

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

**Minutes for Friday, March 18, 2016 Luncheon Meeting
Cherokee Country Club**

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Members met at 11:30 AM and President Bob Bland called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM with 22 people attending. Jim Mungenast gave the invocation.

Treasurer's Report: Marianne Goodwin

- Marianne summarized the Chapter expenses for February which were: the February dinner meeting; a deposit for the October Riverboat Cruise; the football Watch Parties; Facebook; Twitter Advertising; and a monthly charge from the bank for maintaining a balance under \$5,000 which we hope to alleviate with the May banquet.

Secretary and Membership Report: Bill Campbell

- Bill reported that we had one new member Lana Maddox who was invited to the meeting by co-worker Chris Lambert. Also in attendance were Chapter members Marisa Moazen who had been unable to attend for the past seven years as well as Worth and Martha Wilkerson who are always a pleasure to see.

Sports Committee: David Chandler

- David reported that our men's basketball team made it to the men's NIT Tournament, but they were defeated by Drake in the first round. The women's team also progressed to the women's NIT Tournament with a victory in the first round. The women's softball team is 22-4, while the men's baseball team is 11-5.
- Football practice began on March 11; there are 14 starters returning from last year's team along with 3 new coaches who will be joined by the #1 recruiting class. Jake Coker played the entire 2015 season with a broken toe. The Spring Game will be April 16.

Vice President's Report: Brandon Clark

- Brandon gave an overview of the Alabama Student Government Association (SGA) and its interactions with the University administrators and staff. While at the University from 2006 to 2010, he was elected to the student Senate as well as to the position of Vice-President of Academic Affairs. Brandon said during this time the University leadership and administrators were exceptional to deal with. In that regard, they seemed to be on top of any issues or problems that the SGA brought to their attention. Brandon then summarized the structure and activities of the various offices within the SGA to include a number of the actions that he undertook while in his positions. He concluded by commenting that his positions afforded him the opportunity to understand the politics of large organizations and how to deal with the media as well as providing he and others with an excellent platform for gaining leadership experience.

Scholarship Committee Report: Jim Mungenast

- Jim explained how the Committee determines which of the high school candidates will receive our three major \$10,000 scholarships (i.e., Stallworth; Shephard and Turbyfill) this year and how the remaining \$10,000 will be allocated from our corpus of \$802,319. Some of those dollars will be allocated to previous scholarship recipients who maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better. This year about 130 students from East TN were accepted to the University. Of those, nearly 100 received some form of scholarship assistance which required them to have at least a 27 ACT and a 3.5 GPA. Of those 100 students about 70 received either a full or 2/3 tuition scholarship which required a 30 ACT and a 3.5 GPA.
- Bob is working with Chris Lambert to identify alumni in the East TN area who would be interested in funding a new scholarship.
- Chris reported that for the upcoming academic year the estimated cost for out-of-state students will be \$40,000 for room and board coupled with indirect costs of \$6,000.

President's Report: Bob Bland

- Bob working with Charlie were successful in getting President Bell to speak at our May banquet meeting.
- Bob mentioned discussions were underway regarding moving the October meeting to the week before the BAMA vs TN football game since our normal meeting date of the 3rd Friday would coincide with the Riverboat Cruise. The extra week would give us more time to work on the upcoming Cruise and hopefully encourage more volunteers to help out. If we make this change, there would still be 4 weeks between the September and October meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM with a ROLL TIDE!!!!

The next meeting's date is April 14 at 11:30 AM at the Cherokee Country Club.