

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

**Minutes for Friday, September 18, 2015 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 12:00PM. 27 people were in attendance. The meeting was held at the Cherokee Country Club. Gene Chunn led an invocation.

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**Sports Committee: David Chandler**

- David talked about this weekend's game against Ole Miss; Saban is 9 and 1 in revenge games, so we're optimistic about our chances.
- The remaining football schedule for BAMA is the most difficult in the nation.
- Recruiting under our new basketball coach is going very well.
- Leslie Grossman commented that the UA Woman's Doubles Tennis Team won the NCAA Championship a couple of months ago; this allowed them to qualify for the US Open.
- Bob Bland reminded the attendees that we have a number of alumni who were lettermen at UA; Leslie and Ken Goodwin lettered in tennis; Jack Bailey and Vanda Scott lettered in track; Jim Bogen lettered in basketball; Bill Williams and Tony Johnson lettered in football.

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**Treasurer's Report: Marianne Goodwin**

- Bob commented that Marianne had passed the chapter's financial audit and that the auditors (alumni Bill and Ginny Morrow) praised her for the job she had done. Marianne stated that the only issue raised in the audit was related to no-shows at our monthly meetings where the auditors reported we had not collected about \$300; this was not a significant finding. Bob reiterated that it's important association members who plan to attend the meetings do so because failing to attend results in a meal expense and a corresponding loss of revenue for ETUA.

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**Secretary's Report: Bill Campbell**

- Bill introduced two new members to ETUA, Jeff and Shannon Patton; their son is a sophomore who plays in the Million Dollar Band.
- Bill explained the process for disseminating the minutes after they are completed each month. Specifically, the Secretary sends the minutes to Don Barksdale who puts them out on our ETUA website. The minutes are also distributed with the following month's meeting invitation email.
- Next, Bill discussed some of the hi-lights from the 2015 Chapter Leadership Conference that was held in July. Bill focused his comments around admission criteria; perhaps the most significant comment was that for the 2015 class, UA only accepted 19% of those high school students who applied for admission and 60% of those chosen were from out-of-state. 150 additional faculty were hired to handle the growth in enrollment. The University has spent over \$2 billion in construction over the past 12 years resulting in 88 new buildings and 59 major renovations. Bill then explained the ASAP and Early College programs who are unique to UA.
- Bob provided more details about the Conference to include information about the various breakout sessions that our four attendees could attend (i.e., Bob, Bill, Diane McCarn and Brandon Clark). He also emphasized that in addition to the "Saban effect" which Bill attributed to much of our recent growth, the arrival of Dr. Witt had even more of an effect on that growth. Dr. Witt was responsible for increasing the high school recruiting staff at UA which now numbers more than 50.

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**President's Report: Bob Bland**

- Bob mentioned that Charlie Schilleci is working on getting an Assistant Athletic Director from UA to speak at our November 19<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting.
- Bob talked about the Watch Parties in Brandon's absence; we had 40-50 attendees at the Wisconsin party. The party for the MTSU game was canceled due to a lack of interest, but Leslie and a few others showed up anyway. Brandon advised Bob that we will be having a party for this weekend's Ole Miss game.
- Bob handed out two fact sheets which provided: detailed enrollment and scholarship statistics; facts regarding the national rankings of various schools within the University; and the national awards and scholarships that have been presented to our students and faculty (see attached).
- 2015 Meeting Schedule – all meetings are held at Cherokee Country Club
  - October 16 – luncheon
  - November 19 – evening
  - December – no meeting

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**Recruiting Committee: Lanny Payne**

- According to the UA Faculty Newsletter our Dance Program just got a rating of the 5<sup>th</sup> best in the nation.
- Lanny then briefly covered the UA Out-of-State Student Guide to Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships that is discussed with high school students at the various East TN College Fairs which many of our ETUA members participate in.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM with a ROLL TIDE!!!!

**The next meeting's date is October 16 at 11:30AM at the Cherokee Country Club.**

**The University of Alabama at a Glance - Fall 2014 (UA Factbook 2014-2015)**

Total Enrollment	36,155		<b>Distribution of Alumni by State</b>	
Students from Alabama	2,474		1. Alabama	121,118
Out-of-State		4,289	2. Georgia	16,783
Foreign	<u>93</u>		3. Florida	12,431
Total Freshmen		6,856	4. Tennessee	8,693
Graduate Students		1,493	5. Texas	7,608
Undergraduate Transfer		1,501	Other States	<u>45,602</u>
Grand Total		9,850	Total US State Count	212,235
			US Territories/Foreign	<u>1,471</u>
			Total	213,706
Total Honors College Enrollment		6,965		
Total Degrees Awarded		7,582		

Enrollment As percentage of:

Total Headcount Enrollment:	%	Undergraduate Enrollment	%
Full-time students	86.1	Full-time students	76.7
Male Students	45.0	Male Students	45.7
Female Students	55.0	Female Students	54.3
Minority Students	19.0	Minority Students	17.7
International Students	4.7	International Students	3.8
Alabama Students	49.3	Alabama Students	49.0
Undergraduate Students	85.1	Under 25 Years of Age	91.8
Graduate Students	13.5		
Professional Students	1.5		

Freshmen Applications 2015	36,076 (In-state 6,998 Out of State 29,088)
Average ACT Composite Score first time freshmen	26.1
Average GPA	3.65
Probable Freshmen Class 2015	7,100-7,200

Tuition	In-State	Out-of-State
Undergraduate	\$9,826	\$24,950
Graduate	\$9,826	\$24,950
Law	\$21,320	\$36,000
Average Room and Board	\$12,700	\$12,700

Undergraduate Degrees Offered	72
Graduate and Professional Degrees Offered	121
Number of Faculty	1,848
University Opened Doors for Admission	1831
Campus Covers	1,026 acres

Race and Ethnicity

African American or Black	577	8.42%	Hispanic	290	4.23%
American Indian	21	0.31	White	5,547	80.91%
Asian	66	0.96%	Other	351	5.11
Hawaiian or Other Pac. Isl.	4	0.06%	Total	6,856	100.0%

## The University of Alabama

May 2015

- Enrollment at The University of Alabama reached a record high of 36,155 for fall 2014. The entering freshman class, at 6,856 students, is the largest and best qualified in UA history. More than 2,100 freshmen scored 30 or higher on the ACT, placing them in the top 5 percent of students taking the ACT.
- The University of Alabama is a leader among public universities nationwide in the enrollment of National Merit Scholars with more than 600 currently enrolled.
- Ranked among the top 50 public universities in the nation in *U.S. News and World Report's* annual college rankings for more than a decade, UA ranked 38th among public universities in the 2015 rankings. UA's latest college rankings include:
  - The School of Law is ranked 22nd among all law schools in the nation, spring 2015.
  - The School of Library and Information Studies is ranked 18<sup>th</sup> nationally in the latest rankings for library schools, spring 2013
- University of Alabama students continue to win prestigious national awards. Forty-five UA students have been named Goldwater Scholars, including four in 2015. The University of Alabama has produced a total of 15 Rhodes Scholars, 14 Truman Scholars, 30 Hollings Scholars and six Boren Scholars.
- Twenty-eight UA faculty have received NSF CAREER Awards, the nation's most prestigious recognition of top-performing young scientists, in disciplines ranging from nanoscience and engineering to biological sciences.
- Dr. Samantha Hansen, UA assistant professor of geological sciences, is one of many faculty recognized nationally for research. Hansen is one of 102 scientists who received the 2014 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on science and engineering professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers.
- Fourteen University of Alabama graduates have accepted Fulbright awards to study and teach abroad during 2015-2016. Three will be based in Spain and two each in Brazil, Malaysia and Turkey. Others will be in Czech Republic, Cyprus, France, Peru and South Korea.
- *U.S. News and World Report* ranks The University of Alabama's Manderson Online Business Master's programs 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation, up from 75th last year. The rankings are based on level of accreditation, faculty credentials, admissions selectivity, reputation for excellence among peer institutions and academic and career support services offered to students.