MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2013 MEETING OF
THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, STUDENT AFFAIRS, AND
PLANNING COMMITTEE OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

The Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Planning Committee met on Thursday, September 12, 2013, in the Sellers Auditorium at the Bryant Conference Center in Tuscaloosa. Chairman John H. England, Jr. chaired the meeting.

The following Committee members were present:

The Honorable Marietta M. Urquhart, Trustee from the First Congressional District

The Honorable Joseph C. Espy III, Trustee from the Second Congressional District

The Honorable Kenneth L. Vandervoort, from the Third Congressional District

The Honorable James W. Wilson III, Trustee from the Third Congressional District

The Honorable Finis E. St. John IV, Trustee from the Fourth Congressional District

The Honorable Ronald W. Gray, Vice Chair and Trustee from the Fifth Congressional District

The Honorable Karen P. Brooks, Trustee from the Seventh Congressional District

The Honorable John H. England, Jr., Chair and Trustee from the Seventh Congressional District

The Honorable Andria Scott Hurst, Trustee from the Seventh Congressional District

Other Trustees Present:

The Honorable Paul W. Bryant, Jr., President pro tempore and Trustee from the Fourth Congressional District
The Honorable William Britt Sexton, Trustee from the Fifth Congressional District

The Honorable Vanessa Leonard, Trustee from the Sixth Congressional District

The Honorable John J. McMahon, Jr., Trustee from the Sixth Congressional District

Also in attendance were Chancellor Robert E. Witt, Vice Chancellor Charles R. Nash, UA President Judy Bonner, UAB President Ray Watts, UAHuntsville President and Interim Provost Robert Altenkirch, UA Provost Joe Benson and UAB Provost Linda Lucas.

Chairman England called the meeting to order. Secretary of the Board Michael Bowes called the roll.

Vice Chancellor for System Relations Kellee Reinhart introduced the media: Jennifer Edwards from WVUA, Lauren Ferguson from The Crimson White, Ed Enoch from The Tuscaloosa News, Melissa Brown from Al.com, Meredith Armstrong from Channel 13, and Maggie Martin from Alabama Public Radio.

The Chair entertained a motion for approval of the minutes from the June 14, 2013, Committee meeting. Trustee Wilson so moved, Trustee Brooks seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman England said the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Planning Committee had 43 items for consideration for recommendation: 13 individual action items and 30 administrative action items. These items were found on pages 45-506 of the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Planning Committee book. There were four information items.

Chairman England asked Vice Chancellor Nash to introduce presenters for each item and respond to questions or comments. He said UA Provost Joe Benson, UAB Provost Linda Lucas and UAHuntsville Interim Provost Robert Altenkirch were available to answer questions.

Dr. Nash introduced UA Provost Joe Benson to present the first four individual action items.

Dr. Benson presented the first item, found on page 45 of the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Planning Committee book.
GRANTING INITIAL APPROVAL OF AND SUBMISSION TO THE ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FOR A B.S. DEGREE IN ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING

Resolution on page 45

The Board of Trustees at its June 14, 2013 meeting approved UA's Notification of Intent to Submit a Proposal for a B.S. in Architectural Engineering.

UA has developed a full proposal for the B.S. in Architectural Engineering that will be offered by the Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering.

Architectural Engineering is an integration of building design, construction, and operation.

The Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering presently offers an undergraduate minor in Architectural Engineering.

There is significant interest among undergraduate students for a B.S. option in the field.

There are only 17 accredited Architectural Engineering programs in the U.S., but none in Alabama.

A new program in Architectural Engineering will benefit the building design and construction-related industries in the state and region.

The degree can be offered with existing faculty and resources from the departments of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering and Mechanical Engineering.

We request your initial approval of the degree and permission to submit the proposal to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama at its June 14, 2013 meeting approved The University of
Alabama’s Notification of Intent to Submit a Proposal for a B.S. in Architectural Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the University has developed a full proposal for an undergraduate program in Architectural Engineering that will be offered by the College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, there are only 17 accredited Architectural Engineering degree programs in the U.S. and none in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, students in the program will master the integration of building design, construction, and operations; and

WHEREAS, graduates of the program will benefit the building design and construction-related industries in the state and region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama that it grants initial approval of and submission to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) the proposed Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Architectural Engineering (C.I.P. Code 14.0401) at The University of Alabama.

Dr. Benson presented the second item found on page 83 of the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Planning Committee book.

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• The Board of Trustees at its June 14, 2013 meeting approved UA’s Notification of Intent to Submit a Proposal for a B.S. in Environmental Engineering
• UA has developed a full proposal for the B.S. in Environmental Engineering that will be offered by the Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering
• The department presently offers an undergraduate minor and a M.S. degree in Environmental Engineering
• There is significant interest among undergraduate students for a B.S. option in the field
• There are 60 accredited Environmental Engineering programs in the U.S., but none in Alabama

• Heightened awareness of environmental impact and new environmental regulations increase the need for highly trained environmental engineers whose expertise will support economic development in the state and region
• The degree can be offered with existing faculty and departmental resources
• We request your initial approval of the degree and permission to submit the proposal to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama at its June 14, 2013 meeting approved The University of Alabama’s Notification of Intent to Submit a Proposal for a B.S. in Environmental Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the University has developed a full proposal for an undergraduate program in Environmental Engineering that will be offered by the College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, there are 60 accredited Environmental Engineering degree programs in the U.S. but none in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, there is high student demand for engineering-based environmental programs in the state and region; and
WHEREAS, the Department of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering offers the Master of Science in Environmental Engineering degree and a new degree program will provide an undergraduate option to students; and

WHEREAS, due to the heightened awareness of environmental impact and many new environmental regulations designed to promote sustainability, a new degree program in Environmental Engineering will support economic development and benefit all industries in the state and region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama that it grants initial approval of and submission to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) the proposed Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Environmental Engineering (C.I.P. Code 14.1401) at The University of Alabama.

Dr. Benson presented the third item found on page 117 of the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Planning Committee book.

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