

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA
FLORENCE, ALABAMA
10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 10, 2015**

The Board of Trustees for 2015, in the Performance (Act No. 773 of the 1967 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama) was sent to Governor Robert Bentley requesting that the Board to the meeting also were sent for the same were mailed to the Trustees from the date of August 28, 2015.

On September 3, 2015, Board members were sent a notebook containing the agenda, proposed resolutions, and supporting documents for all items of discussion.

In the absence of Governor Robert Bentley (the President of the Board) and President Marty Abrams, the meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Board member Robert Bentley.

I. INVOCATION

The opening invocation was offered by Athletics Director Mark Lindner.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was called by President Kenneth D. Kitts, and the following members were present:

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| Trustee Marty Abrams | Trustee Libby Jordan | Trustee Simpson Russell |
| Trustee Joel Anderson | Trustee Marcus Maples | Trustee Will Trapp |
| Trustee Rodney Howard | | |

Absent were Trustees Lisa Bentley and State Superintendent of Education Steve Pierce, and ex officio members Governor Robert Bentley and State Superintendent of Education Dr. Tommy Bice.

Others present for all or part of the meeting:

- Dr. Thomas Calhoun, Vice President for Enrollment Management
- Mr. Clinton Carter, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs
- Dr. Dan Hendricks, Vice President for University Advancement
- Mr. David Shields, Vice President for Student Affairs
- Dr. John Thornell, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
- Dr. Greg Carnes, Dean of the College of Business
- Dr. Donna Lefort, Dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences
- Dr. Linda Austin, Associate Dean of the College of Nursing
- Dr. Joy Borah, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Dr. Vince Brewton, International Vice President for Enrollment Management
- Ms. Amber Fite-Morgan, University Attorney

- Dr. Sarah ... Faculty Senate
- Mr. Michael G ... Vice President for Administration & Planning
- Mr. Robert ... legal counsel
- Dr. Andy ... Vice President for Academic Services
- Mr. Rick ... Student Government ... *ad ex officio* non-voting member of the
- Dr. I. Laril ... the Shared Govern ... e Committee
- Mr. Mark ... Director
- Dr. M. ... Designer in Ed ... ology Services
- Dr. ... Institutional Resear ... nd Assessment
- Ms. ... umni Relations
- Ms. ... of Environmental S ... ousing Facilities Mgmt.
- Mr. ... University Commu ... arking
- Ms. ... VPAA for SACS ... of Accreditation
- Ms. ... the President for ...
- Ms. ... Director of Admissions
- Ms. ... Development Gift Office
- Ms. ... ment Coordinator in ... , Planning, and Assessment
- Mr. ... or of Foundation Accou ...
- Dr. ... Staff Senate
- Mr. ... Director of Environmen ... and Housing Facilities Mgmt.
- Ms. ... Vice President for ... Resources
- Dr. ... ice Provost for Int ... aires
- Members ... Jennifer Edward ... *Daily*
- ... Anna Grace Use ... *or-Ala*

III. APPROVAL ...

Mr. Abrams ... agenda for approval ... at Item IV, Presentation ... it was covered during the ... it Item IV. Mr. Russell ... Maples then moved ... on, and the agenda was

V. APPROVAL ...

Mr. Abrams ... for approval. Upon ... r. Anderson and second by

Mr. Russell ... approved unanimously.

VI. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND REMARKS FROM CONSTITUENCY GROUPS

Dr. Kitts reported that as of today, headcount enrollment stands at 7,040 students, a 3% increase over the 6,841 total last fall. (Note: When enrollment data was "frozen" on September 11, final headcount enrollment for fall 2015 had increased to 7,078.) Of particular note is the increase in first-time college students that give the University its largest ever freshman class fall. Further, credit hour production is expected to be up 6% over last year. Large graduation classes this past May and the coming 2-3 semesters will prevent overall headcount from so significantly in the short term, but it is clear that positive benefits are being seen from the collective recruiting and retention efforts of the campus community.

Dr. Kitts noted that the President's Institutional Survey recently was sent to over 1,000 persons with a connection to the University, and responses are being collected and analyzed by the Institutional Research Office. Survey results and those areas identified on which to focus attention will be shared with the Board soon. Dr. Kitts also reiterated themes from his presidential investiture.

Mr. Abrams then called on Dr. Franklin Mr. Lang, and Dr. Vaughn for brief remarks on behalf of their respective groups.

VII. AUDIT, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Resolution Approving the University of North Alabama Proposed FY 2016 Budgets

This item was thoroughly discussed during the work session that preceded the Board meeting. Following additional comments by Mr. Carter, upon motion by Mr. Russell seconded by Mr. Trapp, the resolution was approved unanimously.

B. Resolution Authorizing the President to Budget Additional Funds for FY 2015-2016

Mr. Carter reminded the Board that this resolution is passed by the Trustees each year that the President may budget additional revenue that may be received from various sources after the fiscal year budgets are approved by the Board. As in the past, the item would be presented at its next meeting in December with a list of additional revenue items for the previous year in excess of \$1,000 and how those funds were designated to be budgeted.

Mr. Anderson moved to strike the parenthetical phrase "(to the approved Education General Budget)" from the third WHEREAS paragraph in the resolution. Mr. Russell seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Anderson then moved approval of the resolution as so amended. Mr. Russell seconded the motion, and the resolution was approved unanimously.

- C. Deferred Maintenance Projects Planned for 2015-2016
- D. Overall Cost of Attendance Comparison of Alabama Universities
- E. Review Financial Information for Quarter ending June 30, 2015
- F. Review of Investments – UN Foundation
- G. Review of Investments – University Endowment

All of the remaining financial items were thoroughly discussed during the work session that preceded the Board meeting. There were no additional questions, and these items required no action by the Board.

VIII. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE MATTER

Title IX Update

Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee Chair Jordan reported that this information item was addressed during the work session that preceded the formal Board meeting. There were no additional questions, and this item required no action by the Board.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution Approving Amendment to the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees for the University of North Alabama to Respond to Statutory Revisions Set Forth in Act 2015-210 of the Alabama Legislature

The Alabama Legislature's recent passage of Act No. 2015-210 amends in three areas the state statute relating to UNA Board operations:

1. Reduces trustee appointment terms from 12 years to 8 years
2. Permits emergency meetings of the Board; and
3. Allows for a trustee's participation via electronic communication mechanisms to constitute presence in person at a Board meeting.

Board bylaws now need to be updated to reflect and correspond with this recent legislative action. Upon motion by Mr. Russell and second by Mr. Trapp, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Mr. Abroms noted that the Board's suggestions on new trustee service terms have been submitted to the Governor, who is expected to act on them and re-appoint all Board members to new service terms by year-end. Those new appointments then will be forwarded to the Alabama Senate for confirmation during the spring 2016 legislative session.

X. MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Jordan and a unanimous vote, the meeting recessed at 11:40 a.m. to allow Mr. Jordan to discuss a legal matter.

At approximately 11:41 a.m., the Board entered into an executive session (with Mr. Hill present) to discuss a legal matter. This information item required no action by the Board.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 11:56 a.m. immediately following the executive session. Mr. Adams reported that no action was taken and that legal counsel discussed in executive session was in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Note: Following the meeting, Mr. Hill, a certified attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Alabama, advised that the Board's discussion of a legal matter during the executive session was authorized under Section 3 of the Code of Alabama, which allows for the disclosure of threatened litigation, legal ramifications, and character of an individual, and that the professional competency of an individual is not a public record.

XI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no other business, the Board adjourned on motion by Mr. Maples, and a unanimous vote, to come before the Board on Monday, December 14, 2015, upon motion by Mr. Taylor, and a unanimous vote, to adjourn at 11:58 a.m.

Approved: _____ December 14, 2015
Legal Counsel

President Pro Tempore _____
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