MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 MEETING
OF THE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

The Athletics Committee of The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama met in the Bryant Conference Center on the campus of The University of Alabama on Friday, September 17, 2010. Trustee John McMahon chaired the meeting. Michael A. Bownes served as Secretary.

On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

The Honorable Angus R. Cooper II, Trustee from the First Congressional District

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

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

The Honorable William Britt Sexton, Trustee from the Fourth Congressional District

The Honorable Paul W. Bryant, Jr., Trustee from the Sixth Congressional District

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

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

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

Other Trustees in attendance:

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

The Honorable W. Davis Malone, Trustee from the Second Congressional District
The Honorable Vanessa Leonard, Trustee from the Third Congressional District

The Honorable Finis E. St. John IV, President pro tempore from the Fourth Congressional District

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

The Honorable Joe H. Ritch, Trustee from the Fifth Congressional District

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

The meeting was also attended by Chancellor Malcolm Portera, Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs C. Ray Hayes, UA President Robert Witt, UAB President Carol Garrison, and UAHuntsville President David Williams, as well as support staff from the UA System Office, UA, UAB, and UAHuntsville.

Kellee Reinhart introduced the press: Hailey Herfurts from The Crimson White; Hannah Wolfson from The Birmingham News; Adam Jones from The Tuscaloosa News; and Daniel Sparkman from WVUA.

Chairman McMahon called on Athletic Director Jim Harris to present an update on UAHuntsville’s athletic program.

**Student athletes.** UAHuntsville has 223 student-athletes representing 16 sports with plans to compete in over 400 contests. Of the 223 student athletes, 32 percent are enrolled in the College of Business; 23 percent in the College of Science; 17 percent in the College of Engineering; 15 percent in Liberal Arts; 8 percent in Nursing; and 5 percent are undecided. Last year UAHuntsville had 105 student-athletes on the Dean’s List, 22 of those had a 4.0 G.P.A. Fifty-one student athletes made the All-Gulf South Conference All-Academic Team. Thirteen hockey players made the College Hockey America All-Academic Team.

**Sports.** Seven teams competed in post-season play with NCAA Championships producing 27 All-Conference players; five All-Region; and two All-American. Hockey won the final version of College Hockey America title and moved on to the NCAA Sweet 16 Tournament. Hockey will compete this year at the Division I level as an independent and their schedule includes Wisconsin, Michigan State, and Ohio State, with two games to be played in Nashville at the NHL Arena as part of a huge hockey weekend. The Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams will
travel to Tuscaloosa to play in pre-season exhibition games during the first week in November. The new baseball park opened in mid-April 2010 and this will be their first full season on campus on their new field.

**Athletic honors.** The Gulf South Conference announced the All-Decade Teams this past summer and 26 UAHuntsville student-athletes made various Decade Teams. The Lady Charger Softball team was named Team of the Decade and the head coach, Les Stuedeman, was named Coach of the Decade.

Chairman McMahon called on Athletic Director Brian Mackin for an update on UAB’s athletic program.

Mr. Mackin said UAB was successful, both academically and athletically for the 2009-2010 year. He thanked President Garrison for her support of the athletic department.

**Academics.** Mr. Mackin said this is his number one priority. Their academic support area is fully staffed and they have been in the renovated academic center for two years. For the first time, the single year APR scores for all teams exceeded the 925 mark. He projected football to be at the 960 mark and basketball will have 1,000 APR this year. For the fourth straight year, women’s tennis had a perfect 1,000 score. GPA’s over the last three years are trending up; 12 of their 16 sports will have an increase over the previous year. Men’s basketball had the second highest GPA in Conference USA this past year at a 2.82. Women’s basketball had the highest GPA in Conference USA at 3.03. UAB has approximately 340 student-athletes: 28 were the Conference USA Commissioners, who earned academic medals for 3.75 or above GPAs. There were 129 student-athletes with 3.0 GPAs or higher; 14 Conference USA All-Academic Team recipients; and 4 Conference USA Scholar Athletes of the Year.

**Facilities.** UAB finished its Phase I Master Plan that included the weight room for sports medicine training and the academic center. The new softball facility was completed in December and added a lot of green space to the UAB campus. They upgraded scoreboards for many of their sports, some with video capability, and have a production truck which allows for automatic replay at Legion Field. Indoor hitting facilities for both baseball and softball are complete; fundraising is underway to build a field house to accommodate baseball/softball coaches with a small training room.

**Team successes for UAB.** Men’s basketball tied their school record for 25 victories. They reached the NIT quarterfinals and hosted NC State and North Carolina at Bartow Arena. They set a school record for the best ever start, 18-2. They played Alabama in their new softball facility for their first game in front of a
crowd of 1,200. In softball, UAB received its first at-large NCAA bid and played their first game in the Tuscaloosa Regional. The men’s soccer program is rated number 25 in the nation. Women’s soccer is 4-4 and doing well. The volleyball program has had a good start and has been to the NCAA for two of the last four years.

Challenges. It has been a challenging year as an athletic department, but UAB is committed to academic and athletic success with integrity and character. Mr. Mackin said the strength of their program is their people.

Chairman McMahon called on Athletic Director Mal Moore to present an update on UA’s athletic program.

Coach Moore thanked the Board of Trustees for their support of the UA athletic department. UA is proud that their student athletes contribute to the University’s academic success.

UA Academic Highlights.
- The APR score for all teams will be above the NCAA cut score of 925.
- Two student-athletes earned NCAA post-graduate scholarships.
- Britney Rodgers, a softball player, was an NCAA Top 8 Award honoree for academic achievement.
- UA was the only school in the SEC to have a student-athlete receive the NCAA Elite 88 Academic Award.
- Two people were named as SEC Scholar-Athletes of the Year for sports.
- Since 2000, UA ranks fifth nationally in Academic All-Americans among more than 300 NCAA Division 1 Schools.
- Last year the SEC led the nation with 15 Academic All-Americans, with 7 of the 15 attending UA.
- Thirteen Alabama student-athletes have been awarded NCAA post graduate scholarships.
- They had four Boyd McWhorter winners, an award given to the SEC’s top male and female athletes.
- UA has produced four NCAA top student-athlete honorees.

Financial contributions to the University.
- UA moved from fifth to second nationally in collegiate licensing merchandise sales for 2009-2010, largely due to the football program’s national championship success.
- Sales of national championship merchandise set a new record as the largest ever in CLC history.
• CLC projects that UA will finish the year with $8.1 million in royalty income, half of which funds National Merit Scholarships.

Facilities.
• The Bryant-Denny Stadium South End expansion project was a great success.
• Foster Auditorium renovation project should be completed in fall 2010; will provide a venue for the women’s basketball and volleyball programs.
• Construction for the Coleman Coliseum project should be completed in January 2011.
• Construction is underway for a new indoor batting and pitching cage and expansion of the clubhouse at the softball complex. Completion is expected by January 2011.
• A new Northeast Parking Lot was funded and is located across from the softball complex.

Achievements.
• Won four SEC Championships this year: softball, cross-country, women’s golf, and football.
• Gymnastics program is number two in the nation.
• First team in the history of the NCAA to produce six first team All-Americans.
• First team to win an SEC tournament championship.
• First Heisman trophy winner.
• First team in the history of the NCAA to defeat ten teams in one season with winning records; all ten made a bowl game.

With no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

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C. Ray Hayes                                                   Michael Bownes
Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs                          Secretary of the Board of Trustees