

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

FEBRUARY 7, 2020

RECONVENED MEETING AGENDA

AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. Approval of the November 22, 2019 Reconvened Meeting Minutes
2. AUM Chancellor's Report
3. President's Report
4. Action Items and Committee Reports
 - A. Joint Audit and Compliance and Finance Committee | Chairperson Dumas
 1. Proposed Auburn University Affiliated Housing Rate for the 2020-2021 Academic Year
 - B. Property and Facilities Committee | Chairperson DeMaioribus
 1. Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center, Budget Increase
 2. Leach Science Center Basement Build-Out, Final Approval
 3. University Student Housing – Phase 1, Architect Selection
 4. Goodwin Hall Professional Recording Studio, Project Initiation and Architect Selection
 5. Ham Wilson Arena Renovation, Project Initiation and Architect Selection
 6. Jordan-Hare Stadium Annual Maintenance, Project Approval and Authorization to Execute the Work
 - C. Academic Affairs Committee | Chairperson Newton
 1. Proposed Bachelor of Landscape Architecture
 2. Proposed Master of Science in Brewing Science and Operations (Non-Thesis)
 3. Proposed Department of Supply Chain Management
 4. Proposed Renaming of the Department of Psychology as the Department of Psychological Sciences

D. Executive Committee | Chairperson McCrary

1. Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration to Robert C. Watson
 2. Discussion Concerning Dr. Gogue's Title
 3. Proposed 2020-2021 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates
 4. Proposed Awards and Namings
5. Recess Meeting

MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020
ROOMS 222-223, TAYLOR CENTER
AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY

The Board of Trustees of Auburn University convened its meeting at 9:30 a.m., Friday, February 7, 2020, in Rooms 222-223 of the Taylor Center at Auburn University at Montgomery. *President Pro Tempore* Wayne Smith asked for the roll call by Board Secretary Jon Waggoner. The following named members of the Board of Trustees were deemed to be in attendance: Lloyd Austin, Mike DeMaioribus, Bob Dumas, Elizabeth Huntley, Gaines Lanier, Charles McCrary, Sarah Newton, James Pratt, Jimmy Rane, Quentin Riggins, B.T. Roberts, Clark Sahlie, Jimmy Sanford, and Wayne Smith.

Governor Kay Ivey, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and Raymond Harbert were absent from the meeting. 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 Michael Baginski, Faculty Advisor for Auburn University; Aaron Cobb, Faculty Advisor for AUM; Mary Margaret Turton, Auburn University Student Government Association President; and Ciara Freeman, AUM Student Government Association President. Jon Waggoner attended as Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting included the following: Jay Gogue, Interim President; Bill Hardgrave, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Carl Stockton, Chancellor of AUM; Mrinal Varma, Provost of AUM; Maran White, University Counsel; Bobby Woodard, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs; Kelli Shomaker, Vice President for Business and Finance and Chief Financial Officer; Brian Keeter, Director of Public Affairs; Jared White, Executive Director of Governmental Affairs; Allen Greene, Director of Athletics; Dan King, Associate Vice President for Facilities; Larry Filmer, Executive Director of External Engagement and Support; Steve Pelham, Associate Vice President for Economic Development; Mike Clardy, Assistant Vice President for Communications and Marketing; Benny LaRussa, Chair of the Auburn University Foundation Board of Directors; Van Henley, President of the Auburn Alumni Association; Nedret Billor, Chair of the Auburn University Senate and Auburn University Faculty Representative, Academic Affairs Committee; Tara L.R. Beziat, Auburn University Senate, AUM Committee; Ira Bowen, Auburn University Faculty Representative, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Andrew McLelland, Auburn University Faculty Representative, Finance Committee; Kim Brackett, AUM Faculty Representative, Finance Committee; Ana Franco-Watkins, Auburn University Faculty Representative, Institutional Advancement Committee; David Hinson, Auburn University Faculty Representative, Property and Facilities Committee; Karley Riffe, Auburn University Faculty Representative, Student Affairs Committee; Paige Patterson, Chair-Elect of the Auburn University Administrative and Professional Assembly; Kim Brumeloe, Chair-Elect of the Auburn University Staff Council; and Audrey Shaw, President of the AUM Staff Council.

At 11:00 a.m., *President Pro Tempore* Smith asked University Counsel White if there were matters to be discussed in Executive Session. University Counsel White indicated that there were pending or potential litigation matters to discuss. A motion was received from *President Pro Tempore* Smith to move into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, and the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion to enter Executive Session and reconvene in approximately thirty minutes.

After reconvening the meeting at 11:30 a.m., *President Pro Tempore* Smith asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from the November 22, 2019 Reconvened Meeting. A motion was received from Ms. Huntley. The motion was seconded by Ms. Newton, and the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the following minutes:

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WHEREAS, copies of the minutes of the Reconvened Meeting on Friday, November 22, 2019 have been distributed to all members of the Board of Trustees for review; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that the minutes of its Friday, November 22, 2019 meeting is hereby approved and distributed.

Following the approval of the November 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes, *President Pro Tempore* Smith called upon Dr. Stockton for the AUM Chancellor's Report. Dr. Stockton began his report by welcoming everyone to the AUM campus. Then, Dr. Stockton reported on the following items: hiring of a new Dean of Students, Josh Roberts; a partnership between AUM and Chattahoochee Valley Community College; re-establishing the AUM Business Breakfasts; increasing the internet speed on the AUM campus from 1 GB to 10 GB; AUM online programs earning recognition in the *U.S. News & World Report's* 2020 Best Online Programs list; growth in enrollment; and the implementation of a new strategic plan. Dr. Stockton concluded by thanking the Board for their support during his tenure as Chancellor and acknowledged the impact the Board has had on AUM.

Subsequently, *President Pro Tempore* Smith called upon Dr. Gogue for the President's Report. Dr. Gogue began his report by welcoming everyone to the first meeting of the year, especially at the AUM Campus in Montgomery. Then, Dr. Gogue reported on the following items: a restatement of AUM's partnership with Chattahoochee Valley Community College which closely mirrors that of Auburn's relationship with Southern Union State Community College; a congratulations to AUM on being recognized in the recent *U.S. News & World Report* online program rankings; a commendation of Auburn University Student Government Association President Mary Margaret Turton for a successful term; a brief report on the Alabama legislative session and the outstanding work Jared White, Executive Director of Governmental Affairs, has done for the University over the past year; an announcement of the University's recommendation concerning travel plans outside of the United States concerning the Coronavirus; and a congratulations to Kevin Robinson, Associate Vice President for Audit, Compliance and Privacy, for his outstanding work.

After the President's Report, *President Pro Tempore* Smith then moved to Committee Reports as follows:

Joint Audit and Compliance and Finance Committee

Chairperson Dumas indicated that the Joint Audit and Compliance and Finance Committee met earlier in the day and discussed one item. Chairperson Dumas moved for adoption of a unanimous consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, and the following resolution was approved by voice vote.

The following resolution was approved in the unanimous consent agenda:

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED AUBURN UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED HOUSING RATE FOR 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

WHEREAS, Auburn University Housing (AUH) has negotiated a lease of apartments in the 160 Ross apartment complex, which AUH will offer to students as university affiliated housing; and

WHEREAS, AUH proposes the housing rates for 160 Ross that appear in Attachment A for the 2020-2021 academic year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Dr. Jay Gogue, Interim President, or such person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized to affect the proposed student housing rates for Auburn University affiliated housing, as displayed on Attachment A to this resolution, with the new rates becoming effective with the 2020 fall semester.



AUBURN UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY HOUSING
STUDENT AFFAIRS

Proposed Semester Rental Rates for Academic Year 2020-2021

Area	Room Type	Rental Rate
160 Ross	Double	\$5,000
	Quad	\$4,780

***Summer Rate: (fall rate + spring rate)/3**

****Mini-mester Rate: (summer rate) x2**

Property and Facilities Committee

Chairperson DeMaioribus indicated that the Property and Facilities Committee met earlier in the day and discussed numerous items. Chairperson DeMaioribus moved for adoption of a unanimous consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lanier, and the resolutions were approved by voice vote with one abstention as follows: Mr. Rane abstained from voting on item number one, Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center, Budget Increase. Concerning the sixth item, Jordan-Hare Stadium Maintenance, *President Pro Tempore* Smith expressed, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, a great urgency in completing the project as quickly, resourcefully, and efficiently as possible.

The following resolutions were approved in the unanimous consent agenda:

RESOLUTION

TONY AND LIBBA RANE CULINARY SCIENCE CENTER APPROVAL OF PROJECT BUDGET INCREASE

WHEREAS, at its meeting on February 15, 2019, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution to approve a total project budget of \$95.4 million for the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center project; and

WHEREAS, the project was originally bid on April 25, 2019, with the low bid resulting in a total project cost of \$113.4 million, which exceeded the previously approved budget; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the Office of Development has identified approximately \$9.4 million in naming gift opportunities, with some naming gifts already committed, and has initiated conversations with donors regarding potentially significant gifts of other types; and

WHEREAS, the project was rebid on February 4, 2020, with four bids being received, all of which were lower than the original bid; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid for the project establishes a new total project cost of \$110.0 million; and

WHEREAS, it is requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution to establish a revised budget of \$110.0 million for the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center project to be financed by University General Funds, gifts, and operating revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the revised project budget for the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center is approved, and Jay Gogue, Interim President, or such other person as may be acting as President, in consultation with the Chair of the Property and Facilities Committee, is authorized to establish a revised budget for the project of \$110.0 million.

RESOLUTION
LEACH SCIENCE CENTER BASEMENT BUILD-OUT
FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on November 22, 2019, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation and architect selection for the Leach Science Center Basement Build-Out project; and

WHEREAS, the project will build out shell space located in the Leach Science Center basement to provide additional research space for the Physics Department, to include two laser laboratories, a biophysics laboratory, and laboratory support areas; and

WHEREAS, the project will also relocate the College of Sciences and Mathematics Information Technology Department to the Leach Science Center basement; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost for the Leach Science Center Basement Build-Out project is \$2.2 million, to be financed by College of Sciences and Mathematics 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 Leach Science Center Basement Build-Out project is approved and that Jay Gogue, Interim 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 Leach Science Center Basement Build-Out project in the amount of \$2.2 million, to be financed by College of Sciences and Mathematics funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans and bid documents 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 project budget approved above.

RESOLUTION

UNIVERSITY STUDENT HOUSING – PHASE I APPROVAL OF PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION

WHEREAS, at its meeting of September 13, 2019, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the University Student Housing – Phase I project and authorized the commencement of the architect selection process; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect published a Request for Qualifications for design services, and thirteen architectural firms submitted their qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect, after conducting interviews with four candidate firms, determined that Niles Bolton Associates, of Atlanta, Georgia, was the firm 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 Jay Gogue, Interim 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 Niles Bolton Associates, of Atlanta, Georgia, 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.

RESOLUTION

GOODWIN HALL PROFESSIONAL RECORDING STUDIO APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION

WHEREAS, the College of Liberal Arts proposes a project to renovate existing areas in Goodwin Hall to provide a multipurpose professional recording studio; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project would support existing program and faculty needs, allow the College of Liberal Arts to expand its academic program in the Department of Music, and foster collaboration with the Harbert College of Business and the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect recommends the approval of the firm C. Paul Butler, III Architects LLC of Montgomery, Alabama, as the architect for the project; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated this project will be financed by College of Liberal Arts and University Repair and Renovation Funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy "D-3, Capital Projects Approval," the initiation of a project and the selection of the architect 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 initiation of the Goodwin Hall Professional Recording Studio project is approved and that Jay Gogue, Interim 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 C. Paul Butler, III Architects LLC 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.

RESOLUTION
HAM WILSON ARENA RENOVATION
APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND ARCHITECT SELECTION

WHEREAS, the Associate Vice President for Facilities Management proposes a project to renovate the Ham Wilson Arena into a training facility for university staff; and

WHEREAS, Ham Wilson Arena was originally constructed in 1957 and has served many purposes over the years in support of the College of Agriculture, including livestock shows, classes, extension programs, and special events; and

WHEREAS, these activities have occurred less frequently in recent years, and as a result, Ham Wilson Arena has become underutilized and, due to its age, in need of a significant upgrade and repairs; and

WHEREAS, over the last several years, Facilities Management has accumulated reserve funds to build a training facility for its staff, and recent discussions with the College of Agriculture indicate that a mutually beneficial solution could be achieved by using the Facilities Management funds to renovate the Ham Wilson Arena into a training facility, principally for Facilities Management and other university staff; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate an accelerated design process, the University Architect recommends the approval of the firm JMR+H Architecture of Montgomery, Alabama, as the architect for the project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy "D-3, Capital Projects Approval," the initiation of a project and the selection of the architect 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 initiation of the Ham Wilson Arena Renovation project is approved and Jay Gogue, Interim 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 JMR+H Architecture 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.

RESOLUTION

JORDAN-HARE STADIUM ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PROJECT APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE WORK

WHEREAS, each year the Athletics Department plans and budgets for maintenance to be performed at Jordan-Hare Stadium; and

WHEREAS, in preparation, a building envelope and structural review of the stadium is conducted annually to identify and prioritize required maintenance and repair work; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 maintenance project consists of the application or replacement of deck coatings with associate joint sealants, extensive expansion joint replacements, concrete repairs, maintenance of steel railings, and miscellaneous painting; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated schedule for this maintenance is to begin after A-Day and to complete the work prior to the 2020 football season; and

WHEREAS, the overall cost of the maintenance project will not exceed \$1.4 million, to be financed by the Athletics Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Jordan-Hare Stadium Annual Maintenance project is approved and that Jay Gogue, Interim President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to execute the project.

Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Newton indicated that the Academic Affairs Committee met earlier in the day and discussed numerous items. Chairperson Newton moved for adoption of a unanimous consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, and the resolutions were approved by voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved in the unanimous consent agenda:

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED BACHELOR OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

WHEREAS, the College of Architecture, Design and Construction is committed to providing the highest quality instruction by offering programs that advance design thinking and building science to address critical challenges in the natural, built, and virtual environments; and

WHEREAS, the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture is proposing a new program, the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, for students interested in careers as licensed landscape architects; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture would provide students with a curriculum that promotes sustainable and equitable solutions in all areas of the built environment and product development; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bachelor of Landscape Architecture would address the growing need for professionals committed to developing solutions to urban and rural landscape issues and would be the only degree of its type in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the request to create the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture has been endorsed by the Dean of the College of Architecture, Design and Construction, the University Curriculum Committee, the Provost, and the Interim President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from the College of Architecture, Design and Construction be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BREWING SCIENCE AND OPERATIONS (NON-THESIS)

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama continues to experience a significant increase in tourism and tourism-related activity, resulting in a growing demand for qualified individuals to work across various aspects of the hospitality industry; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Hospitality Management supports Alabama's tourism industry by preparing graduates to work in Alabama's hospitality and restaurant industries; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Hospitality Management currently offers a graduate certificate in Brewing Sciences for professionals seeking advanced knowledge and skills in the malting, brewing and distilling industries; and

WHEREAS, the Department requests to establish a new graduate degree, the Master of Science in Brewing Science and Operations (Non-Thesis), to be offered via distance education; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree would provide students and professionals with an advanced degree that combines the fields of craft brewing science and business practices appropriate for brewers, managers, and executives in the brewing industry; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences would be one of only two institutions nationally that offer such a degree program; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to establish a Master of Science in Brewing Science and Operations has been endorsed by the Dean of the College of Human Sciences, the Graduate Council, the Provost, and the Interim President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the establishment of a Master of Science in Brewing Science and Operations (Non-Thesis), in the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Hospitality Management in the College of Human Science be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Harbert College of Business is committed to offering innovative, nationally ranked academic programs that produce highly desired graduates and generate knowledge that drives industry thought and practice; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Systems and Technology currently oversees the undergraduate degree and graduate certificate offered in the field of Supply Chain Management as well as the Center for Supply Chain Innovation; and

WHEREAS, the Supply Chain Management program has experienced significant growth in student demand, resulting in the need for increased faculty and staff over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, the Harbert College of Business has proposed the establishment of a new Department of Supply Chain Management to support the program's growth and enhance the visibility and overall national reputation of the supply chain program; and

WHEREAS, the Harbert College of Business has presented clear and compelling evidence that it meets the Provost's guidelines for designation as a department within the college; and

WHEREAS, the formation of a Department of Supply Chain Management will provide opportunities to enhance the college's historic commitment to the study and advancement of supply chain innovation, resulting in increased student enrollment and program graduates; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to form a Department of Supply Chain Management has been endorsed by the faculty, the Dean of the Harbert College of Business, the Provost, and the Interim President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed formation of a Department of Supply Chain Management within the Harbert College of Business be approved and reported to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education as an item of information.

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RENAMING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AS THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES

WHEREAS, the College of Liberal Arts is committed to providing the highest quality instruction to its students by offering programs that advance the social sciences and humanities; and
WHEREAS, the field of psychology continues to experience a high demand for qualified professionals working in the areas of psychology, neuroscience, behavioral analysis, and organizational psychology; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Psychology promotes the study of psychological processes by offering undergraduate and graduate degrees that lead to diverse careers in business, law, public health, medicine, neuroscience, and human services; and

WHEREAS, the unit has proposed a change in nomenclature from the Department of Psychology to the Department of Psychological Sciences to better reflect the diversity of programs currently offered and to better align with current nomenclature at peer institutions; and

WHEREAS, the proposal has been endorsed by the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, the University Curriculum Committee, the Graduate Council, the Provost, and the Interim President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the renaming of the Department of Psychology as the Department of Psychological Sciences be approved, with notice of this change being sent to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education as an item of information.

Executive Committee

Chairperson McCrary indicated that the Executive Committee met earlier in the day and discussed numerous items. Chairperson McCrary moved for adoption of a unanimous consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rane, and the resolutions were unanimously approved by a voice vote. The motion concerning removal of the term “interim” from Dr. Gogue’s title was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

The following resolutions were approved in the unanimous consent agenda:

RESOLUTION

POSTHUMOUS AWARDING OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TO ROBERT C. WATSON

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Cole Watson, an undergraduate student in the Department of Systems and Technology in the Harbert College of Business at Auburn University, passed away on January 7, 2020; and

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

WHEREAS, the faculty in the Department of Systems and Technology, the dean of the Harbert College of Business, the Provost, and the Interim President recommends that the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Information Systems Management 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 Information Systems Management is hereby granted posthumously to Mr. Robert Cole Watson in recognition of his academic achievements as a student at Auburn University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby expresses its sympathy and condolences to the family of Mr. Robert Cole Watson 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.

RESOLUTION

REMOVAL OF “INTERIM” FROM DR. JAY GOGUE’S TITLE

WHEREAS, Dr. Jay Gogue was appointed as Auburn’s Eighteenth President effective July 16, 2007, after a national search process including the participation of all Auburn’s constituent organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jay Gogue was appointed as Interim President on July 8, 2019, following the resignation of President Steven Leath; and

WHEREAS, after instructive and helpful input from Auburn’s key constituent organizations over the last few months, the Auburn Board of Trustees has determined that removing the “Interim” designation from Dr. Gogue’s title would serve the University in numerous ways; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gogue is demonstrably worthy and deserving of the title he held for ten years, as Auburn’s advances its current strategic plan and then searches for its next President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that the designation of “Interim” is hereby removed from Dr. Gogue’s title and that he is hereby appointed as Auburn’s 20th President, effective immediately.

Chairperson McCrary moved to the next item, approval of the 2020-2021 meeting dates. He indicated that adequate time for thorough review had been given, and that barring any issues, he moved for approval of the meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sahlie, and the following dates were unanimously approved:

2020-2021 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES

September 4, 2020

November 20, 2020

February 5, 2021 (AUM Campus)

April 16, 2021

June 11, 2021

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE DR. FRED ALLISON CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE LEACH SCIENCE CENTER

WHEREAS, the Leach Science Center houses physics instructional and research laboratories, classrooms and student success areas, departmental offices and a conference room, which is a multi-purpose area with modern technology in a highly visible space that facilitates communication, collaboration, and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fred Allison (1882-1974), founded the Auburn University physics department in 1922 as a modern department that served the mission of the University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allison, who received a Doctor of Science degree from Auburn University in 1931, provided leadership for the physics department with distinction for 31 years, and served as Dean of the Graduate School for four years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allison led a physics research program that attracted international attention when he conducted remarkable precision optical measurement research and discovered two new elements that filled gaps in the periodic table; and

WHEREAS, a new Auburn University science complex opened in 1963, with the physics building being named Allison Laboratory in recognition of Dr. Fred Allison and his service and contributions to Auburn University and the field of physics; and

WHEREAS, Allison Laboratory has been demolished to make way for new University facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Leach Science Center Conference Room be named The Dr. Fred Allison Conference Room.

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF COMMEMORATIVE MARKER HONORING ROD AND PAULA BRAMBLETT

WHEREAS, it is proposed that a commemorative marker honoring Rod and Paula Bramblett be erected at the Transit Hub on the Auburn University campus, to be funded by gift donation(s); and

WHEREAS, Rod Bramblett, sportscaster and 1988 graduate of Auburn University, served as radio play-by-play announcer for Auburn University's baseball, football and men's basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, Paula Bramblett worked in Auburn University's Office of Information Technology for over 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Rod Bramblett was honored by Sports Illustrated as the 2013 Play-by-Play Announcer of the Year and thrice named Alabama Sportscaster of the Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the request to install a commemorative marker honoring Rod and Paula Bramblett be on the Auburn University campus is approved, and that Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to fundraise and establish a commemorative marker.

RESOLUTION

NAMING A STUDY ROOM ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE BROWN-KOPEL ENGINEERING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CENTER AS THE J. EDWARD CHAPMAN STUDY ROOM

WHEREAS, J. Edward Chapman graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1956, and immediately started his career with Southern Bell Telephone Company; and

WHEREAS, after serving two years in the Army Signal Corps., Edward returned to Southern Bell in 1958, where he worked in various capacities before retiring in Birmingham, Ala; and

WHEREAS, Edward worked for BellSouth Telecommunications for 35 years, culminating in his appointment as assistant vice president for network planning; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrated a strong commitment to Auburn University, Auburn Athletics, and the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, making his first gift in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Edward has been an active member of the Auburn Engineering Alumni Council and a lifetime member of the Auburn Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, he has remained committed to the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering by previously establishing the Chapman Family Endowed Scholarship, giving annually as a member of the Eagles Society, Ginn, and Keystone Societies; and

WHEREAS, Edward is a member of the University's 1856 and Samford societies, as well as the Tigers Unlimited All-American Society because of his support; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Chapman Whatley has been a generous supporter of Auburn University since 2012, and through her most recent commitment has chosen to honor her father.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a top floor study room in the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center be named The J. Edward Chapman Study Room in honor of his generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE MACHINE SHOP ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE BROWN-KOPEL ENGINEERING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CENTER AS THE LARRY AND MARY MONTGOMERY MACHINE SHOP

WHEREAS, Larry and Mary Montgomery are the representatives of the Montgomery Foundation;
and

WHEREAS, Larry serves as president of the foundation and manages Montgomery Farms in Georgia and the Double U Ranch in Texas; and

WHEREAS, he received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in marketing and finance from Emory University; and

WHEREAS, Larry retired after 30 years with the Kimberly-Clark Corporation, where he served in engineering, manufacturing, research and development, and management of major capital projects;
and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery Foundation is a member of the Engineering Eagles and Ginn societies, as well as the University's 1856 and Samford societies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the machine shop on the ground floor of the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center be named The Larry & Mary Montgomery Machine Shop in honor of the foundation's generous support and ongoing dedication.

President Pro Tempore Smith announced that, with there being no further items for review, the meeting was recessed at Noon.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jon G. Waggoner
Secretary to the Board of Trustees