drive on the condition that the fraternity agrees to complete renovations that make the improvements compliant with all applicable University, local, state, and federal rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, building, health and life safety codes, and otherwise be in good order and repair prior to each phase's occupancy; and further that all three phases of the renovation shall be completed no later than May 31, 2017, or the new lease will automatically terminate; and
 2. Authorize such other or further provisions of said lease as may be found by him to be desirable and in the University's best interest. All actions and instruments in this transaction shall be approved as to legal form by the General Counsel for Auburn University.
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Executive Committee - - Chairperson Rane. Mr. Rane called upon Dr. Boosinger for the first item, Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science for Kyle E. Nixon. Dr. Boosinger presented a request to allow for awarding of the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science posthumously to Kyle E. Nixon, as Mr. Nixon would have completed the requirements necessary for the degree in Spring 2012. A motion to adopt the resolution was received from Mr. Rane, seconded by Ms. Thompson, and the Board unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLUTION

POSTHUMOUS AWARDING OF THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FOR KYLE E. NIXON

WHEREAS, Kyle E. Nixon, an undergraduate student at Auburn University, passed away on September 29, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Kyle E. Nixon would have completed the requirements necessary for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science in spring 2012; and

WHEREAS, the faculty of the Department of Political Science, the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies, the Interim Provost, and the President recommend that a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science be awarded posthumously.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science is hereby granted posthumously to Kyle E. Nixon in recognition of his academic achievements while in attendance as an undergraduate student at Auburn University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby expresses its sympathy and condolences to the family of Kyle E. Nixon 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.

Mr. Rane then asked Mr. Davis to read the first naming resolution for the Exercise Patio at the AUM Wellness Center. Upon reading of the resolution a motion to adopt was received from Ms. Newton, seconded by Rev. Franklin and the Board unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLUTION

REQUEST TO NAME THE EXERCISE PATIO AT THE AUBURN MONTGOMERY WELLNESS CENTER AS THE JENNIFER BROWN EXERCISE PATIO

WHEREAS, Dr. Jennifer Brown has dedicated 33 years to the education of Auburn University at Montgomery students in the AUM School of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has served the school in various positions over three-plus decades, including adjunct professor, assistant professor, associate professor and professor, department head, associate dean and graduate coordinator and, for the last six years, dean; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Brown's leadership, the Auburn Montgomery School of Education has seen substantial growth and improvement with the addition of an online Instructional Technology master's degree, the movement of four existing master's programs to online formats, the establishment of the Alabama Positive Behavior Support Center, and an increased diversity in its faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown made a significant contribution to the Auburn Montgomery Wellness Center through the Auburn Montgomery Capital Campaign and served admirably as a co-chair of the Wellness Center Building Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Auburn University recognize Dr. Jennifer Brown's generosity and 33 years of dedication and service to Auburn Montgomery by naming the Exercise Patio in the new AUM Wellness Center as the Jennifer Brown Exercise Patio.

Mr. Rane then moved to the next request to name the Drill Field as the Major Max A. Morris Field. He called upon Mr. Davis to read the resolution. After reading the resolution, Mr. Rane made a motion to amend the resolution to capture more of the history of Major Morris and his commitment and the ultimate sacrifice given on behalf of his country. A second was received from Rev. Franklin for the amended resolution. A motion was then received from Mr. Lowder to adopt the amended resolution, seconded by Rev. Franklin, and the Board unanimously adopted the resolution:

RESOLUTION

REQUEST TO NAME THE DRILL FIELD IN FRONT OF THE NICHOLS CENTER ON DONAHUE AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY AS THE MAJOR MAX A. MORRIS FIELD IN HONOR OF MAJOR MAX A. MORRIS

WHEREAS, Major Max A. Morris was a Distinguished Military Graduate from Alabama Polytechnic Institute and was commissioned a Regular Army Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery in June 1942; and

WHEREAS, Major Morris, as an API student, was a member of the Varsity Football Team, "A" Club, Scabbard and Blade and Blue Key organizations; and

WHEREAS, Major Morris, then an API Army ROTC Cadet, was awarded a Carnegie Medal for heroism for risking his own life to save that of a fellow Cadet in July 1941 at Fort Benning, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Major Morris was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Army commendation Medal for service in the European Theater during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Major Morris was killed in action near the Chosen Reservoir, North Korea, on November 28, 1950; and

WHEREAS, Major Morris' remains have yet to be recovered from the Korean peninsula and returned to his native Alabama soil.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Auburn University recognize the courage and faith of Auburn students in their determination to preserve the freedom and ideals for which generations of Americans have sacrificed so much by naming the Drill Field in front of the Nichols Center as Max Morris Field. May Auburn students, training in the disciplines of duty and service, heed the lessons of obedience, command, and courage, learned on Max Morris Field. May these lessons be beneficial throughout their lives in peaceful pursuits, and in war, if that be their destiny.

Mr. Rane then moved to the final request to name the Laboratories as the Benefield Laboratories. Mr. Rane called upon Mr. Davis to read the resolution and upon reading the resolution Mr. Ginn moved for adoption, seconded by Rev. Franklin, and the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

REQUEST TO NAME THE LABORATORIES WITHIN THE NEW ADVANCED ENGINEERING RESEARCH LABORATORY BUILDING OF THE SHELBY CENTER FOR ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY AS THE BENEFIELD LABORATORIES

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry D. Benefield, Dean of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, set forth a bold vision to advance the college into the ranks of the nation's elite engineering programs, and whose foresight and unwavering dedication helped the college achieve significant national recognition; and

WHEREAS, his unyielding commitment to move the College forward in an era of decreased funding and uncertain economic times has nevertheless positioned the College of Engineering at the forefront of instruction and research; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Benefield is an alumnus who holds the Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Civil Engineering from Auburn University, and has served as both a faculty member and administrator within the College of Engineering in addition to his tenure as a student; and

WHEREAS, his efforts in forging opportunities for the finest engineering education have resulted in the creation of significant, state-of-the-art facilities for the campus, as well as increased scholarships and professorships to recruit the nation's most outstanding students and faculty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the laboratories within the Advanced Engineering Research Laboratory be collectively known as the Larry D. Benefield Laboratories in honor and recognition of his exceptional service to Auburn University and the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering.

There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was recessed at 11:45 a.m.



Grant Davis
Secretary to the Board of Trustees