



**Alabama State University Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Friday, September 21, 2007
Joe L. Reed Acadome Board Room
9:00 A.M.**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean at 9:15 a.m.

II. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mr. Keith Edwards.

III. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Upon roll call by President Lee, a quorum was affirmed.

Present:

Trustee Elton Dean, Chair
Trustee Oscar Crawley, Vice Chair
Trustee Buford Crutcher
Trustee Thomas Figures
Trustee Taylor Hodge
Trustee Lawrence Lemak
Trustee Bobby Junkins
Trustee Joe L. Reed
Trustee Marvin Wiggins
Trustee Catherine Wright
Trustee Herbert Young

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Trustee Young motioned to move Agenda Items XII, XIII and XIV to immediately follow Agenda Item IX. Trustee Wright seconded the motion. Voting aye: Trustee Dean, Crawley, Hodge, Lemak, Junkins, Reed, Wright and Young. Trustees Wiggins, Figures and Crutcher abstained. The motion passed by majority vote.

V. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2007 MEETING

Trustee Wiggins moved, seconded by Trustee Figures, to adopt the minutes of the May 4, 2007 meeting. They were approved by unanimous vote.

VI. President's Report

Dr. Lee briefed the Board on the latest developments of the University since the last Board meeting. (President's Report attached)

Trustee Wright asked for a monthly comparative analysis be provided to the Board for the energy cost savings projected by the Destin Energy implementation. She further inquired about the date of beneficial occupancy for the Forensics Science Building and the date for the grand opening.

Dr. Lee responded that the grand opening will take place during the week of Turkey Day Classic. More details will be forthcoming to the Board relative to the exact date and time. Also, Destin Energy will give a status update to the Board at its next meeting.

**VII. Report of the Student Government Association –
Mr. Duncan Kirkwood, SGA President**

Mr. Kirkwood distributed a copy of the goals, accomplishments and plans for the Student Government Association for 2007-2008. He stated that their objectives include bringing national attention to the University; revising the Student Government Constitution by amending it; creating a stronger connection with alumni; empowering students by getting them involved with SGA activities and campus-wide University committees; and, publishing a monthly newsletter.

He presented three main concerns of the SGA :

1. Fall Commencement ceremony
2. Student Homecoming Week (not suggesting a change of Turkey Day Classic)
3. Employ a full time doctor and extend the hours of the Health Center

VIII. Report of the Faculty Senate – Dr. Derryn Moten, President of Faculty Senate

Dr. Derryn Moten raised several issues as listed:

- 1) He suggested a change of venue for Board meetings because of the number of individuals who attend and the limitations of the current Boardroom; a larger site is being requested by the Faculty Senate.
- 2) There is a great deal of anxiety on campus as a result of the implementation of the employee drug and alcohol policy; employees are unsure of their rights. He questioned whether the University would be held liable if the 3rd party who conducts the background check makes an erroneous report about an individual. The University needs to demonstrate a compelling reason for conducting background checks.
- 3) The revised Faculty Handbook is incongruent with the system of faculty evaluation for improvement which was adopted by the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board in the fall of 1992. Attention was called to several areas in the faculty handbook that are not consistent with the recommendations by the faculty senate. He urged the Board not to approve the Faculty Handbook being presented by the Academic Affairs Committee today.
- 4) He raised concerns about the post tenure review guidelines that were approved by the Academic Affairs Committee and is on the agenda for full Board approval. He pointed out that the post tenure review guidelines are not included in the approved codified System of Evaluation (Fall 1992). Therefore, he asked the Board not to approve the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee on this matter.
- 5) Faculty salary schedule continues to be problematic for the faculty; salary schedules should not be arbitrary. The schedule should be uniform, equitable and fair.

IX. Report of the Non-Academic Staff Council – Mr. Ron Dickerson, Chair of Non-Academic Staff Council

Mr. Dickerson briefed the Board on several matters.

- University employees will remain insured with Blue Cross Blue Shield for this fiscal year; costs were not increased this year.
- There will be a Health Benefits fair on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 in the Buskey Building.
- The Non Academic staff is requesting consideration to waive the technology fee for employees who enroll in class at the University.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. **Approval of Faculty Handbook**
2. **Approval of Post Tenure Review**

A motion to table Items X.A.1 and X.A.2 and refer them back to the Academic Affairs Committee for further review was placed on the floor. Voting yea: Trustees Dean, Crutcher, Crawley, Figures, Junkins, Lemak, Wiggins, Wright and Young. Voting nay was Trustee Reed. The motion passed by majority vote.

3. **Approval to engage consultant in Physical Therapy**
This agenda item was referred to Finance Committee for recommendation to the Board.

B. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

There was no report from the Athletics Committee.

C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR THE 2007-2008 OPERATING BUDGET**

Highlights of the 2007-2008 operating budget were presented by Mr. Freddie Gallot, Vice President for Academic Affairs. He distributed the executive brief of the proposed budget.

Trustee Figures moved, seconded by Trustee Crutcher, to adopt the recommendation of the University to adopt the 2007-2008 operating budget. Voting yea: Trustees Crawley, Crutcher, Dean, Figures, Hodge, Junkins, Lemak, Reed, Wright and Young. Trustee Wiggins voted against the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

Trustee Wiggins expressed concern about the vacant positions in the budget whereas; the University is tapping into the reserve funds.

President Lee and Mr. Gallot responded that the administration plans to look at the matter of vacancies very closely.

Trustee Dean asked that the administration look at the vacancies for elimination and restore the reserves.

2. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO ASSESS FEES IN THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Mr. Gallot presented the resolution to assess fees in the College of Health Science. Trustee Dean called for the vote on the University's recommendation. Voting yea: Trustees Crawley, Crutcher, Dean, Figures, Hodge, Junkins, Lemak, Wright, Wiggins and Young. Voting nay was Trustee Reed. The motion passed by majority vote.

3. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO HOUSE ASU STUDENTS AT THE MADISON HOTEL

Trustee Dean called for the vote on the University's recommendation to house ASU students at the Madison Hotel. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO ASSESS AN APPLICATION FEE FOR ADMISSIONS

With there being no objections to the resolution, the chairman ordered the approval of the resolution to assess an application fee for admissions.

APPROVAL TO ENGAGE CONSULTANT IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

Taking the resolution from the Academic Affairs Committee, the Finance Committee recommends engaging the Physical Therapy Consultant at a rate of \$175.00/hour. Trustee Dean called for the vote. Voting yea: Trustees Dean, Crawley, Crutcher, Figures, Hodge, Lemak, Junkins, Wright, and Young. Trustee Reed abstained. Trustee Wiggins did not cast a vote. The motion passed by majority vote.

D. PROPERTY COMMITTEE

1. APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT THE STUDENT CENTER IN THE CURRENT SITE LOCATION AT A COST OF \$16M

After a lengthy discussion, Trustee Wright moved to defer the recommendation presented by the University's administration regarding the construction of the Student Center and charged the University to look for more dollars to build a Student Center that will accommodate the needs of the students well into the future. The University's plan should include the construction of a temporary facility to house student activities while the new student center is being constructed. Trustee Reed seconded the motion.

Trustee Reed voiced concern about demolishing the Jolm Garrick Hardy Student Center. His sentiment was concurred by Trustee Wiggins.

Chairman Dean called for the vote. Voting yea: Trustees Crawley, Dean, Figures, Hodge, Junkins, Lemak, Reed, Wright, Wiggins and Young. Trustee Crutcher opposed. The motion passed by majority vote.

2. **APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT A TEMPORARY FACILITY TO HOUSE STUDENT ACTIVITIES NEAR THE FOOTBALL COMPLEX**

The resolution was addressed with Agenda Item X.D.1. Therefore no action was taken.

3. **APPROVAL TO ENGAGE DRAPER AND ASSOCIATES TO PERFORM A FACILITIES ASSESSMENT**

Dr. Wooten explained that Draper and Associates team will come in and make a comprehensive assessment of nineteen buildings on campus in order to develop a deferred maintenance plan. They made a detailed presentation to the Property Committee and the University is recommending the approval of this resolution.

Mr. Dean called for the vote on that the recommendation of the Property Committee. Voting yes: Trustees Crawley, Crutcher, Dean, Figures, Junkins, Lemak, Wiggins, and Wright. Trustees Wiggins, Reed and Young opposed. The motion passed by majority vote.

4. **APPROVAL TO THE LIBRARY EXPANSION DESIGN PROCEED AT \$9.2M**

Dr. Wooten presented the resolution to the Board for approval of the Library expansion design to proceed at a cost of \$9.2M dollars.

Dr. Reed expressed a concern about the design of the Library expansion, and more specifically the color of the bricks.

Trustee Wright moved to consider the total financial need to expand and renovate the various buildings being projected. The motion was seconded.

Mr. Crutcher stated his concern on the motion about the timeline and the impact it would have on cost.

Chairman Dean called for the motion on the floor. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **APPROVAL FOR ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN OF ACTION TO CONSTRUCT A FOOTBALL STADIUM ON CAMPUS**

After the recommendation to construct a football stadium was discussed, a motion was placed on the floor and seconded to explore the possibility of building a football stadium on campus. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

E. **Student Affairs Committee – *Trustee Marvin Wiggins, Chair***
There was no report from the Student Affairs Committee.

XI. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

A. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO THE TRUST FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

(Resolution Attached)

Attorney Jones presented the resolution to deed the property at 454 Maury Street, Montgomery to the Trust for Educational Excellence. The motion was placed on the floor and seconded. Referenced motion passed unanimously.

B. APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

Trustee Wiggins moved, Trustee Crutcher seconded, to table the President's contract. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Memorandum dated September 21, 2007, from Attorney Kenneth Thomas, University Counsel, a motion was placed on the floor by Trustee Wiggins, seconded by Trustee Crutcher to convene for Executive Session to discuss legal matters. The motion passed unanimously. Referenced Memorandum is attached to these minutes.

XIII. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Dean called for the report from the Executive Session; President Lee indicated that there was no report from the Executive Session.

XIV. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

- A. Academic New Hires**
- b. Non-Academic New Hires**
- c. Academic Separations**
- D. Non-Academic Separations**

Dr. Lee recommended the approval of personnel actions collectively.

Trustee Figures motion, seconded by Trustee Wiggins, to separate the personnel action and appeal. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustees Figures and Young raised concerns about the personnel action to separate Mr. Freddie Gallot, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, at this time. Both trustees believe that based on several University issues to include the construction projects, bond issues, the recent resignation of the comptroller, and other important fiscal matters, it would not be in the best interest of the University to accept the personnel action to separate Mr. Gallot now.

Trustee Young moved, seconded by Trustee Figures, for the sense of the Board to remove Mr. Gallot from the personnel action report.

Prior to the vote on this motion, Trustee Wiggins asked for the advice of the University's Counsel on this matter.

Attorney Thomas advised the Board that the action that was about to be taken was parallel to action taken previously by the Board which resulted in litigation that is

currently pending before the Alabama Supreme Court. He suggested that the Board should convene into Executive Session for further discussion on the matter. Trustee Hodge moved, Trustee Wiggins seconded, to go into Executive Session. Trustees Reed and Figures opposed. The motion passed by majority vote.

The Board convened into Executive Session.

Report from the Executive Session

Dr. Lee stated that there was not a report from Executive Session.

Trustee Dean called for the motion.

Trustee Young moved, seconded by Trustee Figures, to withdrawn previous motion for the sentiment of the Board and yield to the recommendation of the President.

President Lee in effect removed Mr. Gallot from the list and recommended approval of the modified personal action report.

Trustee Hodge moved, seconded by Trustee Wright, to accept the President's recommendation to approve the personnel actions as modified. Voting yea: Trustees Wright, Reed, Figures, Junkins, Dean, Hodge and Young. Trustees Wiggins, Crutcher and Crawley opposed. The motion passed by majority vote.

Trustee Dean called for the motion on the appeal of Mr. Andre Thomas. Trustee Wright moved, seconded by Trustee Figures, to deny the appeal of Mr. Thomas. Voting yea: Trustees Dean, Crutcher, Crawley, Figures, Hodge, Lemak, Reed, Junkins, and Young. Trustee Wiggins abstained.

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Dean motioned to adopt the Committee appointments as listed for 2007-2008. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was recessed by Trustee Elton Dean, Chair.

Attachments:

September 21, 2007 Agenda
Notice of Posting with the Secretary of State
President's Report
Resolution to Approve the 2007-2008 Operating Budget
Resolution to Assess Fes in the College of Health Sciences
Resolution to House ASU Students at the Madison Hotel
Resolution to assess an Application Fee for Admissions
Resolution Approving the Transfer of Property to the Trust For Education Excellence



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**Report to the Board of Trustees
Alabama State University
September 21, 2007**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am honored to have this opportunity to report to the Board on some of our accomplishments and challenges since our last Board meeting. To say the least, the past few months have been very eventful here on campus. Due to an extremely hot summer, we experienced major air-conditioning failures throughout campus. But on the other hand, the dry weather conditions allowed major construction projects to proceed at a faster rate than anticipated.

To say that we have had a very productive period since our last Board meeting would do an injustice to the efforts of some very hard working people. Let me briefly list a few developments since our last Board meeting:

- **The Department of Mathematics and Science in University College received a five year grant from the National Science Foundation in the amount of \$4,941,544.00 to establish a Center for Research Excellence in Science and Technology. Nanobiotechnology will be the main focus of this research. Dr. Shree Singh will serve as the Principal Investigator.**
- **The College of Health Sciences, supported by a grant for Maternal and Child Health Pipeline Training Program, is offering a Healthy Awareness Health Fair on the Southern Normal Campns, Satnrday, September 22, 2007. The fair is free and open to the public. It is the first such effort of this magnitnde in the Brewton community.**
- **Many of our graduates of the Theater Arts Program are doing well in show business. Some have been selected to appear in Broadway shows. Alabama Shakespeare Festival and other productions in places like Utah, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Japan, and Puerto Rico. Several recent graduates received scholarships to graduate schools.**
- **The College of Edncation had a successfnl pre-visit for NCATE Accreditation. The chair of the committee was pleased with the preparation. Everyone is encouraged to go on line to view the report. The full team will visit onr campus late October.**

- **Congratulations are in order for Dr. Martha Pettway and the recruiters in the Office of Admissions for a job well done in recruiting efforts last year. We are especially pleased with their efforts to increase the commuter student population. As of 9/20, the enrollment was 5,569 students, but more than 6,096 students were on campus at one point during the beginning of the academic year.**
- **ASU continues its participation in the FBI's Collegiate Marketing and Recruitment Program.**
- **The University was notified on June 27, 2007, that our request to write-off old student accounts receivable had been approved by the Attorney General. We were approved to write off \$5,371,127.38 for 8,760 old accounts. Approval for 518 accounts totaling \$404,372.91 was denied because the University had not performed sufficient due diligence on the collection process. These accounts have been turned over to the collection agency and will be re-submitted to the Attorney General once the collections efforts have been completed.**
- **The Fiscal Office has completed the FY 2008 Operating Budget. The proposed Budget has been submitted to the Board of Trustees for the scheduled approval at the Board meeting today.**
- **The Fiscal Office has also compiled and submitted the FY 2008 Postsecondary Operations Plan.**
- **The area of Fiscal Affairs is preparing for the fiscal year close-out and putting in place logistics for the various audits to be performed for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (General Financial Statements, NCAA, WVAS-FM, Trust for Educational Excellence, Agreed-upon Procedures for Capital Improvements, Desegregation Planning, Minority Recruitment, Title VI Program Enhancement, and the Financial Compliance Audit performed by the Examiners for Public Accounts).**
- **The University has submitted a Request for Proposals to interested vendors for possible outsourcing of the University Bookstore. The Proposals are due back to the University by the latter part of October. A selection committee has been appointed and the committee will make its recommendation to the President once the review process has been completed.**
- **The University has engaged Brinks armored services to pick up and deliver cash and other financial securities to the major banking institutions.**
- **The National Association for Student Financial Aid Association (NASFA) has appointed Ms. Dorenda D. Adams, Financial Aid Director, to serve on the Institutional Management Program Committee for 2007-2008. Ms. Adams**

has also been appointed to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee to develop a sponsoring policy for the Alabama Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (AASFAA) for 2007-2008.

- All of the Residence Hall Academic Labs are up and functioning.
- The Living/Learning Language Communities are up and functioning.
- In an effort to help students become more attuned to a global society, the Office of Student Affairs has developed a program called Students in the Spanish and Korean Communities. Classes meet on Monday and Tuesday evenings.
- The Student Leadership Institute is in its third year and there are currently 30 students enrolled in this program. The Leadership Retreat was held on September 15-16 at the 4-H Center in Columbiana, AL.
- Student Activities continues to provide evening and weekend activities for the students. Those activities include: Monday Night Football, Weekend Movies, Recreational Volleyball, Recreational Basketball, Pep Rallies and Tailgating.
- The Office of Career Services will be sponsoring the Fall Career Fair on October 5, 2007, in the Acadome. We are expecting approximately 130 participants, representing 65 or more organizations.
- A new sound system has been installed in the Acadome. Although we are still tweaking the system, it is ready for use and a vast improvement over the old system.
- A sixteen (16) inch Channel Digital Video Recorder has been installed in each residence hall and a forty-two (42) inch monitor has been installed in the Police Department. This monitor will enable the Police Department to view computer laboratories in the residence halls.
- Campus safety continues to be a top priority of the Administration. The University has been able to acquire, for a temporary period, a sky watch from the Montgomery Police Department. This piece of equipment was funded through Homeland Security. We are currently seeking funds to secure our own unit for campus use.
- Destin Energy has completed the installation of the single meter supplying the inner campus with power from Alabama Power Company. It has

reduced approximately 27 meters (with many having different rates) to a consolidated meter, with one rate.

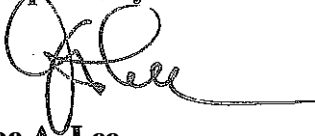
- **Work has steadily progressed on the Life Sciences facility and the Ralph Abernathy College of Education. We have secured all but one parcel in the footprint of the education facility.**
- **University officials and officials from the State Department of Forensic are currently finalizing construction issues with the Robert Hatch Forensic Science facility. Plans are in place to take occupancy of the facility next week.**
- **Although we have taken beneficiary occupancy of the Fred Shuttlesworth Dining Hall, we are still working on some items that are still creating some concerns. We fully expect to have all of these items addressed in the very near future.**
- **Work has commenced on Abercrombie and Bibb Graves Halls. We are expecting the delivery of windows and scaffolding at any time.**
- **Publications, Marketing and Promotions produced and distributed the 2007 Football Media Guide along with Schedule Cards and posters.**
- **PMP launched the Reggie Barlow Show for radio and television.**
- **PMP developed and executed *Theme Nights* for the 2007 ASU (home games) football season. (Jersey Night 9/1/07, Armed Forces Night 9/22/07)**
- **PMP launched a *Learn More, Achieve More, and Be More* statewide radio and television campaign.**
- **ASU launched a non-traditional marketing text messaging campaign, coupled with outdoor advertising and two radio station partnerships, to recruit prospective students in ASU's home market of Montgomery. Outdoor boards with messages that read in TXT "*Success Starts at ASU*" and "*Be More at ASU*" challenged drivers to text ALASU to 41411 for more information.**
- **Coordinated, with AFROTC's Detachment 019, to promote and market ASU's role as a community leader and diversity champion to the Hispanic Community in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.**
- **WVAS was awarded an \$85,000 Grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to convert the station from Analog to Digital Broadcasting.**

- **WVAS-FM secured 420+ new members and \$37,000+ in pledges during its summer 2007 Membership Campaign.**
- **WVAS-FM co-sponsored "Summer Smooth Jazz" concert at City of Montgomery's Riverwalk Amphitheatre.**
- **WVAS-FM co-sponsored "Jazz on the Grass" at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival on Labor Day.**
- **Debuted the "Coach Reggie Barlow Show" on 09/10/07 which airs on WVAS-FM Radio, Monday evenings at 5 p.m.**
- **Hosted the 29th Annual Alabama State Data Center Conference, June 1, 2007. The State Data Center houses both historical and perspective Census information. The program's purpose is to improve access to and facilitate use of Census Bureau products and services by Alabama's residents, business people and state and local government agencies and employees.**
- **Launched the ASU Business Plan Competition, June 5, 2007. The competition is designed to bring awareness to minority entrepreneurs who are committed to growing their businesses in Alabama. ASU is partnering with the Alabama Coalition for Capital for the competition. The winner for Start-up Company will receive an investment of \$25,000. First and second place winners for established companies will receive an investment of \$75,000 and \$50,000. Received 29 Start-up Business plan applications and 26 Established Business plan applications for the ASU Business Plan Competition.**
- **Hosted the Bridge Builders Breakfast Series with guest speaker Congressman Artur Davis at the RSA Activity Center, August 24, 2007. The Bridge Builders Breakfast is designed to encourage inclusiveness across communities when addressing issues and topics relative to all citizens.**
- **Finalized the Cooperative Agreement for the National Center for Sports Safety, August 24, 2007. This program is funded in the amount of \$400,000.00 with The Center for Leadership & Public Policy receiving \$80,000.00 for administrative costs. The purpose of this program is to educate recreational coaches on the importance of injury prevention and safety at all levels of youth sports.**
- **The 2nd Annual GATHERING was held on July 20, 2007, to raise funds for the Trust for Educational Excellence. Gifts and pledges totaling over \$103,015 were collected in support of that event.**

- **A total of \$ \$446,287 in contributions was raised for the Trust for Educational Excellence in FY 2007 – August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007. Three new Fully-Funded Named Scholarships were established in the Trust for Educational Excellence in FY 2007.**
- **An On-line giving Program has been fully implemented. Donors are now able to give to the University via a number of credit cards and pledges.**
- **The College of Health Sciences has received \$169,934 grant to promote the development of a culturally diverse and representative maternal & child health workforce by recruiting, training and retaining student from underrepresented minorities.**
- **The College of Business Administration has received an \$89,000 grant to assist in globalizing the Business Curriculum at ASU. The Program is designed to both instill an international perspective in students, faculty, and local small businesses, and prepare for a global business environment. The project also provides international business exposure to predominantly African American students, many of whom are first generation college students.**
- **ASU has been selected for inclusion in the NCAA Champs/Life Skills Program.**
- **We are pleased to report that a New “Booster Group” – The “A Club”- has been formed, and has already provided significant support to the athletic program.**
- **The NFL recently donated a large amount of equipment to our football program. The estimated value is approximately \$20,000.**
- **While I am sure that it is a well known fact, the ASU Football Team is 3-0, in a season under Coach Reggie Barlow, when we were not given a chance to win very few games, if any. The first game under his leadership drew a record 17,300 plus. We are off to a good year, with a chance to post the best record since 2004 tomorrow against Alcorn State.**

These are just a few of the events that have taken place since our last meeting. While we take great pride in these accomplishments, our challenges continue. These are great days for ASU, and I want to thank this Board for investing in its great transformation.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe A. Lee", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe A. Lee
President

A simple handwritten checkmark symbol consisting of a vertical line on the left, a diagonal line on the right, and a horizontal line at the top.

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Re: Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation

From: September 21, 2007

This letter is to advise the Board of Trustees of Alabama State University ("the Board") that I have reviewed the matter upon which it is considering convening an executive session for discussion with legal counsel. I have determined that this matter is appropriate for executive session under Section (7)(a)(3) of Act No. 2005-40.

Pursuant to the Act, a copy of this letter should be attached to the Minutes of the Board Meeting wherein the Board has considered and approved a Motion to Convene for Executive Session.

ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE 2007-2008
OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, Alabama State University has completed its budget preparation process and;

WHEREAS, the University has considered all the basic needs of the University and reviewed available resources in support of this recommended Budget and;

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees for Alabama State University approved the University's recommended Budget with the understanding that the University would re-examine issues raised by members of the Committee and;

WHEREAS, the University has responded to these issues and communicated its resolution to the Finance Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approves the 2007-2008 Operating Budget for Alabama State University.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees for Alabama State University in its meeting on
September 21, 2007

ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

RESOLUTION TO ASSESS FEES IN THE COLLEGE OF
HEALTH SCIENCES

WHEREAS, the cost for providing state-of-the art education in the College of Health Sciences has increased dramatically and;

WHEREAS, the University finds it necessary to explore all sources of revenue to support the cost of instruction and;

WHEREAS, the University has investigated new fees that can be assessed against students matriculating in the College of Health Sciences;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Finance Committee recommends and the Board of Trustees for Alabama State University approves the following fees:

- A. Assess a \$200 reservation fee (*effective 2008 Spring Semester*)
- B. Assess a \$175 CLEP (College Level Exam Program) fee associated with the Department of Physical Therapy (*effective 2007 Fall Semester*)
- C. A \$9,000 fee charged to individuals with a Bachelor' degree in Physical Therapy seeking to earn a doctorate in Physical Therapy (*effective Fall 2007*)
- D. A \$5,000 fee charged to Physical Therapy students with a Master's degree in Physical Therapy who wish to earn a doctorate degree (*effective Fall 2007*)

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**ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

**RESOLUTION TO HOUSE ASU'S STUDENTS AT
THE MADISON HOTEL**

WHEREAS, Alabama State University is experiencing a shortage of on-campus housing resulting from the renovation of two of its dormitories and;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the University to identify alternative housing to meet the needs of existing students' requests;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Finance Committee recommends and the Board of Trustees for Alabama State University approves the contract between the University and the Madison Hotel. The cost of the contract with the Madison Hotel is approximately \$672,000. The cost covers 75 rooms for the 2007 Fall Semester 60 rooms for the 2008 Spring semester. Additionally, \$184,000 will be needed for transportation and security associated with this contract.

**Adopted by the Board of Trustees for Alabama State University in its meeting on
September 21, 2007**

ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

RESOLUTION TO ASSESS AN APPLICATION FEE FOR
ADMISSIONS

WHEREAS, Alabama State University receives a large number of applications for students interested in attending the University and;

WHEREAS, the University expends significant resources in the processing of these applications and;

WHEREAS, the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees has approved the University's request to charge an application fee for all applicants interested in attending Alabama State University;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Finance Committee recommends and the Board of Trustees for Alabama State University approves an application fee of \$25 per student.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees for Alabama State University in its meeting on September 21, 2007

**ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO
THE TRUST FOR EDUCATION EXCELLENCE**

WHEREAS, Alabama State University (Athe University@) was granted a parcel of real estate on December 9th, 2005 by Thomas Van Allen Vickers, a legal description of which is set forth as follows:

Lot 8, Block A, according to the Holt's Subdivision of part of Squares 3, 4 and 5 of Burtonville, as the same appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Montgomery, County, Alabama, in Deed Book 19 at page 164.

For ad valorem tax purposes, the address of this property is 454 Maury Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

WHEREAS, a conclusion has been reached by the Alabama State University Board of Trustees that the University has no need for this real estate to be used as a part of its campus or facilities;

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of Alabama State University to donate the value of this property to the Trust for Educational Excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The University shall donate the said property to the Trust for Educational Excellence.

RESOLVED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2007.

APPROVED: _____
Chairman of the Board

APPROVED: _____
Secretary to the Board of Trustees