

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

JUNE 17, 2022

**SCHEDULE AND AGENDA  
JUNE 17, 2022 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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    - 2. Alabama Cooperative Extension System – Graham Farm and Nature Center Pavilion: Approval of Project Initiation and Project Architect Selection
    - 3. Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out: Approval of Project Initiation and Project Architect Selection
    - 4. College of Agriculture – Aquaculture Barn and Greenhouses at North Auburn: Approval of Project Initiation and Authorization to Commence the Project Architect Selection Process
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C. Audit and Compliance Committee | Chairperson Vines

1. Approval of Independent Auditors for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2022
2. Receipt of the 2021-2022 Code of Ethics Compliance Documents – *For Information Only*
3. Receipt of the 2022 Board Self-Evaluation Survey – *For Information Only*

D. Finance Committee | *President Pro Tempore* Dumas

1. Authority to Manage the Non-Endowed Cash Pool and Endowment Investments
2. Revision of the “Student Residency Tuition Policy” for Recipients Who Qualify Under Chapter 35 of Title 38 of the U.S. Code – *For Information Only*
3. Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and Salary Guidelines – *For Information Only*

E. Executive Committee | Chairperson W. Smith

1. Posthumous Awarding of the Master of Science in Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences to David Pardo Hernandez
2. Election of Officers of the Board of Trustees for 2022-2023
3. Proposed Awards and Namings

F. Trustee Reports

III. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

IV. Proposed Executive Session

V. Reconvened Meeting of the Board of Trustees

1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 22, 2022 Board Meeting
2. Awarding of Degrees for Summer 2022
3. AUM Chancellor’s Report
4. President’s Report
5. Action Items and Committee Meeting Reports

A. Property and Facilities Committee

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VI. Recess Meeting

As *President Pro Tempore* of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University, Mr. Bob Dumas convened an annual board meeting on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

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

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

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

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

Also sitting with the Board were the following persons: Dr. Christopher B. Roberts, Auburn University President; Dr. Donald Mulvaney, the outgoing Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University campus; Dr. Glen Ray, the outgoing Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University at Montgomery campus; Mr. Jake Haston, President of the Auburn University Student Government Association; Mr. Keenan Carter, President of the Auburn University at Montgomery Student Government Association; and Mr. Jon Waggoner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Todd Steury, the incoming Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University Campus, and Ms. Samantha McNeilly, the incoming Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University at Montgomery campus, joined the Board at the table for the reconvened meeting.

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

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas welcomed the following persons that serve Auburn University and AUM in various capacities: Dr. Mark Carpenter, Academic Affairs Faculty Representative; Dr. Robert Norton, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Kim Brackett, AUM Faculty Senate President; Dr. Elizabeth Davis-Sramek, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Scott Lane, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Henry Schenck, Institutional Advancement Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Christian Dagg, Property and Facilities Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Oladiran Fasina, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Dr. Paul Fox, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Mr. Clint Lovelace, Chair of the Auburn University Staff Council; Ms. Ashley Reid, Chair of the Auburn University Staff Council; Dr. Vanessa Funches, President of the AUM Faculty Senate; Ms. Susan Terino, President of the AUM Staff Council; Ms. Cheryl Casey, Chair of the Auburn University Foundation Board of Directors; Ms. Regenia Sanders, President of the Auburn Alumni Association; and Ms. Makeda Nurradin, President of the Graduate Student Council.

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

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022 AT 9:05 A.M.**

Chairperson DeMaioribus convened a meeting of the Property and Facilities Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 9:05 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

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

**1. Parkerson Mill Greenway – Phase III: Approval of Project Engineer Selection**

Mr. King first discussed the Parkerson Mill Greenway – Phase III project. He reminded everyone that at its meeting on April 22, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the project and authorized the commencement of the engineer selection process. He stated that, since that time, a Request for Qualifications was published for design services. He indicated that one firm submitted its qualifications and was interviewed by the Engineer Selection Committee. He shared that the committee determined that the firm, LBYD of Auburn, Alabama, was best qualified to provide design services for the project. He remarked that the University Architect concurs with this recommendation.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution approving the selection of the firm, LBYD of Auburn, Alabama, as the project engineer for Phase III of the Parkerson Mill Greenway project.

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

**2. Alabama Cooperative Extension System – Graham Farm and Nature Center Pavilion: Approval of Project Initiation and Project Architect Selection**

Mr. King then discussed the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) – Graham Farm and Nature Center Pavilion project. He reported that ACES proposed the construction of a new 4,000-square-foot pavilion at the Graham Farm and Nature Center located in Jackson County, Alabama. He shared that the project is planned to provide a covered patio, kitchen, meeting and outreach spaces, and restrooms to expand the already provided programs.

Mr. King explained that, should the initiation of the project be approved, the University Architect recommends the approval of the firm, Chapman Sisson Architects of Huntsville, Alabama, as the architect for the project.

Mr. King commented that Chapman Sisson has designed past facilities for ACES in recent years, including a project of similar size and scope that will be used as the basis for this project and the selection would provide a more timely and efficient design process.

Mr. King indicated that it is anticipated that the facility will be financed by ACES funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution approving the initiation of the ACES Graham Farm and Nature Center Pavilion project and the selection of the firm, Chapman Sisson Architects of Huntsville, Alabama, as the project architect.

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

### **3. Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out: Approval of Project Initiation and Project Architect Selection**

Mr. King then discussed the Gogue Performing Arts Center (GPAC) Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out project. He reported that the GPAC proposed the build-out of the Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre to realize the full vision of a size-diverse, multi-venue performing arts center. He shared that that the project would construct a glass enclosure for the Studio Theatre and that the proposed glass hangar door at the south end would open to the lawn, creating an indoor/outdoor space that reveals the Amphitheatre stage. He commented that the Amphitheatre would be fitted with a state-of-the-art sound and lighting system as well as LED screens displaying a live feed to patrons.

Mr. King indicated that, should the initiation of the project be approved, the University Architect recommends the approval of the firm, Wilson Butler Architects of Boston, Massachusetts, as the project architect. He stated that Wilson Butler designed the original GPAC and the firm's experience and expertise with this facility will be important in the design of the project and will facilitate a more timely and efficient design process.

Mr. King indicated that it is anticipated that the facility would be financed by GPAC gift funds and that a substantial gift was recently given in support of this project.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution approving the initiation of the GPAC Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out project and the selection of the firm, Wilson Butler Architects of Boston, Massachusetts as the project architect.

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



**4. College of Agriculture – Aquaculture Barn and Greenhouses at North Auburn: Approval of Project Initiation and Authorization to Commence the Architect Selection Process**

Mr. King then indicated that the College of Agriculture proposed the construction of an Aquaculture Barn and three greenhouses at the North Auburn campus. He stated that, since that time, Facilities Management—in consultation with university leadership and the College of Agriculture, determined that the item should be removed from the agenda.

Chairperson DeMaoribus concurred and indicated that the item would not be moved forward for consideration by the full Board.

**5. Renovation of Space for the School of Kinesiology’s Doctor of Physical Therapy Program: Approval of Project Initiation and Authorization to Commence the Project Architect Selection Process**

Mr. King then discussed the Renovation of Space for the School of Kinesiology’s Doctor of Physical Therapy Program project. He reminded everyone that at its meeting on September 21, 2021, the Board of Trustees approved a request from the Office of the Provost to create a Doctor of Physical Therapy Program in the College of Education’s School of Kinesiology. He reported that since that time, the School of Kinesiology proposed a project to renovate space in the Student Activity Center to implement the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. He indicated that the renovation would provide instructional space, a research laboratory, offices, and other support spaces to enable the commencement of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program in the fall of 2024.

Mr. King stated that it is anticipated that the facility would be financed by funds from the Office of the Provost and a funding match from both the School of Kinesiology and the College of Education.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution approving the initiation of the Renovation of Space for the School of Kinesiology’s Doctor of Physical Therapy Program project and authorizing the commencement of the architect selection process.

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

**6. Melton Student Center Renovation for Starbucks Relocation: Approval of Project Initiation and Project Architect Selection**

Mr. King then discussed the Melton Student Center Renovation for Starbucks Relocation project. Mr. King stated that the Office of Student Affairs proposed a project to renovate approximately 2,400 square feet of the Melton Student Center to relocate the existing Starbucks location into the former Au Bon Pain space.

Mr. King commented that the relocation would provide a larger venue equipped to serve a full Starbucks menu, which is not possible at the current Starbucks location.

Mr. King shared that, should the initiation of the project be approved, the University Architect recommends the approval of the firm, Seay, Seay, and Litchfield Architects of Montgomery, Alabama, as the project architect. Mr. King shared that Seay, Seay, and Litchfield has designed several Auburn University dining facilities in recent years and the firm's expertise will be important in the design of the project.

Mr. King stated that it is anticipated that the project would be financed by funds from the Office of Student Affairs.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution approving the initiation of the Melton Student Center Renovation for Starbucks Relocation project and the selection of the firm, Seay, Seay, and Litchfield Architects of Montgomery, Alabama, as the project architect.

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

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

Mr. King then stated that Board of Trustees policies require that a listing of property owned by Auburn University be submitted to the Board for its information and review each year at its annual meeting. He reported that the summary of real estate holdings, including changes since June 2021, is included in the meeting materials.

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

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

Mr. King then stated that Board of Trustees policies require that a summary report of timber harvest revenue be provided to the Board for its information and review each year at its annual meeting. He indicated that the summary report, including changes since June 2021, is included in the meeting materials.

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

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

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

Mr. King stated that, consistent with standing practice, a summary report of new construction, renovation, and infrastructure projects with budgets greater than

\$1,000,000 be submitted to the Board of Trustees at each regular board meeting for the Board's information and review.

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

**b. Project Status Report**

Mr. King stated that, consistent with standing practice, a summary report of regarding the status of Board-approved capital projects be submitted to the Board of Trustees at each regular board meeting for the Board's information and review.

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

Chairperson DeMaioribus thanked Mr. King for his reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:35 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022 AT 9:35 A.M.**

Chairperson Huntley convened a meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 9:35 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

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

**1. Proposed Redesignation of Academic Units Within the College of Human Sciences**

Dr. Nathan reported that the College of Human Sciences proposed the following changes in designation for the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics, and Hospitality Management in the College of Human Sciences:

- (1) Designate the School of Hospitality Management; and
- (2) Rename the department as the Department of Nutritional Sciences.

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

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

Dr. Nathan then reported the following items of information:

- (1) Renaming of the undergraduate and graduate programs in *Physical Activity and Health* as *Exercise, Performance and Health*;
- (2) Renaming of the *Graduate Certificate in Adult Education* as the *Graduate Certificate in Workforce Education, Training, and Development*;
- (3) Conversion and subsequent renaming of the *Master of Industrial and Systems Engineering* degree as the *Master of Science (MS) degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering* (non-thesis);
- (4) Closure of the undergraduate option in *Fitness, Conditioning, and Performance* (offered in the Exercise, Performance and Health Optimization degree; and
- (5) Creation of an *Undergraduate Certificate in Cyber Security*.

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

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

### **3. Proposed Education Doctorate in Education Systems, Technology, and Leadership**

Dr. Stockton reported that AUM's College of Education submitted a proposal to create a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree in Education Systems, Technology, and Leadership. Dr. Stockton explained that the proposed degree includes two concentrations: (1) Industrial Technology and (2) Early Childhood Education. He stated that the program would provide the College of Education with a terminal degree option and provide AUM with a more comprehensive graduate program, and, as a result, position AUM to be a more visible university and, in turn, attract more students desiring an advanced degree.

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

Chairperson Huntley thanked Dr. Stockton for his report, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:45 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022 AT 9:45 A.M.**

Chairperson Vines convened a meeting of the Audit and Compliance Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 9:45 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Vines called upon Ms. Shomaker for discussion of the first Audit and Compliance Committee agenda item.

**1. Approval of Independent Auditors for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2022**

Ms. Shomaker stated that the *Selection of External Auditors* policy requires the Board of Trustees to approve external auditors to review the internal audit process completed by Auburn University. Ms. Shomaker reported that Auburn University management recommends maintaining its current external auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Subsequently, Ms. Shomaker introduced Mr. Douglas Grant of PricewaterhouseCoopers. Mr. Grant then presented the Auburn University Fiscal Year 2022 Audit Plan.

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

Chairperson Vines thanked Ms. Shomaker for her report and then discussed the second and third Audit and Compliance Committee agenda items.

**2. Receipt of the 2021-2022 Code of Ethics Compliance Documents – *For Information Only***

Chairperson Vines explained that, in accordance with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)'s *Principles of Accreditation*, it is required that the presiding officer of the Board of Trustees be unencumbered by any contractual, employment, personal, familial, or financially related interests with Auburn University. Chairperson Vines stated that in addition, a majority of voting board members must also be unencumbered by such interests.

Chairperson Vines reported that the Audit and Compliance Committee, the General Counsel, and the Board Secretary have reviewed the completed annual ethics compliance documents and subsequently determined that the Board is in compliance with SACSCOC's standards. He stated that copies of the 2021-2022 documents are available, upon request.

Chairperson Vines indicated that this item is included for information only and does not require a vote.

**3. Receipt of the 2022 Board Self-Evaluation Survey – *For Information Only***

Chairperson Vines stated that like the previous item, SACSCOC advises governing boards to define and regularly evaluate their responsibilities and expectations. He shared that accordingly, the Board began administering biennial self-evaluations in 2018, each time using a survey designed to evoke the members' anonymous opinions. He announced that the 2022 survey was sent to the Board in March of 2022 and the process is now complete. He indicated that the results of the survey have been received and reviewed by the Board.

Chairperson Vines stated that this item is included for information only and does not require a vote.

With there being no further items, Chairperson Vines recessed the committee meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.**

In Chairperson Harbert's stead, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas presided over the Finance Committee meeting. *President Pro Tempore* Dumas convened a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas called upon Ms. Shomaker for discussion of the following Finance Committee agenda items:

**1. Authority to Manage the Non-Endowed Cash Pool and Endowment Investments**

Ms. Shomaker presented a housekeeping item to empower Dr. Christopher B. Roberts to delegate the opening of bank accounts, trading accounts, or any other such financial account to other individuals across the cash in the offices of Cash Management and Endowment Accounting.

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

**2. Revision of the "Student Residency Tuition Policy" for Recipients Who Qualify Under Chapter 35 of Title 38 of the U.S. Code – *For Information Only***

Ms. Shomaker explained that pursuant to Public Law 117-68, Auburn University, as a public institution of higher education, must charge "in-state" tuition for those who qualify under the amended version of Chapter 35—regardless of the student's state of residency. Ms. Shomaker commented that the order will become effective as of August 1, 2022 and that the *Student Residency Tuition Policy* will now reflect the changes discussed above.

Ms. Shomaker indicated that this item is included for information only and does not require a vote.

**3. Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and Salary Guidelines – *For Information Only***

Ms. Shomaker then presented a general overview of Fiscal Year 2023 budget preparations and salary guidelines.

Ms. Shomaker stated that this item is included for information only and does not require a vote.

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas thanked Ms. Shomaker for her reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 10:10 a.m.



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022 AT 10:10 A.M.**

Chairperson W. Smith convened a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 10:10 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson W. Smith called upon Dr. Nathan for discussion of the first Executive Committee agenda item.

**1. Posthumous Awarding of the Master of Science in Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences to David Pardo Hernandez**

Dr. Nathan stated that a request is before the Board to award posthumously the Master of Science in Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences to David Pardo Hernandez, upon recommendation of the faculty and administration.

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

Chairperson W. Smith thanked Dr. Nathan for her report and then discussed the second and third Executive Committee agenda items.

**2. Election of Officers of the Board of Trustees for 2022-2023**

Chairperson W. Smith stated that the next item was the election of officers of the Board for 2022-2023.

First, Chairperson W. Smith opened the floor for nominations for *President Pro Tempore*.

Mr. Rane nominated *President Pro Tempore* Dumas for a second term. The nomination was seconded by Mr. DeMaioribus.

With no other nominations, Chairperson W. Smith closed the floor.

The committee approved the nomination of *President Pro Tempore* Dumas to be later voted upon by the full Board during the reconvened meeting. *President Pro Tempore* Dumas abstained from the vote.

Chairperson W. Smith then stated, "Seeing as *President Pro Tempore* Dumas is nominated for a second term, we must nominate a board member for *Vice President Pro Tempore*."

Accordingly, Chairperson W. Smith opened the floor for nominations for *Vice President Pro Tempore*.

Mr. Rane nominated Mr. Riggins. The nomination was seconded by Mr. DeMaioribus.

With no other nominations, Chairperson W. Smith closed the floor.

The committee approved the nomination of Mr. Riggins to be later voted upon by the full Board during the reconvened meeting. Mr. Riggins abstained from the vote.

### **3. Proposed Awards and Namings**

Chairperson W. Smith indicated that the final item was a list of four proposed awards and namings.

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

With there being no further items, Chairperson W. Smith recessed the committee meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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

### **Academic Affairs Committee**

Chairperson Huntley began her report by sharing that this spring, the Prestigious Scholars program, coordinated through the Honors College, was successful in assisting students apply for and receive 13 highly competitive awards and scholarships at national and international levels, including: a Truman Scholarship recipient, a Goldwater Scholarship recipient, a Fulbright Scholarship recipient, a German Academic Exchange Service Scholarship recipient, two Gilman Scholarship recipients, and seven National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship recipients. She lauded the students for their hard work and achievements. Chairperson Huntley commented, “Of course, these impressive achievements reflect the innovation and commitment of our faculty.”

Chairperson Huntley then shared that the new Academic Classroom and Laboratory Complex in the College of Sciences and Mathematics (COSAM) will open this fall. She stated that in July, more than 60 COSAM faculty members will host a five-day session with faculty from universities across the country to develop and share innovative ways of utilizing the many features of the university’s newest academic facility. Chairperson Huntley concluded her report by stating that she looks forward to showcasing some of these approaches at the September board meeting, following the official opening of the facility.

### **Alumni**

Lead Trustee Z. Smith began his report by sharing that the AMBUSH tour—featuring Coach Harsin and Coach Pearl—engaged over 1,000 participants in four cities and an additional 1,100 participants through “AMBUSH at Home,” the program’s virtual platform.

He then stated that the Young Alumni Council announced its inaugural class of “20 Under 40” and will host a celebration during the fall during the Penn State football weekend in September.

Lead Trustee Z. Smith concluded his report by announcing the launch of “Auburn Connects,” an online professional meeting platform for all Auburn University alumni, students, and friends. He explained that the platform will facilitate mentorship, career exploration, and affinity-based group connections.

### **Athletics**

Lead Trustee Riggins shared that Auburn Athletics recently enjoyed much success. He reported that baseball, women’s golf, men’s golf, men and women’s outdoor track and field, men’s basketball, gymnastics, equestrian, and women’s tennis all advanced to their respective championships and earned numerous individual and team awards.

Lead Trustee Riggins then announced that Bruce Pearl, Greg Williams, Caroline Lilley, and Bobby Reynolds were all named coaches of the year in their respective sports.

Lead Trustee Riggins stated that nine of Auburn's 19 teams posted perfect academic progress scores for the 2020-2021 scoring period. He indicated that 112 student-athletes were named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List and 80 student-athletes were named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

Lead Trustee Riggins concluded his report by sharing that Auburn student-athletes recently participated in the Tiger Given Back Community Service Day with projects including visits to local hospitals, food banks, and retirement homes.

### **Governmental Affairs Committee**

Chairperson Rane began his report by sharing an update regarding state governmental affairs.

Chairperson Rane stated that state revenue outlook remains strong as the end of the fiscal year approaches.

Chairperson Rane indicated that 2022 is an election year with primary elections being held on May 24, 2022. He noted that Governor Ivey won the gubernatorial Republican primary election without a runoff, advancing to the general election in the fall. Chairperson Rane commented that, in a highly contested race to fill outgoing U.S. Senator Richard Shelby's seat in the U.S. Senate, Katie Boyd Britt emerged as the frontrunner, with a runoff later in June.

Chairperson Rane concluded the state governmental affairs portion of his report by stating that it is yet unknown whether Governor Ivey will call a special session of the state legislature later this summer to discuss the American Rescue Plan. Chairperson Rane commented that Auburn's Governmental Affairs team continues to closely monitor the situation.

Chairperson Rane then shared an update regarding federal governmental affairs.

Chairperson Rane stated that congressional committee staff are developing (1) the FY 2023 Defense Authorization bill, where Congressman Mike Rogers (AL-03) will be a key negotiator; and (2) the FY 2023 appropriations bills, where U.S. Senator Richard Shelby and Congressman Robert Aderholt (AL-04) will be key negotiators. Chairperson Rane indicated that Auburn's priorities were submitted to all members of the Alabama congressional delegation.

Chairperson Rane concluded his report by announcing that Auburn's new Office of Federal Relations, headquartered in Washington, D.C., continues to coordinate discussions with congressional offices about the university's priorities.

### **Research and Technology Committee**

Chairperson Sahlie began his report by sharing that Auburn is part of a \$20 million collaboration—among nine universities in the state of Alabama and one private firm—to develop transformative technologies in plasma science and engineering.

Chairperson Sahlie announced that Dr. Shiwen Mao, director of Auburn's Wireless Engineering Research and Education Center, was recently awarded nearly \$1 million by the National Science Foundation for a three-year project that aims to enhance wireless capabilities for real-time augmented reality and virtual reality applications.

Chairperson Sahlie then indicated that researchers in the College of Architecture, Design and Construction and the College of Liberal Arts recently received grants from the National Park Service to further efforts to document and preserve African American and civil rights history.

Chairperson Sahlie then reported that Dr. Elizabeth Lipke and Dr. Selen Cremaschi in the Department of Chemical Engineering are leading a multidisciplinary, multi-institutional project to apply engineering and development biology knowledge and toolsets to advance heart cell production.

Chairperson Sahlie commented that this fiscal year, six early-career Auburn faculty members from the College of Agriculture, the Ginn College of Engineering, and the College of Sciences and Mathematics received with National Science Foundation CAREER awards.

Chairperson Sahlie concluded his report by sharing that an Auburn alumnus has committed to a \$1 million equity investment in Alabama utility development.

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

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022 AT 10:25 A.M.**

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas convened a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 10:25 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After convening the regular meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas reminded everyone that today was the last meeting for Dr. Donald Mulvaney, the outgoing faculty advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University campus, and Dr. Glen Ray, the outgoing faculty advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University at Montgomery campus, in their official capacities as ex officio board members.

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas then called upon Dr. Mulvaney to deliver any final remarks to the Board.

Dr. Mulvaney began his remarks by thanking the Board and President Roberts for their continued support and leadership.

Dr. Mulvaney discussed the importance of having a service-minded approach in all areas—administrators, faculty, and staff alike. He commented that one of the most direct displays of service across the Auburn campus is the University Senate. He shared that the University Senate plays a vital role, connecting the faculty with the administration, allowing voices to be heard and opinions to be shared.

Dr. Mulvaney shared that throughout his years of service, he was blessed to see meaningful change happen. He shared that, although sometimes challenging and often requiring sacrifices, his experience was enriching and rewarding.

Dr. Mulvaney concluded his remarks by imploring the university to continue its positive, collaborative system of shared governance.

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas thanked Dr. Mulvaney stating, “We certainly appreciate your time, efforts, and guidance.”

Dr. Mulvaney then introduced Dr. Todd Steury, the incoming faculty advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University campus. *President Pro Tempore* Dumas welcomed Dr. Steury, commenting that the Board looks forward to working alongside him throughout the coming year.

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas then called upon Dr. Ray to deliver any final remarks to the Board.

Dr. Ray began his remarks by stating, “On behalf of the AUM faculty, thank you for a seat at the table. You have made me feel accepted and I greatly appreciate it. I also wish to thank the board members for their hard work, especially during a period of much change.” Dr. Ray shared that the Board’s enthusiasm and diligence inspired him to continue to work hard and make AUM the best university it can be.

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas thanked Dr. Ray by stating, “AUM is fortunate to have such a fine leader as yourself. You have represented your colleagues well and we are all better for your hard work and service.”

Dr. Ray then introduced Ms. Samantha McNeilly, the incoming faculty advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University at Montgomery campus. *President Pro Tempore* Dumas welcomed Ms. McNeilly and shared that the Board appreciates her service in this new role.

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

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

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:30 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022 AT 11:40 A.M.**

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas reconvened the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 11:40 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 22, 2022 meeting. A motion was received from Mr. Rane. The motion was seconded by Mr. Z. Smith, 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 April 22, 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees have been distributed to all members of this Board for review; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the minutes of the April 22, 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees are hereby approved as distributed.

Following the approval of the minutes of the April 22, 2022 Board Meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas asked for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the awarding of degrees for the Summer 2022 semester. A motion was received from Mr. Rane. 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 2022, complying with the requirements heretofore established by the Board of Trustees, be and the same are hereby approved.
2. That a list of the degrees awarded be filed and maintained in the records of the University and hereby made an official part of this resolution and of these minutes.

Following the approval of the awarding of degrees for the Summer 2022 semester, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas called upon Dr. Stockton for the AUM Chancellor's Report.

### **AUM Chancellor's Report**

Dr. Stockton began his report by thanking Dr. Roberts for visiting the AUM campus and meeting with AUM's senior leadership team on the second day in his role as Auburn University President. Dr. Stockton shared that Dr. Roberts was well received and that AUM looks forward to working with him throughout his tenure.

Dr. Stockton then announced that, as of the end of the Spring 2022 semester, AUM had almost \$6 million in stimulus funding remaining from the American Rescue Plan/CARES funding. Dr. Stockton indicated that, following guidance from the Department of Education, AUM allocated the funds to discharge student balances owed to the university. He stated that the effort benefited 2,600 AUM students enrolled during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Stockton shared that AUM's softball team won a second Gulf South Conference tournament championship. He reported that for the first time in university history, AUM hosted the NCAA Division II South regional, with AUM's softball team winning the tournament. Dr. Stockton shared that after ranking number four in the country, AUM's softball team is poised for a successful season in 2023.

Dr. Stockton concluded his report by sharing that for the fifth year in a row, AUM was recognized as the best university in River Region—comprised of Montgomery, Autauga, and Elmore counties. He announced that AUM was also recognized as the best place to work in the River Region.

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas thanked Dr. Stockton for his report and then called upon Dr. Roberts for the Auburn University President's Report.

### **President's Report**

Dr. Roberts began his report by stating, "Today marks a month in my role as university president and I become more and more excited about this opportunity each day." Dr. Roberts said that the reason for this excitement is largely due to the interactions with all of the constituents of the university. He indicated that in his conversations, each person has been genuinely passionate about and dedicated to creating positive experiences and elevating Auburn to even greater heights.

Dr. Roberts shared his plans to engage with Auburn's many stakeholder groups—including Auburn University at Montgomery, the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, and global alumni.

Dr. Roberts congratulated the War Eagle Flying Team for winning the collegiate aviation's oldest and most prestigious award for the first time in team history.

Dr. Roberts concluded his report by congratulating Auburn's 10 faculty award winners of research's most prestigious award for a period covering fall 2021 through spring 2022.

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas thanked Dr. Roberts for his report and then moved to the action items and committee meeting reports as follows:

### **Property and Facilities Committee**

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

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

## RESOLUTION

### PARKERSON MILL GREENWAY – PHASE III

#### APPROVAL OF PROJECT ENGINEER SELECTION

WHEREAS, at its meeting on April 22, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Parkerson Mill Greenway – Phase III project and authorized the commencement of the engineer selection process; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer Selection Committee, after conducting interviews with candidate firms, determined the engineering firm LBYD of Auburn, Alabama was best qualified to provide design services on this project; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect concurs with this recommendation; and

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

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

1. Engage LBYD of Auburn, Alabama as project engineer to consult in the development of the Parkerson Mill Greenway – Phase III 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

### ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM GRAHAM FARM AND NATURE CENTER PAVILION

#### APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION

WHEREAS, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) has proposed the construction of a new 4,000 square foot pavilion at the Graham Farm and Nature Center located in Jackson County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Graham Farm and Nature Center Pavilion project is planned to provide a covered patio, kitchen, meeting and outreach spaces, and restrooms to expand the programs provided at the educational farm; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate a more timely and efficient design process, the University Architect recommends the approval of the firm, Chapman Sisson Architects, of Huntsville, Alabama, as the architect for the ACES Graham Farm and Nature Center project; and the University Architect concurs with this recommendation; and

WHEREAS, Chapman Sisson Architects has designed past facilities for ACES in recent years, including a project of a similar size and scope, and their expertise in this facility type will be important in the design for this project; and

WHEREAS, this project will be financed by ACES funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy, “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the initiation of this project and the engineer selection 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 ACES Graham Farm and Nature Center project is approved; and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Engage Chapman Sisson Architects, of Huntsville, 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

### GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER – STUDIO THEATRE AND AMPHITHEATRE BUILD-OUT

#### APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION

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

WHEREAS, the proposed project would construct a glass enclosure for the 3,500 square foot Studio Theatre so that it can be utilized for performances, rehearsals, audio and video recordings, educational engagements, and special events accommodating multiple seating configurations such as theatrical, cabaret, orchestral, band, choral, banquets and receptions; and

WHEREAS, this project would also install a glass hangar door at the south end of the Studio Theatre which would open up to the lawn, creating an indoor/outdoor space that reveals the Amphitheatre stage to an audience of up to 5,000 patrons; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the Amphitheatre would be fitted with a state-of-the-art sound and lighting system and stage right and left LED screens displaying a live feed of Amphitheatre performances to patrons; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate a more timely and efficient design process, the University Architect recommends the approval of the firm, Wilson Butler Architects, of Boston, Massachusetts, as the architect for the project, since they designed the original Gogue Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this facility would be financed by gift funds, and a substantial gift has recently been received in support of this project; 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 Gogue Performing Arts Center – Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out project is approved, and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Engage Wilson Butler Architects, of Boston, Massachusetts, 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

### RENOVATION OF SPACE FOR THE SCHOOL OF KINESIOLOGY'S DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, at its meeting on September 21, 2021, the Board of Trustees approved a request from the Provost to create a Doctor of Physical Therapy program in the College of Education's School of Kinesiology; and

WHEREAS, the School of Kinesiology has proposed a project to renovate space in the Student Activity Center to implement the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program; and

WHEREAS, this renovation would provide startup space that includes instructional, research laboratory, office, and other support spaces to enable the School of Kinesiology to commence the Doctor of Physical Therapy program in Fall 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this facility would be financed by funds from the Provost Office and a funding match from the School of Kinesiology and the College of Education; 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 Renovation of Space for the School of Kinesiology's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program project is approved; and Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to commence the project architect selection process.

## RESOLUTION

### MELTON STUDENT CENTER RENOVATION FOR STARBUCKS RELOCATION

#### APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION

WHEREAS, Student Affairs has proposed a project to renovate 2,400 square feet of the Melton Student Center to relocate the existing Starbucks into the former Au Bon Pain space to provide a larger venue that can serve a full Starbucks menu; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate a more timely and efficient design process, the University Architect recommends the approval of the firm, Seay, Seay, and Litchfield Architects, of Montgomery, Alabama, as the architect for the project; and

WHEREAS, Seay, Seay and Litchfield has designed several Auburn University dining facilities in recent years, and their expertise will be important in the design for this project; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy, "D-3, Capital Projects Approval," the initiation of this project and the engineer selection 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 Melton Student Center Renovation for Starbucks Relocation project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

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

### **Academic Affairs Committee**

Chairperson Huntley indicated that the Academic Affairs Committee met earlier and discussed two action items and one item of information. Chairperson Huntley moved for approval of the Academic Affairs Committee's two action items. The motion was seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote with one abstention as follows: Mr. Rane abstained from voting on item number one, Proposed Redesignation of Academic Units Within the College of Human Sciences.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

## RESOLUTION

### PROPOSED REDESIGNATION OF ACADEMIC UNITS WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

WHEREAS, the Office of the Provost maintains General Administrative Guidelines for the Designation of Departments, Schools, or Colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics, and Hospitality Management in the College of Human Sciences has requested the Hospitality Management program be granted school status and renamed accordingly in support of these guidelines and the department be subsequently renamed as the Department of Nutritional Sciences; and

WHEREAS, the Hospitality Management program has experienced considerable enrollment growth in recent years, resulting in increased faculty and expanded academic, research, and outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, establishing a School of Hospitality Management will enable the college to competitively recruit faculty and prospective students at the undergraduate and graduate levels while continuing to deliver high-quality programs in partnership with the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Sciences Center as well as other academic units across campus; and

WHEREAS, renaming the department as the Department of Nutritional Sciences will enable the college to continue offering high-quality academic and professional training programs in nutrition and dietetics as well as opportunities for faculty and students to engage in experiential learning and interdisciplinary research and outreach; and

WHEREAS, the requests have been endorsed by the Dean of the College of Human Sciences, the Interim Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the following changes in designation be approved and reported to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education as items of information:

1. Designation of the School of Hospitality Management; and
2. Renaming of the *Department of Nutrition, Dietetics, and Hospitality Management* as the *Department of Nutrition Sciences*.

## RESOLUTION

### PROPOSED EDUCATION DOCTORATE IN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS, TECHNOLOGY, AND LEADERSHIP

WHEREAS, an Education Doctorate in Educational Systems, Technology, and Leadership prepares practitioners to lead and become change agents of learning environments and organizations which include, but are not limited to, preschool or childcare centers and programs; early childhood education programs, including Alabama's First Class Pre-K sites or other nationally funded preschool programs housed in Alabama public schools; Department of Defense Early Childhood programs; pre-k-12 technology leadership in face-to-face and online environments; technology integration and leadership in government, corporations/private businesses, or higher education; and other areas as employment demands change; and

WHEREAS, the College of Education at Auburn University at Montgomery wishes to create a Doctorate of Education in Educational Systems, Technology, and Leadership with the following concentrations: Instructional Technology and Early Childhood Education; and

WHEREAS, the proposed online degree program would provide Auburn University at Montgomery with a more comprehensive graduate program with a terminal degree option for the College of Education with collaboration between colleges and departments; and

WHEREAS, the proposed online degree program would enhance the enrollment of students by providing them with the opportunity to tailor their advanced studies to their unique career goals; and

WHEREAS, the proposed online degree program would position Auburn University at Montgomery to be more visible and attract more students interested in making themselves more marketable by enhancing their advanced skills in systems of learning; the evaluation of policies, programs, and assessments; leadership and organizational change; action research; and digital learning environments and tools; and

WHEREAS, the proposed online degree would require three additional faculty members, a part-time administrative staff member, and four graduate assistants annually; and

WHEREAS, the request to create this online Education Doctorate degree has been endorsed by the faculty of the Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Department, the College of Education Graduate Council, the Dean of the College of Education, the University Graduate Council, the Provost, and the Chancellor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University hat the proposed Education Doctorate in Education Systems, Technology, and Leadership from the College of Education at Auburn University at Montgomery be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

### **Audit and Compliance Committee**

Chairperson Vines indicated that the Audit and Compliance Committee met earlier and discussed one action item and two items of information. Chairperson Vines moved for approval of the Audit and Compliance Committee's one action item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that PricewaterhouseCoopers is hereby appointed as the University's external auditor for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022.



## **Finance Committee**

In Chairperson Harbert's stead, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas indicated that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed one action item and two items of information. Mr. W. Smith moved for approval of the Finance Committee's one action item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Riggins, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

## RESOLUTION

### AUTHORITY TO MANAGE THE NON-ENDOWED CASH POOL AND ENDOWMENT INVESTMENTS

WHEREAS, Dr. Christopher B. Roberts was appointed President of Auburn University effective May 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronald L. Burgess was appointed Executive Vice President of Auburn University effective June 23, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kelli D. Shomaker was appointed Vice President for Business and Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Auburn University effective September 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved a non-endowed cash pool investment policy and an endowment investment policy establishing guidelines for the investment of University funds; and

WHEREAS, the daily management of University cash and endowments, within the parameters established by the investment policies, requires the establishment of various types of accounts at banks, brokerage firms, and other financial institutions; and

WHEREAS, the University must provide banks, brokerage firms, and other financial institutions with evidence that persons acting on the University's behalf have been authorized to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the President, Christopher B. Roberts; the Executive Vice President, Ronald L. Burgess; the Vice President for Business and Finance and Chief Financial Officer, Kelli D. Shomaker; or other such persons as may be authorized to act on their behalf, are hereby authorized and empowered to instruct banks, brokers, and other financial institutions regarding the establishment of accounts, the transfer, change of title, investment and safekeeping of cash and/or securities consistent with cash and endowment management investment guidelines.

## **Executive Committee**

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

Chairperson W. Smith reported that the first item presented to the Executive Committee was a request to award posthumously the Master of Science in Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences to David Pardo Hernandez. Chairperson W. Smith moved for approval of the item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rane, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

Chairperson W. Smith reported that the second item presented to the Executive Committee was the election of officers of the Board of Trustees for 2022-2023. Chairperson W. Smith stated that the Executive Committee recommended that (1) *President Pro Tempore* Bob Dumas be re-elected for a second term as *President Pro Tempore* and (2) Mr. Quentin Riggins be elected as *Vice President Pro Tempore*. Mr. Rane moved that (1) *President Pro Tempore* Bob Dumas be re-elected for a second term as *President Pro Tempore* and (2) Mr. Quentin Riggins be elected as *Vice President Pro Tempore*. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, and the motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chairperson W. Smith reported that the third item presented to the Executive Committee was a list of proposed awards and namings. Chairperson W. Smith moved for approval of the item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rane, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved:

## RESOLUTION

### POSTHUMOUS AWARDING OF THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FISHERIES, AQUACULTURE AND AQUATIC SCIENCES TO DAVID PARDO HERNANDEZ

WHEREAS, Mr. David Pardo Hernandez, a graduate student in the College of Agriculture, was pursuing a master's degree in Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences before passing away in summer 2022; and

WHEREAS, David Hernandez passed away before he could complete the final requirements necessary for a Master of Science in Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences; and

WHEREAS, the faculty in the School of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences, the Dean of the College of Agriculture, the Interim Provost, and the President recommend that the Master of Science be awarded posthumously.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the degree of Master of Science in Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences is hereby granted posthumously to David Pardo Hernandez 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 David Pardo Hernandez 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 profound loss.

## RESOLUTION

### NAMING A COLUMN IN THE ADVANCED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY AS THE STEEL DYNAMICS COLUMN

WHEREAS, Steel Dynamics is one of the largest and most diversified domestic steel producers and metals recyclers in North America, with facilities located throughout the United States and in Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the company operates using a circular manufacturing model, producing lower carbon-emission, quality steel using electric arc furnace technology (EAF) with recycled ferrous scrap as the primary input; and

WHEREAS, its circular economy is driven by the passion and dedication of its innovative teams at each operating platform: steel, steel fabrication and metals recycling; and

WHEREAS, Steel Dynamics has been a significant contributor to Auburn University and the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering during the past year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that that a Column in the Advanced Structural Engineering Laboratory be named the Steel Dynamics Column in honor of the company's generous support and ongoing dedication.

## RESOLUTION

### NAMING THE STUDENT LOUNGE IN THE TONY AND LIBBA RANE CULINARY SCIENCE CENTER AS THE KLESIOUS FAMILY STUDENT LOUNGE

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 program and the study options of Culinary Science, Hotel and Restaurant Management, and Event Management has necessitated the construction of a facility to provide state-of-the-art learning for students; and

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

WHEREAS, the Halstead Family Foundation has responded to the call for philanthropic support by making a significant gift to support such a facility; and

WHEREAS, the Halstead Family Foundation and Klesius family have given generously to Auburn University academics and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn University College of Human Sciences is recommending the naming of the Student Lounge in the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center in honor of the Klesius Family in recognition of their philanthropic generosity to Auburn University and its Hospitality Management Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Student Lounge in the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center be named The Klesius Family Student Lounge in honor of The Halstead Family Foundation's generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn University.

## RESOLUTION

### NAMING EXTERIOR COLUMN #1 AT THE TONY AND LIBBA RANE CULINARY SCIENCE CENTER AS THE CATHERINE WAYMAN '07 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 program and the study options of Culinary Science, Hotel and Restaurant Management, and Event Management has necessitated the construction of a facility to provide state-of-the-art learning for students; and

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

WHEREAS, Catherine Wayman, a 2007 graduate of the College of Human Sciences with a Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality Management, who's work in the industry has earned her national acclaim; and

WHEREAS, Catherine, received the 2022 Outstanding Alumni Award at the 2022 Hospitality Gala and remains actively engaged with her alma mater; and

WHEREAS, W. Michael and Catherine "Cathy" Wayman have committed to support the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center for the impact it will have on Auburn University students, alumni, friends, the surrounding community, and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that exterior column #1 at the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center be named The Catherine Wayman '07 Column in honor of Mike and Cathy's generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn University.

## RESOLUTION

### NAMING OFFICE 2270 ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE COLLEGE OF NURSING AS THE KRIS AND SCOTT MORRELL OFFICE

WHEREAS, Kris Morrell, native of Atlanta, Georgia, is an alumna of the class of 1987 in the College of Nursing at Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, she is a Clinical Associate and member of the Alumni Advisory Council in the College of Nursing at Auburn; and

WHEREAS, she is married to Dr. Scott Morrell, native of Orlando, Florida, and alumnus of Tulane University, completed his residency at Emory University, where he and Kris met; and is an orthopedist at East Alabama Orthopedics and Sports Medicine; and

WHEREAS, they are parents of three children: Madeline, alumna of Louisiana State University and of Tulane University, who is an epidemiologist and who is married to Tyler Stewart, and who are parents of first grandchild, Gus; Benjamin, alumnus of Auburn University, and who is Specialist Benjamin Morrell in the United States Army; and Rachel, alumna of Auburn University and of the University of Alabama, who is a licensed clinical social worker; and

WHEREAS, she always wanted to be a nurse, was a candy striper at thirteen years old, attended community college, and worked as a nursing assistant; and

WHEREAS, she wanted to visit Auburn after seeing her parents watch a football game on the television in the Bo Jackson-era; and

WHEREAS, a first-generation college student, she shared “My parents wanted me to go to school. They wanted me to get a degree.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that office 2270 in the College of Nursing be named the Kris and Scott Morrell Office in recognition of Kris’s gratitude for her nursing degree and love for the faculty and staff, and of Kris and Scott’s generous commitment to nursing education at Auburn University.



*President Pro Tempore* Dumas then indicated that with there being no further items for review, the meeting was recessed at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Jon G. Waggoner  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees