

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

**Minutes for Friday, October 14, 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 12:00 PM with 45 people attending. Gene Chunn gave the invocation.

Secretary and Membership Report: Bill Campbell

- Bill introduced a number of new attendees: Calvin & Judy Brown; Alex & Donna Smith; Susan & Louie Kramer; Jeff & Marilyn Cheek; Louis Mays (President-Greater Cincinnati Chapter); Sue Morrow Terrell; Marisa Moazen's parents (Gary & Robin).

Guest Speakers: Bob Bland

- Bob introduced our guest speakers Calvin Brown (Director of Alumni Affairs) and Alex Smith (President NAA). Alex and Calvin talked about ETUA's reputation as one of the top chapters in the country. Alex recognized the ETUA website as the prototype for how every chapter's website should be designed; he commended Don Barksdale for his efforts in the design of our website. Both Alex and Calvin commented about how impressed they were with our scholarship corpus which continues to exceed that of all other chapters outside the state of Alabama. Alex reached out and got feedback from many of our ETUA scholarship recipients over the past 10 years regarding what our scholarships had met to them. Without exception they all thanked ETUA for the significant impact the scholarships have had on both their collegiate and professional lives. Calvin talked about the "perfect storm" that has evolved over the last 12-15 years which has transformed the University of Alabama. The storm began with arrival of Dr. Robert Witt and subsequently with the arrival of Coach Saban. Together they have fostered an unprecedented growth in the size and prestige of the University which has seen the addition of a new building every 60 days over the past 9 years at a cost of approximately three billion dollars. During that time the student body has grown from 19,000 to 37,000 with over 38,000 applications submitted for this year's freshman class; only 7,500 were accepted. Those selected had an average ACT of 27.1 with 40% of the class having an ACT of 30+. 31.6% of the class had a GPA of 4.0+ with over 1/3rd of the class in the Honors College.

Treasurer's Report: Marianne Goodwin

- Marianne commented that we are in the black to the tune of approximately \$4,200 before the Riverboat proceeds.

Sports Committee Report: Jack Bailey

- Jack (who presided in place of David Chandler) summarized the status of the various sports programs. Jack encouraged attendees to access Rolltide.com for details about all of our athletic programs to include the blog that Coach Battles does on a recurring basis.

Scholarship Committee Report: Diane McCarn

- Bob, Stacy Hall and Diane began our recruiting process on September 1st with a college fair in Elizabethton (close to Johnson City) which was followed by fairs in Knoxville and Lenoir City. Diane thanked all of the members who had assisted with the fairs.
- Diane said the students are very excited about how great our scholarships are as well as the availability of our Honors College. The most popular majors discussed this year were psychology, nursing and engineering, the latter two of which have new multi-million dollar learning facilities.
- Nan Proctor added that from the fall of 2007 to the spring of 2017, our chapter has awarded \$336,000 in scholarships.

Riverboat Committee Report: Gene Chunn

- Gene gave a status of the Riverboat Cruise which sold out over a month ago. Gene commented that we have a football signed by Coach Saban which we will be raffling off with hopes of raising \$1,000 like we did last year. Don added that he had been inundated with calls for tickets over the past few days; he expects that we may have as many as 90 or more folks without tickets waiting down on the river in hopes of securing any last minute tickets that might become available.

President's Report: Bob Bland

- Bob reminded attendees of the upcoming Watch Parties which have been very successful to date.
- Ann Payne mentioned that long time member Bill Black had recently passed away.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM with a ROLL TIDE!!!!

The next meeting will be held on November 18th at 11:30 AM at the Cherokee Country Club.
