

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

NOVEMBER 20, 2020

AGENDA
NOVEMBER 20, 2020 MEETING
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL

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IV. Recess Meeting

As *President Pro Tempore* of the Auburn University Board of Trustees, Mr. Wayne Smith convened the meeting of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom video conference call.

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 Zoom video conference call: Lloyd Austin, Mike DeMaioresibus, Bob Dumas, Raymond Harbert, Elizabeth Huntley, Gaines Lanier, Charles McCrary, Sarah Newton, James Pratt, Quentin Riggins, B.T. Roberts, Clark Sahlie, Jimmy Sanford, and Wayne Smith.

Governor Kay Ivey, President of the Board, and Jimmy Rane were absent from the meeting.

Also on the video conference call with the Board were Nedret Billor, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University campus; Tara L. R. Beziat, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the AUM Campus; Ada Ruth Huntley, Auburn University Student Government Association President; and Niya Kimbell, AUM Student Government Association President. Jon Waggoner attended as Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Other persons in attendance via Zoom video conference call included the following: Jay Gogue, President; Ronald 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; Joffery Gaymon, Vice President for Enrollment; Gary Lemme, Director of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System; Taffye Benson Clayton, Associate Provost and Vice President for Inclusion and Diversity; Scott Parsons, Vice Chancellor and CFO of AUM; Simon Yendle, University Architect; Mark Stirling, Director of Auburn University Real Estate; Jared White, Executive Director of Government Affairs; Allen Greene, Director of Athletics; 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.

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 THE PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020 AT 9:10 A.M.
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL

Chairperson DeMaioribus convened the meeting of the Property and Facilities Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 20, 2020 at 9:10 a.m. via Zoom video conference call.

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

1. STEM and Agricultural Sciences Complex, Approval of Architect Selection

Mr. King informed everyone that the Office of the Provost proposed a project to construct a new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and Agricultural Sciences Complex (STEM+Ag). Mr. King indicated that the proposed STEM+Ag Complex 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. He reported that it was requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution to approve the selection of the design team of Goodwin Mills Cawood, of Birmingham, Alabama, and Lord Aeck Sargent, of Atlanta, Georgia as the project architect for the STEM and Agricultural Sciences Complex. He reminded the Committee that during its meeting on September 4, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the new STEM+Ag Sciences Complex project and authorized the commencement of the architect selection process. A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Trustee Riggins. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lanier, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

2. Auburn University Regional Airport, General Consultant Selection

Mr. King indicated that the second item refers to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the State of Alabama Aeronautics Bureau requiring airports to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) intended to lead to the engagement of a general consultant who will perform certain airport planning, engineering, and administrative services. Mr. King stated that an RFQ for an airport general consultant was advertised in July 2020. Mr. King reported that seven firms submitted their qualifications, and three firms were interviewed by the General Consultant Selection Committee. He reported that the committee determined that retaining the current firm, Garver, LLC, as the airport general consultant for another term, is in the best interest of the university, the airport, and the community. Mr. King then requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution to approve the engagement of Garver, LLC, as the airport's general consultant. A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Trustee Sahlie. The motion was seconded by Trustee Roberts, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

3. Lowder Hall New Finance Laboratory Renovations, Project Initiation and Authorization to Commence the Architect Selection Process

Next, Mr. King reported that the Harbert College of Business proposed a project to renovate approximately 4,000 square feet of existing space in Lowder Hall to construct two, fifty (50) seat financial laboratories. Mr. King explained that the project will support the College's Department of Finance by providing state-of-the-art laboratories dedicated to developing the practical skills essential in the financial services industry such as investment banking, asset management, and sales and trading. Mr. King requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution to approve the initiation of the Lowder Hall New Finance Laboratory Renovations project and authorize the commencement of the architect selection process. A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Trustee Sanford. The motion was seconded by Trustee Huntley, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

4. Hood McPherson Building Renovation, Approval of Project Initiation and Authorization to Commence the Architect Selection Process

Mr. King then discussed the next item and indicated that the Provost has proposed to renovate the Hood McPherson Building to provide academic and administrative space in Birmingham, Alabama for Auburn University functions, such as the Urban Studio of the College of Architecture, Design, and Construction. Mr. King requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution to approve the initiation of the Hood McPherson Building Renovation project and to authorize the commencement of the architect selection process. Mr. King reminded the Committee that at its meeting on November 16, 2018, the Board of Trustees approved the acquisition of the Hood McPherson Building. A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Trustee Austin. The motion was seconded by Trustee Pratt, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

5. Status Updates (*For Information Only*)

Mr. King then discussed the status updates as follows:

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

Before concluding the Property and Facilities Committee Meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Smith asked that Mr. King give an update regarding the Football Performance Center Project. *President Pro Tempore* Smith reminded everyone that the project was initiated a year ago and made it clear that the Board wanted Mr. King and his team to have a sense of urgency regarding the completion of the facility.

Mr. King reported that his team is currently in the design phase of the project and they have completed the Schematic Design and the Design Development processes, indicating that the conceptual design work on the project is complete. Mr. King also indicated that they are now working on producing the construction documents of approximately 400 pages of blueprints and approximately 1,000 pages of project manual specifications. He then reported that currently, 80% of the construction documents are complete and that he plans on bringing the project to the Board of Trustees for final approval at the February 2021 meeting. He indicated that if the Board so approves, the plan is to bid the project in February 2021, as well. Mr. King explained that with that schedule, they are tracking to complete the project in late summer 2022. Mr. King informed everyone that he believes that when viewing the finished design, this project will meet the stated goal of: “providing the Auburn University football team with key and essential capabilities and resources needed to successfully compete within the Southeastern Conference and with national peer programs”.

Chairperson DeMaioribus thanked Mr. King for his reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:25 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020 AT 9:25 A.M.
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL

Chairperson Newton convened the meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 20, 2020 at 9:25 a.m. via Zoom video conference call.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Newton called upon Dr. Hardgrave for discussion of the first three Academic Affairs Committee agenda items.

1. Proposed Master of Science in Supply Chain Management

Dr. Hardgrave indicated that the Harbert College of Business proposed a new Master of Science in Supply Chain Management (Non-Thesis). He explained that the Department of Supply Chain Management currently offers an undergraduate degree and a graduate certificate in Supply Chain Management Innovation and oversees the Center for Supply Chain Innovation, all of which has grown and stature in recent years. Dr. Hardgrave reported that following the consistent demand for the department's graduate courses available through the certificate program, the department anticipates strong enrollment and increased visibility. A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Trustee McCrary. The motion was seconded by Trustee Rane, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

2. Proposed Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis

Next, Dr. Hardgrave reported that the College of Liberal Arts proposed a new Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (Non-Thesis) in the Department of Psychological Sciences. He stated that the proposed degree will offer advanced coursework in scientific and evidence-based behavioral principles designed to improve individual and social conditions, particularly among children and adults with psychological disorders. Dr. Hargrave reported that the proposed degree will prepare students to become licensed behavior analysts and work in various professional settings, including schools, workplaces, homes, and clinics. A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Trustee Harbert. The motion was seconded by Trustee DeMaiores, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

3. Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – Information Items

Dr. Hardgrave then presented information items to the Board of Trustees that included two new graduate certificates from the Harbert College of Business in Supply Chain Planning and Supply Chain Operations and renaming of existing degree programs in the Department of Human Development and Family Science to align with the unit's change in nomenclature.

Chairperson Newton thanked Dr. Hardgrave for his reports and then called upon Dr. Stockton for discussion of the remaining Academic Affairs Committee agenda items.

4. Closure of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in International Business

Chancellor Stockton reported that Auburn University at Montgomery currently has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) in International Business on its program inventory. He stated that the program began in Fall 2015 and has only graduated twenty students since the program's inception. He explained that the program has failed to meet the post-implementation conditions set forth by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education and should be removed from AUM's program inventory. He explained that students interested in the content that was a part of the BSBA in International Business will still be able to study this content as certain International Business courses will continue to exist under the existing general BSBA in General Business. Chancellor Stockton reported that AUM currently has ten students enrolled in the BSBA in International Business degree program and these students will be able to finish seeking their degree if they so choose since sufficient courses will continue to be taught under the existing General Business program. Chancellor Stockton reported that the closure of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in International Business has been endorsed by the faculty, the Dean of the College Business, the Provost, and the Chancellor. He then requested that the Board consider a resolution to approve the closure of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in International Business at Auburn University at Montgomery. A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Trustee Dumas. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sahlie, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

5. Closure of the Bachelor of Science in Geographical Information Systems

The next item discussed by Chancellor Stockton was that Auburn University at Montgomery currently has a Bachelor of Science in Geographic Information Systems (BS in GIS) on its program inventory. He explained that the program began in Fall 2015 and has only graduated five students since the program's inception. He stated that the program has failed to meet the post-implementation conditions set forth by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education and should be removed from AUM's program inventory. Chancellor Stockton reported that students interested in the content that was a part of the BS in GIS will still be able to study this content in courses being taught in the existing Geographic Information Systems option within in the existing Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science degree. He indicated that AUM currently has six students enrolled in the BS in GIS degree program and these students will be able to finish seeking their degree if they so choose since sufficient courses will continue to be taught under the existing BS in Environmental Science program. Chancellor Stockton stated that the closure of the Bachelor of Science in Geographic Information Systems has been endorsed by the faculty, the Dean of the College of Sciences, the Provost, and the Chancellor. He requested that the Board consider a

resolution to approve the closure of the Bachelor of Science in Geographic Information Systems at Auburn University at Montgomery. A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Trustee Huntley. The motion was seconded by Trustee Roberts, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

6. Closure of the Master of Teaching Writing

Chancellor Stockton then reported then that Auburn University at Montgomery currently has a Master of Teaching Writing (MTW) on its program inventory. He stated that the program began in Fall 2015 and has only graduated five students since the program's inception. He indicated that the program has failed to meet the post-implementation conditions set forth by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education and should be removed from AUM's program inventory. Chancellor Stockton indicated that students interested in the content that was a part of the MTW will still be able to study this content as certain MTW courses will be moved under the existing Master of Liberal Arts (MLA) degree. He explained that AUM currently has three students enrolled in the MTW degree program and these students will be able to finish seeking their degree if they so choose since sufficient courses will continue to be taught under the existing MLA program. He reported that the closure of the Master of Teaching Writing has been endorsed by the faculty, the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the Provost, and the Chancellor. He then requested that the Board consider a resolution to approve the closure of the Master of Teaching Writing at Auburn University at Montgomery. A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Trustee Lanier. The motion was seconded by Trustee Austin, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

7. Proposed Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology Program

The final item discussed by Chancellor Stockton was a proposal in consideration of the development of the University and AUM College of Nursing and Health Sciences goals to enhance academic quality and program development, which has the potential to increase enrollment and revenue and expand options for students interested in career opportunities in healthcare. He explained that the proposed Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program is the entry level education required for licensure and certification in the practice of speech-language pathology. Chancellor Stockton reported that the proposed curriculum has been designed to meet the requirements for accreditation by the Council on Academic and Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. He explained that the purpose of the proposal is to establish a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology degree program at AUM. He then requested that the Board of Trustees consider a resolution to approve the proposed Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology. A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Trustee Sanford. The motion was seconded by Trustee Riggins, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

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

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020 AT 9:35 A.M.
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL

Chairperson McCrary convened the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 20, 2020 at 9:35 a.m. via Zoom video conference call.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson McCrary called upon Mr. Pratt for discussion of the first Executive Committee agenda item.

1. Proposed Building Name Removal Policy

Mr. Pratt indicated that earlier in the year, *President Pro Tempore* Smith appointed the Trustee Task Force to evaluate the history and context of named buildings and structures on Auburn property. Mr. Pratt explained that the Task Force has identified the need for a Board policy to guide both present and future discussions regarding the review of building namings. Mr. Pratt reported that the Task Force operated with the goal of ensuring that the University's physical environment supports the University's values as reflected in the Auburn Creed and is consistent with Auburn's mission to improve the lives of the people of Alabama, the nation, and the world through forward-thinking education, life-enhancing research and scholarship, and selfless service.

Mr. Pratt reported that after reviewing policies and principles considered by major institutions throughout the country, the Task Force determined that Auburn's policy should include (1) consideration of the holistic legacy of the namesake under review and whether it is consistent with the University's mission and the Auburn Creed; (2) the University's obligations to recognize and contextualize history; and (3) the important role that an individual building or structure plays in forming a sense of connectedness among the Auburn community. Mr. Pratt stated that the Task Force believes that the proposed policy meets those goals. Mr. Pratt then reported that the members of the Task Force recommended that the Executive Committee favorably recommend the Policy Regarding Name Removal for University Owned or Controlled Buildings and/or Structures Located on Auburn University Property to the full Board. Mr. Pratt stated that, if approved by the Committee and then the Board, the Task Force will continue to review existing structures on campus, and the Board will do so as to all structures to be named in the future, applying a consistent standard and uniformly evaluating the names of buildings, structures, and roads before the Board officially names them at future meetings.

A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Mr. DeMaioribus. The motion was seconded by *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

Chairperson McCrary then called upon Ms. Huntley for discussion of the second Executive Committee agenda item.

2. Removal of Governor Graves' Name from Amphitheater and Drive

Ms. Huntley reported that anticipating the passage of the policy just discussed by Mr. Pratt, and as part of its initial evaluation of Auburn facilities, the Task Force utilized the parameters of the policy to consider Graves Amphitheater and Graves Drive, each named for former Governor Bibb Graves. Ms. Huntley reported that the Task Force recognizes that removing the name on a structure or building should be an exceptional event with the presumption that naming decisions made by a past Board of Trustees were well-considered and deliberate. Ms. Huntley indicated that after considering that high bar, applying the standards and analysis laid out in the new policy, the Task Force has determined that retaining Governor Graves' name on the amphitheater and drive would chill, rather than encourage, the broad use of facilities that are intended to be enjoyed as sites for engagement by the campus community. Ms. Huntley reported that as such, the Task Force recommended the removal of Governor Graves' name from the amphitheater and drive.

A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Mr. Harbert. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeMaioribus, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

Chairperson McCrary thanked Ms. Huntley for her report and then discussed the third Executive Committee item.

3. Proposed Awards and Namings

Chairperson McCrary indicated that the final item for review was a request to approve eight awards and namings.

A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rane, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

With there being no further items, Chairperson McCrary recessed the committee meeting at 9:55 a.m.

President Pro Tempore Smith then thanked Chairperson McCrary and the Trustee Task Force for their hard work. *President Pro Tempore* Smith indicated that the names of the Amphitheater and adjacent drive will be the Auburn Amphitheater and Amphitheater concourse for the time being.

Committee Chairs and Lead Trustees then presented special reports to the Board as follows:

Academic Affairs Committee

Ms. Newton reported that Auburn has continued the institutional efforts to prepare for the reaffirmation of our accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges in 2023. She explained that an essential part of the reaffirmation process involves the submission of a Quality Enhancement Plan, or QEP. She reminded everyone that the last QEP involved the use of ePortfolios as a tool to support our students' professional preparation. Building on that success, Ms. Newton indicated that the next QEP will focus on improving student placement rates after graduation, which also happens to be a Key Performance Indicator in our Strategic Plan. She stated that, currently, Auburn University can secure data from 98% of our graduating seniors, which tells their employment and graduate school placement rates. Ms. Newton stated that, for the class of 2019, it is known that 79.1% of Auburn graduates were successfully employed or attending graduate school within 6-months of graduating. She reported that the next QEP will strategically use placement data to increase the quantity and quality of placement rates for all students. She concluded by reporting that a QEP Task Force is working to develop the QEP details by the end of Spring 2021.

Alumni Committee

Ms. Huntley began her report by thanking Van Henley, the outgoing president of the Auburn Alumni Association for his service, especially during this unusual year. Ms. Huntley then congratulated and welcomed Regenia Sanders, as the second female and first African American president of the Auburn Alumni Association. Ms. Huntley then a new initiative that has provided over 3,700 masks to Alabama residents most in need. Ms. Huntley then reported that the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Awards honorees have been selected as follows: Stan Harrell '58, Raymond Loyd '61 (posthumous), Brooks Moore '48, and Allen Reed '70. Ms. Huntley also announced Dr. John Dykes '05 as the 2021 Young Alumni Award recipient. She asked that everyone please save the date of June 12, 2021 for the ceremony. Ms. Huntley concluded by reporting that the Alumni Board established its first need-based scholarship which is aptly named in memory of Dr. Josette Brittain Matthews, Auburn's first African American graduate and faculty member. Ms. Huntley explained that the hope is that the scholarship will inspire, enable, and positively impact deserving students from the state of Alabama who want to pursue an Auburn degree but face a financial barrier.

Institutional Advancement Committee

Mr. Roberts called upon Mr. Benny LaRussa, Chairman of the AU Foundation Board of Directors. Mr. LaRussa reported that he was pleased to share an update from the Auburn University Foundation and its Investment Committee. Mr. LaRussa took that opportunity to thank Mr. Roberts for his continued participation on the investment committee which provides critical oversight in ensuring that our investment and spending policies are implemented. He reported that the Auburn University Endowment stands at \$268 million and the Auburn University Foundation is at \$566 million for a combined holding as of September 30 of \$834 million. Mr. LaRussa stated that although 2020 has been a challenging year for the markets on a global scale, Auburn is beginning to see some recovery. Mr. LaRussa indicated that the Endowment's return for fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 was 5.1%, reflecting strong protection during a year of heightened market volatility along with economic and health crises. Mr. LaRussa concluded by stating that this committee has been meeting even more frequently than usual and has been very carefully monitoring the financial markets and our portfolio metrics.

Research and Technology Committee

Gen. Austin began his report by announcing that the fall issue of Auburn Research magazine was recently released which features a cover story on research done by the College of Agriculture promoting a safe and abundant food supply. Gen. Austin further explained that other stories feature a medical backpack designed by the College of Architecture, Design and Construction; health disparities research; the autonomous vehicle research facility; neuroscience and pharmacogenomics research; and more. He then reported that Dr. Natalie Cápiro, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, has been awarded a \$1.3 million grant by the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program of the Department of Defense, for a project studying cleanup of sites contaminated by toxic chlorinated solvents. Gen. Austin indicated that other investigators on this collaborative project are from Brown University, Virginia Tech, and Geosyntec Consultants. He stated that Dr. Christian Goldsmith, an associate professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, is leading an interdisciplinary team at Auburn University to develop innovative molecular sensors to prevent long-term damage to the human body, caused by high levels of oxidative stress. Gen. Austin reported that for this project, Dr. Goldsmith is the recipient of a \$420,000 award from the National Science Foundation's Division of Chemistry. Gen. Austin concluded his reported by stating that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Families and Children division will award \$12.5 million over five years for two studies led by Dr. Francesca Adler-Baeder, the AU Alumni Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies and that both projects are part of the Alabama Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education Initiative which provides relationship education in Alabama while examining the effectiveness of various models of delivery.

President Pro Tempore Smith thanked each of the committee chairs and lead trustees, and then indicated then indicated that the committee meetings and trustee reports were complete.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020 AT 9:55 A.M.
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL

President Pro Tempore Smith convened the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, November 20, 2020 at 9:55 a.m.

After convening the regular meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Smith asked General Counsel Hammer if there were any pending or potential legal matters that needed to be discussed privately in an executive session. General Counsel Hammer indicated that there were pending or potential legal matters that needed to be discussed privately in an executive session.

President Pro Tempore Smith then asked for a motion to enter an executive session. A motion was received from Ms. Newton. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCrary, and the Board of Trustees recessed the regular meeting and entered an executive session.

MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020 AT 11:10 A.M.
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL

After reconvening the meeting at 11:10 a.m., *President Pro Tempore* Smith asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from the September 4, 2020 Meeting and the October 16, 2020 Special Called Meeting. A motion was received from Ms. Huntley. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sahlie, 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 Reconvened Meeting via telephone conference on Friday, September 4, 2020 and the Special Called Meeting on October 16, 2020 via telephone conference have been distributed to all members of this Board of Trustees for review; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that the minutes of its Reconvened Meeting via telephone conference on Friday, September 4, 2020 and the Special Called Meeting on October 16, 2020 via telephone are hereby approved as distributed.

Following the approval of the September 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes and the October 16, 2020 Special Called Meeting Minutes, *President Pro Tempore* Smith asked for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the awarding of degrees for the fall 2020 semester. A motion was received from Mr. Roberts. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sanford, 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 Fall Semester 2020, complying with the requirements heretofore established by the Board of Trustees, be and the same are hereby approved.
2. That a list of the degrees awarded be filed in that a list of the degrees awarded be maintained in the records of the University and hereby made an official part of this resolution and of these minutes.

Following the approval of the awarding of degrees for the fall 2020 semester, *President Pro Tempore* Smith called upon Dr. Stockton for the AUM Chancellor's Report.

Dr. Stockton began his report by indicating that AUM has had a successful fall semester despite the obstacles created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Stockton thanked the faculty, staff, and student body for their hard work and flexibility during such a difficult and unprecedented time. Dr. Stockton also reported that the number of positive COVID-19 cases in the AUM community has been and continues to be relatively low.

Dr. Stockton then reported that AUM has had three consecutive semesters of record enrollment. Dr. Stockton stated that the spring, summer, and fall 2020 semesters have shown the highest enrollment numbers since the fall semester of 2011. Dr. Stockton indicated that AUM is one of two universities in the state to have a rise of enrollment by at least 23 percent in 2020.

Dr. Stockton then reported that, in addition to overall enrollment growth, AUM has had a significant increase in its first-year retention rate. Dr. Stockton explained that first-year retention rate is measured by those full-time freshmen who returned to AUM for their sophomore year. Dr. Stockton stated that four and a half years ago, the first-year retention rate was 64 percent, and now, the first-year retention rate is roughly 70 percent. Dr. Stockton announced that he has set a goal for AUM to reach a 75 percent first-year retention rate or higher in the coming years.

Dr. Stockton then reported that in January 2021, AUM will assume ownership of the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) Building located on AUM's campus. Dr. Stockton reported that ownership of the 45,000 square foot facility will revert to AUM following provisions in the original 1976 agreement. Dr. Stockton indicated that AUM plans to renovate the ADPH Building for academic and research use in STEM-related areas to graduate more students in STEM-related fields. Dr. Stockton stated that AUM will present a request to the Board of Trustees for approval on such a project when the time is appropriate.

Dr. Stockton then announced that AUM recently earned recognition from *U.S. News & World Report* in its "2021 Best Colleges" rankings. Dr. Stockton reported that AUM placed fifteenth among southern regional comprehensive universities for the quality of its undergraduate teaching. Dr. Stockton stated that AUM also placed sixteenth as "one of the most innovative universities in the South". Dr. Stockton reported that overall, AUM improved its ranking among regional public universities from 2020 climbing from 79th to 72nd, the highest ranking in AUM history.

Dr. Stockton then reported that AUM was selected as a "Military Friendly School" by Victory Media. Dr. Stockton stated that AUM earned "silver distinction" for 2020-2021, which was an improvement AUM's previously earned "bronze distinction". Dr. Stockton indicated that AUM recently opened a new Veteran and Military Resource Center dedicated to assisting veterans and military personnel adjust to campus life at AUM. Dr. Stockton reported that AUM has over 800 veteran or military personnel students on its campus and providing this resource is extremely important.

Dr. Stockton then announced that the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accredited AUM's masters and doctoral program in nursing for five years. Dr. Stockton reported that all three of AUM's nursing programs—bachelors, masters, and doctoral—met all accreditation standards without any compliance concerns.

Dr. Stockton then reported that AUM's Medical Laboratory Science Program reported a 96 percent student pass rate on the Board of Certification through the American Society for Clinical Pathology. Dr. Stockton explained that the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences recently approved accreditation for the program for an additional ten years. Dr. Stockton thanked Dean Leuner and her staff for their hard work.

Dr. Stockton concluded his report by stating that AUM's graduation is scheduled for December 12, 2020 at the Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, Alabama. Dr. Stockton explained that the graduation ceremony will honor graduates from the spring, summer, and fall 2020 semesters. Dr. Stockton indicated that the decision to hold the graduation ceremony at Garrett Coliseum was made to ensure that all guests were able to properly social distance and abide by other health guidelines.

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

Dr. Gogue began his report by thanking the Auburn Family for their hard work throughout the first semester back on campus following the outbreak of the novel coronavirus. Dr. Gogue stated that although it has been difficult, Auburn's faculty, staff, and student body have all risen to the challenge, and he is proud to serve as president of such a wonderful university.

Dr. Gogue then reported that on November 19, 2020, Governor Ivey announced that in addition to the 36.4 million dollars Auburn University was scheduled to receive from the bond issue, the University will receive an additional 50 million dollars from premium revenues. Dr. Gogue explained that in total, Auburn University will receive 86.4 million dollars from the State of Alabama. Dr. Gogue thanked Governor Ivey, her staff, and key legislators for their tireless support of education in our state.

Dr. Gogue concluded his report by stating that senior administration will be in contact with local, state, and national medical professionals in preparation for students returning to campus in January 2021. Dr. Gogue then thanked the Board for their continued support during this time.

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

Property and Facilities Committee

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

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

RESOLUTION

STEM AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES COMPLEX

APPROVAL OF PROJECT ARCHITECT

WHEREAS, at its meeting of September 4, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the STEM and Agricultural Sciences Complex 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 fifteen (15) architectural firms responded; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect, after conducting interviews with seven (7) candidate firms, determined the architectural team of Goodwin Mills Cawood, of Birmingham, Alabama, and Lord Aeck Sargent, of Atlanta, Georgia, 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 Goodwin Mills Cawood, of Birmingham, Alabama, and Lord Aeck Sargent, of Atlanta, Georgia, as project architectural team 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

AUBURN UNIVERSITY REGIONAL AIRPORT

APPROVAL OF GENERAL CONSULTANT SELECTION

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the State of Alabama Aeronautics Bureau require airports to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) intended to lead to the engagement of a General Consultant who will perform certain airport planning, engineering and administrative services; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect, after conducting interviews with three (3) candidate firms, determined that Garver Engineers, LLC, of Huntsville, Alabama, was best qualified to provide airport planning, engineering, and administrative services; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Board of Trustees policy "D-3, Capital Projects Approval," the selection of the airport general consultant has historically been 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 engage Garver Engineers, LLC, of Huntsville, Alabama, as the airport general consultant.

RESOLUTION

LOWDER HALL NEW FINANCE LABORATORY RENOVATIONS

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

WHEREAS, the Harbert College of Business proposes a project to renovate approximately 4,000 square feet of existing space in Lowder Hall to construct two fifty (50) seat practical skills laboratories; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will support the College's Department of Finance by providing state-of-the-art laboratories dedicated to developing the practical skills essential in the financial services industry such as investment banking, asset management, and sales and trading; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this renovation project would be financed by the Harbert College of Business; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the initiation of the Lowder Hall New Finance Laboratory Renovations 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

HOOD MCPHERSON BUILDING RENOVATION

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

WHEREAS, at its meeting on November 16, 2018, the Board of Trustees approved the acquisition of the Hood McPherson Building located at 2013 4th Avenue N., Birmingham, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Hood McPherson Building was originally constructed in 1911 as a six-story, 44,000 square feet building, situated on 0.20 acres; and

WHEREAS, the Provost has proposed to renovate the Hood McPherson Building to provide academic and administrative space in Birmingham for Auburn University functions, such as the Urban Studio of the College of Architecture, Design, and Construction; and

WHEREAS, alternative methods for executing this renovation are being explored, including use of a lease structure involving affiliated entities to access historic tax credits available to fund a portion of the project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy, "D-3, Capital Projects Approval," the initiation and authorization to commence architect 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 new Hood McPherson Building Renovation project is approved; and Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same, is hereby authorized and empowered to commence the architect selection process.

Academic Affairs Committee

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

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

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

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

WHEREAS, the undergraduate Supply Chain Management program has been ranked in the top 10 among North American programs over the last five years and the top 20 for more than a decade, yet is the only institution that does not offer a master's degree among ranked peer programs; and

WHEREAS, the Harbert College of Business has proposed the establishment of a new Master of Science in Supply Chain Management (Non-Thesis) to support the department's academic standing and industry visibility by providing an advanced degree in an area of significant and increasing importance; and

WHEREAS, the formation of a new Master of Science in Supply Chain Management will provide opportunities to enhance the department's commitment to the study and advancement of supply chain innovation, resulting in increased student enrollment and industry professionals able to complete coursework offered both on-campus and online; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to establish a Master of Science in Supply Chain Management has been endorsed by the faculty, the dean of the Harbert College of Business, the provost, and the president.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed creation of a Master of Science in Supply Chain Management within the Harbert College of Business be approved and reported to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

WHEREAS, the Department of Psychological Sciences in the College of Liberal Arts offers coursework in the study of applied behavior analysis leading to the Master of Science in Psychology; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Psychological Sciences has proposed the establishment of a new degree, the Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (Non-Thesis), that emphasizes scientific and evidence-based behavioral principles to improve individual and social conditions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree will prepare students for professional careers working with children and adults with psychological disorders, especially Autism and Spectrum Disorders, in a variety of settings, including schools, workplaces, homes, and clinics; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree will enable students to complete a verified course sequence and practicum hours approved by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, enabling important professional credentialing; and

WHEREAS, the request to establish a Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis in the Department of Psychological Sciences has been endorsed by the dean of the College of Liberal Arts, the Graduate Council, the provost, and the president.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the establishment of a Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis in the Department of Psychological Sciences be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

RESOLUTION

CLOSURE OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

WHEREAS, the AUM Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) in International Business has only graduated twenty students since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the AUM BSBA in International Business did not meet post-implementation conditions set forth upon initial program approval; and

WHEREAS, there isn't sufficient demand in the Montgomery area to support a BSBA in International Business at AUM; and

WHEREAS, AUM has developed a teach-out plan to service the remaining ten students in the program; and

WHEREAS, the request to close the BSBA in International Business has been endorsed by the faculty, Dean of the College of Business, Provost, Chancellor, and Auburn University's President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the closure of the BSBA in International Business be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for notification.

RESOLUTION

CLOSURE OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the AUM Bachelor of Science in Geographic Information Systems has only graduated five students since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the AUM Bachelor of Science in Geographic Information Systems did not meet post-implementation conditions set forth upon initial program approval; and

WHEREAS, there isn't sufficient demand in the Montgomery area to support a Bachelor of Science in Geographic Information Systems at AUM; and

WHEREAS, AUM has developed a teach-out plan to service the remaining six students in the program; and

WHEREAS, the request to close the Bachelor of Science in Geographic Information Systems has been endorsed by the faculty, Dean of the College of Sciences, Provost, Chancellor, and Auburn University's President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the closure of the Bachelor of Science in Geographic Information Systems be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for notification.

RESOLUTION

CLOSURE OF THE MASTER OF TEACHING WRITING

WHEREAS, the AUM Master of Teaching Writing has only graduated five students since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the AUM Master of Teaching Writing did not meet post-implementation conditions set forth upon initial program approval; and

WHEREAS, there isn't sufficient demand in the Montgomery area to support a Master of Teaching Writing at AUM; and

WHEREAS, AUM has developed a teach-out plan to service the remaining three students in the program; and

WHEREAS, the request to close the Master of Teaching Writing has been endorsed by the faculty, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Provost, Chancellor, and Auburn University's President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the closure of the Master of Teaching Writing be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for notification.

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the AUM College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CONHS) seeks to provide students interested in advancing education and careers with a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (MSSLP) Graduate Program; and

WHEREAS, such students desire to further develop educationally and professionally in the field of Speech-Language Pathology; and

WHEREAS, the MSSLP degree will provide the opportunity for students to obtain licensure and certification in the practice of speech-language pathology to meet the needs of the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the MSSLP degree is the entry level education required for speech-language pathology clinicians to practice; and

WHEREAS, the addition of an MSSLP degree program at AUM will allow undergraduate students with the opportunity to remain at their school of choice to advance their careers; and

WHEREAS, the MS SLP degree program students will have access to expert faculty who teach in the program and engage in faculty practice at AUM; and

WHEREAS, the request to create the Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology degree has been endorsed by the AUM College of Nursing and Health Sciences, AUM Graduate Council, the Dean of AUM's College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Provost, and Chancellor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Program be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

Executive Committee

Chairperson McCrary indicated that the Executive Committee met earlier and discussed three action items. Chairperson McCrary moved for approval of a consent agenda. The motion was seconded by *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

RESOLUTION

ADOPTION OF THE POLICY REGARDING NAME REMOVAL FOR UNIVERSITY OWNED OR CONTROLLED BUILDINGS AND/OR STRUCTURES LOCATED ON AUBURN UNIVERSITY PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Auburn University recognizes that names of University buildings and other structures are a reflection of Auburn's enduring traditions and values; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Auburn University recognizes that decisions regarding the naming of University buildings and other structures advances contextual learning of the University's distinct culture; and

WHEREAS, in conducting any such evaluation, the Board will endeavor to ensure that the University's physical environment supports the University's values, as reflected in the Auburn Creed; and with Auburn's mission to improve the lives of the people of Alabama, the nation, and the world through forward-thinking education, life-enhancing research, extension, scholarship, and selfless service; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees in September 2020 named the Auburn Student Center in honor of Harold Melton, chief justice of the Georgia Supreme Court and the first person of color elected as president of the Auburn Student Government Association, demonstrating the role of the naming of University buildings in enhancing an inclusive environment where all members of the Auburn family can reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish these important educational and historical responsibilities, the Board has appointed a Task Force charged with the responsibility to review the names of existing University buildings and structures.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of Auburn University hereby resolves as follows:

1. The Board hereby adopts the attached Policy Regarding Name Removal and Context of University Owned or Controlled Buildings and/or Structures Located on Auburn University Property. This policy will apply to consideration of removing the name of any buildings that are named subsequent to the adoption of the Policy.
2. The Board hereby requests that the Task Force utilize the Policy to complete an historic and contextual evaluation of named and existing campus buildings and structures and to present any recommendations for name removals to the Full Board as thoroughly and expeditiously as possible. Thereafter, the Task Force shall continue to explore other ways to improve equity and inclusion on Auburn's campus.

RESOLUTION

REMOVAL OF GRAVES NAME

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Auburn University recognizes that names of University buildings and other structures are a reflection of Auburn's enduring traditions and values and advance contextual learning of the University's distinct culture; and

WHEREAS, President Pro Tempore Wayne Smith earlier this year appointed a Task Force of Auburn Trustees to evaluate the history and context of named buildings and structures on Auburn property to ensure that Auburn's campus and facilities reflect and support the University's values, enhance the student experience and create an environment where all members of the Auburn Family can reach their hopes and dreams; and

WHEREAS, as part of its initial evaluation of Auburn facilities, the Task Force considered Graves Amphitheater and Graves Drive, each named for former Governor Bibb Graves; and

WHEREAS, after considering the totality of Gov. Graves' legacy, including his leadership role with the Ku Klux Klan, the Task Force concludes that continuing to honor his name on campus structures is inconsistent with the University's mission and the Auburn Creed, and would chill, rather than encourage, broad use of facilities that are intended to be enjoyed as sites for engagement by the campus community.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of Auburn University hereby removes the name of Governor Bibb Graves from the amphitheater and the drive that currently bear his name.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE INTERIOR TRAINING SPACE WITHIN THE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTER AT SAMFORD STADIUM-HITCHCOCK FIELD AT PLAINSMAN PARK AS THE JOSH DONALDSON BASEBALL LAB

WHEREAS, Josh Donaldson represented the university as a standout baseball student-athlete from 2005 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Donaldson began his Major League Baseball career in 2010 with the Oakland Athletics organization, has played for the Toronto Blue Jays, Cleveland Indians, and Atlanta Braves, and currently competes for the Minnesota Twins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Donaldson was named the 2015 American League MVP and is a three-time Major League Baseball All-Star; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Donaldson has created the Josh Donaldson Foundation, which provides opportunities for underprivileged children as well as youth from single-parent homes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Donaldson has made a generous gift to Auburn University in support of Auburn University Baseball.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the interior training space within the Player Development Center at Samford-Stadium-Hitchcock Field as The Josh Donaldson Baseball Lab in honor of his generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE CLUBHOUSE WITHIN
SAMFORD STADIUM-HITCHCOCK FIELD
AT PLAINSMAN PARK AS
THE TIM HUDSON CLUBHOUSE

WHEREAS, Tim Hudson represented the university as a baseball student-athlete from 1995 to 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hudson achieved SEC Player of the Year honors in 1997 as well as being the first player to be named All SEC for two different positions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hudson began his professional baseball career in the Oakland Athletics organization and, in later years, competed for the Atlanta Braves and San Francisco Giants; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hudson was a four-time Major League Baseball All-Star, a World Series champion once, was named the National League Comeback Player of the Year in 2010, and was inducted into the Atlanta Braves Hall of Fame in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hudson is a volunteer assistant baseball coach at Auburn University and actively promotes Auburn University in his local community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hudson is married to Kim, a 1996 Auburn graduate and together they have three children, Kennedie, Tess and Kade, and their family is providing a long-lasting positive impact on the people of Alabama and Georgia through their Hudson Family Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson have made a generous gift to Auburn University in support of Auburn University Baseball.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clubhouse within Samford Stadium-Hitchcock Field at Plainsman Park be named The Tim Hudson Clubhouse in honor of the Hudson Family's generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

NAMING ARCHWAYS AT SAMFORD STADIUM-HITCHCOCK FIELD
AT PLAINSMAN PARK AS
THE KEITH JONES ARCHWAY AND THE JOEY PIERSON ARCHWAY

WHEREAS, Mr. Keith Jones graduated from Auburn University at Montgomery with a degree in business in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones, often known as “KJ,” is a baseball season ticket holder and member of The 108 Club, Auburn Baseball’s annual giving program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones, a resident of Auburn, is visible at many Auburn sporting events; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joey Pierson graduated from Auburn University with a degree in accountancy in 1986, and currently serves as chief financial officer for Tacala, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pierson is a generous benefactor of Auburn Athletics and the Harbert College of Business, serving as a director of the Tigers Unlimited Foundation Board and as a member of the School of Accounting’s Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pierson, has made a generous gift to Auburn University and its baseball program in honor of his best friend KJ and their lifelong friendship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that archways within Samford-Stadium-Hitchcock Field at Plainsman Park are named The Joey Pierson Archway and The Keith Jones Archway in honor of Mr. Jones and Mr. Pierson’s generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

NAMING A CULINARY INCUBATOR IN
THE TONY AND LIBBA RANE CULINARY SCIENCE CENTER FOOD HALL AS
THE CHICKEN SALAD CHICK CULINARY INCUBATOR

WHEREAS, Stacy M. Brown graduated from Auburn University in 1999, with a bachelor's degree in communications; and

WHEREAS, Stacy M. Brown is a highly regarded entrepreneur having developed Chicken Salad Chick, a now nationally franchised restaurant chain with more than 165 locations; and

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

WHEREAS, Stacy's experience and expertise in the hospitality and culinary industries are an asset to students and budding entrepreneurs in the Auburn Hospitality Management Program; 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, Stacy M. Brown has responded to the call for philanthropic support of such a facility; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences is recommending the naming of a culinary incubator in the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center Hey Day Market in honor of Stacy M. Brown in recognition of her philanthropic generosity to Auburn University and its Hospitality Management Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a culinary incubator in the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center Hey Day Market be named The Chicken Salad Chick Culinary Incubator in honor of her generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn University.

RESOLUTION

NAMING A COLUMN IN ROOM 1201 IN THE
ADVANCED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY AS
THE DUNN-FRENCH FOUNDATION COLUMN

WHEREAS, the Dunn-French Foundation was established in 1999, by Mary Dunn French and her husband James S. M. French (Jamie) to provide support to the non-profit community in Birmingham and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the foundation is funded by the Dunn Investment Company, which was founded in 1878 as a railroad construction company and whose portfolio now includes heavy and highway construction materials, contracting, and real estate; and

WHEREAS, Jamie's father, William Williams French, Jr., was a class of 1920 graduate of Auburn; and

WHEREAS, Mary and Jamie's grandson, Charles Hoyt is a 2020 graduate of Auburn University's civil engineering program; and

WHEREAS, the Dunn-French Foundation has supported Auburn Engineering since 2001, with its first donation to the college's NCAT facility; and

WHEREAS, the Dunn Construction Company has provided support in years past to the McWhorter School of Building Science, Harbert College of Business and Auburn Athletics; and

WHEREAS, the Dunn-French Foundation and its trustees are generous supporters of Auburn University and the Birmingham community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Column 3 in the Advanced Structural Engineering Laboratory Room 1201 be named The Dunn-French Foundation Column in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

NAMING A COLUMN IN ROOM 1201 IN THE
ADVANCED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY AS
THE HARRY A. MANSON COLUMN

WHEREAS, Mary Moore received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Auburn University in 1983 and a master's degree in the same discipline from Auburn University in 1991; and

WHEREAS, she has been employed with the United States Army Corp of Engineers for more than 29 years; and

WHEREAS, Mary has been a loyal support of 100+ Women Strong through her involvement on the board and the 100+ Women Strong Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to Auburn University as a generous donor over the past 30 years, having supported the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Mary's father, Harry, graduated from Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1958 with a degree in civil engineering; and

WHEREAS, he served as a civil engineer for the Tennessee Valley Authority for more than 30 years before retiring in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Harry established the Harry A. and Linda A. Mason Endowment for Civil Engineering Scholarships in the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering and continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to the college and to the civil engineering department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Column 1 in the Advanced Structural Engineering Laboratory Room 1201 be named, by request of the benefactor Mary Manson Moore, The Harry A. Manson Column in honor of Mary's generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

NAMING A COLUMN IN ROOM 1201 IN THE
ADVANCED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY AS
THE MARY MANSON MOORE COLUMN

WHEREAS, Mary Moore received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Auburn University in 1983 and a master's degree in the same discipline from Auburn University in 1991; and

WHEREAS, she has been employed with the United States Army Corp of Engineers for more than 29 years; and

WHEREAS, Mary has been a loyal supporter of 100+ Women Strong through her involvement on the board and the 100+ Women Strong Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to Auburn University as a generous donor over the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, she has supported the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering throughout the years as an Engineering Eagles donor; and

WHEREAS, Mary provided funds in support of the Harbert Center for Civil Engineering and the Mary Manson Moore Conference Room was named in her honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Column 2 in Room 1201 in the Advanced Structural Engineering Laboratory be named The Mary Manson Moore Column in honor of her generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE HIGH BAY LABORATORY IN THE ADVANCED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY AS THE VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY HIGH BAY LABORATORY

WHEREAS, Vulcan Materials Company is based in Birmingham, Alabama, publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange and is the nation's largest producer of construction aggregates and a major producer of aggregate-based construction materials, including asphalt and ready-mixed concrete; and

WHEREAS, as a good corporate citizen, Vulcan Materials Co. understands the importance of education in building stronger communities and establishing the next generation workforce; and

WHEREAS, Vulcan Materials Co. serves 20 states, Washington D.C., the Bahamas and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the company partners with many educational institutions across the country through financial support and employee involvement, assisting schools and universities at all educational levels to provide quality education; and

WHEREAS, Vulcan Materials Co. has remained committed to Auburn University, having previously established a significant annual scholarship in the Department of Geology and Geography and an endowed scholarship named the Vulcan Materials Company Presidential Honors Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, the company has been generous partners to the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, naming the Corporate Conference Room in the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center; and

WHEREAS, Vulcan Materials Co. previously provided a gracious contribution to the M. Miller Gorrie Construction Center in the College of Architecture, Design and Construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the High Bay Laboratory in the Advanced Structural Engineering Laboratory be named The Vulcan Materials Company High Bay Laboratory in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

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