Dear Dr. Whitaker:

At the June 17, 2016 meeting of The University of Alabama Board of Trustees, the Board approved the following decision items for your institution:

Individual Action Items:

- 1. A Program Proposal for a Doctor of Philosophy in Geography in the Department of Geography (CIP Code 45.0701) at UA
- 2. A Program Proposal for a Juris Master with a Concentration in Taxation (CIP Code 22.0211) at UA
- 3. A Program Proposal for a Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree in Religion in Culture in the Department of Religious Studies (CIP Code 38.0201) at UA
- 4. A Proposal (NISP) for a Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree in Instructional Technology (CIP Code 13.0501) at UA

Administrative Action Items:

- 1. The Extension of an Existing Program Application for a Specialization in Nurse Practitioner in Primary Care for Rural Populations in the Existing Master of Nursing (MSN) Degree in the Capstone College of Nursing (CIP Code 51.3801) at UA
- 2. The Extension of an Existing Program Application for a Specialization in Nurse Practitioner in Mental Health for Rural Populations in the Existing Master of Nursing (MSN) Degree in the Capstone College of Nursing (CIP Code 51.3801) at UA
- 3. A Set of Reasonable Alterations and Extensions of the Existing Bachelor of Arts in Communication in Telecommunication & Film (CIP Code 09.0701) Degree Program in the Newly Merged Department of Journalism & Creative Media in the College of Communication & Information Sciences to Include: 1) Changing the Degree Nomenclature, Degree Program Title, CIP Code to Bachelor of Arts in Communication & Information Sciences in Creative Media (CIP Code 09.0799), 2) Altering the Curriculum to Increase Hours, Enhance Skills, and Improve Flexibility, and 3) Adding a New Concentration in Production at UA
- 4. A Set of Reasonable Alterations and Extensions of the Existing Bachelor of Arts in Communication in Journalism (Mass Communication) (CIP Code 09.0401) Degree Program in the Newly Merged Department of Journalism & Creative Media in the College of Communication & Information Sciences to Include: 1) Changing the Degree Nomenclature, Degree Program Title, CIP Code to Bachelor of Arts in Communication & Information Sciences in News Media (CIP Code 09.0499), 2) Altering the Curriculum to Increase Hours, Enhance Skills, and Improve Flexibility, and 3) Adding a New Concentration in Sports Media at UA

- 5. Changing the Degree Program Title of the Existing Master of Arts in Journalism (Mass Communication) (CIP Code 09.0401) to the Master of Arts in Journalism (CIP Code 09.0401) in the College of Communication & Information Sciences at UA
- 6. Establishing an Integrative Center for Athletic and Sport Technology (I-CAST) at UA
- 7. The Name Change of the Blount Undergraduate Initiative to The Blount Scholars Program in the College of Arts and Sciences at UA
- 8. An Administrative Merger Between the Department of Family Medicine and the Department of Internal Medicine in the College of Community Health Sciences Creating the Department of Family, Internal, and Rural Medicine at UA
- 9. Appointment of Beverly Thorn as Professor Emerita of Psychology in the College of Arts & Sciences at UA
- 10. Appointment of Stanley L. Brodsky as Professor Emeritus of Psychology in the College of Arts & Sciences at UA
- 11. Appointment of Richard L. Rice, Jr., as Professor Emeritus of Educational Leadership in the College of Education at UA
- 12. Appointment of Daisy Arredondo Rucinski as Professor Emerita of Educational Leadership in the College of Education at UA
- 13. Appointment of Dr. Jonathan Halbesleben as the Thomas D. Russell Professor of Business Administration at UA
- 14. Appointment of Dr. Theresa Welbourne to the Will and Maggie Brooke Endowed Professorship in Entrepreneurship at UA
- 15. Appointment of Dr. Nancy Sirianni as the D. Paul Jones, Jr., and Charlene Jones Compass Bank Endowed Chair in Services Marketing at UA
- 16. Appointment of Dr. Linda Parsons to the Joe Lane Endowed Professorship in Accounting at UA
- 17. Appointment of Dr. Marilyn Valpuesta Whitman as the HealthSouth Endowed Chair in Health Care in Health Care Management at UA
- 18. Appointment of Dr. James King to the Minnie Caddell Miles-Frank A. Rose Memorial Endowed C&BA Professorship of Leadership at UA
- 19. Appointment of Mr. John Heins to the Fitzpatrick Endowed Professorship in Value Investing at UA

- 20. Appointment of Dr. Rick Hatfield as the Fayard Endowed Chair in Accounting at UA
- 21. Appointment of David A. Francko, Ph.D., as Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School Emeritus at UA

Information Items:

- 1. A Post-baccalaureate Interdisciplinary Certificate in Museum Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences (CIP Code 30.1401) at UA
- 2. A Post-graduate Certificate as a Nurse Practitioner in Primary Care for Rural Populations in the Capstone College of Nursing (CIP Code 51.3801) at UA
- 3. A Post-graduate Certificate as a Nurse Practitioner in Mental Health for Rural Populations in the Capstone College of Nursing (CIP Code 51.3801) at UA

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Charles Ray Nash

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