

**Alumni Association Board 🞟 Marriott Conference Center**

**Friday, October 11, 2024🞟 10:00 a.m. (CST)**

1. **Call to Order and Invocation** *Ms. Savannah Liles, ’11, Chair*

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 a.m.

**II. Roll Call and Quorum** *Ms. Gaye Choat, ’81, Secretary*

Gaye reported that a quorum was not met. Therefore, there will be no votes   
 taken today. A vote e-mail will be sent to the Alumni Board.

* Executive Committee Members Present: Savannah Liles, Jeremy Baham, Rita Harris, Mike Byers, Gaye Choat, Lisa Clayton, Bishop Alexander, and Barbie Terry.
* Board-at-Large Members Present: Melissa DeFoor, Ann-Marie Irons, Emily Kathryn Gardner, and Christa Rainey
* Alumni Club Presidents Present: No Chapter Presidents were present.
* Executive Committee Members Absent: John Haeger, Will Hodges, and Anna Milwee
* Board-at-Large Members Absent: Ryan Clayton, Mike Curtis, Ty Dennis, Allison Hall, Latasha Howell, Haley Newton, Tina Smith, and Henry White.
* Alumni Club Presidents Absent: Heather Beckwith, Lawrence Davis, Jeff Fletcher, Tammy McLaughlin, Chris Lucas, Will Morgan, Zac Richardson, Kyser Samples, Gale Satchel, and Laci Wideman.
* Non-Board Members Present: None

1. Approval of Past Minutes *Ms. Savannah Liles*

The minutes will be sent in the e-vote.

1. Approval of Agenda *Ms. Savannah Liles*
2. University and Advancement Update *Ms. Barbie Terry,*

*Associate Vice President*

The Shine On, Gold Campaign is now at $76,461,786. Barbie noted when   
 Provost Smith arrived, he thought $16 million would not be enough to give us   
 what we want or need for the Music Performance Center. We are now in a   
 Phase I initiative. $250,000 has been raised to date.

Fall enrollment is 10,491. They expect it to be 10,600 when all the final   
 numbers are in. The Computing and Mathematics building is open.   
 LaGrange Hall has been demolished and a new resident hall will open in the Fall   
 2026. We will build a new Engineering Building thanks to the initiative of   
 Representative Robert Aderholt.

The Practice Field on Cox Creek Parkway is finished.

Football and soccer will practice. Once Bank Independent Stadium  
 is completed the Marching Pride will move there for practice.

Work on Bank Independent Stadium is underway. The baseball field is expected to be   
 finished in March 2025 and football and soccer in 2026.

A survey was sent to alumni regarding live lions on campus. It is important to   
 understand this will be a $7 million project funded privately. University funds   
 or tuition will not be used for this venture.

A Celebration of Life will be held on November 18, 2024, for Leo, Una, and Dan and Ann Howard.

**VI. Alumni Relations Update** Mr. Bishop Alexander, ‘09

Director, Alumni Relations

UNA Founder’s Day will be celebrated on January 10, 2025. Mark your calendars   
 for an Alumni Board Retreat on that day. Bishop has requested feedback on   
 what we would like to see at the Retreat.

There will be a Haunted Tour on the UNA campus on October 27, 2024. This is   
 a fundraiser for the Department of History. Alumnae Debra Glass will be   
 leading the tour.

Bishop has been working with the Chapter Presidents this past summer.

1. **Committee Reports**

* **Executive Committee** *Ms. Savannah Liles*

Savannah asked for volunteers tonight to help with the Award Winners and tomorrow to help direct them to the trolley for the parade.

* **Nominations Committee** *Mr. Will Hodges, ’10, Chair*

Christa Rainey reported in Will’s absence. The Committee voted on the Homecoming Alumni Award winners over the summer. Communication was sent to the Alumni Association Board to see who wished to return. Resumes for potential Board members have been received and are on file with the Alumni Office.

* + Members Rolling Off

Holly Tate and Denise Watts are coming off the Board. They will be recognized later.

* **Finance Committee** *Mr. Mike Byers, ’79, Chair*

The Benefits Fund has a balance of $1,552. The Greatest Needs Fund has a balance of $20,612.99. There has not been a lot of activity since our last meeting.

* + Stadium

The Finance Committee met and approved a motion to fund a new Alumni Pavilion at Bank Independent Stadium. The amount is $110,000. $5,000 was paid last year and $5,000 will be paid this year. In the year 2025, we will begin paying $100,000. Mike suggested a fundraiser for at least 40 people contributing $250 over the next ten (10) years. Barbie mentioned a plaque would be placed in the stadium with all contributor’s names. This proposal will be sent to the Board for an e-vote. It was also noted that the pledge the Alumni Association made to the Legacy Initiative will be paid off in February 2025.

* + Budget Approval

The budget of $12,890 as approved by the Finance Committee for the next fiscal year was presented. The budget will be sent to the Board for an e-vote.

* **Marketing & Communication** *Ms. Rita Harris, ’85, Chair*

The Committee this year has worked on publicity for Lions Under the Lights, Homecoming, and the 1830 Fund where Alumni Board members were encouraged to make a video telling alumni the benefits of giving. Holly Tate provided the Alumni Takeover plan for the 1830 Fund videos.

The Committee is currently working on “Flat Leo”. Alumni will be encouraged to take Flat Leo with them on their travels and take a picture to post on social media. Holly Tate and Michelle Eubanks are working on how to use the University Magazine to get Flat Leo to alumni. Lisa Clayton suggested we utilize Kilby students with this campaign.

The Committee will also be looking at ways to bring the history and traditions of UNA to alumni and students by showing former landmarks, UNA events, and traditions along with the history of LaGrange College.

Rita is asking alumni to approach alumni and students and ask them “What do you like/love about UNA?”. She asks that a short video be recorded on our phones and then sent to Bishop. These will be used periodically on the Alumni Association’s social media platforms.

* **Development Committee** *Mr. John Haeger, ’99, Chair*

Barbie reported in John’s absence.

* + Lions Under the Lights

The date is March 14, 2025. The committee will begin planning after Homecoming.

* **Campus Engagement Committee** *Ms. Anna Milwee, ’14, Co-Chair*

*Dr. Lisa Clayton, ’00, Co-Chair*

Lisa reported on the Faculty/Staff Engagement event on September 30, 2024. Approximately 40 people attended. The event was held at Singin’ River Brewery and Taco Mama catered. Lisa mentioned the possibility of establishing a Faculty/Staff Scholarship through the Alumni Association.

1. **Old Business** Ms. Savannah Liles

* Vote on By-Laws and Constitution

These will be voted by e-vote sent to the Board.

1. **New Business** Ms. Savannah Liles

There was no new business.

1. **Adjournment**

Savannah adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaye Choat

Secretary

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

* 2025 Board of Trustees Meetings have not been announced yet, but our meeting dates will be announced ASAP.
* January 10: Founder’s Day and Board Retreat
* January 23: Nashville Alumni, Friends, and Family Mixer at Lipscomb Game
* March 13: Light the Fountain
* March 14: Lions Under the Lights