

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

APRIL 12, 2024

**SCHEDULE AND AGENDA
APRIL 12, 2024 BOARD MEETING
ON THE AU RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CAMPUS IN HUNTSVILLE, AL
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks
- II. Committee Meetings
 - A. Property and Facilities Committee | Chairperson DeMaioribus

Project Approvals:

- 1. Recreation and Wellness Center Renovation for Health Promotion & Wellness Services, Final Approval
- 2. Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement, Architect Selection
- 3. Auburn University Regional Airport Terminal Ramp Expansion, Authority to Execute

Real Estate Approvals:

- 4. Acquisition of the Rhyne Property in Autaugaville, AL
- 5. Acquisition of the Fraternity House at 941 Lem Morrison Drive, Auburn, AL
- 6. Acquisition of the Research Facility at 1117 West Veterans Boulevard in the City of Auburn's Technology Park North

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III. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

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VI. Recess Meeting

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins convened a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Patriot Event Hall on the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus in Huntsville, Alabama.

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

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

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

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

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins welcomed Mr. Walter Woltosz to his first meeting as a board member. President *Pro Tempore* Riggins stated that Mr. Woltosz holds an at large seat, which was previously held by Mr. Raymond J. Harbert.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins welcomed those serving on the Board ex officio as follows: Dr. Mark Carpenter, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University campus; and Mr. Jack Hilton, President of the Auburn University Student Government Association.

Dr. Venessa Funches, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University at Montgomery campus, was absent from the meeting. The role of President of the Auburn University at Montgomery Student Government Association is currently vacant.

Also sitting with the Board were the following persons: Dr. Christopher B. Roberts, President of Auburn University; and Mr. Jon G. Waggoner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

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

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins welcomed the following persons that serve Auburn University and AUM in various capacities: Dr. Robert Norton, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Kim Brackett, AUM Faculty Senate President;

Dr. Elizabeth Davis-Sramek, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Scott Lane, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Henry Schenck, Institutional Advancement Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Christian Dagg, Property and Facilities Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Oladiran Fasina, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Dr. Paul Fox, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Mr. Josh Henderson, Chair of the Auburn University Administrative & Professional Assembly; Mr. Jason Yeomans, Chair of the Auburn University Staff Council; Dr. Tim Kroft, President of the AUM Faculty Senate; Ms. Rebecca Crumpton, President-Elect of the AUM Staff Council; Mr. Paul Jacobson, Chair of the Auburn University Foundation Board of Directors; Ms. LuAnne Hart, President of the Auburn Alumni Association; and Mr. Soolim Jeong, President of the Graduate Student Council.

Finally, President *Pro Tempore* Riggins welcomed that Mr. Tommy Battle, Mayor of Huntsville; and Mr. Joseph Pelfrey, Director of the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center.

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

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 AT 8:35 A.M.**

Chairperson DeMaioribus convened the meeting of the Property and Facilities Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 8:35 a.m. in the Patriot Event Hall on the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus in Huntsville, Alabama.

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

1. Recreation and Wellness Center Renovation for Health Promotion & Wellness Services, Final Approval

Mr. King reported that Student Affairs has proposed to renovate and build out a portion of the basement of the Recreation and Wellness Center to relocate Health Promotion and Wellness Services from the Melton Student Center to the Recreation and Wellness Center. He noted that the project will renovate and build out approximately 6,000 square feet of the basement and existing shell space in the Recreation and Wellness Center. He stated that program requirements include new staff offices, collaboration and meeting rooms, as well as relocated personal training and student workspaces.

Mr. King stated that the estimated total project cost is \$3.2 million, to be financed by Campus Recreation funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the project.

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

2. Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement, Architect Selection

Mr. King reported that the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment has proposed construction of a new dormitory at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center to replace two existing dorms constructed in 1979. He explained that the Center functions as a living laboratory for hands-on, experiential learning for students, practitioners, and landowners who come to the facility to explore its diverse ecosystems and learn best practices from leaders in their field. He noted that the project will enable the Center to expand its capacity as well as provide more modern and comfortable accommodations for students and visitors to the Center.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution approving the selection of Seay, Seay & Litchfield Architects of Montgomery, Alabama as project architect.

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

3. Auburn University Regional Airport Terminal Ramp Expansion, Authority to Execute

Mr. King reported that the Auburn University Regional Airport proposes to expand the existing terminal ramp to the north. He indicated that the growth in the number of aircraft visiting the airport necessitates the ramp expansion. He noted that the expansion will add 8,760 square yards of ramp space and provides 15 additional aircraft tie down spaces.

Mr. King explained that the proposed project also includes three bid alternates, so that more work can be done if favorable bids are received. He stated that bid alternates 1 and 2 would further expand the ramp by constructing an additional 2,660 square yards of ramp space with a capacity of eight more aircraft tie downs; and that bid alternate 3 would construct five helicopter pads.

Mr. King added that the schedule for the project is to bid it on April 15, 2024, and submit the grant application to the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau prior to a May 2, 2024 deadline.

Mr. King indicated that the overall project is estimated to cost \$1.6 – 2.0 million, to be financed by the Federal Aviation Administration, Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau, and local governments.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the project.

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

4. Acquisition of the Rhyne Property in Autaugaville, AL

Mr. King reported that the Alabama Agriculture Experiment Station (AAES) has a plan to restructure and enhance its field research sites across the state. He stated that one component of the plan is the proposed purchase of a 904.16-acre site in Autauga County. He added that the proposed site has a particular soil type and climate that is desirable for research and is representative of high producing row crop agriculture in Central Alabama.

Mr. King indicated that the purchase would be financed by the sale of two properties that are in AAES inventory that are currently not used for research: (1) the Lower Coastal Plains

Experiment Station (approximately 2,500 acres) and (2) the Turnipseed-Ikenberry Place (982 acres), and that the estimated combined total of the sales is greater than the required purchase price for the Autauga County property.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution approving the purchase of approximately 904.16 acres of real property located on Highway 14, in Autaugaville, Alabama, at a purchase price not to exceed \$5.15 million. He stated that it is also requested that the Board authorize President Roberts to engage a duly licensed real estate broker to market and solicit sale offers for (1) the Lower Costal Plains Experiment Station and (2) the Turnipseed-Ikenberry Place.

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

5. Acquisition of the Fraternity House at 941 Lem Morrison Drive, Auburn, AL

Mr. King reported that Auburn University owns 2.38 acres of land at 941 Lem Morrison Drive on the west end of campus. He stated that in March 2011, the university leased the land to a fraternity for the term of 50 years to build a fraternity house. He indicated that a fraternity house sized to accommodate 11 students was built in 2012. He stated that the fraternity housing corporation has no interest in continuing to use the fraternity house and that an opportunity has arisen for Auburn University to purchase the leasehold interest in the 8,120 square foot housing facility. He explained that if purchased, Student Affairs would use the facility to provide on-campus housing for other student organizations, such as student veterans, ROTC, or other groups. He noted that Student Affairs has available unrestricted funds with which to purchase the fraternity house at 941 Lem Morrison Drive.

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

6. Acquisition of the Research Facility at 1117 West Veterans Boulevard in the City of Auburn's Technology Park North

Mr. King reported that an opportunity exists to purchase a research facility located in the City of Auburn's Technology Park North. He indicated that the facility is conveniently located 2.25 miles south of Auburn University and 0.5 miles north of Exit 50 on I-85. He explained that the facility is a one-story structure sited on 2.0 acres. He shared that the facility, owned by the City of Auburn's Industrial Development Board, was originally built in 2008 as a manufacturing facility and later upgraded to include significant clean room capabilities to enable research and development of pharmaceuticals.

Mr. King explained that given the current growth of Auburn University's research program, the purchase of the property would address an immediate need for specialized

research space. He indicated that the Senior Vice President for Research reports that there are currently funded research programs waiting to use research space of this quality.

Mr. King noted that there is also an adjacent undeveloped five-acre parcel that is owned by the Auburn Industrial Development Board. He shared that there may be future opportunities to negotiate an option to purchase the adjacent property, if it becomes available. He noted that such a future purchase would allow for expansion of research facilities, if appropriate.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution approving the purchase of approximately two acres of real property located at 1117 West Veterans Boulevard, Auburn, Alabama, at a purchase price not to exceed \$2,045,000. He added that all documents consummating the purchase of the property and option to purchase the adjoining property shall be reviewed as to form by legal counsel for Auburn University.

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

7. Status Updates – *For Information Only*

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

Chairperson DeMaioribus thanked Mr. King for his reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:00 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.**

Chairperson Huntley convened the meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Patriot Event Hall on the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus in Huntsville, Alabama.

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

1. Proposed Dissolution of the PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy Jointly Administered by Auburn University and AUM Without Impacting the Stand Alone Version of the PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy Offered at Auburn University

Dr. Nathan reported that the Political Science faculties of Auburn University (AU) and Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) have evolved significantly since the inception of the joint AU/AUM Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Policy. She stated that AU now has the resources to offer the program independently and doesn't require AUM's resources. She explained that the joint Ph.D. program must be dissolved before AU can offer an independent program. She indicated that due to low enrollment in the AUM joint Ph.D. program, AUM no longer wishes to continue to program. She added that a teach-out plan is ready to be put in place once final approval of the dissolution is given that ensures current students won't be affected negatively by the dissolution.

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

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

2. Proposed Dissolution of the PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy Jointly Administered by Auburn University and AUM and Discontinuation of the Stand Alone PhD Program in Public Administration and Public Policy at AUM

Dr. Nathan reported that the Political Science faculties of Auburn University (AU) and Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) have evolved significantly since the inception of the joint AU/AUM Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Policy. She stated that AU now has the resources to offer the program independently and doesn't require AUM's resources. She explained that the joint Ph.D. program must be dissolved before AU can offer an independent program. She indicated that due to low enrollment in the AUM joint Ph.D. program, AUM no longer wishes to continue to program. She added that a teach-out

plan is ready to be put in place once final approval of the dissolution is given that ensures current students won't be affected negatively by the dissolution.

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

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

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

Dr. Nathan reported on the following information-only items:

- A new program certificate in Post-Masters Healthcare Simulation;
- The deletion and renaming of the Bachelor of Science in Animal Science, Department of Animal Sciences, College of Agriculture; and
- The deletion and renaming of the Bachelor of Science in Crop and Soil Sciences, Department of Crop, Soil & Environmental Sciences, College of Agriculture.

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

Chairperson Huntley thanked Dr. Nathan for her report, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:10 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 AT 9:10 A.M.**

Chairperson Dumas convened a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 9:10 a.m. in the Patriot Event Hall on the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus in Huntsville, Alabama.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Dumas called upon Dr. Stockton for discussion of the first and second Executive Committee agenda items.

1. Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance to Austin G. Collett

Dr. Stockton stated that a request is before the Board to award posthumously the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance to Austin G. Collett.

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

2. Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance to Sujith Babu Gunturu

Dr. Stockton stated that a request is before the Board to award posthumously the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance to Sujith Babu Gunturu.

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

Chairperson Dumas thanked Dr. Stockton for his reports, and then presented the final Executive Committee agenda item.

3. Proposed Awards and Namings

Chairperson Dumas asked for a motion to move consideration of a list of proposed awards and namings to the reconvened meeting.

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

With there being no further items, Chairperson Dumas recessed the committee meeting at 9:15 a.m.

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

Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Huntley began her report by sharing that at the February 2024 meeting, the Board asked President Roberts to conduct a comprehensive analysis of faculty compensation, workload, and productivity. She indicated that the assignment has been led by Dr. Nathan.

Chairperson Huntley stated that based on conversations with national and aspirational peers who have conducted similar analyses, four consulting firms were identified and contacted. They are McKnight Associates, Mercer Consulting, Huron Consulting, and Deloitte Consulting.

Chairperson Huntley added that of these, only McKnight is new to Auburn. She explained that the other three firms have worked with the university and that Mercer conducted the market compensation study for Auburn staff and A&P. She commented that the Board reviewed and approved the recommendations from Mercer and implemented them over the past two years. She noted that the university has used Huron in the past when the budget model was changed and that the firm is currently being used by the university for research administration. She then indicated that Deloitte is currently engaged with Auburn on an overarching business modernization initiative.

Chairperson Huntley reported that Dr. Nathan has spoken to the appropriate lead team in each of the firms regarding the analysis of faculty compensation, workload, and productivity. She indicated that all the firms have estimated that this would be a 18-24-month process and that the university should anticipate receiving their report and recommendations in Spring 2026. She noted that of course, this is just the first exploratory step and there are numerous processes, timelines, and other details to be discussed.

Chairperson Huntley shared that McKnight has recently accepted two complex turnkey contracts with the UC systems and the earliest that they can even consider taking on any new assignment is at least two years later. She indicated that accordingly, McKnight was removed from consideration.

Chairperson Huntley concluded her report by sharing that the vetting process is continuing with the remaining firms (Mercer, Huron, and Deloitte) and the next step includes a discussion between President Roberts, Provost Nathan, and CFO Shomaker and the each of the firms to establish potential scope, processes, and timelines. She commented that the updates will be forthcoming.

Governmental Affairs Committee

Chairperson Rane began his report by sharing that the Alabama legislature has had a remarkable busy session in Montgomery this year. He stated that, with over two-thirds of the session done, lawmakers are starting to move the Education Trust fund and State General Fund budgets.

Chairperson Rane reported that following a series of short-term funding extensions, the U.S. Congress reached an agreement last month to fund the government through the remainder of the fiscal year. He then noted that Alabama's congressional delegation secured more than \$70 million for Auburn University priorities in these funding bills that have now been signed into law. He concluded his report by sharing that President Roberts and senior leaders visited Washington, D.C. in March to meet with members of the Alabama congressional delegation to thank them for their support and discuss the university's federal priorities for the coming year.

Institutional Advancement Committee

Trustee Woltosz began his report by sharing an endowment update. He stated that AU/AUF combined endowment estimated value is \$1.156 billion, with values of \$814 million and \$342 million, respectively. He noted that the calendar year to date return was 3.9% and the five-year annualized return was 9.1%.

Trustee Woltosz then reported that on March 7, 2024, the AU Foundation Investment Committee complete its annual review of portfolio asset allocation and made no changes in asset class target percentages. He stated that within the asset and fixed income class strategies, the following will be implemented: (1) transition the real asset class segment to 100% private managers to capture additional return and lower volatility and (2) transition the fixed incoming segment from global to US credit only to capture additional return.

Trustee Woltosz concluded his report by sharing a philanthropy update. He shared that the 2024 Fiscal Year fundraising goal is \$175,000,000—with \$102,864,008 raised (59% of the goal met with 50% of the year elapsed), as of March 31, 2024.

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

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 AT 9:15 A.M.**

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins convened a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. in the Patriot Event Hall on the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus in Huntsville, Alabama.

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

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

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:20 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 AT 10:30 A.M.**

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins reconvened the meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in the Patriot Event Hall on the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus in Huntsville, Alabama.

After reconvening the meeting, President *Pro Tempore* Riggins noted that this was the final meeting for Dr. Mark Carpenter in his official capacity as Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University campus and welcomed him to deliver closing remarks. Dr. Carpenter shared his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as an *ex officio* member and work alongside the board members throughout the past year. President *Pro Tempore* Riggins thanked Dr. Carpenter for his service and added that the new faculty advisor will be present at the annual meeting in June.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 2, 2024 meeting. A motion was received from Ms. Huntley. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vines, 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 February 2, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees have been distributed to all members of this Board for review; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the minutes of the February 2, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees are hereby approved as distributed.

Following the approval of the minutes of the February 2, 2024 Board Meeting, President *Pro Tempore* Riggins asked for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the awarding of degrees for the Spring 2024 semester. A motion was received from Mr. Sahlie. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, 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 the Spring 2024 semester, complying with the requirements heretofore established by the Board of Trustees, be and the same are hereby approved.
2. That a list of the degrees awarded be filed and maintained in the records of the University and hereby made an official part of this resolution and of these minutes.

Property and Facilities Committee

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

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER
RENOVATION FOR HEALTH PROMOTION AND WELLNESS SERVICES

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, Student Affairs proposes to renovate and build-out a portion of the basement of the Recreation and Wellness Center to relocate Health Promotion and Wellness Services from the Melton Student Center; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on February 3, 2023, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Recreation and Wellness Center Renovation for Health Promotion and Wellness Services project, and at its meeting on April 14, 2023, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the selection of McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture, of Atlanta, Georgia, as the architect for the project; and

WHEREAS, the project will renovate and build-out approximately 6,000 square foot of the Recreation and Wellness Center basement and existing shell space to provide new staff offices, collaboration and meeting rooms, as well as relocated personal training and student workspaces; and

WHEREAS, the location of the project is in the basement of the Recreation and Wellness Center on Heisman Drive; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Recreation and Wellness Center Renovation for Health Promotion and Wellness Services project is \$3.2 million, to be financed by Campus Recreation funds; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Recreation and Wellness Center Renovation for Health Promotion and Wellness Services project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the project in the amount of \$3.2 million, to be financed by Campus Recreation funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the approved project budget.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

SOLON DIXON DORM REPLACEMENT

APPROVAL OF PROJECT ARCHITECT

WHEREAS, at its meeting of February 2, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement project and authorized the commencement of the architect selection process; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect issued a Request for Qualifications, and after conducting interviews with four (4) candidate firms, determined the architectural firm Seay, Seay & Litchfield Architects of Montgomery, Alabama, 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 Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

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

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

AUBURN UNIVERSITY REGIONAL AIRPORT
TERMINAL RAMP EXPANSION

PROJECT APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE WORK

WHEREAS, in late November 2023, the Auburn University Regional Airport was notified by the State of Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau that its application for funding assistance to expand the west terminal apron was under consideration by the Federal Aviation Administration; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the Auburn University Regional Airport proposes to expand the existing terminal ramp to the north; and

WHEREAS, the growth in the number of aircraft visiting the airport in recent years necessitates the ramp expansion; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project would expand the existing terminal ramp to the north by constructing 8,760 square yards of ramp space and provide 15 additional aircraft tie down spaces; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project also includes alternates for (1) additional terminal ramp space that would construct an additional 2660 square yards of ramp space with a capacity for 8 more aircraft tie downs and (2) 5 helicopter pads; and

WHEREAS, the planned schedule for this project is anticipated to begin construction in June 2024 and be complete in November 2024; and

WHEREAS, the overall cost of the project is estimated to cost \$1.6 - \$2.0 million to be financed by the Federal Aviation Administration, Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau, and local governments; and

WHEREAS, given the impact on the Auburn University Regional Airport resulting from the expansion, it is appropriate that the Board of Trustees authorize the execution of the Auburn University Regional Airport Terminal Ramp Expansion project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Auburn University Regional Airport Terminal Ramp Expansion project is approved; and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to execute the project.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

ACQUISITION OF THE RHYNE PROPERTY IN AUTAUGAVILLE, ALABAMA

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION

WHEREAS, the Alabama Agriculture Experiment Station has proposed to restructure and change its field research sites across the state by selling two properties to finance the purchase of new property with greater research potential; and

WHEREAS, an opportunity exists for the Board of Trustees to consider the purchase of the “Rhyne Property,” a 904.16 acre parcel of land located on Highway 14 in Autaugaville, Alabama, with an estimated value over \$5,150,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchase will allow Auburn University to add much-needed, quality research space in a facility designated for row-crop production research, with the necessary infrastructure to accommodate row-crop field research and operations, and with the design and layout needed to promote interdisciplinary, team-based projects; and

WHEREAS, if approved, Auburn University would purchase the facility for \$5.15 million; and

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees Policy, “D-9 Real Estate Acquisition Policy” requires Board approval for the acquisition of the Rhyne Property, and consistent with the policy, two MAI appraisal were obtained; and the purchase price aligns with the appraised value of the property; and

WHEREAS, to help fund this land acquisition of the Rhyne Property, the Alabama Agriculture Experiment Station proposes to sell approximately 2,500 acres of land in Wilcox County, which was the former location of the Lower Coastal Plains Agricultural Research Center; and

WHEREAS, to also help fund the acquisition of the Rhyne Property, the Alabama Agriculture Experiment Station proposes to sell 982 acres of land in Bullock County known as the Turnipseed- Ikenberry Place property; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that neither property is currently in use, nor necessary for the academic or research mission of Auburn University in the future; and

WHEREAS, selling both the Wilcox County Property and the Turnipseed-Ikenberry Place Property would provide the necessary revenue to support the purchase of the Rhyne Property; and

WHEREAS, any excess proceeds from these sales would be dedicated to capital improvements at the Rhyne Property, such as equipment sheds and an office/laboratory building, as well as improvements for other experiment stations around the state; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University Board of Trustee Policy D-8 permits the University to offer real property for sale by listing it with a duly licensed real estate broker, provided that the institution determines that this procedure is economically justified and in the best interest of the University; and

WHEREAS, the University proposes to hire a real estate broker to market these properties, because marketing these properties through an appropriate broker will likely result in better sale opportunities than if advertised through an ordinary auction or bid process; and

WHEREAS, any proposed sale transactions resulting from the broker engagement shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for its review and approval prior to closing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that, Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to take such action as is necessary to purchase approximately 904.16 acres of real property located on Highway 14, in Autaugaville, Alabama, at a purchase price not to exceed five million, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$5,150,000) and all documents consummating the purchase of the property shall be reviewed, as to form, by legal counsel for Auburn University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that considering the unique location of the Wilcox County Property and Turnipseed-Ikenberry Place Property and the potential interest in recreational timber production opportunities there, it is economically justified and in the best interest of the University to engage a duly licensed real estate broker to market and identify opportunities to sell the properties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to engage a duly licensed real estate broker to market and solicit sale offers for the Wilcox County Property and Turnipseed-Ikenberry Property, consistent with customary broker practices and Alabama law, provided that any proposed sale transactions must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees prior to closing.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION

**ACQUISITION OF THE FRATERNITY HOUSE AT 941
LEM MORRISON DRIVE, AUBURN, ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, it is proposed that Auburn University acquire the leasehold interest in the fraternity house located at 941 Lem Morrison Drive, located on University-owned property; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University owns 2.38 acres of land at 941 Lem Morrison Drive in Auburn, AL, and

WHEREAS, in March 2011 Auburn University leased the land to a fraternity for a term of fifty (50) years to build a fraternity house, which was subsequently completed in 2012, and

WHEREAS, after using the house for a number of years, the fraternity housing corporation has no interest in continuing to use the fraternity house; and

WHEREAS, an opportunity has arisen for Auburn University to purchase the leasehold interest in this fraternity house; and

WHEREAS, if purchased, Student Affairs would use this facility to provide on-campus housing for other student organizations, such as student veterans, ROTC, or other student groups; and

WHEREAS, Student Affairs has available unrestricted funds with which to purchase the fraternity house at 941 Lem Morrison Drive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that CHRISTOPHER B. ROBERTS, President, or such person as may be acting as President, or his designee, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to take such action as is necessary and desirable to purchase the remaining mortgage interest in the fraternity house located at 941 Lem Morrison Drive in Auburn, Alabama, for the price of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000). All documents consummating the purchase of the leasehold interest shall be reviewed as to form by legal counsel for Auburn University.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

**ACQUISITION OF THE RESEARCH FACILITY AT
1117 WEST VETERANS BLVD IN THE CITY OF AUBURN'S
TECHNOLOGY PARK NORTH**

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION

WHEREAS, an opportunity exists for the Board of Trustees to consider the purchase of a research facility located in the City of Auburn's Technology Park North; and

WHEREAS, the 1117 West Veterans Blvd Building is a single-story, 22,300 square-foot building located City of Auburn's Technology Park North, and includes 2 acres of commercial property with an estimated value of \$2,045,000 ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, given the current growth of Auburn University's research program, the purchase of the Property would address an immediate need for specialized research space; and

WHEREAS, acquiring the Property allows Auburn to add research space in a facility that includes clean room laboratories and open, flexible high-bay space, with the necessary infrastructure to accommodate future modifications that could include modular labs; and

WHEREAS, the Property also could serve as a potential location that will foster collaboration between university researchers and private sector partners in areas such as defense, aerospace, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Senior Vice President for Research reports that there are currently funded research programs waiting to use research space of this quality; and,

WHEREAS, if approved, Auburn would purchase the Property for \$2.045 million; and

WHEREAS, this price equates to a unit cost significantly lower than the current cost of new construction for laboratory facilities with similar capacity and capability; and

WHEREAS, the building would be fully available for use by Auburn University and/or new tenants by fall of 2024; and

WHEREAS, this opportunity was made possible by the close, collaborative relationship between the City of Auburn's Industrial Development Board and Auburn University.

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees Policy, "D-9 Real Estate Acquisition Policy" requires

Board approval for the acquisition of this property, and consistent with the policy, two MAI appraisals were obtained; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price will not exceed the appraised value of the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to take such action as is necessary to purchase approximately two (2) acres of real property located at 1117 West Veterans Blvd, Auburn, AL, at a purchase price not to exceed Two Million and forty five thousand Dollars (\$2,045,000). All documents consummating the purchase of the Property and option to purchase for adjoining property shall be reviewed as to form, by the General Counsel.

Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Huntley indicated that the Academic Affairs Committee met earlier and discussed two action items and one item of information. Chairperson Huntley moved for approval of a consent agenda for the Academic Affairs Committee's two action items. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeMaioribus, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED DISSOLUTION OF THE PHD IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY JOINTLY ADMINISTERED BY AUBURN UNIVERSITY AND AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY

WHEREAS, the Department of Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University and the Department of Political Science and Public Administration in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Science at Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) have jointly offered a PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy since 1985; and

WHEREAS, a review of the program indicated a jointly offered program is no longer feasible due to the physical location of the campuses, in addition to resource requirements and operational support provided primarily by Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, faculty at both institutions agree Auburn University can provide the organizational, structure and resources necessary to administer a PhD program, resulting in students, faculty and staff who would be better served through a single program; and

WHEREAS, faculty at both institutions unanimously agree that dissolving the jointly offered program will enable Auburn to provide greater long-term feasibility and allocate resources to a future doctoral program while providing an appropriate teach-out plan for those students currently enrolled; and

WHEREAS, the request to dissolve the jointly offered PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy has been endorsed by the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Science at AUM, the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University, the appropriate curriculum committees, the Chancellor at AUM, the Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposal to dissolve the jointly offered PhD in Public Administration and Public Policy, effective Spring 2024, be approved and reported to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval and to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges as a substantive change requiring notification to that body.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED DISSOLUTION OF THE JOINT AU/AUM PH.D. IN PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY

WHEREAS, Auburn University and Auburn University at Montgomery seek to dissolve the joint AU/AUM Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Policy; and

WHEREAS, a teach-out plan agreed upon by both institutions will be put in place so that no current students in the joint Ph.D. will be affected; and

WHEREAS, the request to dissolve the joint AU/AUM joint Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Policy has been approved by the faculty of the AUM Department of Political Science and Public Administration, the faculty of the Auburn Department of Political Science, the AUM Graduate Council, the Auburn Graduate Council, the Dean of the AUM College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the Dean of the Auburn College of Liberal Arts, the Provosts of each institution, the AUM Chancellor, and Auburn University's President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that Auburn University and Auburn University at Montgomery dissolve the joint Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Policy and submit said dissolution to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

Executive Committee

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

Chairperson Dumas reported that the first and second action items presented to the Executive Committee were two posthumous degrees. Chairperson Dumas moved for approval of the items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vines, and the dates were approved by a voice vote.

Chairperson Dumas reported that the third and final action item presented to the Executive Committee was a list of proposed awards and namings. Chairperson Dumas moved for approval of the item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

POSTHUMOUS AWARDING OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN FINANCE TO AUSTIN G. COLLETT

WHEREAS, Mr. Austin Graham Collett, an undergraduate student in the College of Business at Auburn University at Montgomery, passed away on November 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collett passed away before he could complete the final requirements necessary for a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance; and

WHEREAS, the faculty in the College of Business; the Dean of the College of Business; the Provost; and the Chancellor recommend that the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance be awarded posthumously,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance is hereby granted posthumously to Mr. Austin Graham Collett in recognition of his academic achievements as a student at Auburn University at Montgomery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby expresses its sympathy and condolences to the family of Mr. Austin Graham Collett in this period of sadness and that a copy of this resolution be presented to them so that they will know of this action and the university's deep loss.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

POSTHUMOUS AWARDING OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION IN FINANCE TO SUJITH BABU GUNTURU

WHEREAS, Mr. Sujith Babu Gunturu, a graduate student in the College of Business at Auburn University at Montgomery, passed away on February 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gunturu passed away before he could complete the final requirements necessary for a Master of Science in Management Information Systems; and

WHEREAS, the faculty in the College of Business; the Dean of the College of Business; the Provost; and the Chancellor recommend that the Master of Science in Management Information Systems be awarded posthumously,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that the degree of Master of Science in Management Information Systems is hereby granted posthumously to Mr. Sujith Babu Gunturu in recognition of his academic achievements as a student at Auburn University at Montgomery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby expresses its sympathy and condolences to the family of Mr. Sujith Babu Gunturu in this period of sadness and that a copy of this resolution be presented to them so that they will know of this action and the university's deep loss.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

**NAMING THE BIRMINGHAM INTERACTIVE MAP AT URBAN STUDIO
IN THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY BIRMINGHAM BUILDING
AS THE WILLIAMS BLACKSTOCK ARCHITECTS INTERACTIVE MAP**

April 12, 2024

WHEREAS, Williams Blackstock Architects is a full-service architectural design firm that cultivates true, collaborative partnerships based on a foundation of innovative problem-solving and deep expertise; and

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1994, Williams Blackstock Architects' Birmingham-based firm has experienced continued growth by forging trusted relationships and delivering designs with the capacity to unite people; and

WHEREAS, the firm has earned numerous accolades for the quality and innovation of its projects; and

WHEREAS, Williams Blackstock Architects exemplifies its dedication to offering experiential learning opportunities to future architecture professionals through the continued support of Urban Studio in the School of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape in the College of Architecture, Design and Construction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Birmingham Interactive Map at Urban Studio in the Auburn University Birmingham Building be named The Williams Blackstock Architects Interactive Map in honor of the firm's generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE DONALD E. DAVIS ARBORETUM POND BRIDGE
AS THE TULIP MARIE MILLER MEMORIAL POND BRIDGE

April 12, 2024

WHEREAS, Marie Kraska received an undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point and graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin Stout, Auburn University, and PhD from the University of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Marie was a lifelong distinguished educator working as a professor at several institutions, including Dalton-Junior College, Mississippi State University and Auburn University. While at Auburn, she took a sabbatical working for the World Bank to establish teacher resource centers in Turkey.

WHEREAS, Marie is the author of five books and multiple refereed data-based articles. She retired from Auburn University in 2017 as a Fraley Distinguished Professor in the College of Education; and

WHEREAS, Marie was married to Dr. Wilbur Miller “Wil” for 29 years. Wil served as an academic dean at the University of Missouri before coming to Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Tulip Marie was one of a kind, a best friend and companion. Marie referred to Tulip Marie as a “canine person” and the bond they shared was truly special. The arboretum is a place where Marie and Tulip Marie often walked and spent time together for almost 13 years; and

WHEREAS, The pond bridge is a beautiful spot to remember Tulip Marie. The decision to establish a memorial in her honor is a tribute to her love and companionship. She was more than just a pet, but a loving soul that will never be forgotten. Tulip Marie will always hold a special place in our hearts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Davis Arboretum Pond Bridge in the College of Sciences and Mathematics be named the Tulip Marie Miller Memorial Pond Bridge in recognition of Marie’s generous support for Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE SEMINAR ROOM
IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
AS THE GILES LYNCH HATHAWAY SEMINAR ROOM

April 12, 2024

WHEREAS, Giles Lynch Hathaway was born in 1915 to Belle King and Edward Albert Lynch, who passed when Giles was 16 days of age and four years of age, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Giles was later adopted by Mabel King, his mother's sister, and her husband, Claude Hathaway, he was raised in Bessemer, Alabama as a Presbyterian, who played football, was on the Debate Team, and had a dance band; and

WHEREAS, he worked after school to help send his brother to Pharmacy College, and after graduation Giles attended Vanderbilt University on a football and music scholarship; and

WHEREAS, in 1936 Margaret Atchison and Giles Hathaway were joined in marriage and in 1940 a daughter, Kay Hathaway '62 was born, and in 1952, a son, Giles Eugene Hathaway was born; and

WHEREAS, Giles always made sure that his children attended Sunday School and Church every Sunday, and he worked two jobs to send Kay to Auburn University where she majored in accountancy within the Harbert College of Business; and

WHEREAS, in 1974 he had a grandson, Hathaway Burke Jones, whom he adored, and died in 1983 before he was able to know his great-grandsons, Giles Patrick Jones and Harrison Bryce Jones; and

WHEREAS, Giles loved Auburn, and had season tickets to Auburn Football games for many years and will always be remembered for his great sense of humor and his gentlemanly manners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seminar Room in the College of Education be named the Giles Lynch Hathaway Seminar Room in recognition of his support and love for Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE LRC MEDIA PRODUCTION ROOM
IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
AS THE PRATT FAMILY MEDIA PRODUCTION ROOM

April 12, 2024

WHEREAS, the Pratt Family has dedicated their lives and careers to the education of others and “believe in education, which gives me the knowledge to work wisely and trains my mind and my hands to work skillfully; “and

WHEREAS, Christie Posey Pratt was a graduate of Southwest Texas State College. She entered the teaching profession in 1968 and spent 38 years as a middle school classroom teacher, coach, educational leader, and mentor in the public-school systems of Texas and Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pratt’s greatest contributions to education came as a result of her innovative approach to teaching. She created a multi-age learning team in her Fulton County, Georgia middle school, teaching sixth, seventh, and eighth grades simultaneously, which allowed for individualization, acceleration, and remediation of each student in a meaningful classroom setting; and

WHEREAS, her daughters, Cristen Pratt Herring ’93, ’94, ’15 and Carolyn Pratt Wilson ’98, ’99, are both graduates of the College of Education with Cristen receiving her doctoral degree in administration of elementary and secondary education and Carolyn receiving her master’s degree in Elementary Education; and

WHEREAS, Cristen serves as the superintendent of Auburn City Schools and Carolyn is a first grade teacher at Auburn Early Education Center; and

WHEREAS, their love and dedication to the field of education was influenced by Ms. Pratt’s parents, Aaron and Medora Posey, who both held teaching certificates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LRC Media Production Room in the College of Education be named the Pratt Family Media Production Room in recognition of their family’s generous support and love for Auburn University and the College of Education.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER HUDDLE ROOM
IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AS THE
JASON CLAY AND EMILY MCCLANAHAN OSBURNE HUDDLE ROOM

April 12, 2024

WHEREAS, Clay graduated with a bachelor's degree from Auburn University in 1999 and Emily received a bachelor's degree in international business from Auburn University in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Clay has spent most of his career in the not-for-profit field, holding various leadership positions, including CEO, to serve nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, Emily, too, has a longstanding tenure working with nonprofit organizations, serving in areas of marketing and content creation. She is also the owner of Emily Osburne & Company where she teaches entrepreneurs how to improve their digital brand; and

WHEREAS, together they bring a wealth of leadership experience and passion to lead, create, develop, and foster professional relationships to unite behind a cause bigger than themselves through their shared goal of giving to support God's work; and

WHEREAS, the Osburnes exemplify the Auburn Creed, professionally and personally, in that, "I believe that this is a practical world and that I can count only on what I earn. Therefore, I believe in work, hard work. I believe in education, which gives me the knowledge to work wisely and trains my mind and my hands to work skillfully;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Learning Resources Center Huddle Room be named the Jason Clay and Emily McClanahan Osburne Huddle Room in recognition of their generous support of Auburn University and the College of Education.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE CURRICULUM AND TEACHING HUDDLE ROOM
IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AS THE
SUE ATCHISON PEARSON HUDDLE ROOM

April 12, 2024

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sue Atchison Pearson received her Bachelor of Science degree in Human Science (Home Economics) from Auburn University in 1949; and

WHEREAS, she married her husband, Jack, and taught school for a period of over ten years, beginning her career in Phenix City; and

WHEREAS, they later moved to Jefferson County where she continued to teach until her son John was born, however, she did later renew her teaching certificate and taught several years afterward; and

WHEREAS, she is very active in her church and her bridge clubs and has scholarships named after each of her parents and her late husband at Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, she is also a member of the College of Education Dean's Circle, Auburn University Petric Society, and 1856 Society; and

WHEREAS, her family has been equally as committed to Auburn, with her deceased husband, Jack Howell Pearson, who received his Bachelor of Business degree in 1949, being a stalwart supporter of Auburn University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Curriculum and Teaching Huddle Room in the College of Education be named the Sue Atchison Pearson Huddle Room in recognition of her generous support for Auburn University and the College of Education.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION SYSTEMS LABORATORY IN THE
GAVIN ENGINEERING RESEARCH LABORATORY
AS THE KEN AND CATHY ROBUCK NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION SYSTEMS
LABORATORY

April 12, 2024

WHEREAS, Ken Robuck graduated from Auburn University in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering; and

WHEREAS, He previously served as Chair of the Nuclear Engineering Advisory Board at Auburn University and is also a Director on the Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI) Board and a member of the NEI Executive Task Force on Decommissioning; and

WHEREAS, Ken was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer at *EnergySolutions* in 2018; and

WHEREAS, before his tenure at *EnergySolutions*, Ken served as President at Williams Industrial Services Group, LLC, managing a multi-regional industrial construction and maintenance company for diverse clients in petrochemical, steel and power sectors, including fossil and nuclear energy; and

WHEREAS, Ken and his wife Cathy have been significant contributors to Auburn University and the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering for over a decade;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nuclear Power Generation Systems Laboratory in the Gavin Engineering Research Laboratory be named the Ken and Cathy Robuck Nuclear Power Generation Systems Laboratory in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE CONDUCTOR STAND
IN THE JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
AS THE TRACI AND BLAKE HENRY CONDUCTOR STAND

WHEREAS, Traci and Blake Henry'98 developed a strong sense of responsibility towards their community from an early age; and

WHEREAS, Traci and Blake, driven by their belief in the transformative power of knowledge and a desire to create a lasting impact, embarked on successful careers: Blake in wealth management, and Traci in pharmaceutical sales and as a personal trainer in the health and fitness industry; and

WHEREAS, Traci and Blake's measure of success is defined by the impact they make on the lives of others and not solely by personal accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, they love to give back to their community by providing strategic guidance and invaluable insights to enact positive change while serving on boards or advisory committees of organizations like the Gogue Performing Arts Center, the CARE Humane Society, and the Women's Philanthropy Board; and

WHEREAS, Traci and Blake are passionate advocates for the causes they support and inspire others to join them in the pursuit of a better future; and

WHEREAS, they both love traveling and exploring the world, and sharing their home in Opelika, Alabama, with their cats Bro and Sis; and

WHEREAS, Traci and Blake believe the Gogue Performing Arts Center elevates our community and contributes to its growth and culture; and

WHEREAS, Traci and Blake have made a significant gift to support this endeavor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conductor Stand in the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center at Auburn University shall be named the Traci and Blake Henry Conductor Stand in recognition of their generous support of Auburn University and devotion to the arts.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE HEAD COACH'S RECEPTION AREA
IN THE WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER
AS THE DREW AND DELLA YOUNG HEAD COACH'S RECEPTION AREA

April 12, 2024

WHEREAS, Mr. Drew Young attended Auburn University from 1985 to 1987 and graduated from Mercer University in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in business management; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Della Young graduated from Auburn University in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and received her master's degree from Troy State Dothan in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Youngs have several family ties to Auburn University, including their son Andrew, who graduated from Auburn in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Della Young's grandmother Dorothy Reynolds Daniel played basketball for Auburn and graduated in 1931, and, before she died in 2010, was the oldest living Auburn athlete at the time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Young worked for Blue Circle concrete from 1989 to 2000, before joining Merrill Lynch, where he has been for 24 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Young has been an elementary school teacher for many years, teaching at schools in Alabama and Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Young Family's philanthropic support of the Auburn Football Program has earned them membership into the Shug Jordan Society, a group of loyal supporters of Auburn Athletics; and

WHEREAS, Drew and Della Young have provided invaluable support to Tigers Unlimited and Auburn Athletics, most recently through an investment in the Auburn Football Program with a gift to help build the new Woltosz Football Performance Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Head Coach's Reception Area in the Woltosz Football Performance Center be named the Drew and Della Young Head Coach's Reception Area in honor of the Young Family's generous support and ongoing dedication.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins then indicated that with there being no further items for review, the meeting was recessed at 11:10 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