

Resolution

Authorizing On-Campus Activities in Fall 2020

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama System (“UA System”) is, first and foremost, an institution of higher education created for learning and is dedicated to being the preeminent public system of higher education and health care in the United States; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, each university in the UA System cancelled in-person instruction for the Spring 2020 semester and transitioned to limited business operations; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama (“UA”) cancelled in-person instruction for any Summer 2020 semester classes with a start date before June 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama at Birmingham (“UAB”) and University of Alabama in Huntsville (“UAH”) cancelled in-person instruction for all Summer 2020 semester classes; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama System created a task force (“Task Force”) to develop plans for the three UA System campuses to be the safest universities in America when on-campus activities resume; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama (“Board of Trustees”) has extensively reviewed the Task Force plan for resuming on-campus activities such as in-person instruction and research; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force plan is premised on cutting-edge technology developed by UAB Health System experts, including a COVID-19 symptom tracker; and

WHEREAS, numerous other entities including businesses, two-year and four-year universities, and K-12 schools have requested copies of the Task Force plan to use as a model for their own plans to resume in-person activities; and

WHEREAS, based on current conditions, the Board of Trustees believes that UA can safely offer a limited number of in-person classes with a start date after June 22, 2020 following the Task Force plan and recognizes that doing so will provide valuable insight for it and the other UA System campuses; and

WHEREAS, based on current conditions, the Board of Trustees believes that the UA System can best fulfill its core mission of teaching, research, and service by resuming ~~on~~ campus activities in the Fall 2020 semester;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED ~~D~~y the Board