

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

SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

**RECONVENED MEETING AGENDA**  
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*Telephone conference instructions to join by phone:*

*Telephone Number: (312) 626-6799*

*Meeting ID: 452 787 9439*

1. Approval of the July 9, 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes
2. AUM Chancellor's Report
3. President's Report
4. Action Items and Committee Reports
  - A. Property and Facilities Committee | Chairperson DeMaioribus
    1. New Chilled Water Plant, Final Project Approval
    2. Quad Residence Halls Renovation, Architect Selection
    3. STEM and Agricultural Sciences Complex, Project Initiation
    4. Five-Year Timber Harvest Plan for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System
    5. Five-Year Timber Harvest Plan for the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station
    6. Five-Year Timber Harvest Plan for Auburn University
    7. Five-Year Timber Harvest Plan for the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center
  - B. Finance Committee | Chairperson Harbert
    1. 2020-2021 Budget
  - C. Executive Committee | Chairperson McCrary
    1. Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences to Stacy D. Russell, Jr.
    2. Proposed Awards and Namings

5. Trustee Reports

1. Alumni Committee | Lead Trustee Huntley
2. Trustee Task Force | Chairpersons Huntley and Pratt

6. Recess Meeting

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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 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 Board Meeting at 10:45 a.m. CDT, each on Friday, September 4, 2020.

After calling the meeting to order, *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 call: Lloyd Austin, Mike DeMaioribus, Bob Dumas, Raymond Harbert, 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, President of the Board of Trustees, was absent from the meeting. The individuals listed above represent all persons recognized as members of the Auburn University Board of Trustees at the time of the meeting.

Also on the conference call with the Board were Dr. Nedret Billor, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees for Auburn University; Dr. Tara L. R. Beziat, 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.

Other persons in attendance via telephone conference call included the following: Jay Gogue, President; Ron Burgess, Executive Vice President; Carl Stockton, Chancellor of AUM; Bill Hardgrave, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Jaime Hammer, General Counsel, Bobby Woodard, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs; Kelli Shomaker, Vice President for Business & Finance and Chief Financial Officer; Gretchen VanValkenburg, Vice President for Alumni Affairs and Executive Director of the Auburn Alumni Association; Simon Yendle; University Architect; Mark Stirling, Director of Auburn University Real Estate; Paul Patterson, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station; Jared White, Executive Director of Government Affairs; Janaki Alavalapati, Dean of the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences; Chris Roberts, Interim Vice President for Development and Interim President of the Auburn University Foundation; and Jim O'Connor, Chief Information Officer.

*President Pro Tempore* Smith welcomed the following persons that serve Auburn University and AUM: Dr. Donald Mulvaney, Auburn University Senate Chair and Academic Affairs Faculty Representative; Dr. Glen Ray, AUM Faculty Senate President; Dr. Kiara Bowen, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Shelia Mehta, AUM Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Andrew McLelland, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Kim Brackett, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Ana Franco-Watkins, Institutional Advancement Committee Faculty Representative; Mr. David Hinton, Property and Facilities Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Karley Riffe, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Dr. Paul Fox, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Ms. Paige Patterson, Chair of the Auburn University Staff Council; Mr. Rudy Tobias, AUM Staff Council President; Mr. Benny LaRussa, Chair of the Auburn University Foundation Board of Directors; and Mr. Van Henley, President of the Auburn Alumni Association.

This being the last meeting for Mr. Henley in his role, *President Pro Tempore* Smith thanked Mr. Henley for his service to Auburn University. *President Pro Tempore* Smith stated that Mr. Henley has had a great impact not only on the Alumni Association but on Auburn University and the Auburn Family.

*President Pro Tempore* Smith then indicated that the Board Meeting was occurring via telephone conference call due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He commended the faculty and staff for their outstanding work during the pandemic. He, on behalf of the entire Board, expressed gratitude to each member of the Auburn Family for their adaptability and flexibility during these times. He also commended the technical staff for their hard work, especially for making the remote meetings run so smoothly.

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

After reconvening the meeting at 10:45 a.m., *President Pro Tempore* Smith asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from the July 9, 2020 Annual Meeting. A motion was received from Ms. Huntley. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lanier, 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 Annual Meeting via telephone conference on Thursday, July 9, 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 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that the minutes of its July 9, 2020 Annual Meeting are hereby approved as distributed.

Following the approval of the July 9, 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes, *President Pro Tempore* Smith called upon Dr. Stockton for the AUM Chancellor's Report.

Dr. Stockton began his report by indicating that the Fall 2020 semester at AUM is off to a great start and is close to being a best-case scenario in terms of operating under the conditions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Stockton reported that AUM has less than 25 positive COVID-19 cases and AUM's enrollment is higher than projected.

Dr. Stockton stated that AUM's enrollment for the Fall 2020 semester sits at over 5,000 students. Additionally, Dr. Stockton reported that AUM's enrollment for the Summer 2020 semester was up 6.49% compared to the Summer 2019 semester. Moreover, Dr. Stockton announced that the Summer 2020 enrollment numbers were the highest in the past eight years.

Dr. Stockton then thanked Governor Ivey for her support of the Guide Safe testing program. Dr. Stockton explained that through the Guide Safe program and the students tested through the WarHawk Health Services Clinic, of the on-campus students tested, there was a positivity rate of less than one-half of one-percent testing positive. Dr. Stockton reported that of the students who have tested positive since August 1, 2020, 22 of the 24 students have been cleared to go back to campus. He reported that the other two students are isolating until they are medically cleared. Dr. Stockton reported that as part of the Guide Safe program, random sentinel testing for students and employees will begin after Labor Day and will continue until Thanksgiving.

Dr. Stockton reported that the *U.S. News & World Report* September 2020 issue once again recognizes AUM as one of the top regional comprehensive universities in the South. Dr. Stockton indicated that AUM has improved its overall position and ranking among public institutions since the previous year. Dr. Stockton announced that AUM's ranking has risen every year for the past four years.

Dr. Stockton reported that AUM has been recognized as one of the best colleges in the Southeast by the *Princeton Review*. Additionally, Dr. Stockton announced that voters in the Montgomery Advertiser's 2020 Readers' Choice Awards selected AUM as the top university in Alabama's River Region for the third consecutive year.

Dr. Stockton concluded the AUM Chancellor's Report by stating that, for the first time, AUM has been nominated by the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce as one of the finalists for the MGM Impact Makers Award under the Large Business Category. Dr. Stockton explained that this award recognized businesses within the community that are making an impact in areas such as education, workforce development, the economy, and philanthropy.

*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 the President's Report by calling upon Dr. Fred Kam, Director of the Auburn University Medical Clinic, for an update regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Kam reported that in order to make the world as safe as possible, everyone must do their best in terms of testing, isolating, tracing, and quarantining. He explained that everyone is responsible for educating themselves as new information is constantly released and being adaptable as the COVID-19 pandemic is ever-evolving.

Dr. Kam stated that consistently wearing appropriate masks, physically socially distancing, sanitizing hands, and cleaning highly touched surfaces is what has worked so far and what needs to continue in an effort to minimize the spread of the coronavirus.

Dr. Kam then announced that there is no exact number of positive cases that will cause Auburn University to pivot to online, remote learning and operations. He explained several variables should be used for that determination, such as the status at the East Alabama Medical Center, the COVID-19 ICU, bed capacity, the percentage of positive tests at the Auburn University Medical Clinic, Guide Safe, the Self Report process, and many others that are used to determine if such an action is necessary.

Dr. Kam reported that the Auburn University medical staff is in constant contact with relevant entities including the East Alabama Medical Center, the Alabama Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the city of Auburn.

Dr. Kam explained that in early February, the Auburn University medical staff has worked diligently and collaboratively to execute plans and processes to make the university safer. Dr. Kam explained that the health and well-being of members of the Auburn Family is a top priority and that the medical staff will continue to work around-the-clock to ensure that the staff is doing all they can to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Dr. Kam indicated that several spikes in the number of positive COVID-19 cases should be expected. He explained that the first spike has already occurred. He stated that a spike will likely occur following Labor Day weekend and that a third spike will most likely occur in mid to late-October.

Dr. Kam stated that the Auburn University Medical Clinic is well-equipped to handle the number of COVID-19 tests and that the clinic is well-stocked with personal protection equipment.

Dr. Kam reported that starting the week after Labor Day, sentinel testing will begin with the support of the Guide Safe/Healthy at Work program that will be managed by the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy.

Dr. Kam concluded his report by stating that although much is unknown about what the future holds regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, if each of us do our part, we can help mitigate the situation and help return the world to normal operations.

Dr. Gogue thanked Dr. Kam for his report and all the hard work he and his staff have done over the past several months. Dr. Gogue indicated that Dr. Kam and his staff have been working and continue to work practically non-stop and that they have maintained that pace since around mid-March. Dr. Gogue expressed a great thanks for the medical staff for all they have done for the Auburn Family.

Dr. Gogue then reported that the situation with the coronavirus is both fragile and fluid as it has been from the beginning. He explained that as circumstances constantly change, the members of the Auburn community must be ready to pivot and adapt quickly. Dr. Gogue then committed that with every decision and action, the university will do its best with the information provided.

Dr. Gogue then reported that he and all the administrators are taking all the correspondence from students, parents, faculty, staff, and members of the Auburn Family extremely seriously and that they are not dismissed. Dr. Gogue reaffirmed Auburn University's commitment to acting on behalf of the health and safety of all those on Auburn's campus and in the Auburn community.

Dr. Gogue reported that enrollment numbers for the Fall 2020 semester are on par with projections in terms of total students and the incoming class. Dr. Gogue announced that for the incoming class, Auburn University welcomed nearly 6,000 new students this semester. Dr. Gogue then stated that the School of Nursing grew by 13 percent this semester which is certainly good news amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Gogue then indicated that, according to Dr. Gaymon, Vice President for Enrollment, applications from Black perspective students have increased by more than 15 percent from last year and admits for Black students have increased by more than seven percent.

Dr. Gogue reported that philanthropic support for Auburn University remains strong. He explained that prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Development set a \$120.5 million fundraising goal for the year. Dr. Gogue indicated that, according to Chris Roberts, Interim Vice President for Development, the goal has almost been met with more than \$112 million to date.

Dr. Gogue then reported that research numbers have increased significantly. He stated that according to Jim Weyhenmeyer, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, sponsored program awards have increased 67 percent compared to this time last year. Dr. Gogue explained that, in terms of dollars, that is \$60 million more than the same period in fiscal year 2019.

Dr. Gogue concluded his report by stating that although the world is experiencing extremely difficult times, the efforts and accomplishments of all the members of the Auburn Family are impressive and he is thankful for everything that everyone has done to help.

*President Pro Tempore* Smith thanked Dr. Stockton, Dr. Gogue, and Dr. Kam for their reports 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 seven action items and one informational item. Chairperson DeMaioribus moved for approval of a unanimous consent agenda. The motion was seconded by General Austin, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved in the unanimous consent agenda:

RESOLUTION  
NEW CHILLED WATER PLANT  
FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on June 5, 2015, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Campus Utility System Expansion project, and at its meeting on September 25, 2015, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the engineer selection; and

WHEREAS, a key component of the overall Campus Utility System Expansion project is to construct a New Chilled Water Plant in the southern part of campus; and

WHEREAS, the significant growth of the Auburn campus has caused the demand for chilled water to increase, and it is projected that within the next few years, that the Campus Utility System will not be able to adequately cool university buildings without additional chilled water production capacity; and

WHEREAS, the proposed New Chilled Water Plant project will replace an aging and inadequate Chilled Water Plant in the core of campus and provide additional chilled water system production capacity for the campus; and

WHEREAS, the New Chilled Water Plant project will construct a 7,200 square foot building which will house two 2500 ton chiller units, with future expansion capacity for a third chiller unit, and includes the demolition of Chilled Water Plant 1; and

WHEREAS, the New Chilled Water Plant will be located near the Northwest corner of Lem Morrison Drive and South Donahue Drive, to the west of Ham Wilson Arena; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the New Chilled Water Plant project is \$24.0 million, to be financed by university bonds with the debt service financed by University General Fund; 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 New Chilled Water Plant project 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 perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the New Chilled Water Plant project in the amount of \$24 million, to be financed by university bonds with the debt service financed by University General Funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the project budget approved above.

## RESOLUTION

### QUAD RESIDENCE HALLS RENOVATION

#### APPROVAL OF PROJECT ARCHITECT

WHEREAS, at its meeting of July 9, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Quad Residence Halls Renovation project and authorized the commencement of the architect selection process; and

WHEREAS, since that time, a Request for Qualifications was published for design services; and eighteen (18) architectural firms responded; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect, after conducting interviews with four (4) candidate firms, determined the architectural firm DAVIS of Birmingham, Alabama, was best qualified to provide design services on this project; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Jay Gogue, 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 DAVIS of Birmingham, 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

### STEM AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES COMPLEX

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

WHEREAS, the Office of the Provost proposes the construction of a new STEM and Agricultural Sciences Complex (STEM+Ag); and

WHEREAS, the STEM+Ag project will facilitate a long-standing effort to replace STEM-related and agricultural science facilities that have exceeded their useful life and are inadequate in terms of size, accessibility, and modern functionality; and

WHEREAS, in December 2019, the University submitted a proposal to the State of Alabama for this project, and was recently notified that it will receive approximately \$36 million in state bond funding; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will enable the Department of Mathematics & Statistics to be relocated from Parker Hall; the Department of Geology to be relocated from Beard Eaves Memorial Coliseum, and College of Agriculture departments to be relocated from Funchess Hall; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this project would be financed by a combination of Public School and College Authority (PSCA) Funds, college reserves and gifts, and university bond funding with the debt service paid for by University General Funds; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the initiation of the new STEM and Agricultural Sciences Complex 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.

## RESOLUTION

### FIVE-YEAR TIMBER HARVEST PLAN FOR ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System owns and manages approximately 400 acres of forest land in Lee County, Alabama known as the Mary Olive Thomas Demonstration Forest; and

WHEREAS, the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences has been delegated management authority; and

WHEREAS, the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences has prepared a five-year timber harvest plan entitled, Alabama Cooperative Extension System Five-Year Timber Harvest Plan 2020-2025 based on sound forestry practices, for the years of 2020 – 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Alabama Cooperative Extension System Five-Year Timber Harvest Plan 2020-2025 is approved and that G. Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to implement said schedule, including the harvesting of timber in areas identified in the plan – such sales to be conducted in accordance with the bid laws of the State of Alabama.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds generated from the sale of timber be used for forest regeneration, management and use, and support of teaching, demonstration and research programs on the Mary Olive Thomas Demonstration Forest.



## RESOLUTION

### FIVE-YEAR TIMBER HARVEST PLAN FOR THE ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

WHEREAS, the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station owns and manages approximately 9,670 acres of forest land in 23 different research units; and

WHEREAS, the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences has been delegated management authority; and

WHEREAS, the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences has prepared a five-year timber harvest plan entitled, Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station Five-Year Timber Harvest Plan 2020-2025 based on sound forestry practices, for the years of 2020 – 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station Five-Year Timber Harvest Plan 2020-2025 is approved and that G. Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to implement said schedule, including the harvesting of timber in areas identified in the plan – such sales to be conducted in accordance with the bid laws of the State of Alabama.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds generated from the sale of timber be used for forest regeneration, management, use, and support of operations of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station.

## RESOLUTION

### FIVE-YEAR TIMBER HARVEST PLAN FOR AUBURN UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, Auburn University owns and manages approximately 1,480 acres in five forested properties known as the Koart Property, West Property, McClure Property, Kreher Preserve and Nature Center, and the NCAT Test Track; and

WHEREAS, the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences has been delegated management authority; and

WHEREAS, the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences has prepared a five-year timber harvest plan entitled, Auburn University Five-Year Timber Harvest Plan 2020-2025 based on sound forestry principles, for the years of 2020-2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Auburn University Five-Year Timber Harvest Plan 2020-2025 is approved and that G. Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to implement said schedule, including the harvesting of timber in areas identified in the plan – such sales to be conducted in accordance with the bid laws of the State of Alabama.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds generated from the sale of timber be used for forest regeneration, management, use, and support of operations of the respective property owners: the Raymond J. Harbert College of Business, the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, the Kreher Preserve and Nature Center, and the National Center for Asphalt Technology.

## RESOLUTION

### FIVE-YEAR TIMBER HARVEST PLAN FOR THE SOLON DIXON FORESTRY EDUCATION CENTER

WHEREAS, Auburn University owns and manages those lands known as the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center consisting of approximately 5,430 acres located in Escambia and Covington Counties, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences manages said lands through the employment of full-time professional staff located at the Solon Dixon Center; and

WHEREAS, the Solon Dixon Center has prepared a five-year timber harvest plan entitled, Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center Five-Year Timber Harvest Plan 2020-2025 based on sound forestry principles, for the years of 2020-2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center Five-Year Timber Harvest Plan 2020-2025 is approved and that G. Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to implement said schedule, including the harvesting of timber in areas identified in the plan – such sales to be conducted in accordance with the bid laws of the State of Alabama.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds generated from the sale of timber be used for forest regeneration, management, use, and support of operations of the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center.

### **Finance Committee**

Chairperson Harbert indicated that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed one action item. Chairperson Harbert moved for approval of the action item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Riggins, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was unanimously approved:

## RESOLUTION

### 2020-2021 BUDGET

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

Section 1. The operating budget for Auburn University covering restricted, unrestricted and auxiliary funds for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021, as presented by the President and approved by the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees, be, and the same is hereby approved.

Section 2. Nothing in said budget shall be accepted or construed to be legal obligations or liabilities against Auburn University. The amounts fixed in the components of the budget for the year 2020-2021 shall be understood to be the relative amounts to be paid or expended for those components in relationship to the funds and/or income of the University available for the support and maintenance of the University.

Section 3. The proposed expenditure amounts as set out in the budget are hereby approved and adopted and the President is authorized and empowered to enact such budget on October 1, 2020. The President is further authorized and empowered to effect routine adjustments to this budget as deemed necessary and appropriate.

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

Section 5. In order to manage the University's opportunities to refinance its outstanding General Fee Revenue Bonds and thereby reduce the University's overall debt service obligations as and when possible, the Authorization attached as Exhibit A is hereby approved and adopted as if set forth in full in this resolution.

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable and appropriate for Auburn University (the “University”) to issue its General Fee Revenue Bonds from time to time for the purpose of refunding and paying certain of its prior outstanding bonds and thereby achieving an overall interest rate expense savings to the University; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to manage the University’s refunding opportunities in the most efficient manner possible and to permit the University to take advantage of changing market conditions, it is desirable and appropriate to authorize the officers of the University to arrange for the issuance of refunding bonds without further approval of the Board of Trustees, subject to the limitations expressed in this authorization.

**THEREFORE**, by virtue of the Resolution to which this Authorization is attached, the Board of Trustees hereby and thereby authorizes the following:

**Section 1. Findings.** The following bonds or leases of the University are currently outstanding:

- (i) General Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2011-A, dated May 1, 2011, issued under the Fifteenth Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of May 1, 2011;
- (ii) General Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2012-A and Series 2012-B (Taxable), dated March 27, 2012, issued under the Sixteenth Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of March 1, 2012;
- (iii) General Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2014-A, dated July 1, 2014, issued under the Seventeenth Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of July 1, 2014;
- (iv) General Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2015-A, dated March 18, 2015, issued under the Eighteenth Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of March 1, 2015;
- (v) General Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2015-B, dated September 10, 2015, issued under the Nineteenth Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of September 1, 2015;

- (vi) General Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2016-A, dated August 17, 2016, issued under the Twentieth Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of August 1, 2016;
- (vii) General Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2018-A dated June 21, 2018, issued under the Twenty-First Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of June 1, 2018;
- (viii) General Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020-A, dated March 18, 2020, issued under the Twenty-Second Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of March 1, 2020;
- (ix) Taxable General Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020-B, dated March 18, 2020, issued under the Twenty-Second Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of March 1, 2020;
- (x) Taxable General Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2020-C, dated July 29, 2020, issued under the Twenty-Third Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of July 1, 2020;
- (xi) Athletic Revenue Bonds, Series 2001-A, dated December 1, 2001;
- (xii) Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2017 (Auburn University Educational Complex Gulf Shores Project).

The bonds described in (i) – (xii) above are herein referred to as the “Outstanding Bonds.”

**Section 2. Authorization of Bonds.** The University is hereby authorized to issue its revenue bonds for the purpose of refunding any or all of the Outstanding Bonds. The said bonds shall be issued under the terms, conditions and provisions set out in the General Fee Revenue Trust Indenture dated as of June 1, 1985 between the University and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as successor trustee (herein called the “Trustee”), as heretofore supplemented, and as further supplemented by the Supplemental General Fee Revenue Indentures (the “Supplemental General Fee Indentures”) provided for in Section 6 of this authorization (the original General Fee Revenue Trust Indenture, as so supplemented being herein referred to as the “General Fee Revenue Indenture”). The bonds herein authorized (the “Bonds”) may be issued at such time or times and in such series as may be most advantageous to the University, subject to the provisions of Section 12 of this authorization. The Outstanding Bonds to be refunded by the Bonds are hereinafter referred to as the “Refunded Bonds.”

All the provisions of the General Fee Revenue Indenture, as applicable to the Bonds, are hereby adopted as a part of this authorization as if set out at length herein.

**Section 3. Bonds to be Issued as Additional Parity Bonds; Special Findings.** The Bonds shall be issued as additional parity bonds under Article VIII of the General Fee Revenue Indenture.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 8.2(b) of the General Fee Revenue Indenture, the Board hereby finds and declares as follows:

(a) The University is not now in default under the General Fee Revenue Indenture and no such default is imminent.

(b) Bonds the interest on which is excludable from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation shall be designated "General Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series \_\_\_\_". If it is necessary and appropriate to issue a portion of the Bonds as bonds the interest on which is taxable for purposes of federal income taxation, such bonds shall be designated "Taxable General Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series \_\_\_\_". The series designation shall be completed to reflect the calendar year in which the Bonds are issued and to provide any further identification of the Bonds as is appropriate.

(c) The persons to whom the Bonds are to be delivered are set forth in Sections 7 and 9 hereof.

(d) All of the Bonds are to be issued by sale in accordance with Section 7 hereof.

(e) The sale price of the Bonds shall be as set forth in Sections 7 and 12 hereof.

(f) The only parity bonds that have previously been issued by the University under the General Fee Revenue Indenture and that are currently outstanding are those bonds listed in (i) – (x) of Section 1 above along with the supplemental indentures under which they were issued.

(g) The Refunded Bonds are to be refunded from proceeds of the Bonds, subject to the determinations and conditions set forth in Sections 11 and 12 hereof.

The Trustee is hereby requested to authenticate and deliver the Bonds to the purchaser specified in Section 7 hereof upon payment of the purchase price designated therein.



**Section 4. Source of Payment of the Bonds.** The principal of and the interest on the Bonds shall be payable from (i) the gross revenues from those general tuition fees levied against students at the Auburn, Alabama campus and the Montgomery, Alabama campus of the University that are more particularly described and referred to as "General Fees" in the General Fee Indenture; (ii) the gross revenues derived by the University from the operation of its housing and dining facilities located on the Auburn campus and on the Montgomery campus that are more particularly described and referred to as "Housing and Dining Revenues" in the General Fee Indenture; (iii) the gross revenues derived by the University from the operation of its athletics programs that are more particularly described and referred to as "Athletic Fee Revenues" in the General Fee Indenture; and (iv) the several student fees levied against students at the Auburn campus and the Montgomery campus that are more particularly described and referred to as the "Pledged Student Fees" in the General Fee Indenture. The said General Fees, Housing and Dining Revenues, Athletic Fee Revenues, and Pledged Student Fees are referred to herein as the "Pledged Revenues."

Nothing contained in this authorization, in the Bonds, in the General Fee Revenue Indenture, or in the supplemental indentures hereinafter authorized shall be deemed to impose any obligations on the University to pay the principal of or the interest on the Bonds except from the Pledged Revenues. Neither the Bonds, nor the pledge or any agreement contained in the General Fee Revenue Indenture, in any supplemental indenture or in this authorization shall be or constitute an obligation of any nature whatsoever of the State of Alabama, and neither the Bonds nor any obligation arising from the aforesaid pledge or agreements shall be payable out of any moneys appropriated to the University by the State of Alabama. The agreements, covenants or representations contained in this authorization, in the Bonds, in the General Fee Revenue Indenture, and in any supplemental indenture do not and shall never constitute or give rise to any personal or pecuniary liability or charge against the general credit of the University, and in the event of a breach of any such agreement, covenant or representation, no personal or pecuniary liability or charge payable directly or indirectly from the general revenues of the University shall arise therefrom. Nothing contained in this section shall, however, relieve the University from the observance and performance of the several covenants and agreements on its part herein contained.

**Section 5. Bonds Payable at Par.** All remittances of principal of and interest on the Bonds to the holders thereof shall be made at par without any deduction for exchange or other costs, fees or expenses. The bank or banks at which the Bonds shall at any time be payable shall be considered by acceptance of their duties hereunder to have agreed that they will make or cause to be made remittances of principal of and interest on the Bonds, out of the moneys provided for that purpose, in bankable funds at par without any deduction for exchange or other cost, fees or expenses. The University will pay to such bank or banks all reasonable charges made and expenses incurred by them in making such remittances in bankable funds at par.

**Section 6. Authorization of Supplemental Indentures.** The Board does hereby authorize and direct the President of the University to approve, execute and deliver, for and in the name and behalf of the University, to the Trustee, a Supplemental General Fee Revenue Indenture with respect to each series of the Bonds, and does hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of the Board to affix the official seal of the University to said Supplemental General Fee Revenue Indenture and to attest the same.

**Section 7. Sale of the Bonds.** The Bonds may be sold as an underwritten public sale, or by a private placement with one or more banks or other institutional purchasers, as determined under Section 12 hereof. If the Bonds are sold through an underwritten public sale, the Board does hereby authorize and direct the President of the University or the Vice-President for Business & Finance and CFO of the University to approve, execute and deliver, for and in the name and behalf of the University, one or more Bond Purchase Agreements with respect to each series of Bonds between the University and an underwriter or underwriters (the "Underwriter") approved under Section 12 of this authorization. If the Bonds are sold by private placement, the Board does hereby authorize and direct the President of the University or the Vice-President for Business & Finance and CFO of the University to approve, execute and deliver, for and in the name and behalf of the University, a Placement Agreement or similar document with the purchaser(s) of the Bonds approved under Section 12 of this resolution.

**Section 8. Authorization of Official Statements.** The Board does hereby authorize and direct the Underwriter and/or Professionals designated under Section 14 of this authorization to prepare and distribute, for and in the name and on behalf of the University, a Preliminary Official Statement and a final Official Statement with respect to each series of Bonds issued under this authorization. The Board does hereby further authorize and direct the President or the Vice President for Business & Finance and CFO of the University to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the University, such final Official Statement(s) and does hereby declare that the Official Statement(s) so executed by the President or the Vice President for Business & Finance and CFO of the University shall be the Official Statement(s) of the University with respect to the Bonds covered by such Official Statement(s).

**Section 9. Execution and Delivery of Bonds.** The Board does hereby authorize and direct the President of the University to execute the Bonds, in the name and on behalf of the University, by causing his signature or a facsimile thereof to be placed or imprinted on the Bonds, and does hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of the Board to cause the official seal (or a facsimile thereof) of the University to be applied or imprinted on the Bonds and to attest the same by causing his signature or a facsimile thereof to be placed or imprinted on the Bonds, all in the manner provided in the General Fee Revenue Indenture. The President of the University is hereby further authorized and directed to deliver the Bonds, subsequent to their execution as provided herein to the Trustee, and to direct the Trustee to authenticate all the Bonds and to deliver them to the Underwriter, upon payment to the University of the purchase price therefor in accordance with the provisions of Sections 7 and 12 hereof.

**Section 10. Application of Proceeds.** The entire proceeds derived by the University from the sale of the Bonds shall be paid to the Trustee under the General Fee Revenue Indenture. The Trustee is thereupon authorized and directed to apply and disburse such moneys for the purposes and in the order specified in the Supplemental General Fee Indentures.

**Section 11. Redemption of Refunded Bonds; Authorization of Escrow Trust Agreement.** Any series of Outstanding Bonds to be refunded by the Bonds or any series of the Bonds shall be called for redemption on the first date permitted for the call and redemption of such Outstanding Bonds subsequent to the date of issuance of the Bonds, at and for a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of each bond so redeemed, plus accrued interest. The President and the Vice President for Business & Finance and CFO of the University are separately authorized to direct the Trustee to mail and/or publish notice of such redemption as required under the terms of the General Fee Revenue Indenture. Any such redemption notice mailed or published prior to the date of issuance of the Bonds shall provide that the call of the affected Refunded Bonds for redemption is contingent upon the issuance and sale of the Bonds.

Pursuant to Section 6.1(a) of the General Fee Revenue Indenture, the Board hereby confirms that the University is not in default under said indenture.

The President of the University is hereby authorized to approve, execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the University an Escrow Trust Agreement or Agreements, between the University and the Trustee, if necessary or desirable, with respect to each series of Refunded Bonds to provide for the escrow and investment of proceeds of the Bonds until the redemption date of the Refunded Bonds.

**Section 12. Authorization to Approve Certain Matters.** The Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the University to authorize the issuance of the Bonds for the purposes described in this authorization and subject to the limitations of this authorization without a further meeting or approval of the Board. The Vice President for Business & Finance and CFO of the University and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board are hereby authorized:

(a) to determine when and if any Bonds shall be issued and to approve the schedule of issuance for each series of Bonds; provided that no Bonds shall be issued under the authority of this authorization after December 31, 2021;

(b) to approve the principal amount of the Bonds to be issued in each series and the designation of the Bonds as tax-exempt or taxable Bonds; provided that the aggregate principal amount of each series of Bonds shall not exceed the amount necessary to pay the principal and interest on the Refunded Bonds (taking into account any original issue premium or discount) and the costs of issuing the Bonds;

(c) to determine which of the Refunded Bonds are to be refunded and redeemed by the Bonds; provided that any such refunding shall result in a minimum net present value savings of at least 3%;

(d) to determine whether the Bonds are to be sold to the public or are to be privately placed with one or more banks or other institutions, and the terms of either form of sale;

(e) to approve the forms of Supplemental General Fee Indenture(s), Bond Purchase Contract(s) (if the Bonds are sold to the public), Placement Agreement (if the Bonds are privately placed with a bank or financial institution), Preliminary Official Statement(s), Official Statement(s) and Escrow Agreement(s) to be delivered in connection with each series of Bonds;

(f) to approve the final form and pricing details of each series of Bonds, including the interest rates to be borne by such Bonds, the principal maturities thereof and any original issue discount or premium with respect to the Bonds; provided that the net interest cost of any series of Bonds shall not exceed 6%;

(g) to approve the expenses of issuing the Bonds; and

(h) to take such other steps and to execute and approve such other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to cause the Bonds to be issued, sold and delivered consistent with the provisions of this authorization and the General Fee Revenue Indenture.

The final approval by the Vice President for Business & Finance and CFO of the University and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of the items listed above may be conclusively evidenced by a certificate signed by each of them and delivered at the time of issuance of the Bonds.

**Section 13. Severability.** The various provisions of this authorization are hereby declared to be severable. If any provision hereof shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any other portion of this authorization.

**Section 14. Designation of Professionals.** The retention of PFM Financial Advisors LLC as financial advisor to the University, and the law firm of Balch & Bingham LLP as bond counsel to the University for the issuance of the Bonds are hereby authorized.

**Section 15. General Authorization.** The President of the University, Vice President for Business & Finance and CFO of the University and the Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized to execute such further certifications or other documents and to take such other action as any of them may deem appropriate or necessary for the consummation of the matters covered by this authorization, to the end that the Bonds may be executed and delivered at the times and on the terms most advantageous to the University.

## **Executive Committee**

Chairperson McCrary indicated that the Executive Committee met earlier and discussed two action items and two informational items. Chairperson McCrary moved for approval of a unanimous consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Newton, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

Following the approval of the consent agenda, Mr. Pratt, Co-Chairperson of the Trustee Task Force, commented on one of the resolutions, the naming of the Student Center in honor of Auburn alumnus, Harold Melton, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Mr. Pratt began his remarks by stating that, "Naming our student center in honor of Chief Justice Melton is an important, historic step in our long-term, deliberative, inclusive effort to strengthen Auburn and ensure that all members of the Auburn Family reach their fullest potential." Mr. Pratt expressed a deep concern for valuing both diversity and inclusion on and off Auburn's campus.

Mr. Pratt indicated that this naming is a prime example of the work the Trustee Task Force, which was assembled earlier in the year to address issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion, will continue to better both the Auburn campus and the Auburn community at-large. Mr. Pratt expressed that the unofficial motto of the committee is, "To do the right thing at the right time for the right reason."

Following Mr. Pratt's remarks, Ms. Ada Ruth Huntley, president of the Auburn University Student Government Association, shared her thoughts on the Melton naming. Ms. Huntley, the first black female to serve as SGA president, stated, "[This] is a definitely a personally significant event. The Student Center, under normal circumstances, is host to more than 5,000 visitors each day. It is really the focal point for where the Auburn Family and all of its students come together on campus, and I cannot think of a more fitting person to name it after other than Harold Melton."

Ms. Ada Ruth Huntley highlighted Chief Justice Melton's accomplishments at Auburn indicating that not only was Chief Justice Melton the first black SGA president, but he was the first SGA president to be unaffiliated with a Greek like organization. Ms. Huntley indicated that, "During his tenure, Chief Justice Melton worked to improve student life at Auburn, and his contributions were impactful in ensuring he would not be the last African-American SGA president. He was forward in paving the way for many Black student leaders to come, myself included."

Ms. Ada Ruth Huntley concluded by stating that, "[Melton is] part of the reason why I'm able to serve in the role I am today, so I cannot be more honored, on behalf of the student body, to suggest that we name the Student Center the "Harold D. Melton Student Center."

Following Ms. Ada Ruth Huntley's comments, Ms. Elizabeth Huntley, Co-Chairperson of the Trustee Task Force, also shared her thoughts on the matter. Ms. Huntley shared that she was also influenced by Chief Justice Melton during her time as an Auburn student. Melton's success, in fact, led Ms. Huntley to run for SGA president. Ms. Huntley stated, "[Melton] left a legacy at the university regarding student leadership, inclusivity, and diversity." Ms. Huntley also stated, "[Melton] did not stop just there with his work for Auburn and his love for Auburn and commitment to Auburn. I cannot even count the number of times that he has worked with Auburn, whether it be in capital campaigns or coming back to talk with students and supporting other Auburn initiatives."

Ms. Huntley expressed gratitude for student leaders who played a role in this process. She said, "I am so proud of the students who have been so forward-thinking in celebrating diversity." Ms. Huntley concluded her comments by stating, "[Melton] is the right person for the right building at the right time."

Subsequently, *President Pro Tempore* Smith announced that the 2020-2021 list of committee chairs, lead trustees, college and school assignments, and board members serving on affiliated non-profit boards has been finalized and that the list is available on the Board of Trustees website.

The following resolutions were approved by voice vote in the consent agenda:

## RESOLUTION

### POSTHUMOUS AWARDING OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES TO STACY D. RUSSELL, JR.

WHEREAS, Mr. Stacy D. Russell, Jr., and undergraduate student in the Pre-Health Professional Program in the College of Sciences and Mathematics at Auburn University, passed away in July 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Russell passed away before he could complete the final requirements necessary for a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences, with a concentration in Pre-Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and dean in the College of Sciences and Mathematics, the Provost, and the President recommend that the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences be awarded posthumously.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that the degree of Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences is hereby granted posthumously to Mr. Stacy D. Russell, Jr. 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. Stacy D. Russell, Jr. 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

### NAMING A TEAM ROOM ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE HORTON-HARDGRAVE HALL AS THE PERRY AND DONNA WELCH TEAM ROOM

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kathryn Rose O'Shaughnessy is a graduate of the College of Liberal Arts where she earned a bachelor's degree in Youth Services in 1981 and a master's degree in Sociology in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. O'Shaughnessy has been a generous supporter of the Harbert College of Business through her endowed scholarship and her fund for excellence, both named in honor of her parents, Perry and Donna Welch; and

WHEREAS, Kathy previously served on the Harbert College of Business Management Information System Advisory Board, and was a club officer for her local Auburn Alumni Club; and

WHEREAS, Kathy's commitment to the Harbert College and Auburn University is evident through her membership in the Shareholders' Recognition Society, the James E. Foy Loyalty Society, and the 1856 Society; and

WHEREAS, Kathy's time at Auburn had a profound impact on her and, therefore, she is passionate about the direction of the Harbert College of Business and is committed to its continued progress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that one of the team rooms on the first floor of Horton-Hardgrave Hall be named The Perry and Donna Welch Room in honor of her generous support and ongoing dedication.



## RESOLUTION

### NAMING THE PODCAST BOOTH OF THE TONY AND LIBBA RANE CULINARY SCIENCE CENTER AS THE MEREDITH BIRCHFIELD AND JOE SALOOM PODCAST BOOTH

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Hospitality Program is held in high acclaim regionally, nationally and internationally and has increasing demand for graduates; and

WHEREAS, such acclaim and increasing interest in the Culinary Sciences, Hospitality and Event industry segments, has necessitated a facility to provide state-of-the-art learning for students; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences has initiated a campaign to construct such a facility; and

WHEREAS, Meredith Birchfield and Joe Saloom have responded to the call for philanthropic support to construct such a facility; and

WHEREAS, Meredith Birchfield and Joe Saloom have immersed themselves in the College of Human Sciences Hospitality Management Program through traveling with students abroad and in country as well as engaging in The Hospitality Gala, have established lifelong relationships with students and faculty whose lives are better for knowing Meredith and Joe; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences is recommending the naming of the Podcast Booth in the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center in honor of Meredith Birchfield and Joe Saloom in recognition of their philanthropic generosity to Auburn University and its Hospitality Management Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Podcast Booth of the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center be named The Meredith Birchfield and Joe Saloom Podcast Booth in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn University.

## RESOLUTION

### NAMING COLUMN #5 OUTSIDE THE TONY AND LIBBA RANE CULINARY SCIENCE CENTER AS THE PHILLIP KEITH COX '97 AND ELIZABETH MCCLUSKEY COX '96 COLUMN

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Hospitality Management Program is held in high acclaim regionally, nationally and internationally and has increasing demand for graduates; and

WHEREAS, such acclaim and increasing interest in the Culinary Sciences, Hospitality and Event industry segments, has necessitated a facility to provide state-of-the-art learning for students; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences has initiated a campaign to construct such a facility; and

WHEREAS, Keith and Beth Cox have responded to that call for philanthropic support of such a facility; and

WHEREAS, Keith and Beth Cox believe in Auburn and love it; and

WHEREAS, Keith and Beth Cox are friends of the Rane family and a part of the Auburn Family; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences is recommending the naming of Column #5 by the entrance to the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center in honor of Keith and Beth Cox in recognition of their philanthropic generosity to Auburn University and its Hospitality Management Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Column #5 at the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center be named The Phillip Keith Cox '97 & Elizabeth McCluskey Cox '96 Culinary Column in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn University.

## RESOLUTION

### NAMING THE BREWING COMMONS OF THE TONY AND LIBBA RANE CULINARY SCIENCE CENTER AS THE JAKE AND ANNA KYSER BREWING COMMONS

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Hospitality Management Program is held in high acclaim regionally, nationally and internationally and has increasing demand for graduates; and

WHEREAS, such acclaim and increasing interest in the Culinary Sciences, Hospitality and Event industry segments, has necessitated a facility to provide state-of-the-art learning for students; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences has initiated a campaign to construct such a facility; and

WHEREAS, Jake and Anna Kyser have responded to that call for philanthropic support of such a facility; and

WHEREAS, Jake and Anna Kyser are owners of businesses in the hospitality industry and opened the first taproom in the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Jake and Anna Kyser have involved themselves in Auburn University in a myriad of ways and "believe in Auburn and love it"; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences is recommending the naming of the Brewing Science Commons in the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center in honor of Jake and Anna Kyser in recognition of their philanthropic generosity to Auburn University and its Hospitality Management Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brewing Science Commons of the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center be named The Jake and Anna Kyser Brewing Science Commons in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn University.

## RESOLUTION

### NAMING THE ENGAGED ACTIVITY STUDENT LEARNING CLASSROOM IN THE TONY AND LIBBA RANE CULINARY SCIENCE CENTER AS THE HOLMAN RANCH ESTATE VINEYARD AND WINERY CLASSROOM

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Hospitality Management Program is held in high acclaim regionally, nationally and internationally and has increasing demand for graduates; and

WHEREAS, such acclaim and increasing interest in the Culinary Sciences, Hospitality and Event industry segments, has necessitated a facility to provide state-of-the-art learning for students; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences has initiated a campaign to construct such a facility; and

WHEREAS, The Thomas H. Lowder Family Foundation has responded to that call for philanthropic support of such a facility;

WHEREAS, Tom and Susan Lowder have engaged with Auburn Hospitality Management students and faculty through hosting students on the Epicurean Tour of Northern California, providing internships at Holman Valley Ranch, employing Auburn Hospitality Management graduates as well as establishing an endowed fund for excellence to support the Hospitality program; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences is recommending the naming the Engaged Activity Student Learning Classroom in the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center in honor of Holman Ranch Estate Vineyard and Winery in recognition of their philanthropic generosity to Auburn University and its Hospitality Management Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Engaged Activity Student Learning Classroom in the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center be named The Holman Ranch Estate Vineyard and Winery Classroom in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn University.

## RESOLUTION

### NAMING AN INTERVIEW ROOM IN THE TONY AND LIBBA RANE CULINARY SCIENCE CENTER AS THE PAPPAS RESTAURANTS INTERVIEW ROOM

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Hospitality Management Program is held in high acclaim regionally, nationally and internationally and has increasing demand for graduates; and

WHEREAS, such acclaim and increasing interest in the Culinary Sciences, Hospitality and Event industry segments, has necessitated a facility to provide state-of-the-art learning for students; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences has initiated a campaign to construct such a facility; and

WHEREAS, Pappas Restaurants have responded to that call for philanthropic support of such a facility; and

WHEREAS, Pappas Restaurants are highly regarded in the national hospitality industry; and

WHEREAS, Pappas Restaurants engages with Auburn students in the classroom, offer internships and hires Auburn students; and

WHEREAS, Pappas Restaurants have contributed to experiential learning for the Auburn hospitality students; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences is recommending the naming of an interview room on the third floor in the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center in honor of Pappas Restaurants in recognition of their philanthropic generosity to Auburn University and its Hospitality Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the third-floor interview room in the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center be named The Pappas Restaurants Interview Room in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn University.

## RESOLUTION

### NAMING A STUDY POD IN BROUN HALL AS THE ELLEN AND CARL MONROE STUDY POD

WHEREAS, Carl Monroe earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Auburn University in 1978, and later completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School in 2006; and

WHEREAS, he started his career at Union Electric Company in St. Louis, Missouri and later moved to Entergy Service, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, at Entergy Service, Inc., Carl advanced into management roles, serving Entergy for 13 years; and

WHEREAS, he then finished his engineering career with Southwest Power Pool in Little Rock, Arkansas as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; and

WHEREAS, Carl and Ellen have been steadfast supporters of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering for many years, where they are members of the University's Samford Society and Engineering Ginn Society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the study pod in Broun Hall be named The Ellen and Carl Monroe Study Pod in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

## RESOLUTION

### NAMING AUBURN UNIVERSITY'S STUDENT CENTER AS THE HAROLD D. MELTON STUDENT CENTER

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Harold Melton graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in International Business in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Melton was elected as the first African American Student Government Association (SGA) president in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Melton was the first independent elected SGA President since 1965; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Melton earned a law degree from the University of Georgia and spent eleven years in the Georgia Department of Law under two Georgia Attorneys General; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Melton became the first African American to serve as chief legal advisor for a Georgia Governor; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Melton became only the third African American to be appointed to the Supreme Court of Georgia on July 1, 2005 and was sworn in as Chief Justice on September 4, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn University Student Center be named the Harold D. Melton Student Center in recognition of his dedication and ground-breaking election as the first African American SGA President.

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

### **Alumni Committee**

Lead Trustee Huntley began by reporting that the Auburn Alumni Association scholarship program provided \$669,000 to 371 students for the current academic year.

Lead Trustee Huntley then reported that the 2020 Black Alumni week will be held from September 28, 2020 through October 4, 2020. She explained that during this week-long celebration, there will be a variety of virtual programming, including recognition of this year's Black alumni who were nominated by their schools and colleges as well as the introduction of the inaugural Black Alumni Council members. She reported that the final schedule and invitation will be forwarded to the Board at a later date.

Lead Trustee Huntley then reported that in September, with partnership from the University of Minnesota Alumni Association, three mask designs will launch for sale in an online alumni marketplace. She stated that staying true to Auburn's land grant mission, for every mask sold, one will go to the Alabama Cooperative Extension Services for distribution into the areas of greatest need in Alabama.

Lead Trustee Huntley concluded her report by stating that the fall issue of the Auburn Magazine, featuring Coach Pat Dye, will arrive in 180,000 homes at the end of September.

### **Trustee Task Force**

Co-Chairperson Pratt began his report by stating that although the university has been required to devote great focus on fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, the university has been able to work equally as diligently and consistently to address issues of diversity and inclusion. Co-Chairperson Pratt explained that careful focus has been given to both areas over the past few months and that such focus will continue for the foreseeable future.

Co-Chairperson Pratt indicated that addressing each of the issues will be a long and deliberate process to ensure that the issues are given the time, effort, and respect they deserve. He then explained that various constituency groups have been assembled to build a consensus about the direction in which Auburn is headed and how each of the issues should be handled. Co-Chairperson Pratt reported that each of the constituent groups have given great feedback and support for the mission to concentrate on moving forward in a productive and meaningful manner.

Co-Chairperson Pratt reported that he, Co-Chairperson Huntley, Trustee Newton, President Gogue, and other university administrators recently participated in a six-hour diversity training. He explained that the purpose of the training was for participants to engage in discussions with several groups of varying backgrounds to learn about important issues related to diversity and then apply those lessons to issues facing the university.



Co-Chairperson Pratt then reported that he participated in a telephone conference call with the Black Alumni Council. He stated that on the call were Regenia Sanders, the first Black female to serve as president of the Auburn Alumni Association and Gretchen VanValkenburg, Vice President for Alumni Affairs. Co-Chairperson Pratt stated that the call consisted of dialogue with student leaders to discuss issues of diversity and inclusion. He explained that throughout the discussions, deliberate, fact-based discovery of information was gathered. He stated that the information included researching and considering memorials and monuments on campus that may need to be removed because of their history. Co-Chairperson Pratt announced that as a result, the university issued a campus-wide survey and found that no monuments nor any memorials need to be removed, including a historical marker that commemorates a trail used by union soldiers marching to Mobile during the Civil War.

Co-Chairperson Pratt concluded his report by stating that the Task Force is currently collecting historical data regarding the naming of buildings on campus. He reported that in order to assist members in the review of the data, each member received a copy of "The Village on the Plains" by Dr. Dwayne Cox which provides a detailed history of Auburn University and the city of Auburn. Co-Chairperson Pratt indicated that he is working with Dr. Cox to build a history portfolio that contains all information regarding the naming of buildings—positive, negative, and otherwise—to create a complete analysis of the namings.

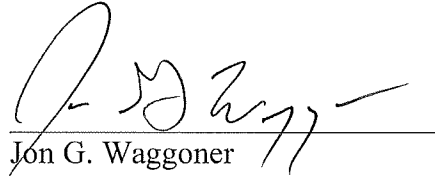
Co-Chairperson Huntley began her report by indicating that a tremendous amount of work has been done over the past several months to lay a solid foundation for the future of Auburn University in terms of its growth in diversity and inclusion. She echoed Co-Chairperson Pratt's sentiments regarding the productivity and success of the engagement with various groups on campus to have an open dialogue regarding Auburn's past and how Auburn should navigate its future.

Co-Chairperson Huntley then stated that it is of the upmost importance for the Task Force to take its time to ensure that the right decisions are made, and they are based on sound practices and policies. Co-Chairperson Huntley indicated that this view is unanimously shared by the Task Force and there will not be any hasty, unfounded decisions made regarding issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion on Auburn's campus.

Co-Chairperson Huntley concluded her report by discussing the recently awarding of degree to Dr. Harold Franklin. Co-Chairperson Huntley stated that although disappointing that such a corrective action had to be taken, the university acknowledging Dr. Franklin's efforts are extremely important and it is an example of Auburn taking steps in the right direction. Co-Chairperson Huntley stated that she recommends that the Board approve the placement of a historical marker on campus so that it may be seen on campus tours, by all members of the Auburn Family, and will serve as a reminder of where Auburn was and the direction in which it is headed.

*President Pro Tempore* Smith thanked everyone for their attendance at Board Meeting, and indicated that with there being no further items for review, the meeting was recessed at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon G. Waggoner", written over a horizontal line.

Jon G. Waggoner  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees