

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**The University of West Alabama**  
**Regular Quarterly Meeting**  
**Bell Conference Center**  
**September 14, 2015, 1:30 p.m.**

**A G E N D A**

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| I.    | Call to Order   | (Mr. Terry Bunn)     |
| II.   | Roll Call   |                      |
| III.  | Approval of Agenda  | <b>(Action Item)</b> |
| IV.   | Approval of Minutes of June 1, 2015                       | <b>(Action Item)</b> |
|       | Approval of Minutes of September 2, 2015 (Teleconference) | <b>(Action Item)</b> |
|       | Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of July 27, 2015  | <b>(Action Item)</b> |
|       | Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of March 10, 2014 | <b>(Action Item)</b> |
| V.    | Report from the Finance Committee                         | (Mr. Saad)           |
| VI.   | Report from the Academic Affairs Committee                | (Mr. Hillman)        |
| VII.  | Report from the Student Affairs Committee                 | (Mr. Vernon)         |
| VIII. | Report from the University Facilities Committee           | (Mrs. Cloud)         |
| IX.   | Report from the University President                      | (Dr. Ken Tucker)     |
|       | A. Strategic Plan Approval                                | <b>(Action Item)</b> |
|       | B. Rodeo Arena Update                                     |                      |
| X.    | Report of the Board President                             | (Mr. Bunn)           |
| XI.   | New Business  |                      |
| XII.  | Other Business  |                      |
| XIII. | Adjourn   |                      |

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Terry Bunn, President *Pro Tempore*, called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Willie O'Neal to lead in prayer.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Bunn asked Mrs. Lindsey to call the roll. Other than Mr. Bunn, members attending were: Mrs. Jean Anderson, Mr. Thomas Ballow, Mr. Hal Bloom, Mrs. Sheila Cloud, Mr. John Northcutt, Mr. Willie B. O'Neil, Mr. Jerry Smith, Mr. Thed Spree and Mr. Victor Vernon. Absent: Mr. Jerry Groce, Mr. Randall Hillman, and Mr. Alex Saad. Mrs. Lindsey announced there was a quorum attending. Also attending were: Mr. Mike Kendrick, the University's attorney, President Ken Tucker, and several other administrators and staff members, with Earlene Lindsey recording the minutes.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Mr. Bloom moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Ballow seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.*

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Bunn asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the meetings listed on the Agenda. There were none. *Mrs. Cloud made a motion to approve the minutes of Regular Meetings held on June 1, 2015, September 2, 2015, and the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held on March 10, 2014, and July 27, 2015; Mr. Smith seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.*

**V. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Bunn indicated this was going to be an informational only report about the approval of the budget by the Executive Committee at its meeting on July 27, 2015; however, Mr. Saad was unable to attend, so Mr. Bunn said he would move forward with the next Agenda item.

**VI. REPORT FROM THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

In the absence of Mr. Randall Hillman (Chairperson), Mr. Jerry Smith reported the Committee met this morning and Dr. Edwards gave a report on the new personnel changes in his area. He said Dr. Edwards also reported on his trip to see Mr. Wayne Smith in Nashville, where they discussed new ideas and programs. Mr. Smith reported that Dr. Lesa Shaul discussed the Tutwiler Scholars program to recruit top students.

**VII. REPORT FROM THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Vernon reported that this Committee met earlier today and heard a report from Mr. Buckalew and others on the increase in enrollment and the increased occupancy in the housing facilities.

**VIII. REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Cloud reported that this Committee met earlier today and heard Mr. Truelove's report on the architectural firms that were selected for the projects on campus that would cost \$500,000 or less. *She listed the names of the firms that are being recommended by the Facilities Committee, as follows: Seay, Seay and Litchfield, Barganier Davis Sims, Pearson, Humphries and Jones, and Blondheim and Mixon. Mr. Bunn said no second would be needed and he called for the vote. The motion passed.*

Mrs. Cloud reported they also heard a report from Bobby Truelove regarding repairs and upgrading to facilities on campus. *She also stated the Committee recommends action by the Board to authorize the President to negotiate for the removal of the Houston-Bailey House. Mr. Bunn indicated no second was needed, and the motion was approved.*

*Another recommendation by the Committee, per Mrs. Cloud, is for the Board to authorize the President to start the process for placing the Hunt House on the market to be sold. Mr. Bunn said no second was needed, and the motion was approved.*

**IX. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT****A. Strategic Plan Approval**

Dr. Tucker reported that the proposed Strategic Plan has been reviewed by all necessary parties of the University (Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Deans' Council,

and President's Council), and there was a recent teleconference Board meeting to obtain feedback from this body before he brought the document up for approval by the Board. He asked if there were any other changes. Mr. Ballow made a motion to adopt the Strategic Plan; Mr. Vernon seconded the motion; and the motion passed.

*B. Rodeo Arena Update*

Dr. Tucker asked Mr. Johnnie Aycock to present this report. Mr. Aycock reported the Committee has been making progress on Phase I of the Rodeo project, but Phases 2 and 3 need a lot more work. He said they feel they can move forward on Phase 1. He named the members of the Committee – Thed Spree, Mike Davis, Tom Tartt, Stan Williamson, Alex Caudle, Bobby Truelove, and Hal Gandy & Roland Pond (both with PH&J Architects). Mr. Aycock stated that the cost of Phase 1 is estimated to be \$1,191,814; he believes there are some ways this amount can be reduced. He said the estimated completion date is October 1, 2016, it would be 190' x 400', and they would really like to move forward with the project.

Mr. Smith asked how the Committee proposes to come up with the funds to build the facility, and he did not understand how they could ask the Board to approve it when there are no funds available. Dr. Tucker indicated that the Committee would like to approach the Foundation Board and seek a \$1 million surety or collateral so they can begin the bid letting process, fully develop the plans and specs, negotiate the best price/true cost and bring back to the Board for final approval, along with the financial/fundraising plan. Mr. Aycock added that before the Board meets again, they hope to have funds in place, but will first have to get the \$1 million surety from the Foundation Board. Mr. Smith asked how they know they will get the funds after they get the surety. Mr. Aycock indicated the Committee has the financial and feasibility information ready to pursue funds. He said some have met with people at the State level regarding funds. Mr. Bunn asked Mr. Aycock if the Board is being asked today to approve their approaching the Foundation for the \$1 million surety. Mr. Aycock said they were asking for approval to move forward with the bid process when the Foundation provides the surety. Mr. Smith asked if they do not raise the \$1 million, would they hold the Foundation Board liable. The response was it would not and Mr. Bunn pointed out that funds are raised and before moving forward to build the project, it would come back to the Board for final approval.

Mrs. Cloud asked where this project fit in the new Strategic Plan and is it the highest priority of the University. Dr. Tucker stated the Committee feels this is a major recruiting possibility, and it would be part of the Strategic Plan under Facilities. Mr. Spree said there are about 32 students in the Rodeo program now and if this project moves forward, there would be the possibility to reach about 60. He said if this goes through, UWA would be the only college in Alabama that has a covered facility and he added that he does not believe it will cost as much as estimated in the report. Mr. Northcutt asked Mr. Kendrick if any of this plan would be considered illegal, and he responded that the project is subject to raising the funds and the Board's approval. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Aycock who his financial prospects are, and Mr. Aycock responded that some of the people they will be visiting are: Congresswoman Teri Sewell, Senators Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions. He said the list of potential places to obtain funding is being developed and they will look at grants, corporations, Alfa, Cattlemen's Association, John Deere, etc. and stated again they are only asking for approval to move forward on the project and also ask the Foundation Board for the \$1 million surety, which will allow them to seek funding. ***A motion was made by Mr. O'Neal to provide approval for the Committee to move forward with the project plans and specifications, to approach the Foundation Board for the \$1 million surety; Mr. Spree seconded the motion; and the motion passed.***

Mr. Bloom asked if there is a financial plan on how the money will be raised moving forward, adding that he would be more comfortable with this project if they do have such a plan. Dr. Tucker indicated that the Committee will come back to the board with plans, specifications, and means to fund them. Mr. Smith stated that this is often done, i.e. money is raised, plans/specs are developed, and a report is made on what can be done with the money raised. Mr. Northcutt asked if this approval would be submitted to the University Facilities Committee for approval at that time, and Mr. Bunn responded that it would at some point.

Mr. Ballow said he would like to point out that the Rodeo students are not coming from lower class families, but most likely they are coming from upper middle-class families. He said he is really excited about the potential for recruiting more quality students with the facility.

**X. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT**

Mr. Bunn reminded everyone that the December 1 meeting will be on a Tuesday because of conflicts with SACS annual meeting and other problems. He said he wanted to commend Dr. Tucker and the faculty/staff on the direction the University is going. He added he hears positive news and there are a lot of exciting things happening on campus.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Bunn asked if there were any other matters to discuss. There were none.

**XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

**XIII. ADJOURN**

Mr. Bunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith moved to adjourn; Mr. O'Neal seconded the motion; and the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Earlene Lindsey*