The Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Planning Committee met on Friday, June 14, 2013, in 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

Other Trustees Present:

- The Honorable Harris V. Morrissette, Trustee from the First Congressional District
The Honorable W. Davis Malone III, Trustee from the Second Congressional District

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 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 Bownes called the roll.

Vice Chancellor for System Relations Kellee Reinhart introduced the media: Jennifer Edwards, Jerome Davis and Sarah Macaluso from WVUA, Katherine Owen from The Crimson White, Stephanie Taylor from The Tuscaloosa News, Melissa Brown from Al.com, Kelvin Reynolds from Fox 6, Meredith Armstrong from Channel 13, Leigh Garner from Channel 42, and Isaiah Harper from ABC 33/40.

The Chair entertained a motion for approval of the minutes from the April 12, 2013, Committee meeting. Trustee Vandervoort so moved, Trustee Urquhart seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman England said the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Planning Committee had 18 items for consideration for recommendation: three individual action items and 15 administrative action items. These items were found on pages 25-229 of the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Planning Committee book. There was one information item.

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 two individual action items.
Dr. Benson presented the first item, found on page 25 of the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Planning Committee book.

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**APPROVAL OF A NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL (NISP) FOR A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) DEGREE IN ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING**

Resolution on page 25

- Architectural Engineering is an integration of building design, construction, and operation
- The Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering 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., and 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 approval of the NISP
Following an opportunity for questions/comments, the Chair entertained a motion for approval. Trustee Urquhart so moved, Trustee Gray seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is significant job growth in the building design and construction industry in the state, region, and nationally; and

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

WHEREAS, there is high student demand for engineering-based building design programs in the state and region; and

WHEREAS, a new degree program in Architecture Engineering will benefit the building design and construction-related industries in the state and region; and

WHEREAS, Architectural Engineering is an integration of building design, construction, and operations; and

WHEREAS, all areas that define Architectural Engineering are currently taught within existing programs at The University of Alabama, specifically including Civil Engineering, Construction Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the new degree program is an outgrowth of The University of Alabama’s existing and highly popular minor in Architectural Engineering offered by the Department of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama that it supports the development of the proposed Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Engineering at The University of Alabama.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it approves the submission of the Notice of Intent to Submit a Proposal (NISP) to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for a new program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Engineering at The University of Alabama.
Dr. Benson presented the item found on page 43 of the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Planning Committee book.

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APPROVAL OF A NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL (NISP) FOR A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Resolution on page 43

- The Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering 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 approval of the NISP
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is significant job growth and interest in environmental engineering in the state, region, and nationally; 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, 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; and

WHEREAS, the new degree program is an outgrowth of The University of Alabama's existing and highly popular minor in Environmental Engineering offered in the Department of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering; 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama that it supports the development of the proposed Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering at The University of Alabama.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it approves the submission of the Notice of Intent to Submit a Proposal (NISP) to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for a new program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering at The University of Alabama.