

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
 Regular Meeting  
 The University of West Alabama  
 Bell Conference Center  
 June 4, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Jerry Smith, President Pro Tempore called the meeting to order

II. Roll Call

Mr. Jerry Smith asked Mrs. Beard to call the roll. Other than Mr. Jerry Smith, members attending were: Mrs. Jean Anderson, Mr. Hal Bloom, Mr. Jerry Groce, Mr. Randy Hillman, Dr. John Killian, Mr. Justin Smith, Mr. Thed Spree, and Mr. Victor Vernon. Mrs. Beard 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 Katie Beard recording the minutes.

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

III. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Hal Bloom moved to approve the Agenda seconded the motion; and the

Mr. Jerry Smith asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss potential pending litigation. Dr. John Killian made a motion to go into Executive Session for this purpose; Mr. Hal Bloom seconded the motion; and the motion passed to go into Executive Session at 11:04 a.m. The estimated time for Executive Session is fifteen minutes. At spring commencement, 62 student athletes graduated. Dr. C

VII. Report from the Facilities Committee

Mrs. Jean Anderson provided an update on the Bridges Auditorium and the Energy Savings Project.

Bridges Auditorium: The auditorium project is complete with the exception of signage. Signage is expected to be complete by June 4. Photos were available at the Facilities Committee meeting. A ribbon cutting is expected to occur in August.

Energy Savings Project

A motion was brought to the Board with a first and second from the Facilities Committee to authorize the Executive Committee to approve a contract with Schneider when and if the numbers are finalized and all has been reviewed with the contract being signed by the President. This motion carried.

A motion was brought to the Board with a first and second from the Facilities Committee to authorize the Executive Committee to approve Stifel as the financial underwriter of the project once the numbers are reviewed and finalized and adopt a general parameters agreement that would provide guidelines for developing a public financing option if and when that is the direction taken. The motion carried.

Dorm Project

Mr. Truelove announced that feasibility and environmental studies are being done on Bunn Hall and that financing for this project is in process through the USDA. Two site options are being considered and a student survey was sent out through housing that showed 57% of the students preferred one location over the other. In addition to the survey, UWA is also working with the architect to see which location would be best for this project. Mr. Truelove hopes to have additional information on Bunn Hall for the next meeting.

VIII. Report from the Finance Committee

Mr. Bunn, serving in the absence of Mrs. Sheila Cloud stated that the budget was reviewed and discussed at the Finance Committee meeting and brings forth a motion to the Board with a first and second from the Finance Committee for approval. The motion carried.

IX. Report from the University President

Spring Commencement

Dr. Tucker reported that Spring Commencement was a very successful event. He thanked the Board members who attended and said that it means a lot to the faculty and staff to see them at this event. There was a large graduating class at this commencement with 208 undergraduates and 338 graduates, which is a total of 546 graduates. This is the largest graduating class in years. Of the 546 graduates, 249 were campus students and 297 were online. There were several special guests that were in attendance including Tim Mansour and Jim Brown who were inducted into the Golden Key Society. A copy of their biographies were distributed to the Board. Both men were outstanding recipients of much success throughout their personal and professional lives. Fi

Mr. Jerry Smith added additional comments regarding graduationMr. Jerry Smith, Mr. Thed Spree, and Dr. John