The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama met in Exhibit Halls A&B, Great Hall, in the Hill University Center on the campus of The University of Alabama at Birmingham February 8, 2008. Trustee Joseph C. Espy III chaired the meeting. Michael A. Bownes served as Secretary.

On roll call, the following Trustees were present:

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

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 James W. Wilson III, Trustee from the Second Congressional District

The Honorable Vanessa Leonard, Trustee from the Third Congressional District

The Honorable Sidney L. McDonald, Trustee from the Fourth Congressional District

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

The Honorable Peter L. Lowe, Trustee from the Fifth Congressional District

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

The Honorable Paul W. Bryant, Jr., Trustee from the Sixth Congressional District
With the combined efforts of UAB and this Board, all things are possible for the progression and future of this institution.

Thank you again for allowing me to address you this morning.

Chairman Espy thanked Ms. Williams for her comments.

Chairman Espy said the Administrative Report had been distributed to all Trustees. After discussion, and on motion of Trustee McMahon, seconded by Trustee Wilson, the Board accepted the Administrative Report. (Exhibit B)

Chairman Espy recognized Trustee John England for a report from the Finance Committee. Trustee England said the Finance Committee met today, February 8, and reviewed and approved the Administrative Item on page 49 of the Board Book and recommends this item to the Board for approval.

After discussion, and on motion of Trustee England, seconded by Trustee Wilson, the Board adopted the following resolution:

(Insert Resolution)

Trustee England said the Committee heard an Information Item regarding the Moody Bond Rating Upgrade for UAH. The Committee also received a First Quarter Operating Budget Update.

Chairman Espy thanked Trustee England for his report and recognized Trustee Vanessa Leonard for a report from the Academic Affairs and Planning Committee. Trustee Leonard said the Academic Affairs and Planning Committee met this morning at 9 a.m., with other Trustees present. The Committee considered 13 items for consideration for recommendation to the Board for action,
three individual action items and 10 Administrative Action Items. She noted that
one Information Item was also presented. The Committee recommended approval
of the items identified on the Board Agenda as G.1. through G.4.j.

After discussion, and on motion of Trustee Leonard, seconded by Trustee
Urquhart, the Board adopted the following resolutions, separately and severally:

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Resolution

Granting Final Approval of the
Joint Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree
(C.I.P. 51.1602)

WHEREAS, at its April 6, 2007, meeting, The Board of Trustees of The
University of Alabama received the introduction and overview of The University
of Alabama System and granted initial approval of permission to submit to the
Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) the collaborative Notification
of Intent to Submit Proposals (NISPs) for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
Degrees (C.I.P. 51.1602) at UA, UAB, and UAH; and

WHEREAS, at its September 14, 2007, meeting, The Board of Trustees of
The University of Alabama received an update on the decision by ACHE to grant
only one degree program during the ensuing two-year period and the ACHE staff
proposal that the program should be approved for the northern part of Alabama;
therefore, the Board gave approval and permission to submit to the Alabama
Commission on Higher Education a proposed Joint Doctor of Nursing Practice
(DNP) Degree (C.I.P. 51.1602) jointly with UAB and UAH; and
WHEREAS, the Alabama Commission on Higher Education reviewed and approved the program at its December 7, 2007, meeting; and

WHEREAS, upon further consideration and because of opportunities for synergism among our universities and ACHE’s reconsideration to add more than one new DNP program, it is appropriate to now include The University of Alabama in the Joint DNP with UAB and UAH; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Portera and his staff, together with the campuses’ leadership, have worked out agreements to smoothly and effectively transition UA into the ongoing planning for implementation of the DNP effective Summer 2008; and

WHEREAS, similar to other disciplines, doctoral programs in nursing may be categorized into two distinct types, research-focused and practice focused programs, and the proposed Joint Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program among The University of Alabama at Birmingham, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, and The University of Alabama will be a practice-focused degree and therefore similar to professional degrees offered in other health-related disciplines; and

WHEREAS, the Joint DNP program proposed by the three institutions was developed in response to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) 2004 position statement that recommended that the DNP degree be the required credential for all advanced practice nurses by the year 2015; and

WHEREAS, in a 2006 document entitled The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Practice, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) outlines new standards for educating nurses at the graduate level; and

WHEREAS, these new standards call for the transition of M.S.N. advanced nursing practice programs to Doctor of Nursing Practice programs over the coming years, a change that will be reflected in accreditation requirements; and

WHEREAS, the nursing programs at UAB, UAH, and UA have worked closely to develop an approach to training nurses that will share strengths and resources; and

WHEREAS, the Program will have available the outstanding resources located in the academic health sciences center at UAB along with opportunities for training within numerous health care facilities, and Huntsville and Tuscaloosa are
considered centers for medical excellence in the northern and western regions of the state, respectively; 

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama that it supports and grants final approval of the Joint Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree (C.I.P. 51.1602) to be jointly offered by The University of Alabama at Birmingham, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, and The University of Alabama.

Chairman Espy thanked Trustee Leonard for her report and recognized Trustee Paul Bryant, Jr., for a report from the Physical Properties Committee.

Trustee Bryant said the Physical Properties Committee met yesterday and considered 14 resolutions for action by the Board. They are included in the Board book on pages 78 through 102, and 103 through 133. He said the Committee thoroughly reviewed and approved these resolutions identified on the Board Agenda as H.1.a.1) through H.1.b.1) and H.2.a.1) through H.4.b.1).

Trustee Bryant noted that the UAH resolution, identified as H.4.b.1) on the Board Agenda, was amended to reflect a disposition of property. The revised resolution has been provided for review.

After discussion, and on motion of Trustee Bryant, seconded by Trustee McDonald, the Board adopted, subject to a conflicts opinion by General Counsel Smith, the following resolutions, separately and severally:

(Insert Resolutions)

Trustee Peter Lowe was recognized and said he had a comment about the UAH resolution. He noted that yesterday, he and Trustee Sid McDonald had a somewhat spirited discussion but thought it was held in a very civil manner. He