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Board President Pro Tempore

Russell

led the meeting

in order at 9:00 a.m.

I. INVOCATION

Mr. Ivan Thornton offered the invocation.

invocation

II. ROLL CALL

President Kenneth D. Kitts called the roll.

, and the following members

present:

were in attendance:

- Trustee Mary Abrams
- Trustee Joe Anderson II
- Trustee Wendell Gunn
- Trustee Marcus Maples

- Trustee Jim Ivey
- Trustee Steve Perce
- Trustee Simpson Russell
- Trustee Nancy Sanford

- Trustee Gary Smith
- Trustee Will Trapp
- Trustee Anne Whitaker

The quorum was present. Mr. Russell welcomed Joel Anderson.

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Mr. Governor Kay Ivey was appointed.

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Officers present for all or part of the meeting:

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Executive

President: Academic Affairs

- Mr. Ross Alexander, Provost
- Ms. Amber Fite-Morgan, General Counsel
- Mr. Kimberly Greenway, Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Mr. Kevin Haslam, Vice President for University Advancement
- Mr. Ronald Patterson, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Mr. Evan Thornton, Vice President for Business and Finance
- Mr. Blaise Adkison, President, Senate
- Mr. Sarah Lynn Baird, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Mr. Joy Graham, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs

- Mr. Jim Ivey, President
- Mr. Steve Perce, President
- Mr. Simpson Russell, President
- Mr. Nancy Sanford, President

- Mr. Gary Smith, President
- Mr. Will Trapp, President
- Mr. Anne Whitaker, President

- Mr. V. Brewton, Dean of the Honors College
- Mr. G. Carnes, Dean of the College of Business
- Ms. M. Nelle Eubanks, Director of University Communications and Marketing
- Mr. T. Gooch, President of Student Government Association
- Mr. K. Kinney, Dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences
- Mr. M. Linder, Athletics Director
- Mr. J. McGee, Director of Educational Technology Services
- Mr. A. Paulk, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate and Online Education
- Dr. V. Pierce, Dean of the Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions
- Mr. J. Russell, Instructional Design and Educational Technology Services
- Ms. R. Sherill, Senior Assistant Vice President for Administration
- Dr. L. Williams, President of Faculty Senate
- Dr. C. Sheng Zhang, Senior Vice President for International Affairs
- Mr. B. Delinski, *TimesDaily* reporter

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. F. Gusse submitted today's meeting agenda for approval. Upon motion by Mr. Trap and second by Dr. Pierce, the agenda was approved as presented by unanimous vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2020, QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Mr. F. Gusse submitted the minutes from previous quarterly meeting for approval. Upon motion by Dr. Pierce and second by Ms. Delinski, the minutes were approved as presented by unanimous vote.

V. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

From prepared text, Dr. Kitts gave a brief summary on the state of the University. His remarks included:

- In consultation with the COVID-recovery Task Force, plans are being made for a hopeful return to in-person Board meetings in June.
- While other institutions in Alabama and across the nation are struggling with enrollment, fundraising, and financial health due to the pandemic, UNA continues to celebrate record fall and spring enrollments, great success in fundraising initiatives, and financial stability.
- UNA's embracing of academic programs related to workforce development continues to show great promise for the state and local economy.

Comments also included an update on Project 208 efforts and on UNA's position in State budget discussions during the next legislative session.

VI. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MATTERS

Committee Chair Trapp gave an overview of two information items on today's agenda:

- A. Center for Sports Analytics**
- B. Academic Department Name Change -- "Department of Chemistry and Industrial Hygiene" to the "Department of Chemistry and Occupational Health Science."**

There were no questions concerning these items, and neither required any action by the Board.

Mr. Trapp also mentioned other information topics covered during this committee's March 4 meeting (e.g. enrollment projections and growth in online programs). Minutes from the committee meeting are on file in the President's Office and are available for review upon request.

VII. ADVANCEMENT AND UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MATTERS

Committee Chair Whitaker noted several topics covered during this committee's March 4 meeting, including:

- An update on the status of Advancement efforts and campaign fundraising, including:
 - Exceeding of this year's development goals
 - Attempts to increase the number of unique donors
 - Series of designated "Giving Days" throughout the year
- Plans for Homecoming Weekend March 11-14
- Success to date of the Legacy Initiative for Harrison Plaza fountain restoration
- Updates on town/gown community engagement and Project 208 efforts

Two information items were on the full Board agenda at today's meeting:

- A. Update on UNA Foundation and University Endowments**
- B. Annual Endowment Report for UNA Board of Trustees Scholarship Fund**

There were no questions, and both items had been reviewed in the committee setting the previous day. Minutes from the committee meeting are on file in the President's Office and are available for review upon request. Mr. Abrams encouraged all members of the Board to join him in making regular contributions to the Trustees Scholarship Fund.

III. CAMPUS LIFE, ATHLETICS, AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE MATTERS

Committee chair Pierce reported on the various national pieces covered during the committee's meeting on March 4. Topics included:

- ASUN required COVID testing protocol and associated costs to Athletics budget
- NCAA self-study required for Year 3 of transition to Division I
- ASUN expansion with addition of three member institutions
- Update on diversity initiatives
- Work on COVID-19 Recovery Task Force and University Health Services statement on pandemic impact on campus
- COVID vaccination available for employees

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The committee had one action item to bring for discussion in today's meeting: **Resolution on Sexual Misconduct.** The committee had one action item to bring for discussion in today's meeting: **Resolution on Sexual Misconduct.** The committee had one action item to bring for discussion in today's meeting: **Resolution on Sexual Misconduct.** The committee had one action item to bring for discussion in today's meeting: **Resolution on Sexual Misconduct.**

IV. FINANCE, FACILITIES, AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MATTERS

Committee chair Atoms reported on topics covered during this committee's March meeting agenda:

A. Review of Financial Information - Quarter Ending December 31, 2020

Mr. Atoms pointed out that the University remains in good financial health, though auxiliary revenue is down due to the pandemic's impact on the number of students living on campus and purchasing plans. The federal CARES Act has provided some relief to assist with this budget shortfall. Also of note, the state appropriation during this year's legislative process strategic filling of some of the 70+ employee positions has been a positive item required no action by the Board.

<p>I</p> <p>Resolution Authorizing Solicitation of Funds for the III Culinary Arts Program Renovation at the University of Alabama's Connie D. McKinney Center</p>	<p>provided summary comments and recommendation. Upon motion by Mr. Whitaker, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote of the McKinney family for its continued</p>	<p>submitted by Mr. Whitaker</p>	<p>resolution with the second by Mr. Abrams also endorsed by the Board of UNA.</p>
<p>C</p> <p>Resolution Authorizing Solicitation of Funds for Renovations to University-Owned Property</p>	<p>provided summary comments and recommendation. Upon motion by Mr. Stanford, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote of the current physician office</p>	<p>submitted by Mr. Stanford</p>	<p>resolution with the second by Mr. Thornton was approved by the Board of UNA-owned property</p>
<p>I</p> <p>Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Real Property</p>	<p>provided summary comments and recommendation. Upon motion by Mr. Whitaker, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote of the Board of the University that certain strategic purchases are desired from the University will be made at or near market value, and nearby properties are included in the Campus Master Plan.</p>	<p>submitted by Mr. Whitaker</p>	<p>resolution with the second by Mr. Whitaker in the meeting information about the main campus due to UNA price that especially within</p>
<p>E</p> <p>Resolution Authorizing Solicitation of Funds for Construction of a Mathematics and Computer Science Building at the University of Alabama</p>	<p>provided summary comments and recommendation of the Finance, Facilities, and Personnel Committee. The two-story, and final building plans are covered from external funding, with the state allocation. Local sources are expected for this project. The new building will assist in development efforts and will assist in the major. Upon motion by Mr. Abrams and second by unanimous vote.</p>	<p>submitted by Mr. Abrams</p>	<p>resolution with the second by Mr. Whitaker in the meeting information about the main campus due to UNA price that especially within</p>

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