

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**The University of West Alabama**  
**Regular Quarterly Meeting**  
**Bell Conference Center**  
**June 6, 2016, 1:00 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 March 7, 2016                                     | <b>(Action Item)</b> |
| V.    | Report from the Athletic Committee                                       | (Mr. Spree)          |
| VI.   | Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee                      | (Mr. Jerry Smith)    |
| VII.  | Report from the Facilities Committee                                     | (Mrs. Cloud)         |
|       | A. Resolution for Sale of Hunt House                                     | <b>(Action Item)</b> |
| VIII. | Report from the Finance Committee  | (Mr. Saad)           |
|       | A. The Learning House  | <b>(Action Item)</b> |
|       | B. Budget Recommendation for FY 2016-2017                                | <b>(Action Item)</b> |
| IX.   | Report from the President's Evaluation Committee<br>By: Mr. Bloom, Chair | <b>(Action Item)</b> |
| X.    | Report from the Nominating Committee<br>By: Mrs. Cloud, Chair            | <b>(Action Item)</b> |
| XI.   | Report from the University President                                     | (Dr. Tucker)         |
| XII.  | Report of the Board President  | (Mr. Bunn)           |
|       | A. New Schedule of Meetings 2016-2017                                    | <b>(Action Item)</b> |
| XIII. | New Business   |                      |
| XIV.  | Other Business   |                      |
| XV.   | Adjourn  |                      |

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**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Terry Bunn, President *Pro Tempore*, called the meeting to order.

**II. Roll Call**

Mr. Bunn asked Mrs. Lindsey to call the roll. Other than Mr. Bunn, members attending were: Mrs. Jean Anderson, Mr. Hal Bloom, Mr. Joseph Brown, Mrs. Sheila Cloud, Mr. Jerry Groce, Mr. Randall Hillman, Mr. Alex Saad, Mr. Jerry Smith, Mr. Justin Smith, Mr. Thed Spree and Mr. Victor Vernon. Absent: Dr. John Killian. Mrs. Lindsey announced there was a quorum present. Also attending were: Mr. Mike Kendrick (University Attorney), President Ken Tucker, and several other administrators and staff members, with Earlene Lindsey recording the minutes.

Mr. Bunn asked Mrs. Anderson to say a prayer.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Bunn asked Mr. Kendrick if he could call an executive session later in the meeting without amending the Agenda, and Mr. Kendrick responded that he could with a motion, second, and a vote and not have to amend the Agenda.

***Mr. Jerry Smith moved to approve the Agenda; Mr. Bloom seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.***

**IV. Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2016**

Mr. Bunn asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the meeting held on March 7, 2016. There were none. ***Mrs. Cloud made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr. Brown seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.***

**V. Report from the Athletic Committee**

Mr. Spree, Chair of the Committee, reported that Dr. John Killian called him and said he had funerals for families of two of his Church members that he needed to attend today that would prevent him from attending the Board meeting today.

Mr. Spree reported the Committee had a good meeting this morning, with all members attending. He said UWA was second overall in the GSC All Sports trophy awards. He mentioned a football player, Tyrece Hill, who came to UWA from another school, was a very fast runner, and was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs. Mr. Spree also stated UWA has a good strength coach and some very strong athletes. He reported on the standings for the other team sports. He said UWA has four Rodeo Wranglers going to the national competition.

Mr. Spree stated Johnnie Aycock gave a report on the fundraising for the Rodeo Arena project. He indicated there will be an article in the *Tuscaloosa News* soon about this program. He said another item that was discussed at the Committee Meeting was how to enhance the football game day experience on campus. He mentioned several suggestions and added they will work on this.

**VI. Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee**

Mr. Jerry Smith, Chair, reported that the Committee heard a report from Danielle Buckalew, Director of Alumni Relations, who talked about a list of activities that was sent to the Board outlining a lot of alumni activities in the last few months. He commended her for the good job she is doing.

Mr. Smith stated that Tom Tartt gave a report on the Trustee Scholarships, fundraising and the UWA Foundation. He said Mr. Tartt reported that almost 400 Trustee Scholarships have been offered to freshmen and the Annual Fund has received donations/pledges for \$615,000. Additionally, Mr. Smith indicated the most exciting news was that UWA received a large increase in State appropriations of about \$1.5 million for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Mr. Smith stated the fundraising efforts need to be enhanced and he mentioned Auburn raised about \$2 billion in a capital campaign and added that UWA went above its goal of \$15 million in its last campaign. He said he believes UWA can raise more than the goal in its last Capital Campaign.

Mr. Smith said Dr. Tucker introduced the new Vice President, Mr. Chris Thomason, who made some brief remarks.

**VII. Report from the Facilities Committee**

Mrs. Cloud, Chair, reported that they heard updates from Mr. Bobby Truelove and she thanked him for doing a great job with his report on the status of the ongoing projects to the Committee. She said they appreciate the Physical Plant staff for stepping up to the help with the renovation of the President’s Home. She said she also wanted to thank Mrs. Jean Anderson for her help with the renovation process, adding that she will also take a look at what the costs will be to furnish the home after the renovation is complete. She will need to get in touch with the Development Office.

*At this time, Mr. Bunn asked for a motion to go into an executive session to discuss the sale of the Hunt House. Mr. Jerry Smith made this motion and Mr. Groce seconded the motion. Mr. Kendrick stated the reason for the meeting would be to discuss a price and sale of the Hunt property. The motion passed. They went into Executive Session at 1:20 p.m.*

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*At 1:42 p.m., Mr. Saad made a motion to reconvene the Regular Session of the Board Meeting; Mrs. Cloud seconded the motion, and it was approved.*

*Mr. Justin Smith made a motion to authorize the President of the University to negotiate a sale of the Hunt House under the terms and conditions that were approved by the Board. Mr. Spree seconded the motion; and the motion passed.*

**VIII. Report from the Finance Committee**

*A. Budget Recommendation for FY 2016-2017*

Mr. Saad, Chair, reported that the Finance Committee met earlier today and discussed the budget for the upcoming year, both General Fund and Online. *He said the Finance Committee recommends that the Board approve the General Fund and Online budget, as proposed, for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017. No second was needed and the motion was approved.*

*B. The Learning House*

Mr. Saad stated the Committee also discussed The Learning House proposal for Online Programs and as a result of the discussion, the Committee approved a request to ask Mr. Bunn to appoint a committee, consisting of Sheila Cloud, Randall Hillman and Justin Smith to meet with the Online faculty/staff to obtain more information concerning the needs of that area, such as the infrastructure, etc. Mr. Bunn asked Mr. Justin Smith to chair the committee. Mr. Saad said several members of the Board are still not comfortable approving the agreement with the Learning House until more information is obtained.

**IX. Report from the President’s Evaluation Committee**

Mr. Bunn stated that according to the Board Bylaws, the President of the University should be evaluated each year. He said a copy of the evaluation form was sent to the Board members and the results of the evaluation were compiled and distributed to each member of the Board today. He said he previously asked Mr. Hal Bloom to chair the Evaluation Committee and he requested him to meet with Dr. Tucker to go over the evaluation results. Mr. Bloom said the Committee received evaluation responses from seven Board members, which went very well, and Dr. Tucker received either “Excellent” or “Above Average” on every category. Mr. Bloom indicated it was an excellent evaluation and the Board would like to commend Dr. Tucker for doing an outstanding job in his first year as President.

Dr. Tucker stated he really appreciated the feedback from the Board, adding that he was very sincere in saying that he has enjoyed working with this Board and feels the University is headed in the right direction. He said improvements have been made over the last 1-1/2 years and he looks forward to continuing this practice.

Mr. Kendrick recommended that the Board accept the report on the evaluation of President Tucker. ***A motion was made by Mr. Bloom to accept the evaluation report; Mr. Jerry Smith seconded the motion; and the motion carried.***

#### **X. Report from the Nominating Committee**

Mrs. Cloud, Chair, was asked to present this report. She indicated she contacted all members of the Board to see who their preferences might be to become the leadership of the Board. Mrs. Cloud stated after conversations with the Trustees, she put together a slate of officers and, consulted each member of the Nominating Committee, and would like to present the slate for approval:

Mr. Jerry Smith, President *pro tem*  
 Mr. Randall Hillman, Vice President  
 Mr. Hal Bloom, Secretary  
 Mr. Justin Smith, Treasurer

***Mr. Bunn asked for any other nominations. There were none. Mr. Saad made a motion to approve the slate of officers, as presented; Mrs. Cloud seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.***

Mr. Bunn congratulated the new officers and he feels the Board will have some tremendous leadership and he looks forward to working with them. Mrs. Cloud expressed her appreciation to the Committee members – Mr. Vernon, Mr. Hillman, and Mr. Saad – and also thanked Mr. Bunn for his leadership for the last three years. Several other members of the Board thanked Mr. Bunn for his great leadership. Dr. Tucker said he sincerely looks forward to working with the new officers.

#### **XI. Report from the University President**

Dr. Tucker announced President Bunn will discuss this later, but there is a new addition to the Board, beginning with the next Board meeting. He introduced Katie Beard, who is coming over from the Online Programs office as a replacement for Earlene Lindsey. He said Mrs. Beard has a strong financial services background and has worked with other boards as a minute recorder. Dr. Tucker indicated Mrs. Beard will be the Board's primary contact person after Ms. Lindsey retires.

Dr. Tucker also reported that he just recently returned from Tokyo, Japan and Seoul, South Korea, where two Memorandums of Understanding were signed in Seoul, and he met with five universities in Tokyo over a four-day period and signed two agreements there. He said the exciting thing is that two of the four universities that signed agreements really like our 2+2 model and another is very interested in a 1+ 3 program, which would allow us to get their students a year earlier. This would mean they would go one year there and three years at UWA and graduate. Dr. Tucker indicated these agreements will involve student exchange, faculty exchange, and research collaboration with these International schools. He thanked Dr. Yun Ho Kim, a UWA Chemistry professor, who was instrumental in setting up the visits in South Korea; and Dr. Stephen Slimp (UWA English professor), who speaks fluent Japanese and lived and worked in Japan and previously helped with the appointments in Japan. He thanked the faculty at UWA who have really stepped up to help recruit top quality students here.

Dr. Tucker said he also wanted to thank Terry Bunn for his outstanding leadership as President of the Board, adding that he is a person of strong character, integrity, honesty, and courage, who always acted with the University's best interest at heart. Dr. Tucker mentioned that Mr. Bunn has personally been very helpful and provided valuable advice, guidance and support and Dr. Tucker had enjoyed working with him. Mr. Bunn is a fine man who loves this University and has made tremendous positive accomplishments for UWA. Applause followed for Mr. Bunn.

#### **XII. Report from the Board President**

##### ***A. New Schedule of Meetings 2016-2017***

Mr. Bunn reported that a copy of the proposed calendar for the next year was distributed to the Board in the packets. He called for a motion to approve the calendar. ***A motion was made by Mr. Jerry Smith to approve the calendar for 2016-2017, Mrs. Anderson provided a second, and the motion carried.***

Mr. Bunn said it gave him great please to recognize a person who has served this institution and the Board for many years. He commended Earlene Lindsey for the outstanding job she has done in helping him, and stated at

this time Dr. Tucker will read a resolution honoring Ms. Lindsey for her service and expected retirement on June 30, 2016. Applause followed Dr. Tucker's reading of the resolution. ***A motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution, and it was approved and the framed resolution was presented to Ms. Lindsey.*** Dr. Tucker thanked Ms. Lindsey for her years of dedicated service and also stated that she was thoroughly professional, diligent, responsible, and dependable and that he had learned a lot from her and found her service invaluable and she would be greatly missed.

Ms. Lindsey stated it has been an honor and privilege to record the minutes for the Board for many years and she enjoyed working with the Board and was thankful for the support of Mr. Bunn and the other members of the Board. She also thanked Dr. Tucker for his support, and added that in the 1-1/2 years she has worked for him, she feels he is doing an outstanding job. Ms. Lindsey said she looks forward to the next phase of her life, but will never forget the people on the Board or the friends she has made at the University. She also thanked the Board for the beautiful bouquet of roses that was presented to her today at the beginning of this meeting. Applause followed for Ms. Lindsey.

On a personal note, Mr. Bunn said this would be his last time to sit in the chair of the President of the Board and he looks forward to working with the fine group of new officers. He said he also wanted to thank the faculty and staff of the University for their support, and Mike Kendrick who does a great job as the Board attorney. Mr. Bunn thanked Dr. Tucker for the tremendous job he is doing and looks forward to the future under his leadership. He said he could not say enough about the integrity of the Board members, and he enjoyed working with them very much. Applause ensued for Mr. Bunn.

### **XIII. New Business**

Mr. Bunn asked if there was any new business. Mr. Jerry Smith indicated he would like to say some remarks. He also commended Mr. Bunn for his leadership on the Board and he truly appreciated his service.

Mr. Spree thanked the President for the *Visions of the Black Belt* book that was distributed to the Board members today. Dr. Tucker announced that Dr. Valerie Burnes, a UWA faculty member, was the author of the book.

Mr. Saad also thanked Mr. Bunn for the great job he has done as a member of the Board and President for several years. He stated he had really enjoyed working with him.

Mr. Saad stated he was happy that Jerry Smith will be the new leader of the Board and he feels sure he will do a great job, especially with his expertise in fundraising.

### **XIV. Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **XV. Adjourn**

Mr. Bunn said he would accept a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Kendrick advised Mr. Bunn that the meeting needed to be recessed. Mr. Bunn indicated he would recess the meeting, subject to the call of the President.

Respectfully submitted,

*Earlene Lindsey*

Assistant Secretary to the Board