MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA
FLORENCE, ALABAMA
8:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 3, 2013

The Board of Trustees for the University of North Alabama reconvened its recessed March 11, 2013, quarterly meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, in the Loft of the Guillot University Center. Trustees had agreed upon the date to reconvene at the March 11 meeting. An agenda and proposed action items were distributed at the meeting.

In the absence of Governor Robert Bentley (President of the Board), Mr. Rodney Howard, President Pro Tempore of the Board, called the meeting back into session at 8:45 a.m. Trustee Steve Pierce offered the invocation.

The following members of the Board were present, and it was established that a quorum was in attendance:

Trustee Marty Abroms                Trustee John Cole                Trustee Libby Jordan
Trustee Joel Anderson               Trustee Rodney Howard            Trustee Steve Pierce

Absent were Trustees Richard Cater and Lisa Ceci, and ex officio members Governor Robert Bentley and State Superintendent of Education Dr. Tommy Bice.

Others present:
- Dr. William G. Cale, Jr., University President
- Dr. Thomas Calhoun, Vice President for Enrollment Management
- Dr. Dan Hendricks, Vice President for University Advancement
- Mr. Mark Linder, Athletics Director
- Mr. David Shields, Vice President for Student Affairs
- Dr. Steve Smith, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs
- Dr. John Thornell, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
- Mr. Lindon Ezell, Architect
- Mr. Michael Gautney, Director of Facilities Administration and Planning
- Ms. Barbie Hampel, College Development Gift Officer, Advancement Division
- Mr. Lee Handley, Project Manager for Facilities Administration and Planning
- Dr. Vagn Hansen, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Dr. Judy Jaxkoon, Associate Vice President for Advancement Services
- Mr. Don Lambert, Architect
- Dr. Donna Lefort, Dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences
- Ms. Carol Lyles, Director of Alumni Relations
- Mr. Terry Pace, Temporary Director of Communications and Marketing
- Dr. Greg Pitts, Chair of the Department of Communications
- Ms. Regina Sherrill, Assistant to the President for Administration
- Ms. Shannon Wells, University Photographer
- Ms. Jennifer Edwards, TimesDaily Reporter
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Howard submitted the agenda for approval. Upon motion by Mr. Pierce and second by Mr. Abroms, the agenda was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT LOWEST QUALIFIED BIDDER AND TO AUTHORIZE PROCEEDING WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BUILDING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA

Dr. Cale reviewed funding strategies within a projected range of construction cost estimates for the new building that had been developed prior to the receipt of bids, and then presented the proposed construction budget formulated assuming acceptance of the lowest bid received. It was noted that the bids include all furniture, fixtures, etc. for the building with the exception of laboratory equipment. Mr. Lambert gave a visual graphics presentation on the new facility’s design/layout based on building plans. Dr. Cale noted that while the new building would be in the vicinity of Kilby School, the construction project should pose no hazards to Kilby personnel or students. (One entrance to the Kilby building would need to be closed for non-commercial traffic, and the University will confirm that suspending access to one entrance/exit door does not violate any fire code standards.)

In reviewing the resolution before the Board, Dr. Cale and Mr. Gautney discussed the bid process and the Building Information Model (BIM) that was the basis for Alternate No. 1 to the bids received. A certain level of BIM components is included in the base bid from the low bidder, B.L. Harbert International, and Mr. Gautney is confident that such will be sufficient for the University’s needs without the need to expend additional funds for a bid that would include more detailed and enhanced BIM features.

Dr. Cale advised of the possibility that the University will be required to certify to the general contractor’s bonding company that funds are available to complete the project. He noted that the administration is comfortable that sufficient funds will be accessible to cover all costs through external private support, the use of reserves, and the institution’s borrowing capacity. Mr. Howard and Mr. Abroms expressed confidence that in the event that a certain level of borrowing is necessary, the University’s debt service and institutional credit rating would not be adversely impacted.

The Trustees then turned to the resolution recommended for adoption that would accept the low bid from the Harbert firm. Upon motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Pierce, the resolution was approved unanimously with the understanding and agreement that the University’s borrowing capacity and institutional reserves are adequate to meet the remainder of the costs needed to complete this project that are in excess of the $31.7 million currently in hand and designated for the building construction.
RESOLUTION APPROVING IMPACT 80 PROGRAM BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA AND FLORENCE CITY SCHOOLS

Dr. Thornell and Dr. Lefort reviewed provisions of the proposed IMPACT 80 program that creates a cooperative agreement between UNA, Florence City Schools, and a donor supporting the school system with financial assistance for current teachers desiring to attain a graduate degree. The Trustees were asked to approve stabilized tuition for the four-year agreement period with Florence City Schools. Those persons enrolled in the program would not be required to pay various fees (athletics fee, health fee, etc.) unless they wish to have access to those associated services. Dr. Lefort described the importance of teachers attaining post-baccalaureate degrees and how this program creates an incentive to enroll in graduate courses. The program developed after Florence City Schools secured a donor to provide financial assistance and then approached the University with the concept, but UNA is receptive to the model being replicated in other local school systems. While IMPACT 80 is a four-year plan with a fixed tuition rate, Dr. Thornell noted that agreements could be renewed with Florence City Schools for additional cohorts if there is sufficient momentum in the program, though the fixed tuition amounts would be adjusted in correlation with current tuition levels at the time.

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. Pierce and second by Mr. Cole, the resolution was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Cale read aloud a thank-you note from Mrs. Shirley Liles upon her receipt of the resolution in memory of Grady Liles that was passed at the March 11 Board meeting.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Howard adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Approved June 10, 2013

[Signatures]

President Pro Tempore

Secretary