BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting The University of West Alabama Bell Conference Center December 2, 2019 10:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Mr. Justin Smith asked Mrs. Beard to call the roll. Other than Mr. Justin Smith, members attending were: Mrs. Jean Anderson, Mr. Hal Bloom, Mr. Joseph Brown, Mrs. Sheila Cloud, Mr. Jerry Groce, Dr. John Killian, Mr. Jerry Smith, and Mr. Victor Vernon, Ms. Jody Wise, and Dr. Eric Mackey. Mrs. Beard announced there was a quorum present. Also attending were: Mr. Mike Kendrick (University Attorney), President Ken Tucker, and several other administrators and staff members, with Katie Beard recording the minutes.

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

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2019

Mr. Justin Smith asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the meetings held on September 9, 2019. There were none.

Mr. Justin Smith asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

The estimated time for Executive Session is fifteen minutes.

V. Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee

Mr. Jerry Smith, wm en itttThe Institutional Advancement area is fully staffed and ready to take on a capital campaign.

VI. Report from the Athletic Committee

Mr. Hal Bloom stated that Mr. Bobby Wallace provided an update on athletics. Mr. Wallace reported that gradua rates for our student athletes are reaching record highs for UWA and exceed the general student population graduation numb. Mr. Wallace also updated the committee on all Fall Sports and all the new coaches that have been hired. Mr. Bloom stated he felt like the Athletic Department is at an all-time high with Mr. Bobby Wallace as the athletic director.

VII. Report from the Facilities Committee

Mr. Joseph Brown provided an overview of the report of the Facilities Committee. An update on the energy sav project was given. The project is 96% complete and only small punch-list items remain. The McConnell House will be renovation soon, with \$75,000 approved for that project (and the estimate showing a cost of \$68,300) which will be use update the three bathrooms in the home. Mrs. Jean Anderson has done a fantastic job on this project and all plans specifications have been completed.

Mr. Joseph Brown stated that Mr. Bobby Truelove presented three new projects for the Board's consideration. The is the turf replacement in Tiger Stadium. The Tiger Stadium turf is 9 years old and is in need of replacement. UWA was very fortunate that the company that installed the turf came and did some repairs to ensure we could use the turf through

remainder of football season this year. The estimated cost of this project is \$380,000.00. We propose to advertise for bids in January 2020. This project could start spring of 2020 and be completed befor

USA and has a larger number of online programs than most of our peers. UWA online programs has positioned themselves very competitively within the State.

Economic and Workforce Development

Dr. Tucker announced that the Division of Economic and Workforce Development was recently awarded \$2.5 million for Rural Workforce Development by the U.S. Department of Labor to UWA. The Governor of Alabama also recently announced the Enviva project which will provide 85 jobs and \$175 million in capital investment and 180 peripheral jobs and significant investment in the local community. UWA also received a DRA grant in the amount of \$500,000 for water and sewer upgrades for Port Epes, which is part of the overall Enviva project.

Dr. Tucker stated that on December 1st, UWA hosted a Summit on Rural Workforce Development. This is the only one that exists in the state. Our presenters were of the highest quality and attendance was outstanding.

X. Report from the Board President