

**University of Alabama
National Alumni Association
East Tennessee Chapter**

**Minutes for Thursday, February 16, 2017 Dinner Meeting
Cherokee Country Club**

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Members met at 6:00 PM and President Bob Bland called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 PM with 48 people attending. Charlie Schilleci gave the invocation.

Secretary and Membership Report: Bill Campbell

Bill and Bob introduced a number of attendees which included new attendees Ralph Skinner and John Voss as well as past attendees Chris Low, Darrell Bailey, Julia Bentley, Jim and Mary Lee Bowers, John Helling, Tom Kilgore, Ethan Payne, David Yarbough, Dr. Preston Shepherd, Zollie and Tate Cantrell and Jackson Vaughan.

Treasurer's Report: Marianne Goodwin

- Marianne gave a brief summary of our revenues and expenses to include a \$4,000 payment to the ETUA Scholarship Fund which brings the total for the Fund up to \$97,000. With the car tag match from the UA, the total will be increasing to \$101,000. Our total corpus for all endowments as of 12/31/16 is approximately \$928,888.

President's Report: Bob Bland

- Gene Chunn introduced our speaker for the evening Chris Low of ESPN. Chris gave some interesting insights into the UA football program from his perspective as an ESPN reporter with a close personal relationship to Coach Saban. Chris thinks we have an excellent chance of getting back to the National Championship game next year with Florida State as a likely opponent. He also discussed our new Offensive Coordinator who is coming to UA as a former assistant tight end coach for the New England Patriots. Chris then answered a number of questions from the attendees to include his perspective on our upcoming freshman recruits.
- Jack Bailey discussed a new book he was reading about Mike Denny who resided as the UA President for 25 years and who is arguably regarded as our greatest and most impactful President. Of his students, 37 became Presidents at other colleges.
- At next month's meeting (March 17) Vanda Scott will be speaking about the College of Nursing at the UA.
- Brandon Clark has dropped out of the ETUA officer rotation. Bill Campbell agreed to rotate into that position. Charlie Schilleci has agreed to step into the officer rotation as the next Vice President. We are now looking for someone to fill the Secretary position.
- Attendees were encouraged to participate in the UA program for scheduled contributions to the ETUA Scholarship Fund. Contributions can be made on a monthly, quarterly or yearly basis with an option for automatic credit card payments if desired. So far, we have received \$3,000 in contributions.
- The A-Day game is scheduled for April 22. Attendees voted to move our monthly meeting date from Friday the 21st to the 20th of April which would give perspective meeting attendees time to attend the game with little conflict to our April 20th meeting. CCC was amenable to this change in dates. CCC will be contacted to arrange the change.
- Bob thanked Tom Kilgore for joining him at a meeting with a highly regarded local high school senior who is considering the UA, Auburn and UAH engineering programs. This young student has been accepted into the Honors Program at all three schools with a GPA of 4.3 and an ACT of 35. He is eligible for a UA Presidential Scholarship (i.e., full tuition among other benefits). Tom is on the Board of the Engineering Dept at the UA, so he was able to provide the student with considerable insights into the Engineering program during the meeting. Hopefully this young man will select Alabama's engineering program

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM with a ROLL TIDE!!!!

The next meeting will be held on March 17 at 11:30 AM at the Cherokee Country Club.
