

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Hal Bloom Group**  
**Montgomery, AL**  
**June 1, 2020 1:00 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Justin Smith, President *Pro Tempore*, asked for a motion to dismiss the March 2, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Jerry F. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Jean Anderson. The motion carried.

Mr. Justin Smith called the meeting to order.

**II. Roll Call**

Mr. Justin Smith asked Mrs. Beard to call the roll. Other than Mr. Justin Smith, members attending were: Mrs. Jean Anderson, Mrs. Jody Beard, Mr. Hal Bloom, Mr. Terry Bunn, Dr. John Killian, Mr. Jerry F. Smith, and Mr. Victor Vernon. Mrs. Beard announced there was a quorum present. Also attending were: Mr. Mike Kendrick (University Attorney), President Ken Tucker, and Katie Beard recording the minutes.

Mr. Justin Smith asked Dr. John Killian to open the meeting with a prayer.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

***Mr. Hal Bloom moved to approve the Agenda; Mr. Terry Bunn seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.***

**IV. Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2020**

Mr. Justin Smith asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the meetings held on March 2, 2020. There were none. ***Mr. Jerry F. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr. Terry Bunn seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.***

**V. Report from the University President**

*Return to Work*

Dr. Tucker stated that the Return to Work task force has established a plan for returning to campus and today was day one of the implementation of that plan. Every three weeks, one-third of each department will return to work until the entire staff is on-campus which should be in August.

*Summer Enrollment*

Dr. Tucker reported Summer One 2020 enrollment has increased by 116 students compared to Summer One 2019. Summer Two 2020 Online is down 100 students as compared to Summer Two 2019; however, online is confident this number will increase as registration is still open. Mr. Jerry F. Smith asked if UWA had considered freezing tuition. Dr. Tucker stated that tuition will be frozen and this is reflected in the budget being presented at this meeting. UWA plans to advertise our frozen tuition stance as incentive for students to return in the fall.

*Opening campus*

Dr. Tucker announced that UWA will have students returning to campus this fall for face-to-face classes. There are additional plans in place should another breakout begin. This plan includes closing campus after Thanksgiving and having students take their finals online or having the term finished by Thanksgiving by collapsing the course schedule and lengthening class hours. Other GSC schools are split between which approaches they will take for the fall semester. Mr. Bloom added that he knew Florida Tech was not participating in fall sports this year. He asked if any other institutions that would follow suit. Dr. Tucker stated that, at this time, all other teams were planning on playing sports this fall, but UWA will have to fill the void that Florida Tech left in our schedules, especially football. Currently, UWA football has eight games scheduled, but would like to add more. Mr. Bloom asked if it was likely that the GSC would pick up any additional teams in the conference. Dr. Tucker stated that the GSC has expressed interest to other colleges to join the conference, but most feel they will not be competitive enough to join.

Dr. John Killian asked how commencement will be handled. Dr. Tucker responded that UWA is surveying the recent graduates to get an indication of how many will want to participate. Diplomas have been sent to the graduates, but some have expressed interest in the ceremony. The likely scenario will be that the students attend the commencement ceremony in Pruitt Hall Gym, using social distancing methods, with faculty and other University attendees and the ceremony is livestreamed for family and visitors to view online.

**X. Report from the Board President**

Mr. Justin Smith commended Dr. Tucker and the UWA administration for their hard work since the quarantine began and for their ability to communicate with other regional institutions to form a plan to carryout together. Dr. Tucker and his team have been communicating frequently with Mr. Justin Smith to inform him of any decisions being made across campus. Dr.



Respectfully submitted,

*Katie Beard*

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