

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

July 9, 2020

RECONVENED ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JULY 9, 2020

Telephone conference instructions to join by phone:

(312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 452-787-9439

1. Approval of the April 3, 2020 Special Called Meeting Minutes and the May 7, 2020 Special Called Meeting Minutes
2. Awarding of Degrees
3. AUM Chancellor's Report
4. President's Report
5. Action Items and Committee Reports
 - A. Property and Facilities Committee | Chairperson DeMaioribus
 1. Quad Residence Hall Renovation, Project Initiation
 2. South College Street Property Conveyance
 - B. Academic Affairs Committee | Chairperson Newton
 1. Proposed Bachelor of Science in Genetics
 2. Proposed Master of Development Practice
 3. Proposed Closure of the Master of Turfgrass Management
 4. Proposed Changes to Faculty Personnel Policies
 - C. Audit and Compliance Committee | Chairperson Dumas
 1. Approval of Independent Auditors for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

D. Executive Committee | Chairperson McCrary

1. Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing to Sarah E. Mills
2. Addition of Positions to Managerial Group for the Enablement of Auburn University to Conduct Selected Classified Research Programs
3. Approval and Naming of the National Pan-Hellenic Council Legacy Plaza
4. Election of Board of Trustees Officers
5. Appointment of Board Members to the Presidential Assessment Working Group
6. Appointment of Board Members to the Trustee Selection Committee
7. Proposed Awards and Namings

6. Trustee Reports

- A. Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee | Chairperson Lanier
- B. Research and Technology Committee | Chairperson Austin
- C. Alumni Committee | Chairperson Huntley
- D. Trustee Task Force | Chairpersons Huntley and Pratt

7. Recess Meeting

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AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M.
VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

As *President Pro Tempore* of the Auburn University Board of Trustees, Mr. Wayne Smith convened the Annual Meeting of the Auburn University Board of Trustees, via telephone conference call, with Committee Meetings beginning at 9:00 a.m. CDT, and the Reconvened Annual Board Meeting at 10:15, each on Thursday, July 9, 2020. Immediately following the Committee Meetings, once the Board was reconvened, *President Pro Tempore* Smith called upon Board Secretary Jon Waggoner to call the roll. The following named members of the Board of Trustees were deemed to be in attendance via telephone conference: Lloyd Austin, Mike DeMaioribus, Bob Dumas, Raymond Harbert, Elizabeth Huntley, Gaines Lanier, Charles McCrary, Sarah Newton, James Pratt, Quentin Riggins, B.T. Roberts, Clark Sahlie, Jimmy Sanford, and Wayne Smith.

Governor Kay Ivey, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and Trustee Jimmy Rane 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 on the conference call with the Board were Michael Baginski, Outgoing Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees for Auburn University; Tara L. R. Beziat, Incoming Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees for AUM; Ada Ruth Huntley, Auburn University Student Government Association President; and Ciara Freeman, AUM Student Government Association President. Jon Waggoner attended as Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

This being the last meeting for Dr. Baginski in his role, *President Pro Tempore* Smith called upon Dr. Baginski for parting comments. Dr. Baginski thanked the Board for allowing him to serve in the role of Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees. He wished the Board the best of luck as the University navigates through the upcoming semester amid the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. *President Pro Tempore* Smith thanked Dr. Baginski for his hard work.

Other persons in attendance via telephone conference included the following: Jay Gogue, President; Ron Burgess, Executive Vice President; Bill Hardgrave, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Jamie Hammer, General Counsel; Bobby Woodard; Senior Vice President for Student Affairs; Kelli Shomaker, Vice President for Business & Finance and Chief Financial Officer; Carl Stockton, Chancellor of AUM; Gretchen VanValkenburg, Vice President for Alumni Affairs & Executive Director of the Auburn Alumni Association; Jane Parker, Vice President Emeritus for Development; Dan King, Associate Vice President for Facilities; Paul Patterson, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station; Nicholas Giordano, Dean of the College of Sciences and Mathematics; Susan Hubbard, Dean of the College of Human Sciences; Chris Roberts, Interim Vice President for Development and Interim President of the Auburn University Foundation; Jim O'Connor, Chief Information Officer; Gary Lemme, Extension Director; Mark Stirling, Director of Auburn University Real Estate; Jared White, Executive Director of Governmental Affairs; Benny LaRussa,

Chairperson of the Auburn University Foundation; Van Henley, President of the Auburn University Alumni Association; Douglas Grant, PricewaterhouseCoopers Representative; and Kevin Robinson, Associate Vice President for Audit, Compliance & Privacy.

President Pro Tempore Smith welcomed the following Auburn University and AUM Faculty Representatives: Nedret Billor, outgoing Auburn University Senate Chair and sitting Academic Affairs Committee Faculty Representative; Donald Mulvaney, incoming Auburn University Senate Chair; Kiara Bowen, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Faculty Representative; Shelia Mehta, AUM Committee Faculty Representative; Andrew McLelland, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; and Kim Brackett, Finance Committee Faculty Representative.

President Pro Tempore Smith then welcomed the following persons that serve Auburn University and AUM: Paige Patterson, newly elected Chair of the Auburn University Administrative & Professional Assembly; Penny Houston, newly elected Chair of the Auburn University Staff Council; and Rudy Tobias, AUM Staff Council President.

President Pro Tempore Smith then indicated that the Annual Meeting was occurring via telephone conference call due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He commended the faculty and staff for their outstanding work over the past few months which has allowed Auburn University's operations to continue seamlessly. He indicated that as we navigate through these unprecedented times and prepare for the upcoming semester, everyone has worked and continues to work tirelessly for the betterment of Auburn University. He, on behalf of the entire Board, expressed gratitude to each and every member of the Auburn Family. He also commended the technical staff for their hard work, especially for making the remote meetings run so smoothly.

After reconvening the meeting at 10:15 a.m., *President Pro Tempore* Smith asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from the April 3, 2020 Special Called Meeting and the May 7, 2020 Special Called Meeting. A motion was received from Mr. Sanford. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts, 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 Special Called Telephone Meetings on Friday, April 3, 2020 and Thursday, May 7, 2020 have been distributed to all members of this 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 the respective meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that the minutes of its April 3, 2020 and May 7, 2020 Special Called Telephone Meeting are hereby approved as distributed.

Following the approval of the April 3, 2020 Special Called Meeting Minutes and the May 7, 2020 Special Called Meeting Minutes, *President Pro Tempore* Smith asked for a motion to approve the Awarding of Degrees for students graduating at the end of Summer 2020. A motion was received from Mr. Sahlie. The motion was seconded by Mr. Riggins, 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 Summer Semester 2020, 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 in that a list of the degrees awarded be maintained in the records of the University and hereby made an official part of this resolution and of these minutes.

Following the approval of the Awarding of Degrees, *President Pro Tempore* Smith called upon Dr. Stockton for the AUM Chancellor's Report.

Dr. Stockton began his report by announcing that AUM recently released its guidelines for re-opening campus for the Fall 2020 semester. Dr. Stockton explained that in April, an 18-member task force, comprised of faculty, staff, students, administrators, and the Auburn University General Counsel's Office, was assigned to develop the plan. Dr. Stockton reported that the guidelines were developed following the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the State of Alabama, and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Dr. Stockton then reported that online enrollment for the Summer 2020 semester has increased by 6.28% compared to 2019 enrollment data.

Dr. Stockton then announced that AUM will now offer the Bobby and Marie Boone ACHS Class of 1957 Scholarship for students in Autauga County that wish to attend AUM. Dr. Stockton explained that the endowed scholarship was made possible by Mr. Boone's generous gift in honor of his late wife, Marie, totaling \$1.275 million.

Dr. Stockton then thanked the Board for its consideration of the posthumous awarding of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing to Sarah Mills. He indicated that Ms. Mills was tragically killed in a car accident in May 2020. Dr. Stockton then reported that AUM has already created an endowed scholarship named after Ms. Mills for AUM students pursuing a nursing degree thanks to the support from Ms. Mill's family and friends.

Dr. Stockton then thanked the Board for its approval of the naming of the McDermott Art Gallery which is named after the late Carson McDermott who suddenly passed away in August 2019. Dr. Stockton remarked that the naming in Ms. McDermott's honor will continue her legacy for passion of the fine arts.

Dr. Stockton then reported that the Medical Laboratory Science program at AUM received its reaffirmation of accreditation from the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences. He further explained that the program has been accredited for more than a decade and that it has a 100% job placement rate and a 96% passage rate for the Board Certification through the American Society for Clinical Pathology. He announced that many of the program's alumni are now working in labs studying the coronavirus and are working to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Stockton concluded his report by announcing that AUM will hold its graduation for Spring 2020 graduates during a joint ceremony honoring both Spring 2020 and Summer 2020 graduates on August 15, 2020 at the Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, Alabama.

President Pro Tempore Smith thanked Dr. Stockton for his report and subsequently called upon Dr. Gogue for the Auburn University President's Report.

Dr. Gogue began his report by providing an update regarding the University's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Gogue informed everyone that Auburn University is continuing to closely monitor the situation both on campus and in the community. He further explained that the University has followed and continues to follow the recommendations from public health officials for controlling the spread of the coronavirus, including requiring face coverings inside all university buildings. Dr. Gogue announced that the University's medical clinic is administering around 240 coronavirus tests each day.

Dr. Gogue then discussed the University's plans for the Fall 2020 semester. He explained that strategic plans have been developed and implemented to prepare for the return of students, faculty, and staff. He reported that the strategic plans include several options for instructional delivery including in-person instruction, remote instruction, and hybrid options for courses. He explained that the academic calendar for the Fall 2020 semester has been modified so that students will not return to campus following Thanksgiving Break and that Fall 2020 semester exams will be administered remotely in hopes to reduce the capacity of students in concentrated areas on campus after traveling outside of Auburn's campus. Dr. Gogue also reported that the University has increased cleaning and disinfection protocols for the upcoming semester.

Dr. Gogue next discussed the launching of a new campaign called "A Healthier U." He explained that this campaign will promote individual responsibility for social distancing in order to return Auburn's campus to a more traditional setting. Dr. Gogue announced that the campaign will include the distribution of wellness kits to all students, faculty, and staff which include face coverings, sanitizer, and a thermometer.

Dr. Gogue then reported that although most of Auburn's peer institutions have seen a decline in research productivity amid the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Auburn has seen an increase in research productivity during the past few months. Dr. Gogue attributed the remarkable success, which spans across several colleges and departments, to the generous grants awarded to the University. Dr. Gogue gave a special thanks to U.S. Senator Richard Shelby for his efforts in securing federal grants awarded to Auburn University and also for Senator Shelby's steadfast support of Auburn University.

Dr. Gogue then announced that the search for both Senior Vice President for Advancement and ACES Director are ongoing.

Dr. Gogue concluded his report by thanking everyone for their and hard work over the past several months as it has allowed the University to continue its operations.

President Pro Tempore Smith thanked Dr. Gogue for his report and then moved to the Action Items and Committee Reports as follows:

Property and Facilities Committee

Chairperson DeMaioribus indicated that the Property and Facilities Committee met earlier and discussed two action items and one informational item. Chairperson DeMaioribus moved for approval of a unanimous consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved in the unanimous consent agenda:

RESOLUTION

QUAD RESIDENCE HALLS RENOVATION

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

WHEREAS, Student Affairs proposes a project to renovate the Quad Residence Halls; and

WHEREAS, the Quad Residence Halls complex consists of ten residence halls housing approximately 1,000 students: and

WHEREAS, four of the ten resident halls were built in 1938, with the remaining six being built in 1952: and

WHEREAS, the Quad Residence Halls have not been renovated since the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project would renovate the Quad in five phases, with each phase consisting of two buildings a year, until all ten residence halls are updated: and

WHEREAS, the scope of work for the renovation of each building includes the replacement and upgrade of interior finishes, furnishings, and plumbing fixtures, upgrades to building electrical and mechanical systems, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) modifications; and

WHEREAS, each phase will be presented to the Board of Trustees for Final Approval, prior to the start of the renovation for that phase; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this renovation project would be financed by Campus Housing; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy 'D-3, Capital Projects Approval,' the initiation of this project 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 the initiation of the new Quad Residence Halls Renovation project is approved; and Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to commence the project architect selection process with each phase to be presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval prior to the start of work.

RESOLUTION

SOUTH COLLEGE STREET PROPERTY CONVEYANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn requests that Auburn University convey approximately 1.95 acres of University land to facilitate a road improvement project in Auburn, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn is planning to begin a \$3.1 million dollar project on South College Street during the fall of 2020 to increase traffic capacity and improve traffic safety, pedestrian safety and American with Disabilities Act compliance, as well as to enhance street lighting and drainage; and

WHEREAS, the University owns property adjacent to the existing South College Street roadway, and the City of Auburn project would encroach onto 1.95 acres of the University's land as shown in Attachment (1), which includes 1.10 acres identified for a temporary construction easement for the duration of the project; and

WHEREAS, conveyance of this property to City of Auburn will benefit the University and the general public, in that the proposed traffic improvements will provide safer roadways and pedestrian paths for the University community and area residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn has requested that the parcel be conveyed without charge; and

WHEREAS, the proposed transaction with the City of Auburn for easements and rights of way is exempt from state bidding requirements.

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 convey 0.85 acres of land at the Auburn University main campus described in Attachment (1) to the City of Auburn, and to grant a temporary easement over an additional 1.10 acres of University land for the duration of the City's project, to facilitate the City's South College Street improvement project. All documents consummating the conveyance shall be reviewed as to form by legal counsel for Auburn University.



ATTACHMENT 1

THACH AVENUE

RBD
LIBRARY

RBD
LIBRARY

ROOSEVELT DR.

ROOSEVELT DR.

COMER
HALL

COMER
HALL

S. COLLEGE ST.

S. COLLEGE ST.

W. SAMFORD AVE.

W. SAMFORD AVE.

PRESIDENT'S
HOME

PRESIDENT'S
HOME

LEGEND



REQUESTED
RIGHT OF WAY
(0.55 AC)



TEMP. CONST.
EASEMENT
(1.10 AC)

LEGEND



REQUESTED
WATER
EASEMENT
(0.30 AC)

Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Newton indicated that the Academic Affairs Committee met earlier and discussed four action items and one informational item. Chairperson Newton moved for approval of a unanimous consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved in the unanimous consent agenda:

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN GENETICS

WHEREAS, the College of Sciences and Mathematics is committed to providing the highest quality instruction by offering programs that advance human and animal health and well-being through scientific discovery; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Biological Sciences is proposing a new program, the Bachelor of Science in Genetics, for students interested in the study of the organization, function, and transmission of heritable information; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Genetics would provide students with a flexible curriculum that promotes the study of molecular biology and genetic information theories necessary for advancing global solutions to genetic problems and human diseases; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bachelor of Science in Genetics would prepare students for diverse careers in modern science and industry fields such as biotechnology, agriculture, food safety, public health, conservation, higher education, medicine, government departments, and research institutes, among others; and

WHEREAS, the request to create the Bachelor of Science in Genetics has been endorsed by the Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, the University Curriculum Committee, the Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed Bachelor of Science in Genetics from the College of Sciences and Mathematics be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED MASTER OF DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences is committed to providing the highest quality instruction to its students by offering programs that promote global understanding, social engagement, and sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences wishes to offer a new graduate degree for students interested in pursuing careers as development professionals able to foster programs and support organizations focused on advancing solutions to global issues, particularly those affecting the world's most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Master of Development Practice would address the growing need for professionals committed to solving global challenges by offering students an interdisciplinary program that integrates theory with hands-on and experiential learning across the human sciences; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Master of Development Practice would offer a curriculum that prepares students for professional careers with major international organizations, corporate and private foundations, non-profit entities, and government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the college will utilize existing faculty and courses to establish the Master of Development Practice, and therefore does not require any additional resources; and

WHEREAS, the request to create the Master of Development Practice has been endorsed by the Dean of the College of Human Sciences, the Graduate Council, the Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed Master of Development Practice from the College of Human Sciences be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE MASTER OF TURFGRASS MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the College of Agriculture offers an undergraduate program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Crop and Soil Science, including an option in Turfgrass Management; and

WHEREAS, based on the success of the undergraduate program, the college established a graduate program in 2013 leading to the Master of Turfgrass Management that offered advanced coursework in the fields of turfgrass science and management; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences elected to discontinue the program due to low levels of student enrollment and the inability to meet post-implementation requirements established by both Auburn University and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, no students are currently enrolled in the Master of Turfgrass Management; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to close the Master of Turfgrass Management has been approved by the Dean of the College of Agriculture, the Graduate Council, the Academic Program Review Committee, the Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed closure of the Master of Turfgrass Management be approved and that the closure be submitted to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) as a proposed substantive change requiring the approval of that body. Following SACSCOC approval, the closure will be reported to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

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 additional recommendation provided by the Senate Executive Committee, and have received the approval of the Provost and the President; and

WHEREAS, the Board defines policies related to appointment, promotion, tenure and dismissal of faculty, and development and 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 Jay Gogue, President, 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.

ATTACHMENT A

Faculty Handbook Review Committee

The committee has unanimously approved the following changes:

Dismissal procedures throughout the handbook include the following phrase:

“Dismissal shall not be used to restrain faculty members in their exercise of academic freedom or other rights of American citizens.”

The proposed change in language is:

“Dismissal and the threat of dismissal shall not be used to restrain faculty members in their exercise of academic freedom, Constitutional rights, or other applicable rights ~~of American citizens~~.”

(3.5.1.J., 3.5.2.K., 3.5.3.K, 3.5.7.H, 3.5.8.L, 3.9.2, identical wording in all instances)

These proposed changes have been discussed and agreed upon with University Counsel and the Auburn AAUP leadership.

Proposed Handbook Changes

Approved by the Faculty Handbook Review Committee, 06/08/2020

These changes accomplish two things: They enact the move from Librarian and Archivist titles to Professorial titles, as approved by the Senate, and also make changes to the requirements for external letters in tenure and promotion cases that have been requested by the University Promotion and Tenure Committee.

3.3.2 Kinds of Appointment ‡

Members of the faculty of Auburn University are appointed to temporary, probationary, tenured, or continuing positions. Joint appointments, where half the appointment is a faculty appointment, fall under one of these classifications.

The professorial faculty includes the ranks of instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and professor, and their equivalents of librarian and archivist I, II, III, and IV. The equivalent ranks for librarians and archivists apply here and throughout this document. Except for the ranks of instructor, librarian I, and archivist I, these are tenure-track positions.

3.6.4 Eligibility for Promotion and Tenure ‡

There is no fixed requirement ... retain the position of full-time employee.

Except in highly unusual circumstances, a faculty member holding the rank of assistant professor, librarian II, or archivist II recommended for tenure should be recommended for promotion to associate professor, librarian III, or archivist III as well. However, recommendation for promotion at this level does not necessarily entail recommendation for tenure, since the criteria for tenure, which include collegiality, are more exacting than the criteria for promotion. Recommendations for promotion and tenure must be voted separately.

There are no fixed quotas for tenured positions or for the various ranks established for colleges, schools, or departments.

3.6.5. Policy and Procedure for Promotion and Tenure ‡

C. Information on the Candidate:

(2). Information to Be Supplied by the Candidate:

d. A list of scholarly contributions in accord with the following outline. A candidate should present their work as informatively and accurately as possible. A candidate should cross-reference work that falls in two areas (e.g., "See X.x."). Librarians and archivists Faculty employed by the University Libraries should interpret teaching to apply to performing as a librarian or archivist and adapt the following outline accordingly.

(3) Information to Be Supplied by the Department Head/Chair

Information should be supplied in each of the following areas:

A. Teaching

3. Letters from thesis/dissertation students. Librarians and archivists Faculty employed by the University Libraries may include letters from members of the academic community outside the library. Supporting letters in this category are optional. No more than three should be included.

E. Confidential Letters from Outside Reviewers

The department head/chair (or the dean) shall solicit information from outside ~~references~~ evaluators in the case of candidates nominated for associate or full professor, ~~librarian III or IV, or archivist III or IV~~. In consultation with the candidate and the faculty voting on the candidate, the head/chair (or dean) shall compile a list of potential evaluators. ~~They~~ 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. ~~If the evaluator is from an academic institution, they~~ 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. 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 ~~referees~~ evaluators shall remain confidential and shall not be made available to candidates at any time.

Audit and Compliance Committee

Chairperson Dumas indicated that the Audit and Compliance Committee met earlier and discussed one action item and two informational items. Chairperson Dumas moved for approval of a unanimous consent agenda. The motion was seconded by General Austin, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved in the unanimous consent agenda:

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

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 to audit the University's financial statements and to conduct the federally required A-133 audit.

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

Executive Committee

Chairperson McCrary indicated that the Executive Committee met earlier in the day and discussed numerous items.

The first item reported to the Board was a resolution to approve the Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing to Sarah E. Mills. A motion to approve the resolution was received from Chairperson McCrary. The motion was seconded by Ms. Newton, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION

POSTHUMOUS AWARDING OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING TO SARAH E. MILLS

WHEREAS, Ms. Sarah Elizabeth Mills, an undergraduate student in the School of Nursing in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Auburn University at Montgomery, passed away on April 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mills passed away before she could complete the final requirements necessary for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing; and

WHEREAS, the faculty in the School Nursing; the Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences; the Provost; and the Chancellor recommend that the Bachelor of Science in Nursing be awarded posthumously.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing is hereby granted posthumously to Ms. Sarah Elizabeth Mills in recognition of her 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 Ms. Sarah Elizabeth Mills 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.

The second item reported to the Board was a resolution to approve the Addition of Positions to Managerial Group for the Enablement of Auburn University to Conduct Selected Classified Research Programs. A motion to approve the resolution was received from Chairperson McCrary. The motion was seconded by General Austin, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION

ADDITION OF POSITIONS TO MANAGERIAL GROUP FOR THE ENABLEMENT OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY TO CONDUCT SELECTED CLASSIFIED RESEARCH PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on November 18, 2011, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the establishment of a Managerial Group for the enablement of Auburn University to conduct selected classified research programs.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees acknowledges that Auburn University has been conducting classified research since 1971 and that the 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
Executive Vice President
Provost and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs
Vice President for Research and Economic Development
Associate Vice President for Audit, Compliance and Privacy
General Counsel
Executive Director Institutional Compliance & Privacy
Executive Director for AU Huntsville Research Center
Associate Dean of Research College of Engineering

To better serve Auburn University in its research activities and interests, we are removing the following positions:

Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Research
Associate Vice President for Facilities Management
Executive Director for Office of External Engagement and Support
Senior Counsel for National Security Programs, Cyber Programs & Military Affairs

and replacing those positions with the following:

Executive Vice President
Associate Vice President for Audit, Compliance and Privacy
General Counsel
Executive Director Institutional Compliance and Privacy

as well as adding one At-Large position:

Associate Dean of Research College of Engineering

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 Managerial 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 member 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.

Officer Titles:

Vice President of University Outreach & Associate Provost (currently Royrickers Cook)
Sr. Vice President for Student Affairs (currently Bobby R. Woodard)
Vice President for Alumni Affairs (currently Gretchen VanValkenburg)
Vice President for Development (currently Interim Chris Roberts)
Vice President for Business & Finance and CFO (currently Kelli D. Shomaker)
Chancellor, Auburn University at Montgomery (currently Carl A. Stockton)
Director, Alabama Cooperative Extension System (currently Gary D. Lemme)
Director, Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station (currently Paul M. Patterson)
Director of Intercollegiate Athletics (currently Allen Greene)
Secretary to the Board of Trustees (currently Jon G. Waggoner)
Executive Director Governmental Affairs (Jared White)

Board of Trustees Titles:

President of Board (currently Governor Kay Ivey)
District 1 (currently B.T. Roberts)
District 2 (currently Clark Sahlie)
District 3 (currently James W. Rane)
District 3 – Lee County (currently Bob Dumas)
District 4 (currently Jimmy Sanford)
District 5 (currently Gaines Lanier)
District 6 (currently Elizabeth Huntley)
District 7 (currently Sarah B. Newton)
District 8 (currently Michael A. DeMaioribus)
District 9 (currently James Pratt)
At-Large/President Pro Tempore (currently Wayne T. Smith)
At-Large (currently Raymond J. Harbert)
At-Large (currently Charles D. McCrary)
At-Large (currently Quentin P. Riggins)
At-Large (currently Lloyd Austin)

The third item reported to the Board was a resolution for Approval and Naming of the National Pan-Hellenic Council Legacy Plaza. A motion to approve the resolution was received from Chairperson McCrary. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley. Prior to the vote on the motion, Ms. Elizabeth Huntley and SGA President Ada Ruth Huntley both made remarks regarding the resolution to approve the National Pan-Hellenic Council Legacy Plaza.

Ms. Huntley thanked her fellow Board members for their unanimous support and indicated that this approval would be an example of the Auburn Family's ability to address diversity and inclusion. Ms. Huntley stated that she is proud of the students for their hard work to bring this project to fruition.

SGA President Ada Ruth Huntley thanked the Board members for their support of the resolution. She then reported on the history of the naming process as follows: The National Pan-Hellenic Council is comprised of nine historically black Greek letter organizations nationally, five of which are present on Auburn's campus. SGA President Huntley explained that the Legacy Plaza will serve as a great recruitment tool for minority recruitment as well as the first physical landmark honoring black student organizations on Auburn's campus. She also indicated that this project has been nearly four years in the making and it has been supported by different student groups, including the Student Government Association and several fraternities and sororities across all Greek councils. She explained that the development of this project has been a collaborative effort between various student organizations, Student Affairs, Facilities, Alumni, and so many other groups. She indicated that she was honored to write the resolution two years ago supporting this project on behalf of the Student Senate and SGA, as a whole. She concluded by again thanking the Board for their support.

Following the remarks, the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL AND NAMING OF THE NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL LEGACY PLAZA

WHEREAS, it is proposed that a plaza with one central commemorative marker and nine individual markers honoring each of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) organizations be erected in front of the new Academic Classroom and Laboratory Complex (ACLC) on the Auburn University campus, to be funded by Student Affairs and gift donation(s); and

WHEREAS, such a space gives homage to the legacy of Black Greek-lettered organizations and African American culture at Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, the NPHC Legacy Plaza will provide a symbolic and functional space that celebrates the NPHC organizations as part of sorority/fraternity life on Auburn's campus; and

WHEREAS, student leaders, members of NPHC, IFC, and Panhellenic chapters and Auburn alumni have pledged financial support of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the request to construct a plaza on Auburn University campus, honoring the NPHC organizations 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 raise funds and establish the NPHC Legacy Plaza and the commemorative markers contained within.

Chairperson McCrary then reported that the Executive Committee considered nominations for a member to serve as *President Pro Tempore* of the Board of Trustees for the 2020-2021 term. Chairperson McCrary indicated that the Executive Committee recommended in its morning meeting that *President Pro Tempore* Smith continue to serve in that role. A motion to elect *President Pro Tempore* Smith as the *President Pro Tempore* of the Board of Trustees for the 2020-2021 term was received from Mr. Riggins. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lanier, and the motion carried unanimously. Chairperson McCrary congratulated *President Pro Tempore* Smith and remarked that the Board looks forward to continuing to work with him in this role.

Chairperson McCrary then reported that the Executive Committee considered nominations for a member to serve as *Vice President Pro Tempore* of the Board of Trustees for the 2020-2021 term. Chairperson McCrary indicated that the Executive Committee recommended in its morning meeting that Mr. Bob Dumas serve in that role. A motion to elect Mr. Bob Dumas as the *Vice President Pro Tempore* of the Board of Trustees for the 2020-2021 term was received from Mr. Riggins. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lanier, and the motion carried unanimously. Chairperson McCrary congratulated Mr. Dumas and remarked that the Board looks forward to working with him in this new role.

Following the election of Board of Trustees Officers, Chairperson McCrary called upon *President Pro Tempore* Smith for the appointment of board members to the Presidential Assessment Working Group. *President Pro Tempore* Smith announced the appointment of Trustees Austin, Harbert, Newton, and Roberts to the Presidential Assessment Working Group. *President Pro Tempore* Smith asked that the group begin the review process right away so that the results may be shared at the upcoming September Board Meeting.

The next item discussed was the appointment of board members to the Trustee Selection Committee. Chairperson McCrary reported that the Executive Committee recommended in its morning meeting that Trustees Pratt and Sahlie serve on the constitutionally constituted committee that will determine who to appoint or reappoint for the seats currently occupied by Trustee Sanford, Trustee DeMaioribus, and *President Pro Tempore* Smith, each of whose terms end this year. A motion to appoint Trustee James Pratt and Trustee Clark Sahlie to the Trustee Selection Committee was received from Ms. Newton. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sanford, and the motion carried unanimously. Following the motion, Chairperson McCrary remarked that Trustees Pratt and Sahlie will serve alongside two members from the Alumni Association and the Governor of Alabama to locate and recommend trustee candidates for the aforementioned seats. Chairperson McCrary further explained that each member of the Trustee Selection Committee will serve through the end of the Board's Annual Meeting in June 2021 or until the appointment or reappointment of other members to the committee.

The seventh item presented to the Board was a motion by Chairperson McCrary to approve eleven namings and one special commendation. The motion was seconded by General Austin, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved:

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE STUDENT STUDY AREA ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF HORTON-HARDGRAVE HALL AS THE FRED BLATCHFORD STUDENT STUDY AREA

WHEREAS, Mr. Frederick R. Blatchford earned his bachelor's degree in industrial and operations management in 1985, and has been a generous supporter of the Harbert College of Business and Auburn University for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, Fred is a generous supporter of the Harbert College of Business through his endowed scholarships and fellowship, as well as his service on the Business Advisory Council, recently serving at its chair; and

WHEREAS, Fred previously served on the Harbert College of Business Campaign Committee and has been a frequent guest speaker in classes; and

WHEREAS, Fred's commitment to the Harbert College and Auburn University is evident through his membership in the Shareholders' Club, the James E. Foy Loyalty Society, the Athletics All-American Society, the Petrie Society, and the 1856 Society; and

WHEREAS, Fred's time in the Harbert College of Business had a profound impact on him and, therefore, he is passionate about the direction of the Harbert College of Business and is committed to its continued progress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the student study area on the third floor of Horton-Hardgrave Hall be named The Fred Blatchford Study Area in honor of his generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE PATIO OF THE SCHOOL OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE SCIENCES BUILDING AS THE JEFF BUTLER PATIO

WHEREAS, the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences is dedicated to nurturing an era of sustainable forestry that will ensure future generations abundant supplies of forest products, diverse fish and wildlife populations, and clean air and water; and

WHEREAS a building that mirrors the technological advancements of the 21st century has been built for natural resources education, research, extension, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, the late Jeff Butler of Mountain Brook, Alabama, who attended Auburn University and majored in Psychology from 1989 through 1991, will be remembered for his love of nature and the outdoors through a gift in his memory made by his parents, Britt and Judy Butler.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the patio of the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences Building be named The Jeff Butler Patio in recognition of the Butler Family's generous support.

RESOLUTION

NAMING A ROOM ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF HORTON-HARDGRAVE HALL AS THE AMY AND TODD CARROLL ROOM

WHEREAS, Kenneth Todd Carroll received his bachelor's degree in marketing from Auburn University in 1989, and is in pharmaceutical sales with Novartis in Woodstock, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Amy Woodall Carroll received her bachelor's degree in international business in 1987, and works with therapy dogs and as a pre-school teacher at First Baptist Church of Woodstock; and

WHEREAS, Todd and Amy have been generous benefactors of the Harbert College of Business through their gift to Horton-Hardgrave Hall and their support of the Amy and Todd Carroll Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, the Carrolls' generosity extends to other areas of campus, including Athletics and Enrollment Services; and

WHEREAS, Todd and Amy hope their contributions enhance the Harbert College of Business and propel it to achieve its vision of being nationally recognized as an elite public college of business; and

WHEREAS, the Carrolls' commitment to Auburn University is evident through their memberships in the James E. Foy Loyalty Society and the 1856 Society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a room on the fourth floor of Horton-Hardgrave Hall be named The Amy and Todd Carroll Room in honor of the Carrolls' generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF HORTON-HARDGRAVE HALL AS THE JOHN DOWLESS CONFERENCE ROOM

WHEREAS, John Lyn Dowless received his bachelor's degree in economics from Auburn University in 1989, and is the founder and CEO of Millennium Consulting; and

WHEREAS, he was elected the mayor of Edgewood, Florida, in April 2019; and

WHEREAS, John, has been a generous benefactor of the Harbert College of Business since 1997, through gifts to the Harbert Excellence Fund and recently to Horton-Hardgrave Hall; and

WHEREAS, John hopes his contribution will enhance the Harbert College of Business and is excited about how Horton-Hardgrave Hall will impact the college; and

WHEREAS, John made this commitment to name a conference room knowing he could be proud of the work accomplished there; and

WHEREAS, John's commitment to Auburn University is evident through this gift and his membership in the Samford Society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the conference room on the third floor of Horton-Hardgrave Hall be named The John Dowless Conference Room in honor of his generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE FLAT ARENA AND VETERINARY LAB AT THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER AS THE GLEGHORN-DEMPSEY ARENA AND THE CHARLES AND JOY GLEGHORN LAB

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Gleghorn, from Fayetteville, Tennessee, has been a longtime supporter of Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gleghorn, Chairman of the Bank of Lincoln County, built a successful banking business, including services across Tennessee and Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gleghorn's daughter and son-in-law, Gay and Michael Dempsey, both 1990 Auburn University graduates, continue to build on the legacy Mr. Gleghorn has established at the Bank of Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, the Gleghorn and Dempsey families are longtime community leaders who generously devote time and resources to organizations that improve their community, including bringing the Joy Gleghorn Nature Preserve to Fayetteville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Gleghorn and Dempsey families are dedicated Auburn supporters and have provided generous gifts to support Auburn Athletics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gleghorn and the Dempseys recently made leadership gifts to Auburn Athletics to support the new equestrian facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Flat Arena at the Auburn Equestrian Center is hereby named The Gleghorn–Dempsey Family Arena, commonly referred to as The Gleghorn–Dempsey Arena, and the Veterinary Lab in the Williams Family Barn is hereby named The Charles and Joy Gleghorn Lab, commonly referred to as the Gleghorn Lab, in recognition of the Gleghorn and Dempsey families' generosity.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE SOFTBALL PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTER AT
JANE B. MOORE FIELD AS
THE GREGG E. HEIM PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregg E. Heim, from Birmingham, Alabama, graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Heim, a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at Auburn, served his country as a member of the Army Reserves; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Heim, had a long career with Liberty National Insurance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Heim, an avid Auburn Athletics fan, made provisions in his estate plans to name Auburn Athletics as the sole beneficiary of his estate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in recognition of Gregg Heim's love of and generosity to Auburn Athletics, the softball player development center at Jane B. Moore Field is hereby named The Gregg E. Heim Player Development Center, commonly referred to as The Heim Player Development Center or The Heim Center.

RESOLUTION

NAMING AN OFFICE ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF HORTON-HARDGRAVE HALL AS THE DOUG AND REBECCA KING OFFICE

WHEREAS, Mr. Douglas A. King earned his bachelor's degree in finance from the Harbert College of Business in 2000, and Mrs. Rebecca High King earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from the College of Education in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Kings' commitment to the Harbert College and Auburn University is evident through their membership in the Harbert College of Business Shareholders' Society, the College of Education Dean's Circle, the James E. Foy Loyalty Society, and the Samford Society; and

WHEREAS, Doug and Rebecca also are devoted to the Auburn community, having recently built a home in Auburn so the family may spend more time on the Plains; and

WHEREAS, Doug and Rebecca's time in the Harbert College of Business and College of Education had a profound impact on them and, therefore, they are passionate about the direction of the Harbert College and are committed to its continued progress, as well as that of the entire university.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that an office in the MBA Suite on the fourth floor of Horton-Hardgrave Hall be named The Doug and Rebecca King Office in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

NAMING CONFERENCE ROOM 151 IN ROSS HALL AS THE COLTON MARTINEZ CONFERENCE ROOM

WHEREAS, Colton Martinez graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 2015, and began his career at ExxonMobil; and

WHEREAS, after serving two years in the role of Delayed Coker Technical Engineer and transitioning into the role of Baytown Refinery Earnings Analyst, Colton currently serves as a jet and diesel coordinator for ExxonMobil; and

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated a strong commitment to Auburn University, the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, and has made his first major gift commitment to the Department of Chemical Engineering before the age of 27, serving as a true example to his peers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that conference room 151 in Ross Hall be named The Colton Martinez Conference Room in honor of his generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY FINE ARTS GALLERY IN GOODWYN HALL AS THE CASON MCDERMOTT ART GALLERY

WHEREAS, the fine arts gallery on the campus of Auburn University at Montgomery serves as a venue to nurture and celebrate the artistic accomplishments of its students; and

WHEREAS, Miss Cason Leigh McDermott graduated from Auburn University at Montgomery with a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts *Cum Laude* in May 2018; and

WHEREAS, it was Miss McDermott's dream to one day return to AUM as an art professor to teach students the beauty of creativity and the therapeutic value of art; and

WHEREAS, Miss McDermott passed away in August 2019, and will be remembered for her love of art, her love of people, and her love of AUM; and

WHEREAS Miss McDermott's parents, Mickey and Mona McDermott, wish to honor her memory by providing a generous gift to the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences; and

WHEREAS Miss McDermott's parents established the Cason Leigh McDermott Fund for Excellence to assist students like Cason, who wish to pursue a degree in Art.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the fine arts gallery space located in Goodwyn Hall on the campus of Auburn University at Montgomery be named The Cason McDermott Art Gallery in memory of Cason Leigh McDermott and in recognition of her parents' generous support.

RESOLUTION

NAMING AN AUBURN OAK AT SAMFORD PARK

WHEREAS, for more than 80 years, the Auburn Oaks at Toomer's Corner majestically welcomed visitors and offered the Auburn Family a place to congregate and celebrate; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Dr. Scott Enebak, a faculty member in the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, initiated a program to ensure the Auburn Oaks' legacy continued by having Forestry Club and Wildlife Society members cultivate acorns from the original trees; and

WHEREAS, as part of the redevelopment of Samford Park, ten of these descendant trees were planted in March 2016; and

WHEREAS, philanthropic gifts made in honor of these trees established the Auburn Oaks at Samford Park Endowed Fund for Excellence; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a descendant of the original Auburn Oaks be named, in accordance with the terms outlined in the Auburn Oaks at Samford Park Endowed Fund for Excellence agreement, in honor of the Christina and Blake Banks family, by Darryl and Diane Rosser, whose generous support will advance the University's vision.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE GREEN ROOM IN THE JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY AS THE CAROLYN PARMER SALANITRI GREEN ROOM

WHEREAS, Carolyn Salanitri received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Auburn University in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Richard Salanitri received a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Auburn University in 1985, and a Master of Business Administration from Wake Forest University in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn began her career as a buyer for a national department store chain and then as a claims representative in the automotive unit of a large insurance provider; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn was a teacher in Guilford County, North Carolina, for more than 20 years and served the school and community through various volunteer roles; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn supported numerous theatrical productions at the schools she served and is a strong voice for the arts as an essential component of public education; and

WHEREAS, Richard has spent his entire career dedicated to the enhancement of interior cabins of transport category aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Richard led the manufacturing division at TIMCO Aviation Services for 21 years, joined Delta Air Lines in 2015, and currently serves as president of Delta Flight Products, a wholly owned subsidiary of Delta; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn and Richard believe in providing access to cultural enrichment to rural areas of East Alabama and West Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn and Richard made a generous gift to support the Gogue Performing Arts Center because of their deep love for the performing arts and Auburn University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Room in the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center at Auburn University shall be named The Carolyn Parmer Salanitri Green Room in recognition of the generous support of Carolyn and Richard Salanitri.

RESOLUTION

RECOGNITION OF VICE PRESIDENT JANE DiFOLCO PARKER

WHEREAS, Jane DiFolco Parker has served Auburn University with distinction as vice president for development and president of the Auburn University Foundation since 2012; and

WHEREAS, under her exceptional leadership, the university raised more than \$1.2 billion during *Because This is Auburn — A Campaign for Auburn University*, the institution's largest fundraising initiative to date; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parker faithfully collaborated with Auburn's schools and colleges on such projects as a new nursing building, the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center, the Gogue Performing Arts Center, and Horton-Hardgrave Hall; and

WHEREAS, as president of the Auburn University Foundation, Ms. Parker worked tirelessly with Auburn University's most generous volunteer leaders; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parker and her husband, Bill, graciously welcomed donors, students, faculty, and staff into their home in appreciation for the tremendous generosity and hard work of these individuals; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parker served Auburn University as a leader who consistently provided wise and valuable counsel, and as an expert on matters of fundraising who also demonstrated unfailing commitment to operational excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Auburn University extends to Jane DiFolco Parker sincere gratitude for her invaluable service to Auburn University and bestows upon her the title of Vice President *Emerita*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Ms. Parker so that she, Bill, and her family are reminded of Auburn University's deep gratitude and respect for her many efforts on behalf of Auburn University.

The final item reported to the Board was the presentment of special reports from Lead Trustees and Committee Chairs as follows:

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

Chairperson Lanier began his report by prefacing that the spring and summer are a busy time of year for faculty researchers in the College of Agriculture. He indicated that unlike some of Auburn University's peer institutions, the College of Agriculture and the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Stations have maintained all research operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Chairperson Lanier announced that as of the end of June, over 500 new experiments were launched at the Experiment Station's outlying units. Chairperson Lanier then reported the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station has appointed Greg Pate, former director of the EV Smith Research Center, as the new director of outlying units. Chairperson Lanier reported that Mr. Pate's first day in his new role was June 1, 2020.

Chairperson Lanier then reported that the faculty members in the College of Agriculture have been awarded \$16.2 million in research grants during the first nine months of Fiscal Year 2020. He then announced that faculty members are also undertaking nearly \$11 million in collaborative research with the USDA Agricultural Research Service.

Chairperson Lanier concluded his report by announcing that recently, a group of faculty researchers was awarded a \$3 million grant from the USDA National Resource Conservation Service to conduct research and extension programs on soil conservation practices on Alabama row crop farms.

Research and Technology Committee

Chairperson Austin began his report by indicating that several Auburn University researchers have been recognized with significant awards and honors for their research and creative scholarships. He reported that the following colleges and/or researchers were recognized for their achievements:

The Auburn University College of Agriculture research faculty and Alabama Extension specialists have received a \$3 million grant from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The grant will be used to implement and evaluate innovative conservation practices among the state's row crop farmers. The research team includes: Dr. Rishi Prasad, Dr. Michelle Worosz, Dr. Brenda Ortiz, Dr. Audrey Gamble, and Dr. Leah Duzy.

Dr. Debswapna Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor of Computer Sciences and Software Engineering, has received the prestigious National Science Foundation CAREER Award for early-career researchers. Dr. Bhattacharya was awarded over \$557,000 to support his work in protein structure prediction, a scientific field in which computational modeling can be used to determine the three-dimensional structure of proteins.

Dr. Carlton Nell, Professor in the School of Industrial and Graphic Design in the College of Architecture, Design and Construction, recently received \$15,000 in awards after being named a South Arts State Fellow and Southern Prize Finalist winner by South Arts, a nonprofit regional arts organization dedicated to advancing Southern vitality through the Arts. Dr. Nell is the first Alabama State Fellow to win the Southern Prize Finalist award and was selected for the honors based on his work in the medium of silver on film.

Dr. Bryan Beckingham, Assistant Professor in Chemical Engineering, was recently awarded \$259,000 from the National Science Foundation to explore ways to maximize the efficiency of solar fuel cells.

Chairperson Austin concluded his report by congratulating each of the researchers for their outstanding achievements and for representing Auburn University so well.

Alumni Committee

Chairperson Huntley began her report by indicating that the Auburn Alumni Association announced its incoming President, Vice President, and new Board of Directors who will begin their terms on October 1, 2020 as follows: Regenia Sanders, President, who will be the first African American female to serve in this role; LuAnne Hart, Vice President; Maria Baugh, member of the Board of Directors; Fred Blatchford, member of the Board of Directors; Metrick Houser, member of the Board of Directors; and Denise Slupe, member of the Board of Directors.

Chairperson Huntley then reported that the Auburn Alumni Association has pivoted from in-person engagement to virtual engagement due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She indicated that the Alumni Association has created new virtual programs including “Ambush as Home” with Coach Malzahn, Coach Pearl, and Andy Burcham; the 18:56 Facebook series which airs weekly; and virtual Freshmen send-off events. Chairperson Huntley announced that to date, 62,000 individuals have participated in the new virtual programs.

Chairperson Huntley then reported that the inaugural Auburn Alumni Association Young Alumni Council held its first meeting in May 2020. She indicated that the members of the Council focused on increasing young alumni engagement and meaningful ways to connect young alumni.

Chairperson Huntley concluded her report by announcing that the inaugural Auburn Alumni Association Black Alumni Council members will be announced in mid-July. Chairperson Huntley explained that the Council will work on a myriad of issues including alumni programs, assisting with strategic enrollment goals, and supporting students with mentoring and employment opportunities.

Trustee Task Force

Mr. Pratt began the report by explaining that on June 17, 2020, President Gogue announced the formation of two groups to aid Auburn University in moving forward regarding issues of diversity and inclusion.

Mr. Pratt explained that the first group created is an on-campus University Task Force charged with identifying internal improvements to enhance minority representation and advancement.


He then reported that the second group created is the Trustee Task Force charged with focusing on broader issues that rise to the Board-level as well as issues in which higher education and the State of Alabama may be able to work together to focus on policy. He explained that the Trustee Task Force is comprised of six members of the Auburn University Board of Trustees and that *President Pro Tempore* Smith has named the following members to serve: Ms. Elizabeth Huntley, co-chair; Mr. James Pratt, co-chair; General Lloyd Austin (ret.); Mr. Bob Dumas, Ms. Sarah Newton; and Mr. Quentin Riggins. Mr. Pratt noted that the members of the Task Force are diverse in terms of race, gender, professional background, and life experience. He informed everyone that the Trustee Task Force will work closely with the General Counsel in regard to legal issues and policies and that the Task Force will pay special attention to factual research to create a complete picture of the issues that may be presented to the Board. He shared that the Trustee Task Force will work to develop fair criteria and standards to be utilized in considering any request that the Board make changes to the names of building, roads, or other spaces on campus. The goal is for the Trustee Task Force and thus, the Board, to be fully informed, considering each situation presented holistically. There will be no rush to judgement, but instead, when the Trustee Task Force makes any recommendations to the Board, it will ensure that all recommendations are well conceived and determined following a process that is fundamentally fair and balanced. Mr. Pratt then called upon Ms. Elizabeth Huntley, Trustee Task Force co-chair, for additional comments.

Ms. Huntley began by thanking *President Pro Tempore* Smith and President Gogue for the seriousness and swiftness given to this issue. She commented that by creating the Trustee Task Force, the University is demonstrating its continued care, respect, and attention to minorities and minority representation not only on Auburn's campus but in the Auburn community, as well. She explained that it is her goal to ensure that that each student, regardless of race, has the best experience possible while at Auburn. She commended *President Pro Tempore* Smith for creating a group of diverse Task Force members and stated that regardless of the members' backgrounds, each shares the common thread of caring and wanting the best for the University and the Auburn Family. She also thanked Dr. Joffery Gaymon, Vice President for Enrollment, for her efforts in promoting minority enrollment. Ms. Huntley announced that African American enrollment at Auburn has improved and was projected to increase by more than 15 percent over last year's Freshman class, an all-time high for the University.

President Pro Tempore Smith thanked each of the Lead Trustees and Chairpersons for their reports. He then thanked everyone for their attendance at the 2020 Annual Board Meeting. He reminded Board members that he will be in touch in the following weeks regarding Board Committee Assignments, Lead Trustee Assignments, and College/School Assignments for 2020-2021.

President Pro Tempore Smith indicated that, with there being no further items for review, the meeting was recessed at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jon G. Waggoner
Secretary to the Board of Trustees