

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA
MORNING, Friday, March 17, 2023**

The Board of Trustees for the University of North Alabama met on Friday, March 17, 2023, in Banquet Room 773 of the 1967 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature. The meeting was held in accordance with Section 6 of the Alabama Constitution (dated 1901) and the Board of Trustees' Bylaws. The meeting was held in the University Center for the Governor's signature as per standard practice, and the same were held under the date of February 2, 2023. The meeting was held in the University Center for the Governor's signature as per standard practice, and the same were held under the date of February 2, 2023. The meeting was held in the University Center for the Governor's signature as per standard practice, and the same were held under the date of February 2, 2023.

Board President, Dr. Wesley Thompson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. INVOCATION

At the invitation of Mr. Trapp, the opening invocation was offered by Wesley Thompson, UNA Chaplain and pastor of Bethel Colber Missionary Baptist Church in Lebanon, Alabama.

II. ROLL CALL

President Kenneth Kitts called the roll, and the following members were present in the meeting room:

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| Trustee Mary Abas | Trustee Steve Pierce | Trustee Gary Smith |
| Trustee Joe Anderson II | Trustee Simpson Russell | Trustee Will Trapp |
| Trustee Wendell Conner | Trustee Nancy Sanford | Trustee Anne Whitaker |
| Trustee Jim Page | | |

Trustee Marcus Miles was present via videoconference. Ex officio member Governor Kay Ivey was absent. A quorum of voting members was present.

Other present for all or part of the meeting:

- Dr. Rosalyn Alexander, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Mr. Jason Cochran, Executive Director of Governmental Relations and Economic Development
- Mr. Amber Filmore Morgan, General Counsel
- Mr. Kevin Blanton, Vice President for University Advancement
- Dr. Josh Loomis, Athletics Director
- Dr. Tom Patterson, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Mr. Evan Thoson, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs
- Dr. K.C. White, Vice President for Student Affairs
- Mr. Duell Aldridge, Coordinator of University Center Operations and Management
- Dr. Tara Lynn Baird, Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering
- Dr. Dana Beavers, Associate Dean of the Sanders College of Business and Technology
- Mr. Melissa Erwin, 2022-2023 Staff Senate President
- Dr. Roy North, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
- Dr. Vince Breason, Dean of the College of Honors
- Ms. Cindy Cochran, Interim Director of Facilities Administration and Planning
- Ms. Minnette Lewis, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Leadership of Students

- Ms. Michelle Iubani, Director of Diversity Media and Public Relations
- Dr. Katie Kinney, Director of the College of Education and Human Sciences
- Dr. Tera Kirkman, Director of the College of Nursing and Health Professions
- Mr. John McGee, Executive Director of Educational Technology Services
- Dr. Kristy Odeh, 2023 Chair of the Board of Governors Executive Committee
- Dr. Amber Paulk, Provost for Academic Affairs, Dean of Graduate Studies, and Online Education, and Board of Trustees Liaison
- Ms. Amber Sandvig, 2022-2023 Student Government Association President
- Ms. Regina Sherrill, Director Assistant and Board President for Administration
- Dr. Jessica Stoll, 2022-2023 Faculty Senate President
- Ms. Julie Taylor, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management
- Dr. Chunsheng Zhang, Senior Vice President for International Affairs

Also present: *Times Daily* reporter Ben DeWolfe

III. APPROVED AGENDA

Mr. Trapp submitted the agenda for consideration. Upon motion by Ms. V...ker and second by Mr. Smith, the agenda was approved as presented by unanimous vote.

IV. APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Trapp submitted the following items for consideration for collective approval:
- A. Minutes of December 2, 2022, Quarterly Board Meeting
 - B. Minutes of January 30, 2023, Board Executive Committee Meeting
 - C. Resolution approving the Learning Agreements with External Entities as an Enrollment Mechanism at the University of North Alabama
 - D. Resolution of Commendation to Marcus M. Maples, Member Board of Trustees for the University of North Alabama, 2022-2023

Mr. Trapp also made comments of recognition and appreciation to Mr. Maples for his almost nine years of service on the Board. Upon motion by Mr. P... and second by Mr. A... the consent agenda items listed above were approved separately and collectively by unanimous vote.

V. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- Dr. Katts gave a brief summary on the state of the University from his prepared report. Topics included:
- Thanks to Mr. Maples for service as a trustee
 - Highly favorable outcome of the recent SAC3COC reaccreditation site visit, with zero recommendations for follow-up
 - Pedestrian safety issues along Falls Street
 - Start of 2023 legislative session and FY23 state education budget and continued Project 208 efforts
 - Evidence of uncertain trajectory for enrollment while enrollments are declining at other institutions across the country

VI. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Committee chair Page presented items for agenda for the full Board at today's meeting. 16 discussions that were on the agenda.

A. Resolution Approving the Academic Catalog Option for the Bachelor of Science in Emerging Technologies

Mr. Page noted in his summary of the Academic Affairs and Enrollment and second by Mr. Smith the resolution was approved by a unanimous vote of the Board. \$10 million in this fund was allocated to the committee and a motion by Mr. Page.

B. Resolution Approving a Track in Mental Health Nursing in the School of Nursing

Following summary comments by the Academic Affairs and Enrollment Committee, the resolution was approved by a unanimous vote of the Board. A motion by Mr. Page second by Dr. [Name],

C. Dissolution of Department of International Studies

Mr. Page gave an overview of the department and the information it required no action by the Board.

Mr. Page also shared some academic highlights from the preceding afternoon. The University continues to develop new academic offerings and the impending retirements of Dean Sara Lytle and Provost [Name]. The committee also discussed market data for students and Mr. Page also mentioned Professor [Name].

VII. ADVANCEMENT AND UNIVERSITY SUPPORT COMMITTEE MATTERS

Committee chair Whitaker highlighted top information items from the previous day's meeting. University Endowments and Annual Income were on the agenda for the full Board at today's meeting and both of them have been reviewed in the committee setting.

Ms. Whitaker presented one action item from the City Streets that this resolution is an opportunity for the Board to collectively pass a similar resolution. Whitaker noted that the Relations Committee and upon motion by [Name] approved by unanimous vote.

As other items of information from the Board already surpassed this year's \$10 million goal of the fiscal year campaign at its next meeting in June. [Name] stated that the advancement team has already surpassed this year's \$10 million goal of the fiscal year campaign at its next meeting in June.

VIII. CAMPAIGN	LIFE	ATHLETICS	DIVERSITY COMMITTEE	OTHER MATTERS
Committee chair meeting. These	included	discussed on the agenda	Topics covered during this committee's March 16	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued • Higher among • Impressive feature • High • Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work • Entertainment • Review • Honor • Reference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students in the Service at UN • Marching band • Housing • Ice membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity and Inclusion Plan • Events and greater level of • Contests and plans for August • Plans for fall and efforts to • Military Heroes Scholarship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (70% complete to date) • Cross-sport involvement • Last fundraising event • Demand • Scholarship
IX. FINANCIAL	AFFAIRS	FINANCIALS, AND	PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	OTHER MATTERS
Committee chair agenda for the	review	discussed items	This committee's March 16	discussions that were on
A.	Review	Financial Information	for Quarter Ending December 31, 2022	
Tuition enrollment deficit, financial this information	of student and financial information	Tuition is starting our production measures a roughly required no	end upward after two years the FY 2022-2023 budget is to help believe budget plan in the committee setting, by the Board.	of decline thanks to higher operating at a planned pressure. The quarterly there were no questions and
B.	Budget	Improving Financials 2023	Rates in University-Owned	Housing Facilities
Mr. Abroms necessary recommendation	no official section	the proposed costs, but Finance, I Mr. Pierce	ing rental rate increase of far lower than the rate of , and Personnel Committee solution was approved by u	proximately 2% is inflation. With the and upon motion by Mr. unanimous vote.
C.	Budget	Improving Student	Meal Plan Prices Effective	Fall 2023
The price an average. The difference those from the Financial Mr. Frazer	and increase in dollars to the Financials	prices for .7% that will increase desired at and Personnel was approved	are reflective of general negotiations with the Chartwell \$150 to \$175/semester, but venues across campus. With committee and upon motion by unanimous vote.	inflation but represent food service provided students have full use of the recommendation of Mr. Abroms and second by

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