

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, FAYETTEVILLE  
BOYER HALL, JANELLE Y. HEMBREE ALUMNI HOUSE  
FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS  
12:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 19, 2020 AND 8:45 A.M., NOVEMBER 20, 2020

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chairman John Goodson; Trustees Dr. Ed Fryar, Steve Cox and Ted Dickey.

TRUSTEES PRESENT VIA  
VIDEO CONFERENCE:

Trustees Dr. Stephen A. Broughton; Charles “Cliff” Gibson, III; Morril Harriman; Sheffield Nelson; Kelly Eichler and Tommy Boyer.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS  
AND OTHERS PRESENT:

System Administration:

President Donald R. Bobbitt, General Counsel JoAnn Maxey, Vice President for Agriculture Mark J. Cochran, Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael K. Moore, Vice President for University Relations Melissa Rust, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Gina Terry, Vice President for Planning and Development Chris Thomason, Associate Vice President for Benefits and Risk Management Services Steve Wood, Senior Director of Policy and Public Affairs Ben Beaumont, Director of Communications Nate Hinkel, Chief Audit Executive Laura Cheak, Chief Information Officer Steven Fulkerson, Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration Chandra Hall, Associate General Counsel Patrick Hollingsworth, Assistant to the President Angela Hudson and Associate for Administration Sylvia White.

UAF Representatives:

Chancellor Joseph E. Steinmetz, Provost Charles Robinson, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Ann Bordelon, Deputy Athletic Director - CFO Clayton

Hamilton, Managing Associate General Counsel Bill Kincaid, Chief of Staff Laura Jacobs and Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Mike Johnson.

UAMS Representatives:

Chancellor Cam Patterson; Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost/Chief Strategy Officer Stephanie Gardner; Senior Vice Chancellor for UAMS Health and Chief Executive Officer, UAMS Medical Center, Steppe Mette; Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer Amanda George; Chief Administrative Officer and Associate Vice Chancellor for Clinical Finance Jake Stover; Vice Chancellor for Institutional Support Services and Chief Operating Officer Christina Clark; Director of Institutional Research, Policy, and Accreditation Kristin Sterba; Vice Chancellor, Institutional Compliance, Mark Hagemeyer; Vice Chancellor for Human Resources and Chief Human Resources Officer Danielle Lombard-Sims; Director of Communications Leslie Taylor and Director, Information Technology Enterprise Operations Corey Caldwell.

UALR Representatives:

Chancellor Christina Drale, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Steve McClellan, Executive Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Provost Ann Bain, and Chief of Government Relations Joni Lee.

UAPB Representatives:

Chancellor Laurence B. Alexander; Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Carla Martin; Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management Braque Talley; Provost/Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs Robert Z. Carr, Jr.; Executive Senior Associate

Athletic Director Chris Robinson, Director of Technical Services Willette Totten and Chief of Staff Janet Broiles.

UAM Representatives:

Chancellor Peggy Doss, Vice Chancellor for Student Engagement Moses Goldmon, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Crystal Halley, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Alex Becker and Chief Information Officer Anissa Ross.

UAFS Representatives:

Chancellor Terisa Riley, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Georgia Hale and Director of Information Technology Terry Meadows.

PCCUA Representatives:

Chancellor Keith Pinchback and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Stan Sullivant and Director of Information Technology, Helena-West Helena Campus, Lee Williams.

UACCH-T Representatives:

Interim Chancellor Laura Clark, Vice Chancellor for Student Services Brian Berry and Dean of Student Services Christopher Smith.

UACCB Representatives:

Chancellor Deborah Frazier, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Brian Shonk and Director of Information Services Steve Collins.

UACCM Representatives:

Chancellor Lisa G. Willenberg, Vice Chancellor for Finance Jeff Mullen, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Richard Counts and Vice Chancellor for Student Services Darren Jones.

CCCUA Representatives:  
Chancellor Steve Cole and Vice Chancellor  
for Academics Ashley Aylett.

UACCRM Representatives:  
Chancellor Phillip Wilson and Vice President  
for Academic Affairs Krystal Thrailkil.

UA – PTC Representatives:  
Chancellor Margaret Ellibee, Chief  
Information Officer David Glover and  
Director of STEM Success Richard Moss.

Division of Agriculture Representative:  
Senior Associate Vice President for  
Agriculture - Research and Director of the  
Agricultural Experiment Station Jean-  
Francois Meullenet.

ASMSA Representative:  
Director Corey Alderdice.

AAS Representative:  
Director George Sabo, III.

CJI Representative:  
Director Cheryl May.

CSPS Representative:  
Dean James L. “Skip” Rutherford.

WRI Representative:  
Executive Director Marta Loyd.

Guests:  
Michael Moyers of the Friday Firm and PFM  
Representatives Stephen Murphy, Josh McCoy,  
Jeremy Bass and Brian Carter.

Members of the Press.

Chairman Goodson called the regular session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas to order at 12:07 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2020, in Boyer Hall, Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, via in person and virtually. Upon motion of Trustee Cox and second by Trustee Dickey, Chairman Goodson stated the Board would go into Executive Session for the purpose of appointments to the UAMS Medical and AHEC staffs, the CCCUA and UACCM Board of Visitors, The UA Foundation Board, and the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation; the approval of voluntary retirement agreements and salaries in excess of the line item maximum; the granting of emeritus status; and the employment, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of public officers or employees for the various campuses of the University of Arkansas System.

1. Executive Session:

Chairman Goodson reconvened the Regular Session of the Board at 2:21 p.m. and called for action on the following matters discussed in Executive Session:

1.1 Approval of Salaries in Excess of the Line Item Maximum, UAF:

Upon motion of Trustee Cox, second by Trustee Fryar, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT salaries, as set forth below, in excess of the line-item maximum established by law, are hereby approved for the following individuals at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated section 6-62-103:

John English, Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation	\$376,463
Car allowance	\$12,000
Deferred Compensation	\$44,160
Effective retroactive to November 1, 2020	
Tina Goodson, Health Center Physician	\$250,000
Effective retroactive to July 1, 2020	
Charles F. Robinson, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs	\$320,000
Car allowance	\$12,000
Effective retroactive to September 18, 2020	

1.2 Approval of the Appointment of Ed Fryar to The Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation, UAF:

Upon motion of Trustee Dickey and second by Trustee Broughton, the Board adopted the following resolution (Trustee Fryar recused from voting):

WHEREAS, under the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws of The Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation, Inc. (the Walton Family Foundation), the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas (the Board) is authorized to appoint one of the four Class A members of the Walton Family Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Board may appoint such Class A member for a term not to exceed five (5) years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT Dr. Ed Fryar is hereby appointed as a Class A member of The Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation, Inc. to serve for a term ending October 31, 2022.

1.3 Approval of Initial Appointments, Six Month Reviews, Reappointments and Changes in Status and Privileges for University Hospital and AHEC Staffs, UAMS:

Trustee Broughton moved that the requests for initial appointments, six-month reviews, reappointments and changes in status and privileges for the University Hospital and AHEC staffs be approved; second was made by Trustee Fryar. The Board voted to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the following Initial Appointments, Six Month Reviews, Reappointments and Requests for Changes in Status and Privileges for Medical Staff and Affiliated Health Professional Staff are hereby approved:

Initial Appointments - Medical Staff

BUSBY, Stacy, MD ..... Musculoskeletal/Orthopaedic Surgery  
GWIN, Amanda, PA .....Neurosciences/Physician Assistant  
Supervising Physician: Vishank Shah, MD  
HARDWICK, Allyssa, CNP .....Cancer/Adult-Gero AC NP  
Collaborative Physician: Issam Makhoul, MD  
JASTANIAH, Ebba, MD ..... Emergency Medicine/Emergency Medicine  
JOHNSON, Asjia, CNP .....Cancer/Adult-Gero AC NP  
Collaborative Physician: Fritz Van Rhee, MD

LEA, Brooke, CNP ..... Transplant/Adult-Gero PC NP  
Collaborative Physician: Lyle Burdine, MD  
MAVROS, Michail, MD ..... Cancer/Complex Gen Surgical Onc  
MERVES, Matthew, MD..... Womens & Infants/Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine  
MERVES, Shae, MD ..... Womens & Infants/Pediatric Cardiology  
MISHRA, Prabhat, MD ..... Pediatric Anesthesiology  
NICHOLS, Abigail, CNM ..... Womens & Infants/Certified Nurse Midwife  
Collaborative Physician: Nirvana Manning, MD  
ODIASE, Elaine, MD ..... Surgical Specialties/Pediatric Gastroenterology  
O'NEAL, Laurel, CNM ..... Womens & Infants/Certified Nurse Midwife  
Collaborative Physician: Nirvana Manning, MD  
PHILLIPS, Carrie, CNP .....Integrated Medicine/Adult NP  
Collaborative Physician: Robert Hopkins, MD  
PRIDDY, Candace, PA .....Integrated Medicine/Physician Assistant  
Supervising Physician: Robert Hopkins, MD  
RONE, Christina, CNP .....Cancer/Adult-Gero AC NP  
Collaborative Physician: Issam Makhoul, MD  
ROSENBAUM, Rachel, CNP ..... Surgical Specialties/Adult-Gero AC NP  
Collaborative Physician: Ben Davis, MD  
RUMPEL, Dustin, MD .....Critical Care Medicine  
SALAAM, Christy, CNP .....Neurosciences/Family NP  
Collaborative Physician: Dale Carter, MD  
SHAW, Martha, CNP ..... Behavioral Health/Psy-MH NP  
Collaborative Physician: Molly Reeves, MD  
SLOAN, Rachel, CNP .....Neurosciences/Family NP  
Collaborative Physician: Tuhin Virmani, MD  
TOBEY, Galen, MD ..... Emergency Medicine/Emergency Medicine  
VALDES-RODRIGUEZ, Rodrigo, MD .....Integrated Medicine/Dermatopathology  
WHIDDON, Katelin, CNP ..... Digital Health/Family NP  
Collaborative Physician: Shashank Kraleti, MD  
WILLIAMS, Heather, MD..... Cancer/Gynecologic Oncology  
ZAFAR, Taqi, MD..... Neurosciences/Epilepsy

Six Month Review

BICKFORD, Amanda, CNP ..... Digital Health/Family NP  
BRANCH, Kiley, CNP .....Integrated Medicine/Adult-Gero AC NP  
CROSSKNO, Amanda, CRNA .....CRNA  
DANIEL, Jessica, CNP .....Integrated Medicine/Adult-Gero AC NP  
GRAY, Rebecca, CNP ..... Digital Health/Family NP  
JARAMILLO, Erica, CNP ..... Digital Health/Family NP  
KAUR, Harleen, MD ..... Imaging/Nuclear Medicine  
KELSEY, Johnnie, CNP ..... Digital Health/Family NP

KUNTHUR, Anuradha, MD..... Cancer/Hematology  
MALLADI, Sai Aruna Sri, MD..... Integrated Medicine/Family Medicine  
MCDONALD, Lauren, CNP ..... Integrated Medicine/AC NP  
MURPHY, Janice, MD ..... Imaging/Pediatric Radiology  
ROWLAND, Joshua, CNP ..... Digital Health/Family NP  
RUMPEL, Jennifer, MD ..... Womens & Infants/Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine  
SMITH, Rachael, CNP..... Digital Health/Family NP  
TANNER, Kimberly, CNP ..... Digital Health/Family NP  
TEAGUE, Heather, CNP ..... Digital Health/Family NP  
WALLACE, Joshua, CNP ..... Digital Health/Family NP  
WILLIAMS, Anne, CNP ..... Womens & Infants/Family NP  
WILSON, Meghan, MD.....Musculoskeletal/Spinal Cord Injury Medicine

Reappointments-Medical Staff

ABBOTT, Randy, CNP .....Cancer/Family NP  
Collaborative Physician: Richard Griffiths, MD  
AMICK, Rebekka, CNS ..... Integrated Medicine/Adult-Gero CNS  
Collaborative Physician: Vivian Suarez, MD  
BARGANIER, Laura, CNP .....Neurosciences/Family NP  
Collaborative Physician: Robert Archer, MD  
BARTTER, Thaddeus, MD .....Integrated Medicine/Pulmonary Disease  
BAXTER, Beverly, CNP ..... Cancer/AC NP  
Collaborative Physician: Sharmilan Thanendrarajan, MD  
BERNEY, Seth, MD ..... Integrated Medicine/Rheumatology  
BONWICH, Janina, MD..... Surgical Specialties/General Surgery  
BURROW, Thomas, MD .....Integrated Medicine/Med Biochem Genetics  
BUTLER, Casey, CNP ..... Emergency Medicine/Adult-Gero AC NP  
Collaborative Physician: Joseph Watkins, MD  
CHISHOLM, Dan, MD..... Imaging/Diagnostic Radiology  
COLCLOUGH, Sheena, CNP ..... Surgical Specialties/Adult-Gero AC NP  
Collaborative Physician: Matthew Deneke, MD  
DAJANI, Nafisa, MD .....Womens & Infants/Maternal & Fetal Medicine  
DAVIS, Romona, MD ..... Ophthalmology/Ophthalmology  
EADS, Lou Ann, MD ..... Behavioral Health/Geriatric Psychiatry  
FICKETT, David, PA .....Integrated Medicine/Physician Assistant  
Supervising Physician: Aytekin Ozdemir, MD  
Reappointing to reinstate  
FRAZIER, George, MD ..... Musculoskeletal/Surgery of the Hand  
HEREDIA, Manuel, CNP .....Cancer/Adult-Gero AC NP  
Collaborative Physician: Donald Bodenner, MD  
HUNTER, Aaron, MD .....Cancer/General Practice  
JAGANA, Rajani, MD..... Integrated Medicine/Critical Care Medicine



JAIN, Nishank, MD ..... Integrated Medicine/Nephrology  
Returning from Leave of Absence with a change in privileges to Hospital Medicine  
Privileges

JERNIGAN, Michele, CNP ..... Womens & Infants/Womens HC NP  
Collaborative Physician: William Greenfield, MD

JHA, Bhawna, MD ..... Neurosciences/Neurology  
Reappointing to reinstate  
Requesting reinstatement to Honorary Staff

LOWERY, Robert, MD ..... Ophthalmology/Ophthalmology

MCKELVEY, Kent, MD ..... Behavioral Health/Clinical Genetics  
Reappointing to reinstate

NELSEN, David, MD ..... Integrated Medicine/Family Medicine

RADER, Janet, PA ..... Integrated Medicine/Physician Assistant  
Supervising Physician: Priya Mendiratta, MD

SCHAEFER, Gerald, MD ..... Integrated Medicine/Clinical Genetics

SIDDIQI, Humza, MD ..... Integrated Medicine/Geriatric Medicine

SMITHWICK, Susan, CNP ..... Integrated Medicine/Gero NP  
Collaborative Physician: Priya Mendiratta, MD

TACKETT, Joan, CNP ..... Integrated Medicine/Family NP  
Collaborative Physician: Jennifer Casey, MD

TAYLOR, Chad, MD ..... Womens & Infants/Obstetrics & Gynecology

TRANA, Carol, PA ..... Integrated Medicine/Physician Assistant  
Supervising Physician: Gerald Schaefer, MD

TULUNAY UGUR, Ozlem, MD ..... Surgical Specialties/Otolaryngology

UWAYDAT, Sami, MD ..... Ophthalmology/Ophthalmology

VEERAPANENI, Karthika, MD ..... Neurosciences/Clinical Neurophysiology

WALLACE, Cesalie, CNP ..... Integrated Medicine/Family NP  
Collaborative Physician: Jamie Howard, MD

WANG, Xiaofei, MD ..... Imaging/Nuclear Medicine

ZENO, Virginia, CNP ..... Womens & Infants/Womens HC NP  
Collaborative Physician: Luann Racher, MD

Requested Change in Staff Status

FOX, Michele, MD ..... Lab\_Path/Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine  
Requesting change from Active to Courtesy Staff

HOUGH, Aubrey, MD ..... Lab\_Path/Anatomic-Clinical Pathology  
Requesting change from Active Staff to Courtesy Staff

Requested Change in Privileges

HOEY, Shannon, CNP ..... Integrated Medicine/Adult-Gero AC  
Collaborative Physician: Jay Bhama, MD  
Requesting transfer from Transplant to Integrated Medicine Service Line with a  
change in privileges from Transplant to Cardiac Surgery Privileges NP

- MOORE, Joyce, CNP .....Integrated Medicine/Family NP  
Collaborative Physician: Khaled Khasawneh, MD  
Requesting transfer from Geriatrics to Sleep Medicine with a change in privileges
- WILLIAMS, Anne, CNP ..... Womens & Infants/Family NP  
Collaborative Physician: Lindsay Sward, MD  
Requesting Vaginal and Limited U/S for OB, Abdominal Bedside U/S,  
Pelvic/Abdominal U/S, IUD removal, Endometrial biopsy, Cervical polyp removal,  
IUD placement and Transvaginal U/S Privileges
- PERET, Carmen, CNP .....Emergency Medicine/Adult Gero AC NP  
Collaborative Physician: Randy Maddox, MD  
Requesting SANE APRN Privileges

Initial Appointment-Affiliated Health

- YEK, Ming Hwei, PsyD .....Transplant/Psychology  
Supervising Physician: Christopher Cargile, MD

Reappointments-Affiliated Health

- COMPTON, Mary, PhD ..... Integrated Medicine/Psychology  
Supervising Physician: Jeannie Wei, MD

1.4 Approval of the Promotion of Christopher Westfall to Distinguished Professor, UAMS:

Upon motion of Trustee Cox and second by Trustee Broughton, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT Christopher Westfall, M.D., FACS, shall be, and hereby is, promoted to Distinguished Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology within the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, retroactively effective July 1, 2020.

1.5 Approval of a Voluntary Retirement Agreement for Dr. Mary Brentley, UAPB:

Upon motion of Trustee Broughton and second by Trustee Gibson, the following resolutions were adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Voluntary Retirement Program Agreement (the "Agreement") of Dr. Mary Brentley, Associate Professor and Director in the Department of Basic Academic Services at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, dated November 19, 2020, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Dr. Mary Brentley must resign her position effective November 20, 2020 and relinquish all tenure rights. In return, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff will provide a payment in the amount of \$28,218 and such other amounts and considerations provided in accordance with the Agreement, to or on behalf of, Dr. Mary Brentley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Dr. Mary Brentley will be provided a period of at least of seven (7) days following execution of the Agreement by the Chairman of the Board within which to revoke the Agreement as required by applicable law.

1.6 Approval of Appointments to the Board of Visitors, CCCUA:

Upon motion by Trustee Gibson and second by Trustee Harriman, the following resolution was approved:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT Mrs. Barbara Dixon and Mrs. Brenda Tate are hereby appointed to membership on the Board of Visitors of Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas for terms expiring June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2026, respectively.

1.7 Approval of Appointments to the Board of Visitors, UACCM:

Upon motion of Trustee Gibson and second by Trustee Dickey, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT Mr. Jerry Owens and Mr. Corey Parks are hereby appointed to membership on the Board of Visitors of the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton for terms expiring June 30, 2023.

1.8 Approval of the Reappointment of Mike Akin to The University of Arkansas Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors, UASYS:

Upon motion of Trustee Gibson and second by Trustee Cox, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT Mike Akin is hereby reappointed to The University of Arkansas Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

1.9 Approval of the Granting of Emeritus Status, All Campuses and Units:

Upon motion of Trustee Fryar and second by Trustee Cox, the Board approved the following individuals to receive emeritus status:

Emeritus Resolution for Ro Di Brezzo, UAF

WHEREAS, Dr. Ro Di Brezzo, University Professor of Exercise Science in the College of Education and Health Professions, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, retired on June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Di Brezzo joined the University of Arkansas in 1983 and has held multiple roles such as Program Chair, Director of the Human Performance Laboratory, and Interim Department Head. In 2011 she served as Interim Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and promoted to the permanent position in 2012. In 2013 the role evolved to Vice Provost for Faculty Development and Enhancement, and in 2019 Dr. Di Brezzo returned to faculty; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Di Brezzo was instrumental in the University of Arkansas obtaining the “Research 1 – Doctoral University: Very High Research Activity” from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Di Brezzo is a champion of teaching excellence, being the Co-Founder & Co-Director of the Wally Cordes Teaching and Faculty Support Center in 1992, spearheading University Perspectives across campus, and winning multiple teaching awards; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Di Brezzo has enjoyed a distinguished career in the field of kinesiology being the Co-Director of the Office for Studies on Aging, becoming a Fellow in the American College of Sports Medicine, having numerous publications, and research partnerships around the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Di Brezzo’s many years of exemplary service were recently recognized with the University of Arkansas Alumni Association Faculty Distinguished Achievement Award for Outstanding Public Service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Di Brezzo is a respected colleague and beloved teacher held in highest regard by her peers and students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board bestows upon Dr. Ro Di Brezzo the title of Professor Emeritus of Exercise Science, effective November 20, 2020, and grants her certain rights and privileges as extended to emeritus faculty by the Fayetteville campus and the University of Arkansas System.

FURTHERMORE, the Board directs that this resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and a copy shall be provided to Dr. Di Brezzo.

Emeritus Resolution for Lavoris Martin, UAPB

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lavoris Martin, Associate Librarian in the John Brown Watson Library at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, retired after 20 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin joined UAPB on March 1, 2000 as a Librarian; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin devoted her academic and professional career to the students at UAPB, and enjoyed an exemplary reputation for expertise in library services; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin assisted with the design and implementation of the university's first online course; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at UAPB, Mrs. Martin, designed and implemented technological projects including integrating library services into the cloud-based assets to aid in student success and faculty development; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin has dedicated 20 years of service, professionalism, and leadership to her students, colleagues, and all who came into contact with her;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board expresses its deep appreciation to Mrs. Lavoris Martin for her contributions to the progress and development of this institution and confers upon her the title Associate Librarian Emeritus.

FURTHERMORE, the Board directs that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and a copy shall be provided to Mrs. Lavoris Martin.

Emeritus Resolution for Rick Cartwright, AGRI/CES

WHEREAS, in accordance with University of Arkansas policy, Dr. Rick Cartwright retired from the University of Arkansas System, Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service on June 30, 2020 after 28 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cartwright holds a B.Sc. in Plant Protection and a M.Sc. in Plant Pathology from the University of Arkansas and a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from University of California, Davis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cartwright joined the Cooperative Extension Service on March 1, 1992 as an Assistant Professor and Extension Plant Pathologist. Dr. Cartwright was promoted twice and attained the rank of Professor in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cartwright served as Interim Department Head for Plant Pathology, Associate Director-Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Interim Associate Vice President for Agriculture-Extension; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture – Extension and Director of the Cooperative Extension Service and provided leadership and direction for 4-H youth development, agriculture & natural resources, community & economic development, and family & consumer sciences programs for delivery to Arkansas citizens; and

WHEREAS, his achievements have been recognized by many organizations including the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Arkansas Seed Dealer’s Association, Arkansas State Plant Board, Rice Technical Working Group, and the Southern Division - American Phytopathological Society; and WHEREAS, Dr. Cartwright was awarded the National Rice Industry Award, which honors a leader who has made valuable contributions to advancement of the rice industry; and

WHEREAS, he promoted the Land Grant University work of teaching, research and extension through his dedicated and outstanding service and carried out the mission of the University of Arkansas System, Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service to provide research-based information and lifelong learning opportunities to Arkansas citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Cartwright for his contributions toward fulfilling the mission of this institution; confers upon him emeritus rank; and directs the secretary of the Board of Trustees to transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Cartwright.

Emeritus Resolution for Robert Coats, AGRI/CES

WHEREAS, in accordance with University of Arkansas policy, Dr. Robert Coats retired from the University of Arkansas System, Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service on July 1, 2019 after 37 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Coats holds a B.S. in Animal Science, a M.S. in Agricultural Economics, and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Mississippi State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Coats joined the Cooperative Extension Service on October 1, 1982 as an Assistant Professor (Extension Farm Management Specialist) in the Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Department. From 1987 to 1991, he served as the Section Leader Agricultural Economics, Marketing and Public Affairs. He served as an Associate Professor and later obtained the rank of Professor in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Coats developed and provided materials for agricultural policy, rice outlook, economic and market outlook, and resource development educational programs for delivery to Arkansas citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Coats's outstanding service included working with the USA Rice Foundation to hold the first organized National Rice Industry Conference in Jonesboro, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Coats earned the John W. White Outstanding Team Award for the 2014 Farm Bill Research and Education Team; and

WHEREAS, through his dedicated and outstanding service, he has carried out the mission of the University of Arkansas System, Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service to provide research-based information and lifelong learning opportunities to Arkansas citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Coats for his contributions toward fulfilling the mission of this institution; confers upon him emeritus rank; and directs the secretary of the Board of Trustees to transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Coats.

Emeritus Resolution for Mark Peterson, AGRI/CES

WHEREAS, in accordance with University of Arkansas policy, Dr. Mark Peterson retired from the University of Arkansas System, Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service on March 2, 2020 after 31 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peterson holds a B.S. in Agricultural Engineering from Iowa State University, a M.S. in Agricultural Engineering and a M.S. in Community Development from University of Missouri, and a Ph.D. in Public Policy Analysis and Administration from St. Louis University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peterson joined the Cooperative Extension Service on July 10, 1989 as a Professor (State Leader) in the Community and Economic Development department and developed and provided educational programs in community and economic development for delivery to Arkansas citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peterson was the developer and coordinator of the Breakthrough Solutions Program, an internationally recognized initiative committed to building vibrant, sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peterson was recognized by the Southern Rural Development Center with the Bonnie Teater Community Development Lifetime Achievement Award and the National Distinguished Career Award by the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peterson was the first Extension professional in Arkansas to be presented the Excellence in Extension Award-Southern Region by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Cooperative Extension, and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities; and

WHEREAS, through his dedicated and outstanding service, he has carried out the mission of the University of Arkansas System, Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service to provide research-based information and lifelong learning opportunities to Arkansas citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Peterson for his contributions toward fulfilling the mission of this institution; confers upon him emeritus rank; and directs the secretary of the Board of Trustees to transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Peterson.

Emeritus Resolution for Bruce Greenberg, UAMS

WHEREAS, in accordance with University policy, S. Bruce Greenberg, M.D., has retired as a member of the faculty in the Department of Radiology in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences on August 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, S. Bruce Greenberg, M.D., joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences as an associate professor in the Department of Radiology in 1999, and was promoted to professor in 2005. He has served the Department of Radiology, Pediatric Division, and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences with distinction for over 21 years; and

WHEREAS, he has contributed significantly to the mission of UAMS in the areas of education, health care and research in pediatric cardiovascular imaging with his innovative techniques; and

WHEREAS, he is recognized locally and nationally by organizations in the specialty of Pediatric Radiology and is a Fellow in the founding class of the North American Society for Cardiovascular Imaging (NASCI) and is also a Fellow with the American



College of Radiology (ACR), and served in numerous officer and chairman capacities in the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) and the Society of Pediatric Radiology (SPR); and

WHEREAS, he has served the Department of Radiology in Pediatric Radiology located on the Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH) campus and the University in the past as a member or chair of many campus committees and served as Director of Cardiovascular Imaging in Pediatric Radiology, and is a 2012 award recipient of the Dean's Educational Incentive Award and the Dean's Educational Excellence Award; and

WHEREAS, he has shown the highest integrity and leadership, and his continued support and constant vigilance of quality has continued to improve the status of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and Arkansas Children's Hospital and the education of both medical and graduate students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board expresses its appreciation to S. Bruce Greenberg, M.D., for his many contributions to the progress and development of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and confers upon him the title of Professor Emeritus of the Department of Radiology, effective as of September 1, 2020. The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to S. Bruce Greenberg, M.D., with our deepest gratitude.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held September 17-18, 2020, and the Special Meetings Held September 8 and October 30, 2020:

Upon motion by Trustee Dickey and second by Trustee Broughton, the minutes of the regular meeting held September 17-18, 2020, and the Special Meetings Held September 8 and October 30, 2020 were approved.

Chairman Goodson called on Trustee Nelson to convene the Joint Hospital Committee meeting at 2:21 p.m. and called on Trustee Fryar to convene the Academic and Student Affairs Committee at 2:58 p.m. The Board meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. the next morning.

On Friday, November 20, 2020, Chairman Goodson reconvened the Board meeting at 8:37 a.m. calling on Trustee Fryar to continue the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, called on Trustee Harriman to convene the Buildings and Grounds Committee at 9:07 a.m., called on Trustee Gibson to convene the Audit and Fiscal Responsibility Committee at 9:35 a.m. and Chairman Goodson reconvened the regular session of the Board at 10:55 a.m.

3. Report on University Hospital-Board of Trustees Joint Committee Meeting Held November 19, 2020:

Trustee Nelson reported that the University Hospital-Board of Trustees Joint Committee met on November 19, 2020 and moved that the actions of the Committee, which included approval of the minutes of the meeting held September 17, 2020, be approved by the Board.

Upon motion of Trustee Nelson and second by Trustee Broughton, the following committee items were reported on and approved by the full Board:

3.1 Approval of the Safety Management and Emergency Preparedness Report:

Dr. Steppe Mette presented the UAMS Safety Management and Emergency Preparedness Report for July through September 2020.

3.2 Review of the Quality, Experience and Safety Report:

Dr. Steppe Mette reviewed the UAMS Quality, Experience and Safety Report for the period just ending.

3.3 Approval of the UAMS Medical Center Staff Bylaws, Rules and Regulations:

Dr. Steppe Mette presented the Medical Staff Bylaws/Rules and Regulations, which The Joint Commission requires to be reviewed and approved by the governing body every two years. The changes reflect statutory, organizational, and regulatory changes.

3.4 Review of the UAMS Quality, Experience and Safety Report:

Dr. Steppe Mette reviewed the UAMS Quality, Experience and Safety Report for the period ending November 2020.

3.5 Review of UAMS Clinical Enterprise Key Indicators:

Ms. Amanda George reviewed UAMS Integrated Clinical Enterprise Key Indicators for the period ending September 30, 2020.

4. Report on Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Held November 19-20, 2020:

Chair Fryar reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on November 19 and 20, 2020. He moved that the actions of the Committee be approved by the Board; Trustee Gibson seconded the motion, and the following resolutions were adopted:

4.1 Approval to Add New Degree Programs:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby approves the new academic degree proposals set forth below:

University of Arkansas

- Post Master's Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner via distance delivery
- Post Master's Certificate in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner via distance delivery

University of Arkansas at Monticello

- Graduate Certificate in Waterfowl Habitat and Recreation Management

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if enrollment and budget goals have not been met upon evaluation of the programs after five years the programs will be discontinued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President is hereby authorized to submit these proposals to the Arkansas Division of Higher Education for appropriate action.

4.2 Approval to add a New Administrative Unit: Institute for Integrative & Innovative Research (I3R), UAF:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the proposal of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, to add a new administrative unit titled the Institute for Integrative and Innovative Research (I3R), is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President is hereby authorized to submit this proposal to the Arkansas Division of Higher Education for appropriate action.

4.3 Approval of Academic Unanimous Consent Agenda:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby approves the Academic and Student Affairs consent items as presented to the Board at its November 19-20, 2020 meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a letter of notification will be submitted to ADHE following the Board meeting setting forth these items.

1. University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
  - A. Title or CIP Change

- Change title of the Office for Diversity and Inclusion to the Division for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Office of the Chancellor, effective spring 2021.
  - Change title of the Office of Economic Development to the Division of Economic Development in the Office of the Chancellor, effective spring 2021.
  - Change title of the Office of Research and Innovation to the Division of Research and Innovation in the Office of the Chancellor, effective spring 2021.
2. University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton
    - A. Place Program on Inactive Status
      - Certificate of Proficiency in Petroleum Technology
  3. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
    - A. Title or CIP Change
      - Audiology
  4. University of Arkansas at Little Rock
    - A. Clean up Related to AHECB Approved Department Codes and UALR's Recent Reconfiguration of Colleges
      - Name Changes, Deletions, Additions
  5. University of Arkansas at Fort Smith
    - A. Program Reconfiguration-Program Created out of Closely Allied Existing
      - Master of Science in Healthcare Administration – modify prerequisites of 12 courses within MHCA program to eliminate strict course sequencing and promote flexibility in allowing students to advance and graduate in a timely manner.
- 4.4 Approval Concerning Commercialization as a Consideration in Tenure and Promotion Criteria, UASys:

WHEREAS, the mission of the modern public university includes the obligation to serve the public good through educating citizens, providing critical public service, promoting the discovery of knowledge, and spurring economic development through fostering innovation and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, today's university faculty in Arkansas and across the country are reaching beyond traditional academic outputs to find new avenues to impact their communities and society as whole through their work; and

WHEREAS, the pursuit of new discoveries by faculty can lead to the creation of intellectual property, including patents and licensing, that permits the

commercialization of university research and provides not only a monetary benefit to the institution and faculty member, but more importantly, a societal benefit for the community and state; and

WHEREAS, a national effort supported by the National Science Foundation and referred to as Promotion and Tenure Innovation and Entrepreneurship (PTIE) is underway to promote the inclusion of innovation and entrepreneurship activities in university promotion and tenure policies, where applicable; and

WHEREAS, University of Arkansas System representatives from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences have participated in the effort to create best practices surrounding the national PTIE effort; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees fully supports and endorses the goals of promoting faculty innovation and entrepreneurship through the traditional academic processes for formulating decisions on promotion, tenure and post-tenure evaluation at the individual campus and departmental levels; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes and supports the vital roles of institutional academic administrative leadership and faculty governance leadership in establishing criteria and metrics to assess faculty teaching, research and service through the hiring, promotion, tenure and post-tenure evaluation processes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board directs the President, Chancellors and other applicable chief executives across the UA System to work with faculty leadership to permit the inclusion of innovation and entrepreneurship activities, such as patenting and the commercialization of research, in institutional policies related to hiring, promotion, tenure and faculty pre- and post-tenure evaluation, where applicable to the academic discipline.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the parties consider other means of encouraging such activities including potentially expanding the use of off campus duty assignments (OCDA) for the purposes of pursuing innovation and entrepreneurship activities.

#### 4.5 Approval to Increase Face-to-Face Instruction, UASys:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes the need for continued planning and preparation for UA System campuses, divisions and units to remain open during the Spring 2021 semester as the COVID-19 pandemic continues; and

WHEREAS, the Board met throughout the summer to discuss and implement policy regarding the system's response to the outbreak of COVID-19 in Arkansas, including directing the reopening of campuses to students, faculty and staff for the fall 2020 semester in accordance with public health guidelines; and

WHEREAS, as part of the reopening of campuses across the System, the Board passed resolutions intended to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 through measures such as modifying academic calendars and requiring the use of cloth face coverings and physical distancing in university facilities; and

WHEREAS, consistent with public health guidelines, system campuses have employed a variety of approaches to course delivery, including courses with 100 percent face-to-face delivery, those with hybrid face-to-face and remote instruction, and those with fully remote instructional methods in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, while UA System institutions already offered a number of high-quality online educational programs, many courses that previously provided face-to-face components prior to the pandemic shifted to more remote instruction for the fall semester; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges the need for students across academic disciplines to continue to have the opportunity to grow intellectually in their higher education pursuits through direct interaction with the distinguished and accomplished faculty members across the UA System; and

WHEREAS, all face-to-face course delivery in the UA System should continue to be provided in accordance with state and federal public health guidance to limit the spread of COVID-19, including through the use of face coverings and physical distancing of six feet or more;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board directs the President and Chancellors across the UA System to work with faculty leadership to facilitate an increase in the return to face-to-face instruction with a goal of returning as many formerly traditional courses to face-to-face instruction (entirely or hybrid) as is safely possible during the Spring 2021 semester.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board directs such plans for face-to-face instruction be consistent with the health policy directives of the state and federal governments regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and that campuses retain plans for shifting instructional delivery methods if necessary.

#### 4.6 Campus Report: Dr. Margaret Ellibee, Chancellor, UA - PTC:

UA-PTC Chancellor Margaret Ellibee thanked the Board of Trustees and President Bobbitt for the opportunity to present the UA-PTC campus report.

UA-PTC's key performance indicators are benchmarks that help to monitor the institutions' continuous quality improvement. Looking first at UA-PTC's student retention rate there has been a gradual increase from 64% to 68% from AY2017 to AY2019. Another trend line increase is seen with the College's 3-year graduation rate which has increased from 21% in 2018 to 24% in 2020.

The College's default rate has steadily decreased from 28.8% in 2012 to 10% in 2017 and is currently 5.8% in 2020. With the default rate decreasing, UA-PTC's course success rate is holding in the mid-70% range and is an "opportunity for improvement" as the College continues to support its efforts with student classroom success. As classroom success is paramount when considering the opportunity for UA-PTC graduates to successfully transfer to four-year institutions, the College's student transfer rate has grown steadily from 10% in 2017 to 17% in 2019-2020.

UA-PTC's is also actively engaged in numerous community and business partnerships involving both local and state entities. The current academic year has seen the following partnerships being operational:

##### Community and Business Partnerships

- Future Fit with State of Arkansas – Noncredit training for metro industry.
- Cybersecurity and Aviation Mechanics programs with 189<sup>th</sup> AR Air National Guard Airlift Wing.
- Venture Center Partnership – Focusing on student entrepreneurship opportunities.
- UAMS Head Start–Partnering UA-PTC's Little Learners daycare with Head Start.
- Ford Next Generation CTE program partnership with LR Chamber and Metro School Districts (LRSD, PCSSD, NLRSD, and Jacksonville SD).

Similarly, the College has seen the following academic initiatives positively implemented:

##### Academic Initiatives

- Successful HLC Accreditation Process.
- Chancellor's Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion implemented. The Rogers' Gift of \$100,000.00 was received to support diverse programming at CHARTS.
- Online Open Access Program for inclusive course materials was implemented has saved students \$470,872.14.

- UAMS program transfer of EMT/Paramedic, Health Information Technology, and Surgical Tech.
- Allied Health enrollment has tripled in AY20-21.
- STEM Park – EDA Award of \$2.5 Million

Lastly, the College was successful in obtaining a federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant of \$2.5 million dollars to begin the remodeling and new construction that will transform the current Science Building into a STEM Park. The new facility will have increased lab and classroom space that will accommodate the increasing student enrollment in STEM courses. The EDA and UA-PTC hosted a press conference announcing the award on October 23, 2020 that included local, state, and national officials.

On behalf of UA—PTC, Dr. Ellibee expressed appreciation to the Board of Trustees, President Bobbitt, and the UA System team for their continued support and leadership. Their positive engagement helps to make these efforts successful for UA-PTC students and the community.

5. Report on Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting Held November 20, 2020:

Board Chair Goodson reported for Committee Chair Harriman that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on November 20, 2020. Chairman Goodson moved that the actions of the Committee be approved by the Board; Trustee Dickey seconded, and the following resolutions were adopted:

5.1 Approval of Revised Project Proposal (Second Phase) for the Institute for Integrative and Innovative Research (I3R) Project, UAF:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, is authorized to proceed with the second phase of the Institute for Integrative and Innovative Research Project (I3R) located on the campus of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

5.2 Project Approval and Approval to Continue Using SCM Architects for the White Engineering Hall Exterior Restoration Project, UAF:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, is authorized to proceed with the White Engineering Hall Exterior Restoration Project, and further authorized to continue utilizing SCM Architects, waiving Board Policy 740.1, for said project located on the Fayetteville campus.



5.3 Approval to Name the New Civil Engineering Facility, the “Grady E. Harvell Civil Engineering Research and Education Center,” UAF:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas desires to manifest publicly and enduringly its profound esteem for Grady E. Harvell and deep appreciation for his many contributions of service and personal resources to advance the public interest in Arkansas, particularly as manifested in his support for the University of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvell earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas in 1972 and was hired as a trainee at AFCO Steel that same year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvell moved up through the ranks to become the president and chief operating officer of the company now known as W&W|AFCO Steel, the largest steel fabrication and erection company in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas provides a major portion of the nation’s steel product, and the steel industry in Arkansas directly employs 8,741 workers who earn more than \$955 million in wages and salaries annually, while generating \$6.55 billion in output; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvell is a member of the Arkansas Academy of Civil Engineering and served on the College of Engineering campaign committee for Campaign Arkansas, serves on the board of the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce, is the Chairman of the Associated Industries of Arkansas, and was the recipient of the College of Engineering Distinguished Alumni Award in 2005 and previously served as the chair of the College of Engineering Dean's Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvell has given financial support in the amount of \$2.36 million, as well as spearheading the fundraising effort that raised over \$5.6 million from individuals, corporations, foundations, and government entities to help make the Civil Engineering Research and Education Center become a reality; and

WHEREAS, the 37,400-square-foot facility – the first in the state of Arkansas – will be located in the Arkansas Research and Technology Park and will include a high-bay structural testing facility with a four-foot thick “strong-floor” capable of testing large-scale structural systems and components, as well as a 25-ton rail crane to move heavy materials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the University formally expresses its high regard for and lasting gratitude to Mr. Harvell for his exemplary contributions to the University of Arkansas by naming the new civil engineering facility the Grady E. Harvell

Civil Engineering Research and Education Center in his honor. With this naming, we honor Mr. Harvell for his generosity in providing a research and teaching space for the Department of Civil Engineering that will allow academic, industry, and government researchers to conduct cutting-edge experimental research in the state of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Secretary of the Board is instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to Mr. Harvell as an expression of the Board's gratitude.

5.4 Approval to Sell Property Located in Chicot County, UAM:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby approves the request to sell property for the purchase price of \$495,450 for the certain property situated in the County of Chicot, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

All that portion of Section 9, T-18-S, R-3-3 lying North of Big Bayou and all that portion of the East Three-Quarters (E  $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the Northeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Northeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 8, T-18-S, R-3-W, lying North of Big Bayou.

SUBJECT TO:

Any and all reservations, covenants, restrictions, and conditions imposed upon the Property, any easements or rights-of-way of any kind including but not limited to those for streets, roads, highways, canals, drainage ditches, pipelines, and utilities of every kind (whether above or below ground) and whether on record or appearing upon the ground, and further subject to all rights, rules, regulations, easements and rights-of-way for any drainage, water, irrigation or navigation districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chairman and Secretary shall be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver to the purchaser a warranty deed to the aforesaid property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President, Chief Fiscal Officer, the Chancellor of UAM, or their designee, shall be, and hereby are, authorized to take such further action and execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to close the transaction in accordance with the sale of the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all documents related to the sale of the property shall be in a form and content acceptable to the General Counsel.

5.5 Selection of an Architectural Firm (SCM Architects) to Provide Professional Design Services (On-Call), UACCM:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton is authorized to select SCM Architects to provide professional on-call architect design services for the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton.

5.6 Approval of Revised Radiation Oncology Center Relocation and Expansion Project, UAMS:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is hereby authorized to proceed with the revised Radiation Oncology Center Relocation and Expansion Project as presented to the Board at its November 19-20, 2020 meeting.

5.7 Approval of Revised Surgical Annex Project, UAMS:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is hereby authorized to proceed with the Surgical Annex Project as presented to the Board at its November 19-20, 2020 meeting.

5.8 Project Approval and Selection of Design Professionals (Fennell Purifoy Architects) for the Child Development Center, UAMS:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is authorized to select Fennell Purifoy Architects to provide professional architect design services for the UAMS Child Development Center Project.

5.9 Approval of Purchase of Property on Jonesboro Drive, Little Rock, for Child Development Center, UAMS:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby approves an Offer to the owner, City of Little Rock, for the purchase price of one dollar, certain property in the 1000 and 1100 blocks of Jonesboro Drive, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block 22, Cunningham Addition to the City of Little Rock; and

Parts of Block 27, comprising Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 of Block 27, Cunningham Addition to the City of Little Rock.

Subject to existing easements, rights-of-way, and protective covenants of record, if any.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the purchase shall be subject to a determination by the General Counsel that the seller has good and merchantable title to the property, subject only to a condition that the property be used for construction and operation of a day care center for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and further subject to obtaining an acceptable Phase I environmental assessment, unless waived by the campus officials after inspection of the property. The President, Chief Financial Officer, the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor for Finance and CFO, or their designees, shall be, and hereby are, authorized to take such further action and execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to close the transaction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the appropriate officials of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, shall be, and hereby are, authorized to contract for the demolition and removal of structures situated upon the property at such time as deemed appropriate.

5.10 Report of Easements Approved by President:

President Bobbitt presented a report of easements approved since the last meeting of the Trustees on September 17-18, 2020. One easement was approved: (1) Right of Way and Easement to City of Fayetteville (AGRI).

6. Report on Audit and Fiscal Responsibility Committee Meeting Held November 20, 2020:

Audit and Fiscal Responsibility Committee Chair Gibson reported on the meeting held November 20, 2020, which included approval of the minutes of the meeting held September 18, 2020. Upon motion by Trustee Gibson and second by Trustee Fryar, the following committee items were reported and approved by the full Board:

6.1 Approval of KPMG's Report to Those Charged with Governance, External Audit Report on the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2020:

The Committee approved KPMG's Report to Those Charged with Governance and the External Audit Report on the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2020.

6.2 Approval of Fiscal Year 2021 Audit Plan Update Report:

The Fiscal Year 2021 Audit Plan Update Report was reviewed and approved. The update included the Audit Plan Update, the Strategic Audit Risk Assessment Report, Internal Audit Reports completed since the last meeting, the Follow-Up Report on Prior Audits, and a listing of External Audit Reports received and reviewed during Fiscal Year 2021.

6.3 Approval of the Internal Audit Department's Self-Assessment Report:

The Committee reviewed and approved the Internal Audit Department's Self-Assessment Report dated November 20, 2020.

6.4 Other Business:

The committee reviewed and approved an amendment adding \$25,000 to the cybersecurity assessment contract with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP (Baker Tilley).

7. Approval of Awarding of Degrees at Fall 2020 Commencements, All Campuses:

Upon motion of Trustee Nelson and second by Trustee Cox, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby approves the awarding of degrees in December 2020 to all candidates who are certified by various campuses as having completed degree requirements and have the approval of the respective faculties of such campuses.

8. Campus Report: Chancellor Joseph E. Steinmetz, UAF:

Chancellor Joseph E. Steinmetz's campus report began by running through some of the good news and accomplishments that may have been overshadowed by the ongoing pandemic, and highlighted faculty success stories of continuing to produce at a high level despite the impediments created by COVID-19. Additionally, the Chancellor yielded some of his report time to ASG President Julia Nall, who spoke on behalf of the student body. Julia spoke about what students are doing to stay engaged and involved on campus in light of the limitations imposed by physical distancing and other pandemic-related restrictions.

Summer brought the end of Campaign Arkansas, which ultimately raised just under \$1.45 billion for student, faculty, program and capital support. The Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation stepped up with a transformational grant of \$194.7 million. The bulk of this gift will be used to create the Institute for Integrative and Innovative Research or I<sup>3</sup>R.

The UofA has sought to build on core research strengths, distinguish themselves nationally, and be more competitive for large federal grants that favor collaborative teams of researchers—I<sup>3</sup>R will help accomplish all three.

The University of Arkansas's six-year graduation rate reached 68.49%, while freshmen retention rate hit 85%. Both are record highs and continue to reflect steady, year-over-year progress. It is a validation of student success efforts, which will take a giant step forward with completion of the Student Success Center, which is on pace to be completed in late 2021 or early 2022. It also bears mentioning that UAF entered this year with genuine concern about enrollment. A sharp decline in enrollment would have been catastrophic to UAF's ability to finance basic university functions, but they actually saw an increase of a few students, up to 27,562. It also helped that they have been able to commit \$5 million in new scholarships to recruit and retain more first generation, underrepresented and low-income Arkansans.

UA Fayetteville is in the process of a rigorous campus audit that's examining four core areas where they feel they must make progress in efforts of improving campus climate of diversity and inclusion. Another major development was the appointment of Charles Robinson to the position of Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs. The cross-pollination between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs has never been more important given the current environment -- and what will inevitably be a changed environment when the pandemic ends. Changes have ranged from issuing housing and dining credits, lost revenue from closing things and suspending activities like study abroad, canceling all campus summer events, fee reductions on summer classes, reducing capacity at athletic events this fall, and many other things that had to be discounted, delayed or cancelled. All told, not including planning this year's budget with a state cut, it is estimated that about \$34 million was spent or lost in dealing with the pandemic. UAF is hopeful that state tax revenues will come in higher than anticipated and some appropriations will be restored. As you may recall, last year's cut of \$8.3 million was restored on the last day of the fiscal year.

Dr. Steinmetz noted that people have been very divided regarding completely remote or completely in-person as a campus. The concerns were negotiated by providing high-quality hybrid, remote and in-person classes while striving to ensure the health and safety of the campus community. This includes continuing to provide safe, campus activities that are so important to the student experience.

9. UA System Racial Equity Report: Task Force Chair Trustee Stephen A. Broughton, MD:

Trustee Stephen Broughton reported that the University of Arkansas System Racial Equity Task Force has continued to meet monthly. They have developed a mission statement as well as the following achievable goals: 1) enhance the engagement of administration,

faculty, staff and students; 2) recruit, develop and retain talented individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences; and 3) expand community engagement and impact.

Trustee Ted Dickey and Dr. Bobbitt have worked with UA System Chief Information Officer Steven Fulkerson and Project One HCM Lead Shannon Phillips to develop and implement a tool in Workday that can capture information to provide leadership the appropriate data and tracking information necessary to achieve these goals.

10. President's Report: Donald R. Bobbitt, University of Arkansas System:

President Bobbitt expressed appreciation to UA Fayetteville Chancellor Joe Steinmetz and his staff for hosting the Board meeting and for the excellent campus report.

Dr. Bobbitt provided an update on the chancellor search at UACCH-T. The search process is being overseen by Vice President for Planning and Development Chris Thomason and Chairman Goodson serves as the Board's representative. The committee has met and developed a prospectus for the position and are moving forward with soliciting nominations.

He reported that Dean Skip Rutherford of the Clinton School of Public Service will retire June 30, 2021. Dr. Bobbitt will serve as the chair of the search committee with Mr. Harriman serving as the Board's representative. He has setup a committee with a broad membership including Clinton School faculty, staff and students, members of the Clinton Foundation and representatives from UA-Little Rock, UAMS and UA Fayetteville. These three campuses partner with the Clinton School to offer instruction, support and some joint degree programs.

Although ARE-ON is not specifically a division of the University of Arkansas, the chair of ARE-ON's Board is the President of the University of Arkansas System. Dr. Bobbitt reported that the Director of ARE-ON recently stepped down and a search for a new Director has been started.

President Bobbitt concluded with comments of appreciation to the Board of Trustees for their commitment during this challenging year and provided them with a brief update on campus COVID testing.

- 10A. Trustee Nelson requested that a resolution be developed to honor the System Administration employees and all campus leadership for extra work in response to the pandemic. The resolution will be presented at the December special meeting.

11. Approval to Enter into a License Agreement with Diversity Intelligence (DQ), LLC, UAF:

UA Fayetteville Chancellor Joe Steinmetz presented a request for authorization to enter into a License Agreement with Diversity Intelligence (DQ), LLC. Upon motion of Trustee Fryar and second by Trustee Cox, the following resolution was approved:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the President and Chief Financial Officer shall be, and hereby are, authorized to execute the following license agreement with terms and conditions substantially as presented to the Board: Diversity Intelligence (DQ), LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT employees and students of the University of Arkansas who may serve as officers or directors of the subject company shall do so in their individual capacities and not as employees of the University or at the direction of the University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Arkansas Code Annotated §19-11-717.

12. Approval to Participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, UAPB:

UAPB Chancellor Laurence Alexander presented a request for approval to participate in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Programs. Upon motion of Trustee Broughton and second by Trustee Gibson, the following resolution was approved:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) and its designated daycare center, UAPB Child Development Center, are hereby authorized to participate in the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chair of the Board is authorized to execute such documents as are necessary for UAPB and the UAPB Child Development Center to participate in said USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program.

13. Approval of Strategic Plan, UACCRM:

Chancellor Phillip Wilson, University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain, presented a request for approval of their campus Strategic Plan. Upon motion of Trustee Eichler and second by Trustee Harriman, the following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain has developed a new strategic plan in keeping with its mission and vision statements, set out below:



**MISSION:**

*UA Rich Mountain provides transformative education to all learners.*

**VISION:**

*UA Rich Mountain, as a gateway of opportunity, respects the worth and dignity of each person.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan for the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain is hereby approved as presented.

14. Approval of Revisions to Board Policies 730.1, *Procedure for Capital Projects*; 730.2, *Approval of Major Capital Projects*; 740.1, *Procedure for Selection of Architects or Engineers for Capital Projects*; 740.2, *Procedure for Selection of Architects or Engineers for Small Projects and On-Call Contracts* and Approval of New Board Policy 730.3, *Procedure for Guaranteed Energy Cost Savings Act Projects*, All Campuses and Units:

Upon motion of Trustee Dickey and second by Trustee Nelson, the following resolution was approved:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the following Board Policies are hereby revised in their entirety as presented [setout below]:

Board Policy 730.1, *Procedure for Capital Projects*

Board Policy 730.2, *Approval of Major Capital Projects* (previously entitled, "Selection of Design Professionals and General Contractor or Construction Manager for Major Capital Projects")

Board Policy 740.1, *Procedure for Selection of Architects or Engineers for Capital Projects*

Board Policy 740.2, *Procedure for Selection of Architects or Engineers for Small Projects and On-Call Contracts* (previously entitled, "Procedure for Selection of On-Call Architects or Engineers")

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the proposed new Board Policy 730.3, *Procedure for Guaranteed Energy Cost Savings Act Projects*, is hereby approved and adopted as presented.

**BOARD POLICY**  
**PROCEDURE FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS**

730.1

I. Purpose

For purposes of Board of Trustees approval, a Capital Project is defined as: 1) construction, capital improvement, renovation or major repair to real property or

structures owned by or leased to the Board where the work requires the services of an architect or engineer approved by the Board of Trustees in accordance with Board Policy 740.1<sup>1</sup> and the work is to be performed by or on behalf of the campus, division or unit; 2) work that requires major substantive changes to the exterior facade of a building; or 3) any new construction, capital improvement, renovation, or major repair to real property or structures not covered in subparagraph 1 that the Chancellor, Vice President for Agriculture or unit chief executive officer, in consultation with the President, determine should be brought to the Board of Trustees for approval.

For Capital Projects with an estimated cost, exclusive of land, in excess of \$5,000,000, a campus, division or unit (campus) may, with the President's approval, follow the process for Major Capital Projects described in Board Policy 730.2 in lieu of the process described in this policy.

Projects conducted under the authority of the Arkansas Guaranteed Cost Savings Act will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees through the process described in Board Policy 730.3.

## II. Approval Process

To obtain approval of a Capital Project (other than a project subject to Policy 730.2) the campus shall complete the following steps. The President may, with the consent of the chair of the Board's buildings and grounds committee, authorize the campus to combine or modify any of these steps where appropriate to the project.

- A. Campus officials submit the completed Capital Project Proposal to the President for review and recommendations. The project proposal will be in form and substance prescribed by the President, will describe the project function and location, the estimated project cost, the proposed source of funds, a parking plan to support a new or expanded facility, and will contain such other information as may be required by the President.
- B. If the Capital Project proposal is approved by the President copies of the proposal and approval are submitted to the Board and to the Chancellor, Vice President for Agriculture or chief executive of the requesting campus.
- C. Following the President's approval of the project proposal the campus follows the selection process for architects and engineers established in Board Policy 740.1.

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<sup>1</sup> Projects designed, supervised or managed by architects or engineers selected pursuant to Board Policy 740.2 (Selection of Architects or Engineers for Small Projects and On-call Contracts) are not subject to this policy.

- D. The project proposal and the campus recommendations for project architects and engineers are submitted to the Board for selection of architects and engineers. Where borrowing is required to fund any part of the project the Board will also consider approval of funding sources.
- E. A second Board meeting may be required for approval of any financing required for the project.
- F. The President is authorized to prescribe procedures consistent with Board Policy for review and approval of Capital Projects and Major Capital Projects.

### III. Minimum Standards

Construction standards shall include the latest edition of the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code and, for healthcare facilities, the Arkansas Department of Health Rules and Regulations for Healthcare Facilities. The President is authorized to impose additional minimum construction standards.

November 20, 2020 (Revised)  
April 26, 2001 (Revised)  
October 2, 1992 (Revised)  
March 30, 1979

## BOARD POLICY APPROVAL OF MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

730.2

### I. Purpose

In lieu of other policies and procedures of the Board of Trustees with respect to Capital Projects, the procedures set forth herein may at the request of a campus, unit or division (campus), and with approval of the President, be used for Major Capital Projects. As used herein, a Major Capital Project is one in which the total anticipated project cost exceeds \$5,000,000, excluding the cost of land. This policy and the procedures herein are intended to comply with Act 1626 of 2001, as amended.<sup>2</sup>

### II. Project Proposal

A project proposal for a Major Capital Project, in form and substance prescribed by the President, will be submitted to the UA System Office. The proposal may request authority to begin the process to select design professionals (including an architect and/or

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<sup>2</sup> Ark. Code Ann. § 19-4-1415.

engineer) and a general contractor and/or construction manager for the project. The President may either authorize commencement of the selection process or may direct the campus to conduct or commission a planning or feasibility study or provide additional information before submitting its proposal to the Board of Trustees.

### III. Project Solicitations and Recommendations

Following approval to begin the selection process for design professionals and a general contractor and/or construction manager, the Chancellor, Vice President for Agriculture or chief executive officer of the campus on which the project is to be constructed shall appoint a committee or committees to recommend selection of design professionals and of a general contractor and/or construction manager for the project. The committee shall consist of at least three members, one of whom shall be the UA System Chief Financial Officer or his or her designee.

#### A. Advertisement for Proposals

At a minimum, the appropriate campus official shall publish notice of intention to receive written proposals for three consecutive days in a newspaper of statewide distribution and in such electronic media as the committee deems appropriate, and shall allow a minimum of 10 working days for design professionals, general contractors and/or construction managers to submit proposals or qualifications. The campus shall also provide direct notice to design professionals, contractors and/or construction managers which the selection committee determines, through such means as it deems appropriate, have the demonstrated qualifications to assure the design and completion of the project in an expeditious manner while adhering to high standards of design and construction quality. The selection committee may also require additional means of notification including, but not limited to, posting on campus websites and placement of notice in trade publications directed to licensed design professionals and contractors.

#### B. Selection of Contractors

Following the date established in the notice for interested design professionals, contractors and/or construction managers to submit proposals and other information with respect to their qualifications and interest in the project, the committee shall review the submissions and shall select a minimum of three and a maximum of five qualified applicants for interviews. A campus may, but is not required to, conduct a second set of interviews. Following the interviews, the committee shall select not more than three qualified applicants for design services and not more than three qualified applicants for general contractor and/or construction management services for recommendation to the Board.

All project architects and engineers shall be properly licensed in accordance with the rules of the Arkansas State Board of Architects and the Arkansas State Board of Engineers. The construction manager or general contractor shall be properly licensed by the Arkansas Contractors Licensing Board. All subcontractors shall be properly licensed by the Arkansas Contractors Licensing Board.

C. Recommendations

In recommending selection of a general contractor, construction manager, architect or engineer, the committee shall consider its established criteria which shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. The experience of the professional or professionals in similar projects;
- b. The record of the professional or professionals in timely completion of projects with high quality workmanship;
- c. Other similar matters to determine that the professional or professionals will complete the project within the time, budget and to the specifications set.

The committee will present its list of finalists and recommendations for selection of design professionals and general contractor and/or construction manager through the Chancellor, Vice President for Agriculture or chief executive officer to the President. After the review, the President shall submit the committee's recommendation to the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees.

BOARD POLICY 740.1  
PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF ARCHITECTS OR ENGINEERS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

I. Purpose

Except in the case of Major Capital Projects approved under Board Policy 730.2 and engagements that qualify as small projects under Board Policy 740.2, all architects and engineers shall be selected by the Board of Trustees following the procedure established in this policy.

II. Project Solicitations and Recommendations

A. Selection Committee

After approval to begin the selection process for design professionals, the Chancellor, Vice President for Agriculture or campus, unit or division chief executive officer shall appoint a committee to recommend selection of architects and engineers. The committee shall consist of at least three members, one of whom shall be the campus chief financial officer or his or her designee.

B. Advertisement for Proposals

The selection committee shall place an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation for three consecutive days stating the scope of the required services, the project location, selection criteria in order of importance, any necessary forms to submit, closing date for responses and the address of the office which is to receive submissions, and shall also utilize such electronic and other means and methods of communications as the committee deems appropriate to furnish notice to licensed architects and engineers. At a minimum the selection committee shall allow ten working days from the date of first publication for design professionals to respond to the advertisement.

C. Selection

Except as provided in Board Policy 730.2 with respect to Major Capital Projects, the selection committee shall interview a minimum of three and a maximum of five qualified applicants. A campus may, but is not required to, conduct a second set of interviews. Following the interviews, the selection committee shall compile a list of a maximum of three qualified applicants recommended for the project and shall submit the list through the Chancellor, Vice President for Agriculture or chief executive officer to the President. After review, the President shall submit to the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees the committee's recommendation of the design professional or professionals which it determined to be in the best interests of the University.

III. Submission to the Board of Trustees

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees shall review the recommendation and, unless the Board of Trustees has delegated such decision to the Buildings and Grounds Committee, shall submit to the Board its recommendation of the design professional or professionals which it determines to be in the best interests of the University.

The Board of Trustees, or the Buildings and Grounds Committee if authority has been delegated to it, shall make the final decision and authorize contracts to be negotiated and awarded to the design professional or professionals.

IV. Contract Negotiation

A campus official designated by the campus Chancellor, Vice President for Agriculture or chief executive officer shall be authorized to negotiate the terms of the contract or contracts for professional services, which shall be signed by an officer authorized pursuant to Board Policy 300.1.

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October 2, 2001 (Revised)  
May 20, 1994 (Revised)  
October 2, 1992 (Revised)  
June 13, 1986 (Revised)  
January 16, 1986 (Revised)  
June 18, 1982 (Revised)  
November 9, 1979 (Revised)  
November 3, 1978

BOARD POLICY

730.3

PROCEDURE FOR GUARANTEED ENERGY COST SAVINGS ACT PROJECTS

I. Purpose

This policy describes the process by which a campus, division or unit (campus) may procure an energy cost savings contract (ECSC) under the Arkansas Guaranteed Energy Cost Savings Act.<sup>3</sup>

II. ECSC Procurement

An ECSC issued under authority of the Arkansas Guaranteed Energy Cost Savings Act must be procured through vendors pre-qualified by the Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality – Office of Energy (AEO). Before initiating a project under the Act a campus must obtain written approval from the President or Chief Financial Officer.

Each ECSC shall be initiated by a request for proposals to be distributed by AEO to each pre-qualified energy services company (ESCO). The Chancellor, Vice President for Agriculture or unit chief executive officer shall appoint a committee of at least three officers or employees of the campus to review the proposals and recommend selection of an ESCO. The selection committee shall interview at least three applicants and shall evaluate each proposal based upon the best interest of the University. The committee shall provide its recommendations to the Chancellor, Vice President for Agriculture or

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<sup>3</sup> Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-1201, et seq.

unit chief executive officer, who may award a contract for the performance of an investment grade audit to the ESCO determined to be in the best interest of the University.

III. Project Approval

If, after receipt of the investment grade audit, the campus elects to enter into an ECSC, the campus shall submit to the President a project proposal including a description of the project, the terms proposed by the ESCO, the estimated cost of the project, the source of funds required to pay for the project, the projected cost of funds required to pay for the project, the dollar amount of energy savings to be guaranteed by the ESCO, and any other information requested by the UA System Office.

Following the President's approval of the proposed project the campus, with assistance from the General Counsel's Office, will negotiate a draft ECSC and submit the project, including the proposed contract terms and a request for financing (if financing is required) to the Board, which shall authorize such action as it finds to be in the best interests of the University.

November 20, 2020

15. Unanimous Consent Agenda (Sorrow Resolution for Arthur Mueller), UAF:

Chairman Goodson presented the Unanimous Consent Agenda stating that these items are items on which the Board has traditionally been in unanimous agreement. There is only one item for this particular meeting. Upon motion by Trustee Fryar and second by Trustee Cox, the following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS, Dr. Arthur John Mueller, 86, of Springdale, Arkansas, Professor Emeritus of Entomology in the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food, and Life Sciences, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, died July 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mueller earned his Ph.D. degree in Entomology from University of California – Riverside, under the direction of Vernon Stern who was considered a founder of integrated pest management approaches; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mueller joined the University of Arkansas and the Division of Agriculture faculty in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mueller enjoyed a memorable career where he served the University, the Division of Agriculture and the state of Arkansas as soybean entomologist; and



WHEREAS, Dr. Mueller developed sound IPM programs for soybean entomology to help growers control insect pests effectively and economically; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mueller developed accurate thresholds for all major pests of soybeans in Arkansas, including many that are still in use today; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mueller served his profession with a keen interest in entomology, a curious mind, and a deep knowledge of soybean pests; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mueller was respected and valued by his colleagues as a collaborator and source of information;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board expresses its appreciation for Dr. Mueller's contributions to Arkansas agriculture and soybean production, and his dedicated service to the University of Arkansas, and expresses condolences to his family.

FURTHERMORE, the Board of Trustees directs that this resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and a copy shall be provided to Dr. Mueller's son, Mr. James Mueller.

16. President's Report of Police Authority Granted:

Since the President's Report to the Board on September 17-18, 2020, police authority was granted to Officers Stuart Thomas, Sidney Mayfield, and Devon Smith at UAMS and Officers Donovan James Patterson and Danielle Nicole Richardson at UALR.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Trustee Dickey and second by Trustee Fryer, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kelly Eichler, Secretary