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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF
PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

STEM BUILDING AND CONFERENCE CENTER

VIA IN PERSON AND VIRTUALLY

SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2024

Tentative Schedule:

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

12:30 p.m. Chair Opens Regular Session and Immediately Convenes Executive Session
(Board Lunch and Executive Session in Room 213)

1:30 p.m.* Chair Reconvenes Regular Session and Calls for Action on Items
Considered in Executive Session

1:35 p.m.* Joint Hospital Committee Meeting

2:30 p.m.* Audit and Fiscal Responsibility Committee Meeting

3:00 p.m.* Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting

3:30 p.m.* Distance Education and Technology Committee Meeting

6:00 p.m. Trustee Dinner, Pine Bluff Country Club
100 W. 46th Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR 71603

Thursday, September 12, 2024

9:00 a.m.* Agriculture Committee Meeting

9:15 a.m.* Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m.* Regular Session Continues

Box Lunches Available

**Approximate time or at the conclusion of the previous meeting.*

August 30, 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear Trustees:

The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas will meet on Wednesday and Thursday, September 11-12, 2024, in person and virtually, at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in the STEM Building and Conference Center, 1350 L.A. "Prexy" Davis Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The tentative schedule is:

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- 10:00 a.m.* Regular Session Continues
Box Lunches Available

**Approximate time or at the conclusion of the previous meeting.*

The agenda and supporting materials for the Board and Committee meetings are attached. I look forward to seeing you on September 11-12 in Pine Bluff or by video conference.

Sincerely,



Kelly Eichler, Chair
Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas

Attachments

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF
STEM BUILDING AND CONFERENCE CENTER
PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS
12:30 P.M., SEPTEMBER 11, 2024, AND 9:00 A.M., SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

12:30 P.M. Chair Opens Regular Session and Immediately Convenes Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1:30 P.M. Chair Reconvenes Regular Session
(approx.)

1. Board Vote on Action Items Discussed in Executive Session
2. Consideration of Request for Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held May 22-23, 2024, and the Special Meetings Held July 18 and August 12, 2024 (Action)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

JOINT HOSPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING – *under separate cover*
Chair Crass, Members: Boyer, Fryar, Nelson and Wilson

1. Request for Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held May 22, 2024 (Action)
2. Request for Approval of the Emergency Preparedness Report (Action)
3. Review Quality, Experience and Safety Report (Information)
4. Review of the UAMS Pharmacy Impact (Information)
5. Review of the Institutional Compliance Report (Information)
6. Review of Clinical Enterprise Key Indicators (Information)
7. Chief Executive Officer's Update (Information)

AUDIT AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING - *under separate cover*
Chair Todd, Members: Crass, Dickey, Fryar and Wilson

AUDIT SECTION

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held May 22-23, 2024 (Action)
2. Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Plan Update Report (Action)
3. Update on Losses Identified through the Internal Audit Process (Information)
4. Other Business (Information)

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY SECTION

No Agenda Items

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Fryar, Members: Boyer, Cox, Nelson and Wilson

[See Agenda and Items under "Academic and Student Affairs" Tab]

DISTANCE EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Fryar, Members: Todd and Wilson

Tentative End to Day One

6:00 p.m. Trustee Dinner at Pine Bluff Country Club

DAY TWO BEGINS (tentative)

9:00A **AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Chair Cox, Members: Dickey and Nelson

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Dickey, Members: Boyer, Cox, Nelson and Todd

[See Agenda and Items Under "Buildings and Grounds" Tab]

REGULAR SESSION (Cont.)

3. Report on University Hospital-Board of Trustees Joint Committee Meeting Held September 11, 2024 (Action)
4. Report on Audit and Fiscal Responsibility Committee Meeting Held September 11, 2024 (Action)
5. Report on Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Held September 11, 2024 (Action)
6. Report on Distance Education and Technology Committee Meeting Held September 11, 2024 (Action)
7. Report on Agriculture Committee Meeting Held September 12, 2024 (Action)
8. Report on Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting Held September 12, 2024 (Action)
9. Campus Report: Dr. Andrea Stewart, Interim Chancellor
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
10. President's Report: Dr. Donald R. Bobbitt, University of Arkansas System

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

11. Consideration of Request for Approval and Authorization to Form a new Limited Liability Company with Amedisys, UAMS (Action)

University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service

12. Consideration of Request for Approval of Governance Document, UACS (Action)

East Arkansas Community College

13. Update on Recent Higher Learning Commission Visit (Information)

All Campuses

14. Consideration of Request for Approval of Revisions to Board Policies, All Campuses and Units (Action)

BP 505.6 *Withholding of Diplomas, Transcripts, and Registration*
BP 705.1 *Use of University Facilities*

**BOARD VOTE ON ACTION ITEMS DISCUSSED IN
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Item 2: Consideration of Request for Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held May 22-23, 2024, and the Special Meetings Held July 18 and August 12, 2024

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CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 22-23, 2024, AND THE SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD JULY 18 AND AUGUST 12, 2024

Draft Minutes Available Online

AGENDA FOR THE **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS** COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF
STEM BUILDING AND CONFERENCE CENTER
PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS
3:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

1. Consideration of Request for Approval to Add a Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Health Sciences, UAMS (Action)
2. Consideration of Request for Approval of Articulation Agreements, All Campuses (Action)
3. Academic Unanimous Consent Agenda (Action)

Item 1: Consideration of Request for Approval to
Add a Doctor of Philosophy in
Environmental Health Sciences, UAMS

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CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO
ADD A DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES, UAMS

August 30, 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC AND
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Dr. Ed Fryar, Chair
Mr. Tommy Boyer
Mr. Steve Cox
Mr. Sheffield Nelson
Mr. Jeremy Wilson

Dear Committee Members:

Chancellor Cam Patterson, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, requests approval of a new program proposal for a Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Health Sciences (EHS) within the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health. Degree costs, salary expectations and a proposal summary are attached.

Currently, no doctoral program in environmental health sciences exists in the state of Arkansas. The program is centered around the development of a skilled workforce along with advancing and improving community safety ethics. This competency-based program will prepare students for future needed positions within the environmental health field.

The proposal has received the necessary campus approval. If enrollment and budget goals have not been met upon evaluation of the program after five years, the program will be discontinued.

I concur with this recommendation, and a resolution is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Donald R. Bobbitt, President
Charles E. Scharlau Presidential Leadership Chair

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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby approves the new academic degree proposal set forth below:

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

- Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Health Sciences

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if enrollment and budget goals have not been met upon evaluation of the programs after five years the programs will be discontinued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President is hereby authorized to submit this proposal to the Arkansas Division of Higher Education for appropriate action.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

DEGREE COST AND SALARY EARNINGS

1. Expected cost to students to earn the credential
 - Total cost for an in-state student (before housing, books, transportation): \$10,694 per year (\$42,776 for 4 years)
 - Total cost for an out-of-state student (before housing, books, transportation): \$22,693 per year (\$90,772 for 4 years)
2. Expected starting salary
 - For students entering practice right after graduation, the starting salaries can range between \$67,400 and \$71,600.
3. Expected salary after 5 years
 - After five years, the salaries will range between \$73,000 and \$77,500

NOTE: The program will be providing a stipend to the students and anticipates paying for their tuition and fees.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES

Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Health Sciences

NEW DEGREE PROGRAM

1. PROPOSED PROGRAM TITLE:

Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Health Sciences

2. PROPOSED STARTING DATE:

Spring 2025

3. CONTACT PERSON:

Stephanie Gardner, Provost, Chief Academic Officer, and Chief Strategy Officer

4. PROGRAM SUMMARY:

Training for the Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Health Sciences (EHS) will consist of 75 graduate credit hours, a candidacy exam, and a dissertation (see sections 6). The graduate credit hours will be derived from courses offered by the Department of Environmental Health Sciences and the Department of Biostatistics in the UAMS Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health (COPH) and courses offered by the UAMS College of Medicine.

The Doctor of Philosophy in EHS will take a multidisciplinary approach to provide students with an advanced understanding of the impact of the environment on human health, how humans interact with the environment, and the importance of improving and maintaining healthy environments in communities and workplaces. This competency-based curriculum will prepare students for careers as Environmental Health Specialists and related positions in the current and future job markets.

Students will become proficient in identifying potential health hazards for the workforce, community, and environment; become knowledgeable about the regulations and laws for the use of hazardous chemical and physical toxicants; and become experienced in conducting research.

The curriculum will emphasize exposure assessment of single or geospatial sources and lifestyle factors, such as diet and dietary supplements, pharmaceutical-induced toxicity, public health microbiology, and food safety. Students will gain experience conducting research in the field of environmental health sciences, drawing meaningful interpretations from their results, and publishing their research findings. Students will be required to submit a hypothesis-driven dissertation with original research as part of this degree.

Specific emphasis in the curriculum will be placed on training students to be effective communicators, able to present and explain complex scientific information accurately and comprehensively to non-science trained audiences.

The Department of Environmental Health Sciences recently added two courses to its curriculum, Climate Change in Public Health and Global Information Systems (GIS) in Public Health. Both courses are electives for this degree.

In addition, the following non-didactic courses have been added to the curriculum.

1. Environmental Health Sciences Seminar
(1 credit available in the fall and spring semesters)
2. Environmental Health Sciences Research
(3 credits in the spring and fall semesters and 1 credit in the summer semester)

A. Program costs

No new funding is requested for this program. The effort for teaching these additional students is estimated to be 0.1% FTE because faculty are already teaching the required courses for programs with greater enrollment. Existing funds will be allocated as described in Section 10.

B. Faculty resources

Courses in the doctoral program will be taught by current faculty in the Departments of Environmental Health Sciences, Epidemiology, Health Behavior and Health Education, Health Policy and Management, and Biostatistics within the COPH. In addition, some courses will be taught by faculty in the College of Medicine.

C. Library resources

This program will utilize existing library resources.

D. Facilities and equipment

This program will utilize existing facilities and equipment, including classroom space, computer equipment, and computing and storage servers.

5. NEED FOR THE PROGRAM:

The field of environmental health sciences is evolving from a reactive system with fragmented accountability to a proactive science that aims to predict and identify potential environmental impacts on human health so they can be averted. Therefore, there is a growing need for a workforce that understands the influence of the environment on human activity and vice-versa and the associated risks to public health.

The Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) provided a workforce Labor Market Information analysis report indicating need in the environmental specialist workforce (Appendix A.1). The report forecasts for the next 10 years a steady need of 30+ trained environmental specialists per year. The current average annual salary for an environment specialist is \$71,600, which is 1.8-fold higher than the mean salary in Arkansas. Salaries are expected to increase annually by 2% to an average of \$77,500 by 2030.

The Department of Environmental Health Sciences is proposing a doctoral program that will train environmental health scientists for careers in government, industry, and academia. Enrollment in science and health related fields, including public health, have surpassed enrollment for other STEM fields like engineering (Appendix A.2). Part of the reason for the increased interest of undergraduates in environmental health sciences may be the growing number of job opportunities in the discipline.

There were 444,122 total job postings for public health scientists between January 2022 and December 2022, of which 221,433 required environmental health sciences training. The *Lightcast® Program and Development Review for Environmental Health* (51.2202) reported 2,138,493 job postings in 2021 (Appendix A.3). An analysis of these jobs estimates the environmental health workforce will increase over the next several years by 6.3% per year, and many of these jobs will be in Arkansas.

The *2020 Align Arkansas Report* by the Arkansas Division of Higher Education (Appendix A.4) estimates that by 2030, Arkansas will need an additional 1,400 individuals with a doctorate in public health, including approximately 400 with an emphasis in environmental health sciences. There is currently no doctoral program in environmental health sciences in Arkansas. This means Arkansas businesses and public employers must attract employees with doctoral degrees from out of state. This proposed program will help alleviate the shortage.

An analysis of occupational data from all US regions for environmental scientists and environmental specialists, including environmental health scientists, shows 82,848 jobs in 2022 with a mean annual income of \$82,440 nationally and \$70,539 in Arkansas .

A. Need addressed by program

Environmental health is a key part of any comprehensive public health system. Environment health science is the study of how chemical, physical, and biological exposures cause adverse effects in individuals, communities, and the environment. Environment health sciences provide unbiased data to advance policies and programs to reduce environmental exposures in air, water, soil, and food to protect people and provide communities with healthier environments.

Constant population growth with increased urbanization and an endless need for natural resources have led to significant changes to local, national, and global environments. For responsible and sustainable development, it is essential to understand the potential adverse effects of modern society on the wellbeing of all Arkansans and their environment.

To address these challenges, the PhD in EHS will train the next generation of scientists with the skills needed to successfully investigate the impact of the environment on human health. Skillsets include those listed below.

B. Projected program enrollment and graduation for Years 1-5

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Enrollment	2	4	6	4-6	5-7
Graduates				1-2	2-4

6. CURRICULUM:

Didactic courses requirements

The PhD in EHS comprises 75 graduate credit hours, a candidacy exam, and a dissertation. Full-time students are required to take a minimum of nine credit hours during the fall and spring semesters. The summer semester will consist of a research rotation in the first year and research credits in subsequent years.

Core course

Core courses are required courses for all graduate students.

Electives

In addition to the core courses, the students are required to take 3 credit hours of electives, which are chosen based on advice from the student's advisor and/or Permanent Advisory Committee (PAC, Section 6G). Of these, 3 credit hours are to be EHS courses offered by the Department of Environmental Health Sciences.

Research credits

In parallel to the coursework, the students are required to participate in research in various laboratories to gain experience in environmental health sciences research. After passing the candidacy exam, students will pursue their thesis research under the supervision of their advisor and the PAC.

Seminar

Additional credit hours are required for attending and presenting in research seminar courses.

Graduate credit hours required

- 14 credit hours of required EHS PhD core courses
- 9 credit hours of Fundamental Biological Sciences elective courses
- 9 credit hours of Scientific Communication
- 10 credit hours of Research Methodology
- 3 credit hours of Electives courses
- 12 credit hours of Pre-candidacy research
- 18 credit hours of Dissertation research

B. Curriculum Outline – Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Health Sciences

Course number	Course Title	Credit Hours	Course requirement*	New or existing course	Online/blended/ in-person
BIOC 51033	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	3	Core	Existing	In-Person
NBDS 51033	Cell Biology	3	Core	Existing	In-Person
PHYO 51093	Gene Expression	3	Core	Existing	In-Person
PCOL 51171	Scientific Communication and Ethics I	1	Core	Existing	In-Person
PCOL 51191	Scientific Communication and Ethics II	1	Core	Existing	In-Person
HBHE 64363	Communications for PH Leaders	3	Core	Existing	In-Person
IBSD 5110V	Seminar	1	Core	Existing	In-Person
BIOS 50133	Biostatistics I	3	Core	Existing	Blended
BIOS 62133	Biostatistics II	3	Core	Existing	Online
PBHL 64381	Fundamentals of Research	1	Core	Existing	Online
PBHL 50033	Introduction to Public Health	3	Core	Existing	Online
ENVH 51103	Environmental Health Sciences	3	Core	Existing	Online
ENVH 62103	Applied Knowledge in Environmental Health Spring	3	Core	Existing	Online
ENVH 63003	Principles of Toxicology for Public Health	3	Core	Existing	Online
ENVH 6300	Environmental Health Science Seminar	1	Core	Existing	Blended
ENVH 6300	Environmental Health Science Seminar	1	Core	Existing	Blended
ENVH 54103	Geographic Information Systems in Public Health	3	Core	Existing	Online
ENVH 53103	Climate Change and Public Health	3	Elective*	Existing	Online
ENVH 54003	Public Health Microbiology	3	Elective*	Existing	Online
EPID 63243	Genomic/Genetic Epidemiology	3	Elective*	Existing	Online
EPID 63353	Molecular Epidemiology	3	Elective*	Existing	Online
EPID 51103	Epidemiology I	3	Elective*	Existing	Online
ENVH 6601V	Environmental Health Science Research	12	Core	Existing	In-Person
PBHL 64373	Grantsmanship and the Peer Review Process	3	Core	Existing	In-Person
PBHL 6999V	Dissertation Research	18	Core	Existing	In-Person
Total Required Credit hours (core plus electives)		75			
*Required are at minimum one of the four electives					

7. NEW PROGRAM COSTS – Expenditures for the first 3 years:

A. New administrative costs (number and position titles of new administrators)
None.

B. Number of new faculty (full-time and part-time) and costs
None.

C. New library resources and costs
None.

D. New/renovated facilities and costs
None.

E. New instructional equipment and costs
None.

F. Distance delivery costs (if applicable)

None.

G. Student stipends and tuition (graduate assistants)

The first two years of each student's tuition will be covered by the UAMS Graduate School or by the COPH (Appendices C2 and C2, letters of support from Dr. Williams, Dean of the COPH, and Dr. Taverna, Dean of the UAMS Graduate School, respectively). In some circumstances, newly enrolled students' stipends will be covered by research in the College.

After the first two years, the student's stipend and tuition will be covered by funded research in the COPH. Preference will be given to research investigating environmental health questions.

H. Other new costs (secretarial support, supplies, faculty development, faculty/students research, program accreditation, etc.)

None.

I. Explanation regarding lack of new costs for program implementation

All the courses required for the new degree, except three taught in the College of Medicine, are currently being taught in the COPH. There is essentially no additional cost for teaching the required courses because faculty are already teaching the required courses for programs with greater enrollment.

Administrative costs for the program will be nominal and limited to adding the nondidactic courses and the enrollment of a few additional new students. These costs will be covered by the COPH.

8. SOURCE OF PROGRAM FUNDING – Income for the first 3 years of program operation:

- A. List any reallocation of funds and related department, program, etc.
No budget reallocations are required.
- B. Projected annual student enrollment, the amount of student tuition per credit hour, and the total cost of program including tuition and fees
Projected Annual Enrollment (fall and spring semesters only):
- Year 1 – 2 full-time
 - Year 2 – 4 full-time (includes continuing students)
 - Year 3 – 6 full-time (includes continuing students)
- C. Tuition
- \$460/credit hour
 - \$4140/semester
 - A 2.5% annual inflation rate is used thereafter.
<https://students.uams.edu/financial-services/tuition-and-fees/graduate-school-tuition-fees/>
- D. Total cost of tuition & fees for the first four years for a full-time student
There are no costs (\$0) to the students to obtain the PhD degree. The \$35,057.45 for tuition and stipends are provided in part by the institution and primary advisor.
- E. Projected annual state general revenues for proposed program
No direct state general revenues are received by the COPH.
- F. Other (grants [list grant source & amount of grant], employers, special tuition rates, mandatory technology fees, program specific fees, etc.)
None.

9. SIMILAR PROGRAMS

- A. Institutions offering PhD's program in Arkansas and region.
Based on a recent market assessment, we determined that there are no PhD programs in environmental health sciences in Central Arkansas. The institutions offering a similar PhD program in the region are listed below.
1. University of Arkansas, Fayetteville – PhD in Environmental Dynamics with a focus on environmental science and related research. Costs \$32,420. (<https://environmental-dynamics.uark.edu/>)
 2. Oklahoma State University – PhD program in Environmental Science that covers various aspects of environmental health. Costs \$28,430. (<https://go.okstate.edu/graduate-academics/programs/doctoral/environmental-science-phd.html>)
 3. Louisiana State University – PhD in Environmental Sciences with a focus on environmental health and toxicology. Costs \$34,200. (<https://www.lsu.edu/cce/academics/graduate/envs-envs-phd.php>)

4. Mississippi State University – PhD in Environmental Toxicology, which is closely related to environmental health sciences. Cost is estimated to be \$40,921.53, based on fees per credit hour or semester. The cost of the degree offered by Mississippi State is 17% higher than UAMS. (<http://www.catalog.msstate.edu/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/veterinary-medicine/environmental-toxicology/>)
5. University of Mississippi – PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences with emphasis on Environmental Health Sciences. (<https://pharmacy.olemiss.edu/etrp/index/gradprogram/>)
6. University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center – PhD in Environmental and Occupational Health. (<https://publichealth.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/PhD-Occupational-Environmental-Health>)

B. Institutions with similar programs used as model for development

- Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Health Sciences, John Hopkins School of Public Health
- Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Health Sciences, University of Minnesota School of Public Health

10. ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix A. Workforce Analysis Form

- A.1 ADHE - Environmental Health Sciences LMI
- A.2 NSF Graduate Enrollment in Science, engineering and Health and Fields
- A.3.1 Lightcast® Program Development Review
- A.3.2 Lightcast® Data Set for Occupational data for Environmental Sciences
- A.4 Align Arkansas



The following Labor Market Information describes a specified region's mix of occupations based on a four-quarter average of the most recent data. Also included is the historical change in employment in the past 5 years and projected change in employment for the next

Baseline Forecast - forecasts for overall employment growth by county are developed by Chmura per historical trends and expected growth in the local labor force. Industry and occupation level forecasts are derived from a blending of the overall regional growth rate with national level expected growth rates for industries and occupations per the latest available national projections as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. USA-level forecasts within JobsEQ follow directly from the BLS forecasts.

Current Metric Definitions

Current - metrics calculated based on a 1-year moving average from the most recent quarter for which data is available.

Empl - current employment for the designated occupation

Avg Ann Wages - average annual wages for the designated occupation.

LQ - "location quotient" for the designated occupation in the selected region. The location quotient is a measure of the relative size of the selected region's occupation employment compared to the national average. A number greater than 1 means that the occupation employment for the region exceeds the occupation's national average, and a number less than 1 means that it falls short of the occupation's national average.

Unempl - current number of workers unemployed for the designated occupation

Unempl Rate - current unemployment rate for the designated occupation

Online Job Ads - Online job postings associated with the occupation. Two items to note: (1) for a county-based region, the regional definition is any ZCTA intersecting or within the selected region, and (2) for a ZCTA-based region, the job count is estimated based on county-level data pro-rated for the employment that exists in the component ZCTAs. For county-based region queries, you can click the displayed number to view the actual postings.

5-Year History Definitions

Empl Change - total change in employment for the designated occupation over the number of historical years selected by the user.

Ann % - average annual percentage change in employment for the designated occupation across the specified number of years

10-year Forecast Definitions

Total Demand - sum of exits, transfers, and empl growth over the next 10 years to create a total forecast change in employment (including separations and growth demand). This represents the number of job openings for each occupational group that will need to be filled with a new employee.

Exits - over the next 10 years, minimum demand from separations due to workers leaving the workforce, for at least 4 months, for various reasons such as retirement, pursuing education, or staying home to take care of family.

Transfers - over the next 10 years, demand from separations due to workers moving into different occupations.

Empl Growth - forecasted actual employment growth over the next 10 years. The forecast change in employment does not include changes due to separations.

Ann % Growth - forecasted average growth rate per year over the next 10 years.

This measure is calculated by the following formula: $(\text{current empl} + \text{growth empl}) / \text{current employment} ^ (1 / \# \text{ of years}) - 1$. UAMS -Environmental Health Sciences

Industry/Occupation: Environmental Science
 Region: AR, USA
 Specified Codes: 19-2040 (subcodes), 25-1053
 Data Year, Quarter: 2023, Q3
 Creation Date: 3/27/2024

Labor Market Information

SOC	Occupation	Current						5-Year History		10-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Median Ann Wages ¹	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
State of Arkansas														
19-2041	Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health	299	\$67,400	0.46	1	0.2%	20	12	0.8%	256	49	190	17	0.6%
19-2042	Geoscientists, Except Hydrologists and Geographers	143	\$78,500	0.64	4	2.8%	7	-2	-0.3%	124	19	93	12	0.8%
19-2043	Hydrologists	38	\$77,300	0.69	1	2.8%	n/a	-1	-0.5%	29	5	24	0	0.0%
25-1053	Environmental Science Teachers, Postsecondary	46	\$72,200	0.83	1	1.3%	4	-2	-0.8%	38	21	16	2	0.3%
Total - Specified Regional Occupations		526	\$71,600	0.53	6	1.2%	31	7	0.3%	447	94	323	31	0.6%
Total - All Regional Occupations		1,386,991	\$39,700	1.00	42,316	3.0%	68,013	67,164	1.0%	1,534,204	671,519	850,937	11,747	0.1%
USA														
19-2041	Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health	77,184	\$81,500	1.00	220	0.3%	4,568	1,214	0.3%	66,674	12,685	49,153	4,836	0.6%
19-2042	Geoscientists, Except Hydrologists and Geographers	26,367	\$94,400	1.00	1,069	3.9%	810	-1,385	-1.0%	22,370	3,528	17,095	1,747	0.6%
25-1053	Environmental Science Teachers, Postsecondary	6,573	\$87,500	1.00	108	1.6%	528	79	0.2%	5,348	2,922	2,258	169	0.3%
19-2043	Hydrologists	6,431	\$92,100	1.00	261	3.9%	320	-358	-1.1%	5,023	842	4,078	103	0.2%
Total - Specified Regional Occupations		116,554	\$85,300	1.00	1,658	1.4%	6,226	-450	-0.1%	99,415	19,976	72,584	6,856	0.6%
Total - All Regional Occupations		163,908,932	\$48,400	1.00	6,094,765	3.6%	6,631,403	7,323,844	0.9%	184,853,965	79,260,895	100,814,758	4,778,311	0.3%

Source: JobsEQ®

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

1. Data based on a four-quarter moving average unless noted otherwise.
2. Wage data represent the average for all Covered Employment
3. Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region. Due to alternative county-assignment algorithms, ad counts in this analytic may not match that shown in RTI (nor in the popup window ad list). Ad counts for ZCTA-based regions are estimates.

Sector: Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services and Public Administration
 Region: AR, USA
 Specified Codes: 541380, 541620, 541713, 541714, 541715, 562910, 924110
 Data Year, Quarter: 2023, Q3
 Creation Date: 3/27/2024

NAICS Sector Labor Market Information

NAICS	Industry	Current			5-Year History		10-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
State of Arkansas											
541380	Testing Laboratories and Services	1,114	\$58,381	0.73	67	1.2%	1,172	377	678	117	1.0%
541620	Environmental Consulting Services	496	\$87,699	0.53	101	4.7%	486	174	266	47	0.9%
541713	Research and Development in Nanotechnology	101	\$144,383	0.39	12	2.5%	96	29	52	15	1.4%
541714	Research and Development in Biotechnology (except Nanobiotechnology)	257	\$90,398	0.10	116	12.8%	213	70	127	16	0.6%
541715	Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Nanotechnology and Biotechnology)	727	\$76,555	0.15	168	5.4%	635	202	364	69	0.9%
562910	Remediation Services	765	\$64,928	0.93	297	10.3%	798	316	455	26	0.3%
924110	Administration of Air and Water Resource and Solid Waste Management Programs	487	\$62,112	0.48	-2	-0.1%	408	192	243	-27	-0.6%
Total - Specified Sector Industry		3,947	\$71,364	0.33	759	4.4%	3,807	1,359	2,184	264	0.6%
Total - All Sector Industries		1,386,991	\$54,399	1.00	63,923	0.9%	1,526,593	667,304	847,543	11,747	0.1%
USA											
541380	Testing Laboratories and Services	179,309	\$92,494	1.00	7,589	0.9%	171,391	58,812	105,882	6,696	0.4%
541620	Environmental Consulting Services	110,209	\$90,042	1.00	11,712	2.3%	108,641	38,624	59,187	10,830	0.9%
541713	Research and Development in Nanotechnology	30,390	\$134,972	1.00	3,888	2.8%	25,660	8,319	15,033	2,308	0.7%
541714	Research and Development in Biotechnology (except Nanobiotechnology)	294,539	\$206,073	1.00	102,193	8.9%	250,271	81,080	146,214	22,977	0.8%
541715	Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Nanotechnology and Biotechnology)	562,106	\$153,027	1.00	129,761	5.4%	477,499	154,700	278,997	43,802	0.8%
562910	Remediation Services	97,675	\$80,471	1.00	10,291	2.3%	108,366	41,199	59,324	7,843	0.8%
924110	Administration of Air and Water Resource and Solid Waste Management Programs	119,049	\$92,300	1.00	5,407	0.9%	109,320	48,241	60,924	155	0.0%
Total - Specified Sector Industry		1,393,277	\$140,854	1.00	270,842	4.4%	1,251,148	430,976	725,561	94,611	0.7%
Total - All Sector Industries		163,908,955	\$70,183	1.00	6,934,969	0.9%	185,740,844	79,669,299	101,188,638	4,882,907	0.3%

Source: JobsEQ®

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Exits and transfers are approximate estimates based upon occupation separation rates.

Industry/Occupation: All
 Region: USA
 Specified Codes: All
 Data Year, Quarter: 2023, Q3
 Creation Date: 3/27/2024

NAICS All Sector Labor Market Information

NAICS	Industry	Current			5-Year History		10-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	2,080,992	\$47,360	1.00	-84,699	-0.8%	2,419,254	1,194,329	1,262,188	-37,263	-0.2%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	590,317	\$123,154	1.00	-82,233	-2.6%	527,687	206,779	335,956	-15,049	-0.3%
22	Utilities	833,554	\$117,178	1.00	18,165	0.4%	678,022	291,616	420,898	-34,493	-0.4%
23	Construction	9,816,566	\$70,145	1.00	884,993	1.9%	8,617,943	3,447,398	5,060,917	109,627	0.1%
31	Manufacturing	13,186,537	\$81,387	1.00	295,482	0.5%	13,041,119	5,275,794	7,905,648	-140,322	-0.1%
42	Wholesale Trade	6,187,816	\$97,833	1.00	206,754	0.7%	6,080,584	2,482,807	3,704,927	-107,151	-0.2%
44	Retail Trade	16,282,633	\$41,589	1.00	-279,619	-0.3%	21,234,169	9,695,472	12,184,281	-645,584	-0.4%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	8,102,433	\$62,455	1.00	1,305,310	3.6%	9,694,594	3,985,269	5,152,275	557,050	0.7%
51	Information	3,269,344	\$140,719	1.00	193,770	1.2%	3,254,977	1,183,697	1,828,510	242,770	0.7%
52	Finance and Insurance	6,539,816	\$133,359	1.00	345,285	1.1%	5,787,049	2,323,399	3,215,753	247,897	0.4%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	2,914,380	\$74,726	1.00	187,450	1.3%	2,964,364	1,365,878	1,490,649	107,837	0.4%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	12,062,346	\$115,522	1.00	1,554,769	2.8%	11,151,279	4,105,900	6,046,114	999,265	0.8%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	2,544,161	\$146,525	1.00	215,349	1.8%	2,504,652	920,538	1,340,413	243,701	0.9%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	10,344,060	\$54,460	1.00	229,985	0.5%	12,183,869	5,139,853	6,818,787	225,229	0.2%
61	Educational Services	13,036,014	\$61,196	1.00	177,480	0.3%	12,393,978	6,029,162	6,252,722	112,095	0.1%
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	23,840,595	\$64,183	1.00	1,407,364	1.2%	26,689,912	11,711,737	12,615,905	2,362,271	0.9%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	3,203,114	\$46,980	1.00	22,098	0.1%	5,082,089	2,074,637	2,823,277	184,176	0.6%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	14,199,812	\$28,944	1.00	87,703	0.1%	25,347,693	11,329,868	13,831,345	186,480	0.1%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	6,993,519	\$42,541	1.00	-95,552	-0.3%	8,290,755	3,529,544	4,559,506	201,705	0.3%
92	Public Administration	7,529,548	\$79,580	1.00	143,937	0.4%	6,946,463	3,052,260	3,869,873	24,329	0.0%
99	Unclassified	351,398	\$77,931	1.00	201,180	18.5%	408,518	173,341	224,709	10,468	0.3%
	Total - All Industries	163,908,955	\$70,183	1.00	6,934,969	0.9%	185,740,844	79,669,299	101,188,638	4,882,907	0.3%

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**Item 2: Consideration of Request for Approval of
Articulation Agreements, All Campuses**

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF
ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS, ALL CAMPUSES**

August 30, 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC AND
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Dr. Ed Fryar, Chair
Mr. Tommy Boyer
Mr. Steve Cox
Mr. Sheffield Nelson
Mr. Jeremy Wilson

Dear Committee Members:

The following new Articulation Agreements are for all UA System campuses and are presented each year at the September meeting. Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Moore will be available for any questions you have concerning these agreements.

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

Memorandum of Understanding, 2+2 Agreements:

- UA, Fayetteville, and UA Morrilton: Associate of Science degree in Business to Bachelor of Science degree in Sam M. Walton College of Business

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Memorandum of Understanding 2+2 Agreements:

- UAMS and Edison State Community College (Ohio) — BS in Medical Laboratory Sciences
- UAMS and Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas — BS in Nursing and MNSc
- UAMS and Black River Technical College — BS in Nursing and MNSc
- UAMS and Arkansas State University-Mountain Home — BS in Nursing and MNSc
- UAMS and National Park College — BS in Nursing and MNSc
- UAMS and Northwest Arkansas Community College — BS in Nursing and MNSc
- UAMS and Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium — BS in Nursing and MNSc
- UAMS and Southern Arkansas University Tech — BS in Nursing and MNSc

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University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences / University of Arkansas at Monticello / Division of Agriculture / Criminal Justice Institute
Arkansas Archeological Survey / Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas / University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana
University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville / Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas
University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton / University of Arkansas at Fort Smith
University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College / University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain
Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts / University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service / University of Arkansas Grantham

University of Arkansas at Monticello

Memorandum of Understanding 3+1 Agreement:

- UA-Monticello and National Park College: Associate of Science in Nursing to Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Memorandum of Understanding 2+2 Agreements:

- UA-Monticello and UA-Cossatot: Associate of Science in Health Sciences to Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science.
- UA-Monticello and UA-Cossatot: Associate of Science in Natural Resources to Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources Management Forestry Option.
- UA-Monticello and UA-Cossatot: Associate of Science in Natural Resources to Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources Management Wildlife Management and Conservation Option.

Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas

Memorandum of Understanding:

- PCCUA and the University of Arkansas at Ft. Smith - UAFS will offer the following programs online in collaboration with PCCUA:
 - Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership
 - Bachelor of Science in Biology
 - Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with a Concentration in Biochemistry
 - Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
 - Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
 - Bachelor of Business Administration

Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas

- University of Arkansas Monticello: Associate of Science: Health Sciences to Bachelor of Science Exercise Science (June 2024)
- Arkansas Tech University: Associate of Arts or Associate of General Studies to Bachelor of Arts Organizational Leadership (May 2024)
 - Concentration Areas: Agricultural Business; Child Development; Criminal Justice; Emergency Management; Military Leadership; Psychology; Public Relations
- Arkansas Tech University: Associate of Applied Science to Bachelor of Applied Science (May 2024)
- Texas A&M University-Texarkana: Associate of Applied Science Physical Therapist Assistant to Bachelor of Science in Leadership (June 2024)

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University of Arkansas, Grantham

Memorandum of Understanding, 2+2 Agreements:

- UA Grantham and UA Hope-Texarkana: Associate of Science in Business to Bachelor of Business Administration (any Concentration); Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology to Bachelor of Science in Information Systems; Associate of Applied Science Funeral Service to Bachelor of Business Administration (any Concentration); Associate of Applied Science Funeral Service to Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies; Associate of Applied Science in Business to Bachelor of Business Administration (any Concentration).
- UA Grantham and UA Community College Batesville: Associate of Applied Science in Business to Bachelor of Business Administration (any Concentration); Associate of Science in Business to Bachelor of Business Administration (any Concentration); Associate of Applied Science in Computer Technology to Bachelor of Science in Information Systems; Associate of Applied Science in Computer Technology to Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; Associate of Science in Criminal Justice to Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice.

A resolution for your consideration is as follows. I recommend approval.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby approves the articulation agreements as presented to the Board at its September 11-12, 2024, meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a letter of notification will be submitted to ADHE following the Board meeting setting forth these items.

Sincerely,



Donald R. Bobbitt

President

Charles E. Scharlau Presidential Leadership Chair

ACADEMIC UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM

Office of the President

August 30, 2024

TO: MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC AND
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Dr. Ed Fryar, Chair
Mr. Tommy Boyer
Mr. Steve Cox
Mr. Sheffield Nelson
Mr. Jeremy Wilson

Dear Committee Members:

Items placed on the Academic Unanimous Consent Agenda are matters which traditionally receive the unanimous support of the Board; however, any item may be singled out for discussion. I am requesting that you consider the following items on the Unanimous Consent Agenda for the September 11-12, 2024, Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting.

1. Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas

A. Name Change

- Change the Name of the Division of Applied Technology to the Division of Applied Technology Workforce Development and Training.

2. University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

A. Reorganization/Renaming/Deletion of Existing Administrative/Organization Unit

- Department of Curriculum and Instruction (CIED) in the College of Education and Health Professions, effective Spring 2025 (DC 2380). (*Change results in moving the Educational Leadership program and its faculty from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction to the Department of Counseling, Leadership, and Research Methods.*)
- Department of Counseling, Leadership, and Research Methods (CLRM) in the College of Education and Health Professions, effective Spring 2025 (DC 0860). (*Change results in moving the Educational Leadership program and its faculty from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction to the Department of Counseling, Leadership, and Research Methods.*)

B. Deletion of Instruction, Research, or Service Institute/Center

- Center for Semiconductor Physics in Nanostructures (DC0323)
- Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Science and the Arts (DC 6564)
- Cybersecurity Center on Secure, Evolvable Energy Delivery Systems (SEEDS), (DC 1025).
- IDEALS (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access, Leadership & Strategy) Institute of the University of Arkansas, (DC 6570)
- Tesseract Center for Immersive Environments and Game Design, (DC 1122).

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University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton / University of Arkansas at Fort Smith
University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College / University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain
Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts / University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service / University of Arkansas System eVerity

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3. University of Arkansas at Little Rock

- A. Existing Program Offered by Distance Technology
- Graduate Certificate in Conflict Management

4. University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College

- A. Curriculum Revision of Program/Option/Emphasis/Concentration/Minor
- Technical Certificate in Cybersecurity (*DC 1113, CIP 11.1003 - a reduction in total credit hours from 33 to 31 and course additions/deletions to better align with the CyberLearn Network consortium.*)
 - Certificate of Proficiency in Cybersecurity (*DC 0125, CIP 11.1003 –a reduction in total credit hours from 16 to 13 and course additions/deletions to better align with the CyberLearn Network consortium.*)

5. University of Arkansas at Monticello

- A. New Option/Emphasis/Concentration/Minor
- Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education (*Adding an ESports track provides students with a competitive edge in the job market, as they will acquire relevant and transferable skills and competencies for coaching in various settings, including traditional sports, online games, and hybrid environments and will foster interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation, as it brings together faculty and students from different disciplines, such as sports science, psychology, computer science, and communication to explore and develop new approaches and methods for coaching in ESports.*)
- B. Curriculum Revision of Program/Option/Emphasis/Concentration/Minor
- Master of Science Forest Resources (*New graduate courses were added for Graduate Certificates in Waterfowl Habitat & Recreation Management and Forest Business. The curriculum modification includes the addition of three elective courses. The MS will continue to require 30 credit hours.*)
- C. Program Reconfiguration
- Reconfigure the Bachelor of Science in Computer Information /systems to Offer a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (*primarily focused on software development process and provides a background in data analysis, computational theory, algorithms, and mathematical modeling; one new course involved.*)
- D. New Off Campus Instruction Center
- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (*UAM College of Technology at Crossett [UAM-CTC] will train phlebotomists for work in the UAMS network of facilities. Designating UAMS as an additional location to maintain the program and have flexibility to fluctuate the way courses are offered.*)
 - Hamburg High School (*UAM-CTC will offer the Certificate of Proficiency in Nursing Assistant at Hamburg High School allowing high school seniors to*

begin work immediately after turning 18 years of age or to satisfy a pre-requisite for the Crossett campus Practical Nursing program.)

- Monticello Workforce Center (*UAM-CTM would like to offer the Certificate of Proficiency in Nursing Assistant and the Certificate of Proficiency in Phlebotomy to accommodate adult education students in Monticello who do not have transportation to take classes at the McGehee campus.*)

E. Deletion

- BA in Art
- BA in History
- BA in Political Science

6. University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton

A. New Off Campus Instruction Center

- Conway High School, 2300 Prince St., Conway, AR 72034 (*A significant number of Conway students currently attend UACCM upon graduation & students are already receiving career/technical instruction in programs that can seamlessly integrate into existing programs at UACCM.*)

7. University of Arkansas at Fort Smith

A. Add HiSET as an acceptable high school equivalency exam. (*All other sections of the admissions standards remain the same. The addition of the HiSET exam will increase access to UAFS.*)

B. Program Reconfiguration

- Creative Writing Minor
(Streamlining prerequisites and modifying the course requirements will make it easier for students to complete the program and better align with other courses in the UA System to make it easier for transfer students.)

8. University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain

A. New Certificate Program (*existing courses; no new resources required*)

- Associate of Applied Science in Cosmetology.

9. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

A. Curriculum Revision of Program/Option/Emphasis/Concentration/Minor

- Family Nurse Practitioner General Certificate changed to Post-Master's Certificate (*Converting the program to a PMC. Eliminate redundancies, allow a more seamless transfer to the Doctor of Nursing program, and promote whole credit hours, effective for Spring 2025.*)
- Adult Gerontology-Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate to Post-Masters (*Convert program to a Post-Master's Certificate and align credit hours.*)

- Adult Gerontology-Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate to Post-Masters Certificate (*Convert program to a PMC and align credit hours to eliminate redundancies.*)
 - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Graduate Certificate changed to Post-Master's Certificate (*Convert the program to a PMC and eliminate redundancies, allow a more seamless transfer to the Doctor of Nursing program, and promote whole credit hours, effective for Spring 2025.*)
 - Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care Graduate Certificates changed to Post-Master's Certificates (*Convert the programs to a PMC to eliminate redundancies and promote whole credit hours, which is already in practice nationally, effective for Spring 2025.*)
 - Master of Nursing Science (*part of a larger effort to clarify curriculum requirements across graduate nursing programs (MNSc, Doctor of Nursing Practice and post-master's certificates) by eliminating a redundant practicum course required by all of these programs, substituting it with the DNP-level practicum that uses the same curriculum content. Also, to promote a more seamless transition for graduate students to the DNP program, eliminate additional courses and substituting existing DNP courses that meet curriculum requirements and reflect national trends in nursing education.*)
- B. Delete Program/Option/Emphasis/Track
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
 - Microbiology and Immunology
 - Pharmacology
 - Interdisciplinary Toxicology
 - Cellular Physiology and Molecular Biophysics
- (These individual programs were reorganized as tracks within the Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences program. No faculty or staff will be moved by the deletion of the programs; no students have been enrolled in any of the programs since Fall 2015.)*
- C. Change Program to Inactive Status
- Communication Sciences & Disorders PhD
- (The program is not accepting students at this time. The dean and the program director are continuing to work toward improving program resources in anticipation of reactivation in the future.)*
- D. Title or CIP Change
- Change Environmental and Occupational Health Graduate Certificate Program to Environmental Health Sciences Graduate Certificate.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby approves the Academic and Student Affairs consent items as presented to the Board at its September 11-12, 2024, meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a letter of notification will be submitted to ADHE following the Board meeting setting forth these items.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald R. Bobbitt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donald R. Bobbitt
President and Charles E. Scharlau Presidential Leadership Chair

AGENDA FOR THE **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF
STEM BUILDING AND CONFERENCE CENTER
PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS
9:15 A.M., SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

1. Consideration of Request for Approval of Sale of Jack Cole Property, UAF (Action)

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

2. Consideration of Request for Approval to Select Firms to Provide Various Professional Services (On-Call), UAMS (Action)
3. Consideration of Request for Project Approval and Selection of Design Professionals for the Freeway Building 7th Floor GI Clinic, Little Rock, UAMS (Action)
4. Consideration of Request for Project Approval and Selection of Design Professionals for the Jonesboro Cancer Center Project, UAMS (Action)
5. Consideration of Request for Approval of Property Transfer from the City of Little Rock of Approximately 0.34 Acres to be Used as Green Space, UAMS (Action)
6. Consideration of Request for Approval to Accept Donation of Approximately 10.43 acres (Netherton Property) in Lowell, Benton County, UAMS (Action)
7. Consideration of Request for Approval to Grant Two Easements in Conjunction with the NWA Orthopedics & Sports Medicine Building Project in Springdale, UAMS (Action)

University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture

8. Consideration of Request for Approval to Alter Names at the Northeast Rice Research and Extension Center, AGRI (Action)

Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas

9. Consideration of Request for Approval to Purchase Property Located at 707 and 709 Beech Street, Helena, PCCUA (Action)

University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain

10. Consideration of Request for Project Approval and Selection of Design Professionals and Contractors for the Allied Health Building Project, UACCRM (Action)

University of Arkansas System

11. Report of Easements Approved by the President (Information)

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF
SALE OF JACK COLE PROPERTY, UAF

August 30, 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE BUILDINGS
AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Ted Dickey, Chair
Mr. Tommy Boyer
Mr. Steve Cox
Mr. Sheffield Nelson
Col. Nate Todd

Dear Committee Members:

Chancellor Charles Robinson, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, requests approval to offer for sale five acres of undeveloped property located in eastern Washington County, Arkansas.

In 2009, through a gift agreement, former faculty member and geoscience industry leader Dr. Jack H. Cole generously agreed to give a gift of real estate to benefit the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. The gift was given in memory of Carol Sue Cole, Jack's wife.

Pursuant to the gift agreement, the real estate, comprised of five acres in the Northwest part of Goshen, near the White River, was for use for research and educational purposes relating to the environment, conservation, hydrology, and water quality, with specific research and programs to be directed by a former faculty. At such time that the faculty member (now retired) was no longer employed by the University, the Chair of the Department of Geosciences was charged with directing such research and programs. The gift agreement further provided that, if the Board of Trustees were to determine that it was impractical to use the property as described, then the Board was authorized to sell the property, with the proceeds to be used to create an endowment benefitting the Fayetteville campus, in the names of Jack and Carol Sue Cole, to support research and education in the areas of the environment, conservation, hydrology, and water quality.

As envisioned by the gift agreement, the property was transferred to the University in December 2009. Dr. Cole, the donor, passed away in 2022.

The Department of Geosciences, including Professor Chris Liner, who was very familiar with Dr. Cole, in consultation with Dean of Fulbright College Brian Raines and Provost Terry Martin, has determined that making use of the property for the research and educational purposes

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envisioned in the gift is not feasible. The original purpose of the Jack Cole property gift was research to include, but not limited to, the environment, conservation, hydrogeology, and water quality. The five-acre site is cleared land, over 100 ft above the White River, in a residential area, and bounded by developed property making it impractical to do research of the type intended. Also, the gift agreement specifies research on the site in collaboration with Dr. Brahana who retired several years ago. Accordingly, the Department desires that the Board determine that it is impractical to use the property as described in the gift agreement, and grant approval for the property to be offered for sale, with the proceeds to be used to create an endowment honoring Dr. Jack and Carole Sue Cole, and furthering research and education in the areas contemplated in the gift agreement. Chancellor Robinson concurs with this plan.

The property has been appraised for \$255,000. The campus recommends that marketing this property through a professional realtor will yield the best value. A proposed contract has been negotiated with Colliers Arkansas, Inc., in consultation with the Office of the General Counsel.

A proposed resolution and map showing the location of the property are attached for your consideration. I recommend approval of the resolution and the proposed contract with the realtor.

Sincerely,

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Donald R. Bobbitt
President
Charles E. Scharlau Presidential Leadership Chair

Attachments

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2009 former faculty member Dr. Jack H. Cole gave a generous gift of five acres of real estate in Washington County, Arkansas, in memory of his wife, Sue Carol Cole; and

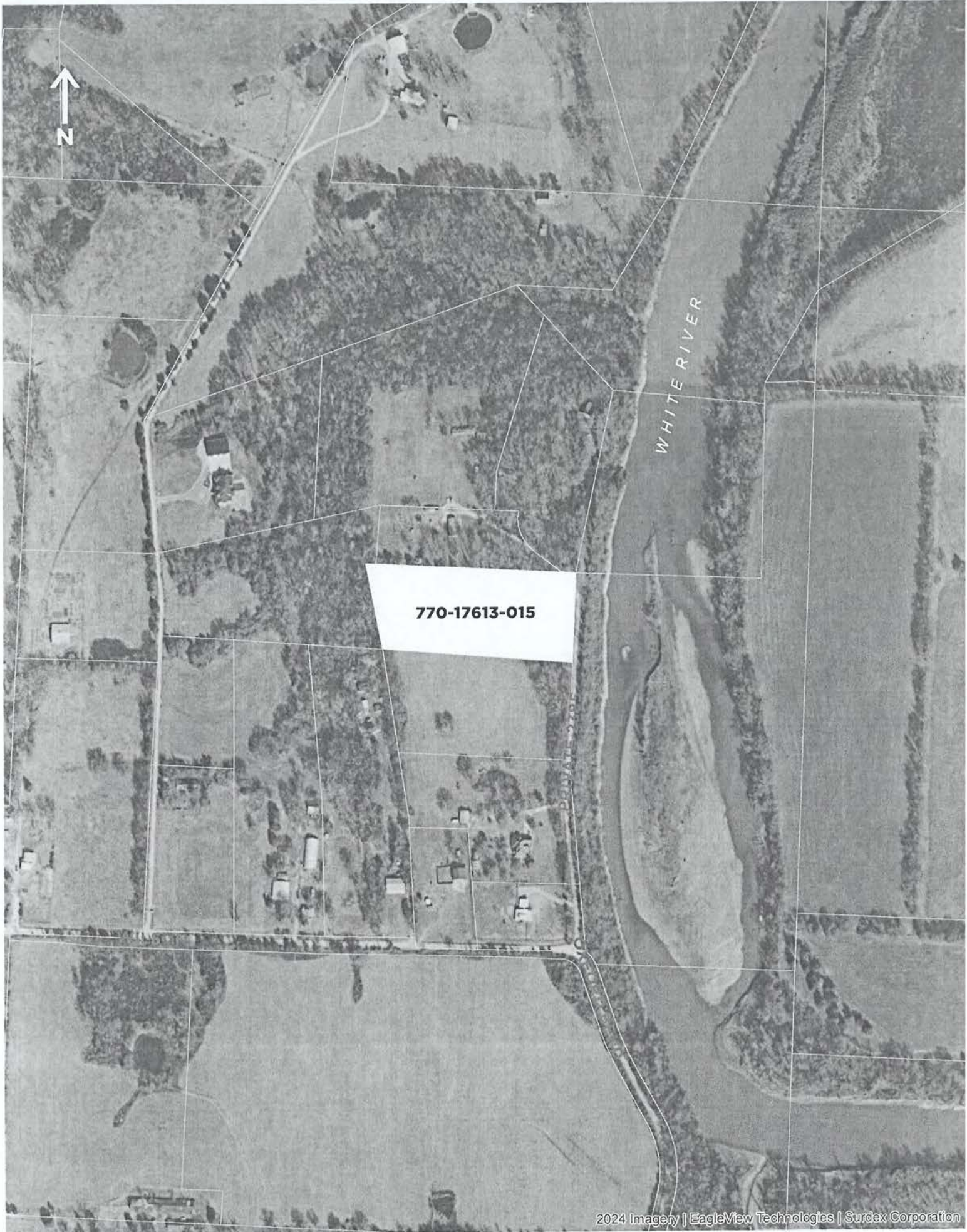
WHEREAS, the property was to be used for the benefit of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; and

WHEREAS, as contemplated by the gift agreement, the Board of Trustees has determined that it is impractical to use the property for research and education purposes, and that the property should be sold, with the proceeds to establish an endowed research and education fund to benefit the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, in the names of Jack and Carol Sue Cole;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby authorizes the University of Arkansas to offer said property for sale, with the proceeds to be used to establish The Dr. Jack H. Cole and Sue Carol Cole Endowed Fund for Research and Education in the Environment, Conservation, Hydrology, and Water Quality, with spendable income to be administered by the Chair of the Department of Geosciences, subject to the approval of the Dean of the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences. The subject property is described as follows:

Part of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 17 North, Range 29 West, Washington County, Arkansas, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 26; thence N 89°34'130" E 1413.41 feet; thence N 06°42'50" W 453.31 feet; thence N 12°23'30" W 587.61 feet to the True Point of Beginning, and running thence N 12°23'30" W 307.52 feet to a found iron pin; thence N 89°52'52" E 729.91 feet to a Corp of Engineers monument; thence S 00°42'50" E 322.81 feet to a set iron pin; thence N 88°12'25" W 668.26 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 5.00 acres, more or less. Subject to easements and rights-of-way of record.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT sale of the property shall be conducted pursuant to Board of Trustees Policy 300.2 and UA Systemwide Policies and Procedures 300.2.



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WHITE RIVER



**Item 2: Consideration of Request for Approval to
Select Firms to Provide Various
Professional Services (On-Call), UAMS**

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**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO
SELECT FIRMS TO PROVIDE VARIOUS
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (ON-CALL), UAMS**

August 30, 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE BUILDINGS
AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Ted Dickey, Chair
Mr. Tommy Boyer
Mr. Steve Cox
Mr. Sheffield Nelson
Col. Nate Todd

Dear Committee Members:

Chancellor Cam Patterson at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is requesting approval to select firms for professional services contracts (on call) for the campus. Board of Trustees' selection guidelines concerning advertisement, notification, and interviews have been followed in accordance with Board Policy 740.2.

The selection committee and Chancellor Patterson would like to suggest the following firms for consideration, which are listed in the selection committee's order of preference; however, all 19 firms are requested to be selected.

Architectural:

1. Garver
2. HFG Architecture
3. Wittenberg, Delony & Davidson
4. Cannon Design
5. WER Architects
6. Ecological Design Group
7. Kirchner Architecture

Engineering:

1. Garver
2. Half Associates
3. Ecological Design Group
4. Heritage Engineering
5. Walter P Moore & Assoc
6. Henderson Engineer
7. Development Consultants
8. HSA Engineering Consulting Svcs

Commissioning:

1. Entegrity Energy Partners
2. Henderson Building Solutions
3. Big Oak Studio

Air Quality:

1. Environmental Enterprise Group

I concur with Dr. Patterson's recommendations and have attached a proposed resolution, with blanks for the selected firms, for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Donald R. Bobbitt, President
Charles E. Scharlau Presidential Leadership Chair

Attachment

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, proposes to have future minor renovation projects as approved by the Campus Capital Budget Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, is authorized to select the following firms to provide on-call professional services to fill contract positions at the UAMS campus: Architectural (7): Garver, HFG Architecture, Wittenberg, Delony & Davidson, Cannon Design, WER Architects, Ecological Design Group, and Kirchner Architecture; Engineering (8): Garver, Half Associates, Ecological Design Group, Heritage Engineering, Walter P. Moore & Associates, Henderson Engineers, Development Consultants, HSA Engineering Consulting Services; Commissioning (3): Entegrity Energy Partners, Henderson Building Solutions, and Big Oak Studio; and Air Quality (1): Environmental Enterprise Group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President, Chief Financial Officer, Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration of the University of Arkansas, for Medical Sciences, or their designees, shall be, and hereby are, authorized to take such further action and execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to implement this resolution.

**Item 3: Consideration of Request for Project
Approval and Selection of Design
Professionals for the Freeway Building
7th Floor GI Clinic, Little Rock, UAMS**

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**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR PROJECT
APPROVAL AND SELECTION OF DESIGN
PROFESSIONALS FOR THE FREEWAY BUILDING 7TH
FLOOR GI CLINIC, LITTLE ROCK, UAMS**

August 30, 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE BUILDINGS
AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Ted Dickey, Chair
Mr. Tommy Boyer
Mr. Steve Cox
Mr. Sheffield Nelson
Col. Nate Todd

Dear Committee Members:

Chancellor Cam Patterson, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, requests project approval and selection of design professions for the Freeway Building 7th Floor GI Clinic. This project will involve renovation of vacant space located in the Freeway Medical Building, Little Rock, for two identities, one for clinical visits and the other for endoscopy. Funding is provided by federal grant funds through Congressionally Direct Spending/HRSA.

Authorization was granted to begin the selection process for design professions on April 17, 2024. The contractor will be selected by formal bid process at the conclusion of the design process.

Interviews for design professionals were conducted from July 18 through July 26, 2024, in accordance with Board Policy 730.2. The selection committee members titles are listed on the attached scorecard. Seven firms responded to the advertisement and three were interviewed. The selection committee felt that all of the firms were qualified, but two of the three firms were exceptionally well qualified for this project. The selection committee would like to offer the following architects to the Board of Trustees for consideration in the order listed:

1. WER Architects
2. Taggart Architects
3. Wittenberg, Delony & Davidson (WDD)

I concur with Dr. Patterson's recommendation. A proposed resolution for your consideration follows.

WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, proposes a renovation and expansion of Jonesboro Medical Center for Cancer Care with grant awarded by HRSA;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Freeway Building 7th Floor for Gastroenterology & Endoscopy Clinic Renovation Project at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, is authorized to select _____ as the design professionals for the Freeway Building 7th Floor for Gastroenterology & Endoscopy Clinic Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President, Chief Financial Officer, Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, or their designees, shall be, and hereby are, authorized to take such further action and execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to implement this resolution.

Sincerely,

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Donald R. Bobbitt, President
Charles E. Scharlau Presidential Leadership Chair

Attachments

CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM

Campus: University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Name of Proposed Facility: Freeway 7th Floor – Gastroenterology Expansion

1. Proposed function of project. If the proposed project is new construction, describe this project's role in the campus master building plan.

Demolish and remodel the seventh floor of the Freeway Medical Building for clinic on half and endoscopy center in the other half of the floor. These will be separate identities for licensing and reimbursement purposes.

2. Proposed facility location & description (attach map).

Freeway Medical Building, Little Rock AR

3. Total estimated project cost, including construction and design, land acquisition and fixtures.

\$8,000,000

4. Total estimated cost of furnishings.

\$2.575 million (\$ 2,000,000 for medical equipment and furniture & \$575,000 for IT & Security)

5. Estimated time to substantial completion.

36 months

6. Parking plan to support new or expanded facility.

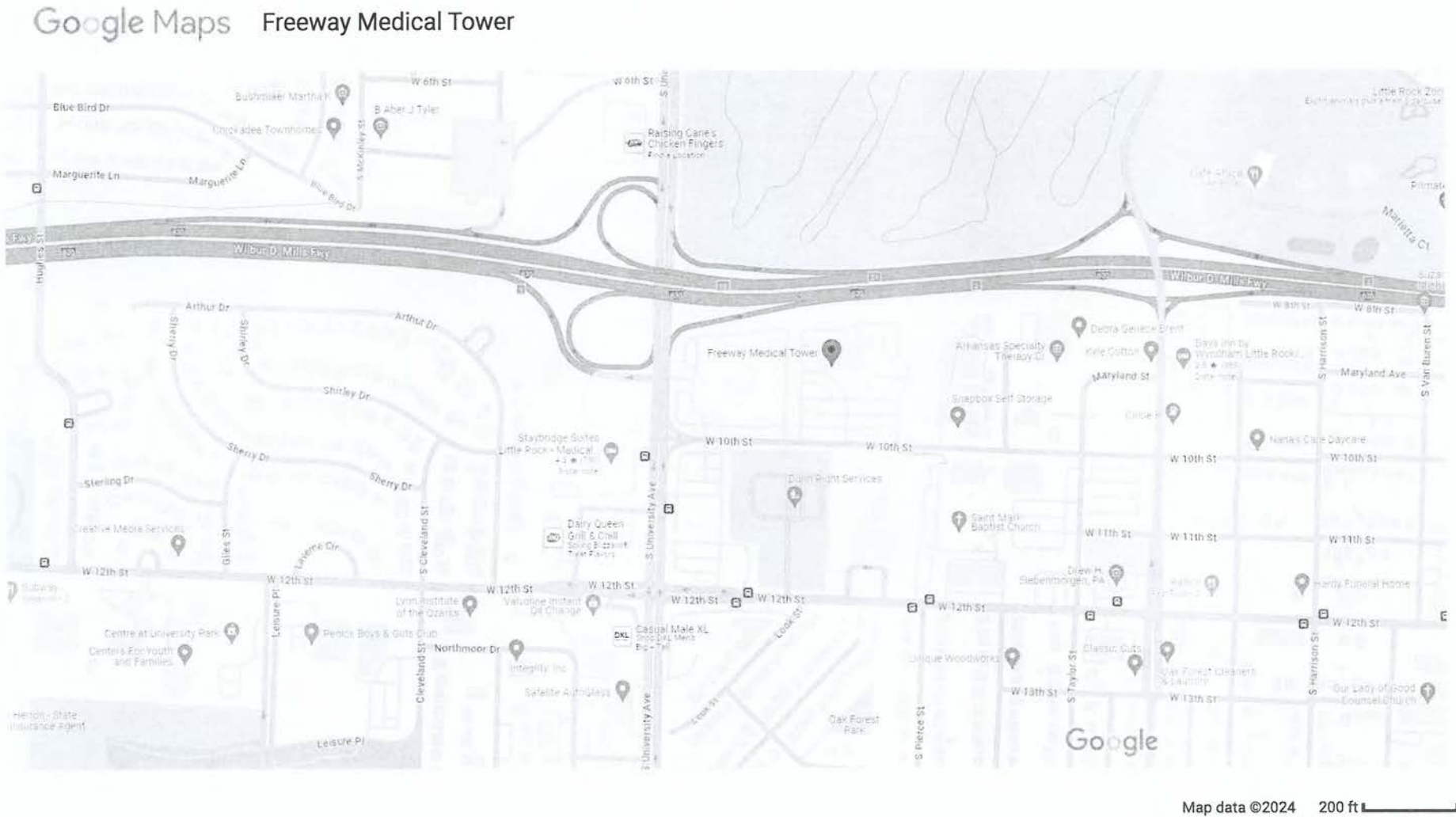
There is sufficient parking at the off-campus location to support this renovation.

7. If this project will be phased, or is part of a phased, or multi-step, project, describe each proposed phase, the estimated timeline for subsequent phases, and the estimated cost of each phase.

NA

8. Source of project funds. Where borrowing is proposed, include an estimated cost of financing.

Community Project Funding/Congressional Directed Spending – Department of Health & Human Services https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/fy24_lhhs_cds_table.pdf

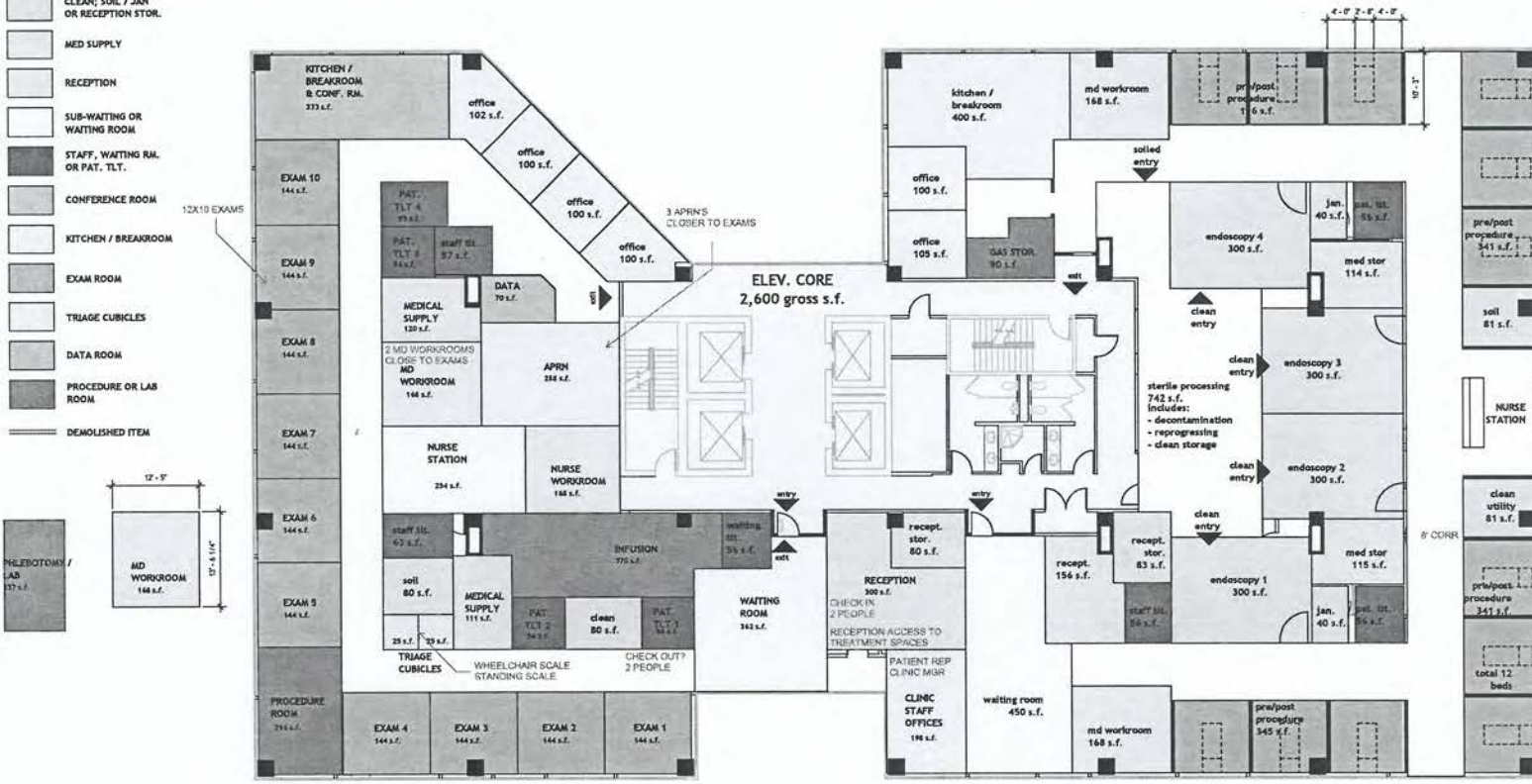


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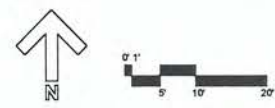
- BUILDING CORE
- OFFICE
- NURSE OR MD WORKRM
- CLEAN; SOIL / JAN OR RECEPTION STOR.
- MED SUPPLY
- RECEPTION
- SUB-WAITING OR WAITING ROOM
- STAFF, WAITING RM. OR PAT. TLT.
- CONFERENCE ROOM
- KITCHEN / BREAKROOM
- EXAM ROOM
- TRIAGE CUBICLES
- DATA ROOM
- PROCEDURE OR LAB ROOM
- DEMOLISHED ITEM

ENDOSCOPY LEGEND

- OFFICE
- MD WORKROOM
- CLEAN; SOIL / JAN OR RECEPTION STOR.
- MED STOR.
- RECEPTION
- WAITING ROOM
- STAFF OR PAT. TLT.
- STERILE PROCESSING
- KITCHEN / BREAKROOM
- PRE/ POST PROCEDURE
- ENDOSCOPY
- GAS STORAGE



CLINIC 6,637 gross s.f. | ENDOSCOPY 7,697 gross s.f.



Design Services Selection

As ranked by committee

PROJECT	2024-0039 Freeway 7th Floor GI	INTERVIEW DATE	July 18-26, 2024
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RANKING OF APPLICANTS

Selection Committee Member	A	B	C	D	E										Total
Wittenberg, Delony & Davidson (WDD)	2	3	3	3	3										14
WER Architects	1	1	1	1	1										5
Taggart Architects	1	2	2	2	2										9

Design Teams are ranked from 1 to 5, with 1 being the highest.

FINAL RANKING

Preferred / Recommended to Board of Trustees in the order shown

1	WER Architects
2	Taggart Architects
3	Wittenberg, Delony & Davidson (WDD)

Eligible / Considered to be qualified, but less suited to the requirements of this job

	Marlon Blackwell Architects
	Lewis Architects Engineers
	Fennell Purifoy

SELECTION COMMITTEE

By title

Project Planner	
Project Manager	
Associate Vice Chancellor Finance	
Service Line Administrator	
Senior Director Clinical Services	

**Item 4: Consideration of Request for Project
Approval and Selection of Design
Professionals for the Jonesboro Cancer
Center Project, UAMS**

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**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR PROJECT
APPROVAL AND SELECTION OF DESIGN
PROFESSIONALS FOR THE JONESBORO CANCER
CENTER PROJECT, UAMS**

August 30, 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE BUILDINGS
AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Ted Dickey, Chair
Mr. Tommy Boyer
Mr. Steve Cox
Mr. Sheffield Nelson
Col. Nate Todd

Dear Committee Members:

Chancellor Cam Patterson, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, requests project approval and selection of design professions for the Jonesboro Cancer Center Project. This project will involve the expansion and renovation of approximately 8300 square feet of vacant space located in the Jonesboro Family Clinic to provide cancer care with federal grant funds through HRSA.

Authorization was granted to begin the selection process for design professions on February 15, 2024. The contractor will be selected by formal bid process at the conclusion of the design process.

Interviews for design professionals were conducted from April 2 through April 4 in accordance with Board Policy 730.2. The selection committee members' titles are listed on the attached scorecard. Seven firms responded to the advertisement and three were interviewed. The selection committee felt that all of the firms were qualified, but two of the three firms were exceptionally well qualified for this project. The selection committee would like to offer the following architects to the Board of Trustees for consideration in the order listed:

1. Taggart Architects
2. HFG Architecture
3. WER Architects

I concur with Dr. Patterson's recommendation. A proposed resolution for your consideration follows.

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WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, proposes a renovation and expansion of Jonesboro Medical Center for Cancer Care with grant awarded by HRSA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Jonesboro Medical Center for Cancer Care Renovation and Expansion Project at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is authorized to select _____ as the design professionals for the Jonesboro Medical Center for Cancer Care Renovation and Expansion Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President, Chief Financial Officer, Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, or their designees, shall be, and hereby are, authorized to take such further action and execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to implement this resolution.

Sincerely,

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Donald R. Bobbitt
President
Charles E. Scharlau Presidential Leadership Chair

Attachments

CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM

Campus: University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Name of Proposed Facility: UAMS Health Jonesboro Family Clinic Cancer Care Facilities

1. Proposed function of project. If the proposed project is new construction, describe this project's role in the campus master building plan.

To renovate approx. 8,300 square feet of unoccupied space to allow for expanded services for cancer patients in that area of our state. Preliminary program will include

- a. Cancer screening, prevention, and education.
- b. Potential cancer clinical care and clinical trials in Northeast AR.
- c. Assessment for placement of CT scanner on campus.

2. Proposed facility location & description (attach map).

Renovation to existing Jonesboro Family Clinic Regional Health facility, finish out the 3rd floor.

3. Total estimated project cost, including construction and design, land acquisition and fixtures.

\$4,350,000

4. Total estimated cost of furnishings.

\$2,650,000 (medical equipment)

5. Estimated time to substantial completion.

Approximately 24 months, grant end date is 9/29/2026.

6. Parking plan to support new or expanded facility.

Existing parking is sufficient to support new program.

7. If this project will be phased, or is part of a phased, or multi-step, project, describe each proposed phase, the estimated timeline for subsequent phases, and the estimated cost of each phase.

No phasing

8. Source of project funds. Where borrowing is proposed, include an estimated cost of financing.

Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending – Construction; HRSA Grant Award: 1 CE1HS52245-01-00.

ATTACHMENT A

Google Maps



ATTACHMENT B

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Design Services Selection

As ranked by committee

PROJECT	Jonesboro Cancer Clinic	INTERVIEW DATE	April 2 - April 4
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RANKING OF APPLICANTS

Selection Committee Member	A	B	C	D	E							Total
HFG Architecture	2	1	3									6
Taggart Architects	1	2	1									4
WER Architects	3	3	2									8

Design Teams are ranked from 1 to 5, with 1 being the highest.

FINAL RANKING

Preferred / Recommended to Board of Trustees in the order shown

1	Taggart Architects
2	HFG Architecture
3	WER Architects

Eligible / Considered to be qualified, but less suited to the requirements of this job

SELECTION COMMITTEE

By title

Associate VC Finance	
Associate Director of Administration	
Associate Director in Campus Operations	

**Item 5: Consideration of Request for Approval of
Property Transfer from the City of Little
Rock of Approximately 0.34 Acres to be
Used as Green Space, UAMS**

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**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF
PROPERTY TRANSFER FROM THE CITY OF LITTLE
ROCK OF APPROXIMATELY 0.34 ACRES TO BE USED
AS GREEN SPACE, UAMS**

August 30, 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE BUILDINGS
AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Ted Dickey, Chair
Mr. Tommy Boyer
Mr. Steve Cox
Mr. Sheffield Nelson
Col. Nate Todd

Dear Committee Members:

The City of Little Rock has agreed, for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), to transfer 0.34+/- acres of real property to the Board of Trustees for the benefit of green space on the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Campus. The real property is currently situated on the UAMS Campus near 7th and Cedar Streets, more specifically: Lots 1 and 2, Block 5, Reyburn and Wrights Addition.

UAMS requests Board approval for the transfer of this property to the Board of Trustees. The City of Little Rock Board of Directors approved this transfer in September 2023. Acceptance of title to the property would be conditioned upon a determination by the Office of General Counsel that the City holds good title free of material defects.

UAMS and the City of Little Rock believe this to be a continuing effort for the beautification of campus green space going forward.

A resolution is also attached for your consideration. I recommend its approval.

Sincerely,



Donald R. Bobbitt
President
Charles E. Scharlau Presidential Leadership Chair

Attachments

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board authorizes acceptance of an offer from the City of Little Rock to transfer, for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the following described real property, located on the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Campus, Pulaski County, Arkansas (the "Property"), to the Board of Trustees:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 5, Reyburn and Wrights Addition, Plat Book 1, Page 25, 0.34 acres, to the City of Little Rock, Pulaski County Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT acceptance of the Property shall be subject to a determination by the General Counsel that the City of Little Rock holds good and merchantable title to the property and obtaining an acceptable Phase I environmental assessment unless waived by the campus officials. The President, the Chancellor, and the Chief Financial Officer, or their designee, shall be, and hereby are, authorized to take such further action and execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to close the transaction in accordance with this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to the City of Little Rock for this property transfer and for its continued support of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), and, more specifically, the green spaces and beautification of the UAMS Campus as a whole, of which this property will be a part.

This Document is designed to meet the Report Requirements
Of Standards Rule 2-2(a) of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice Guidelines
For a Real Estate Appraisal

Appraisal Report

Lots 1-2, Block 5 Reyburn and Wright's
7th and Cedar
Little Rock, Arkansas



As of

April 30, 2024

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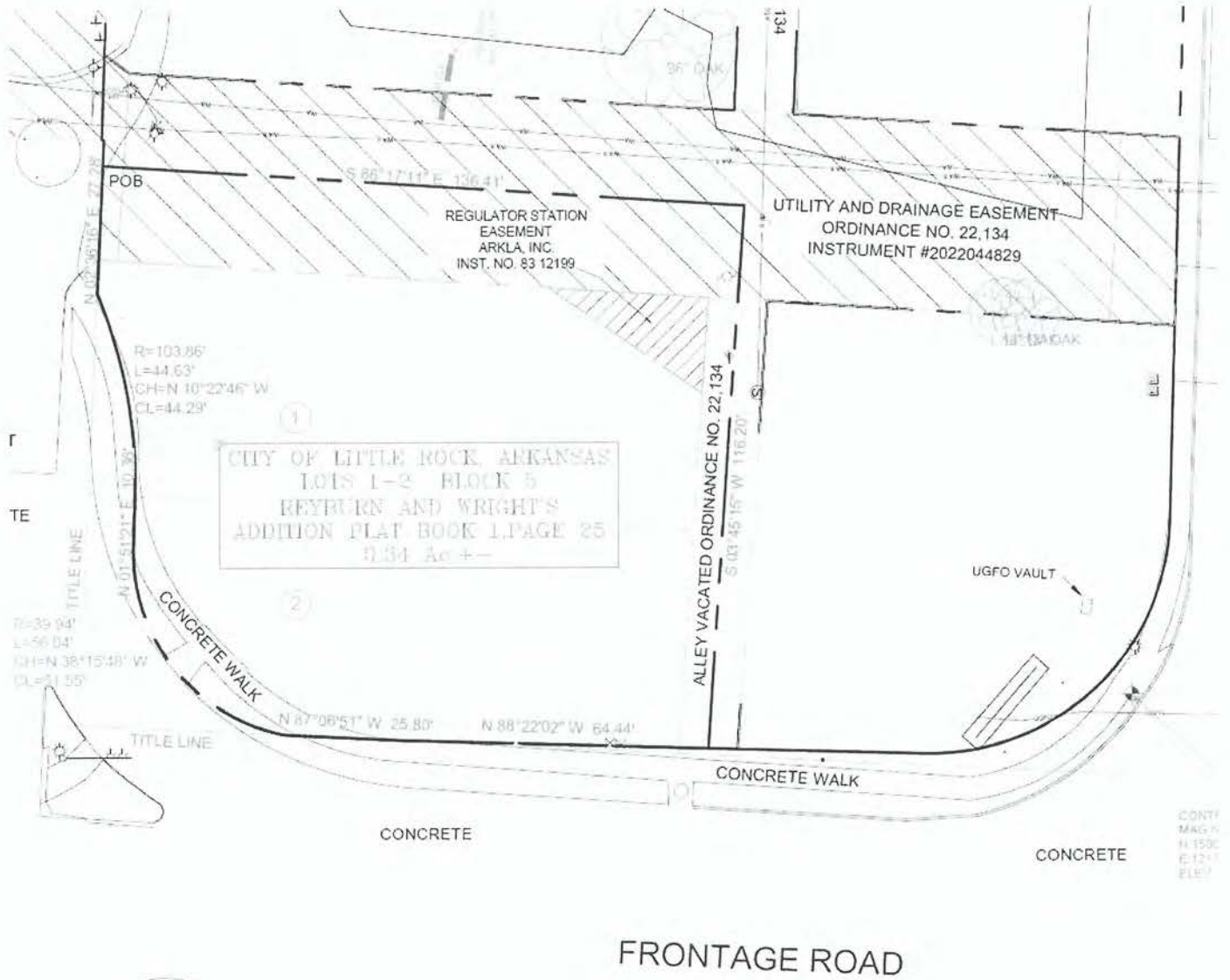
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4301 West Markham Street - Slot 541
Little Rock, Arkansas

Prepared By

Dwight Pattison

Arkansas Appraisal Associates,
1309 South Broadway,
Little Rock, Arkansas

SUBJECT PROPERTY



**Item 6: Consideration of Request for Approval to
Accept Donation of Approximately 10.43
acres (Netherton Property) in Lowell,
Benton County, UAMS**

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**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO
ACCEPT DONATION OF APPROXIMATELY 10.43
ACRES (NETHERTON PROPERTY) IN LOWELL,
BENTON COUNTY, UAMS**

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Office of the President

August 30, 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE BUILDINGS
AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Ted Dickey, Chair
Mr. Tommy Boyer
Mr. Steve Cox
Mr. Sheffield Nelson
Col. Nate Todd

Dear Committee Members:

Chancellor Cam Patterson, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), requests approval and acceptance of an offered donation of 10.43 acres of real property located in Lowell, Arkansas, to the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas (Board) for the benefit of UAMS. If accepted, the property would be conveyed by the Netherton Family Living Trust (Grantor) to the Board for the benefit of UAMS via a warranty deed, subject to a life tenancy held by Mr. James Kennedy.

An appraisal conducted at the request of Grantor on November 28, 2023, places the estimated fair market value of the property at \$908,370.00. UAMS proposes to sell the property at a future date when it is no longer encumbered by a life tenancy and to use the proceeds for the benefit of UAMS. If this request meets with your approval, a separate gift agreement will be executed documenting the Grantor's donative intent, including that the donee have the absolute right to convey the property in fee simple absolute after the life tenancy expires.

A resolution is attached for your consideration. I recommend its approval.

Sincerely,



Donald R. Bobbitt
President
Charles E. Scharlau Presidential Leadership Chair

Attachments

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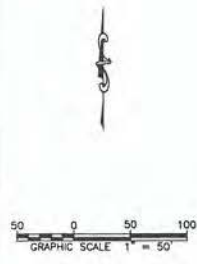
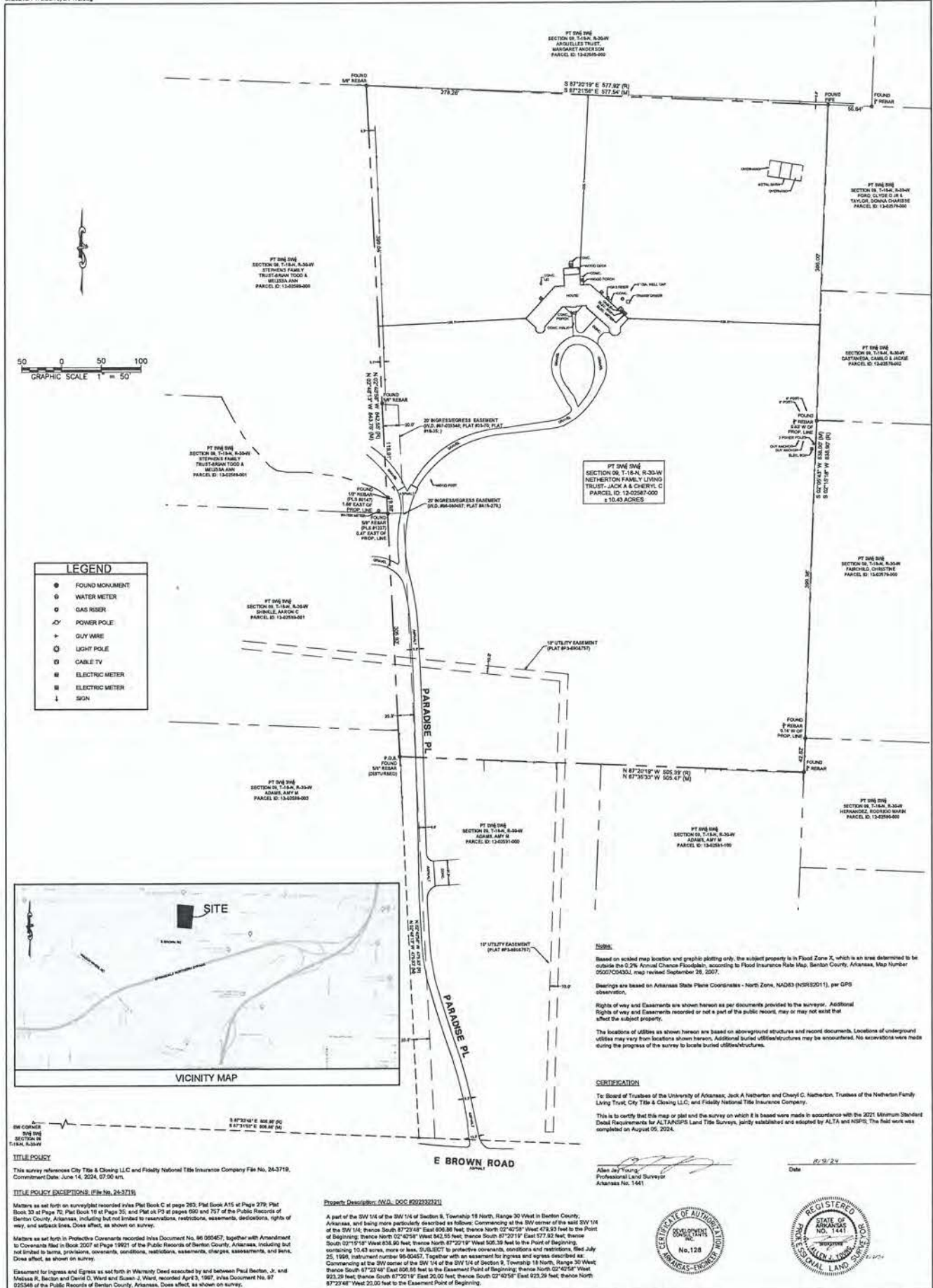
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby approves and accepts the donation of that certain property situated in Benton County, Arkansas, City of Lowell, as more particularly described below, to be conveyed through a Warranty Deed from Jack A. Netherton and Cheryl C. Netherton, trustees of the Netherton Family Living Trust (Grantors), for and in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and for other good and valuable consideration, to the Board as the Grantee for the benefit of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The grant of the Warranty Deed is subject to a life estate with a life tenancy for James Kennedy.

A part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 9, Township 18 North, Range 30 West in Benton County, Arkansas, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the SW corner of the said SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4; thence South 87°23'48" East 806.86 feet; thence North 02°40'58" West 479.93 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 02°40'58" West 842.55 feet; thence South 87°20'19" East 577.92 feet; thence South 02°15'18" West 838.90 feet; thence North 87°20'19" West 505.39 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 10.43 acres, more or less. SUBJECT to protective covenants, conditions and restrictions, filed July 25, 1996, instrument number 96-60457. Together with an easement for ingress and egress described as: Commencing at the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 9, Township 18 North, Range 30 West; thence South 87°23'48" East 806.86 feet to the Easement Point of Beginning; thence North 02°40'58" West 923.29 feet; thence South 87°20'19" East 20.00 feet; thence South 02°40'58" East 923.29 feet; thence North 87°23'48" West 20.00 feet to the Easement Point of Beginning.

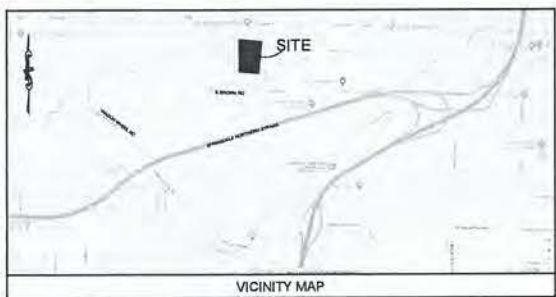
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the conveyance shall be subject to: (1) the Grantors' donative intent being memorialized by a separate gift agreement acceptable to campus officials at UAMS and General Counsel; (2) determination by General Counsel that the Grantors have good and merchantable title to the property; and (3) campus officials obtaining an acceptable Phase 1 environmental assessment unless waived by the campus officials after inspection of the property. The President and Chief Financial Officer, or their designee, shall be, and hereby are, authorized to take such further action and execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to close the transaction in accordance with this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby recognizes and expresses its wholehearted thankfulness to the Netherton family for their generosity.



LEGEND

- FOUND MONUMENT
- WATER METER
- GAS ROVER
- ⊕ POWER POLE
- ⊕ GUY WIRE
- ⊕ LIGHT POLE
- CABLE TV
- ELECTRIC METER
- ELECTRIC METER
- ⊥ SIGN



Notes:
 Based on scaled map location and graphic plotting only, the subject property is in Flood Zone X, which is an area determined to be outside the 0.2% Annual Chance Floodplain, according to Flood Insurance Rate Map, Benton County, Arkansas, Map Number 05007C0400L, map revised September 28, 2007.
 Bearings are based on Arkansas State Plane Coordinates - North Zone, NAD83 (NAD83(11)), per GPS observation.
 Rights of way and Easements are shown herein as per documents provided to the surveyor. Additional rights of way and Easements recorded or not a part of the public record, may or may not exist that affect the subject property.
 The locations of utilities as shown herein are based on aboveground structures and record documents. Locations of underground utilities may vary from locations shown herein. Additional buried utilities/structures may be encountered. No excavations were made during the progress of the survey to locate buried utilities/structures.

CERTIFICATION
 I, the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, Jack A. Netherton and Cheryl C. Netherton, Trustees of the Netherton Family Living Trust, City Title & Closing LLC, and Fidelity National Title Insurance Company.
 This is to certify that this map or plat and the survey on which it is based were made in accordance with the 2021 Minimum Standard Detail Requirements for ALTA/NSPS Land Title Surveys, jointly established and adopted by ALTA and NSPS. The field work was completed on August 05, 2024.

Allen Jay Young
 Professional Land Surveyor
 Arkansas No. 1441



TITLE POLICY
 This survey references City Title & Closing LLC and Fidelity National Title Insurance Company File No. 24-3719, Commitment Date: June 14, 2024, 07:00 am.

TITLE POLICY EXCEPTIONS: (File No. 24-3719)
 Matters as set forth in survey/plat recorded in Plat Book C at page 263; Plat Book A15 at Page 279; Plat Book 33 at Page 70; Plat Book 19 at Page 35, and Plat on P3 at pages 690 and 757 of the Public Records of Benton County, Arkansas, including but not limited to reservations, restrictions, easements, dedications, rights of way, and setback lines, Does affect, as shown on survey.
 Matters as set forth in Protective Covenants recorded in Document No. 86 09067, together with Amendment to Covenants filed in Book 2007 at Page 19921 of the Public Records of Benton County, Arkansas, including but not limited to terms, provisions, covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, charges, assessments, and liens. Does affect, as shown on survey.
 Easement for ingress and egress as set forth in Warranty Deed executed by and between Paul Berlon, Jr. and Melissa R. Berlon and David O. Ward and Susan J. Ward, recorded April 3, 1997, in Document No. 87 025348 of the Public Records of Benton County, Arkansas, Does affect, as shown on survey.

Property Description: (A.O.C. #00232321)
 A part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 8, Township 18 North, Range 30 West in Benton County, Arkansas, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the SW corner of the said SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4; thence South 87°29'44" East 606.86 feet; thence South 02°42'58" West 478.83 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 02°42'58" West 842.55 feet; thence South 87°29'18" East 577.82 feet; thence South 02°19'18" West 838.90 feet; thence North 87°29'18" West 508.39 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 10.43 acres, more or less, SUBJECT to protective covenants, conditions and restrictions, filed July 25, 1999, instrument number 99-00457. Together with an easement for ingress and egress described as: Commencing at the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 8, Township 18 North, Range 30 West; thence South 87°29'42" East 606.86 feet to the Easement Point of Beginning; thence North 02°42'58" West 823.29 feet; thence South 87°29'18" East 26.00 feet; thence South 02°42'58" East 823.29 feet; thence North 87°29'42" West 20.00 feet to the Easement Point of Beginning.

<p>ALTA</p> <p>24-172</p>	<p>DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>713 PARADISE PLACE LOWELL, ARKANSAS</p>	<p>CONSULTANTS</p> <p>ALTA/NSPS LAND TITLE SURVEY</p>	<p>INCORPORATED</p> <p>REVISIONS</p>
	<p>DATE: 24-172</p>	<p>DATE: 24-172</p>	<p>DATE: 24-172</p>

Item 7: Consideration of Request for Approval to Grant Two Easements in Conjunction with the NWA Orthopedics & Sports Medicine Building Project in Springdale, UAMS

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CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO GRANT TWO EASEMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NWA ORTHOPEDICS & SPORTS MEDICINE BUILDING PROJECT IN SPRINGDALE, UAMS



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM

Office of the President

August 30, 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE BUILDINGS
AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Ted Dickey, Chair
Mr. Tommy Boyer
Mr. Steve Cox
Mr. Sheffield Nelson
Col. Nate Todd

Dear Committee Members:

Dr. Cam Patterson, Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, requests approval for the University to grant two utility easements. These utility easements are part of a previously approved construction project for a UAMS orthopedic and sports medicine center in Springdale, AR ("UAMS Project").

As part of the UAMS Project, the University granted the City of Springdale an easement for the construction of an extension of Mary Frances Drive that will run through the University's property. For the road to be centered on the property line, the adjacent property owner, MOTAH, LLC, must also grant a similar easement to the City of Springdale. In exchange for granting the City of Springdale an easement, MOTAH has requested that the University grant two additional utility easements. First, an easement to MOTAH in order for it to access a water main that UAMS will construct as part of the UAMS Project. Second, an easement to the City of Springdale for it to construct a relief sewer on a section of the University's property that connects to MOTAH's property. Without MOTAH's easement, the City of Springdale must construct the road entirely on the University's property constraining its development.

As such, UAMS requests approval for: (1) the University to enter into the Development Agreement that memorializes the University's intent to grant the two utilities easements; and (2) to grant the two utility easements. I concur with this recommendation. A resolution for your consideration follows.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby approves the granting of a utility easement, as more particularly described in the attached Exhibit A, to MOTAH, LLC.

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University of Arkansas, Fayetteville / University of Arkansas at Little Rock / University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences / University of Arkansas at Monticello / Division of Agriculture / Criminal Justice Institute
Arkansas Archeological Survey / Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas / University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana
University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville / Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas
University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton / University of Arkansas at Fort Smith
University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College / University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain
Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts / University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service / University of Arkansas Grantham

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby approves the granting of a utility easement, as more particularly described in the attached Exhibit B, to the City of Springdale, Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President shall be, and hereby is, authorized to take such further action and execute such development agreement, documents, and instruments as may be necessary to grant the utility easements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald R. Bobbitt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donald R. Bobbitt
President
Charles E. Scharlau Presidential Leadership Chair

Attachments

EXHIBIT A

Diagram of water main to be installed by UAMS and approximate location of utility easement to be granted to MOTAH by UAMS for future connection to water main. For clarity, only a portion of the water main, Extension of Mary Frances Drive are shown, and other site development are shown.

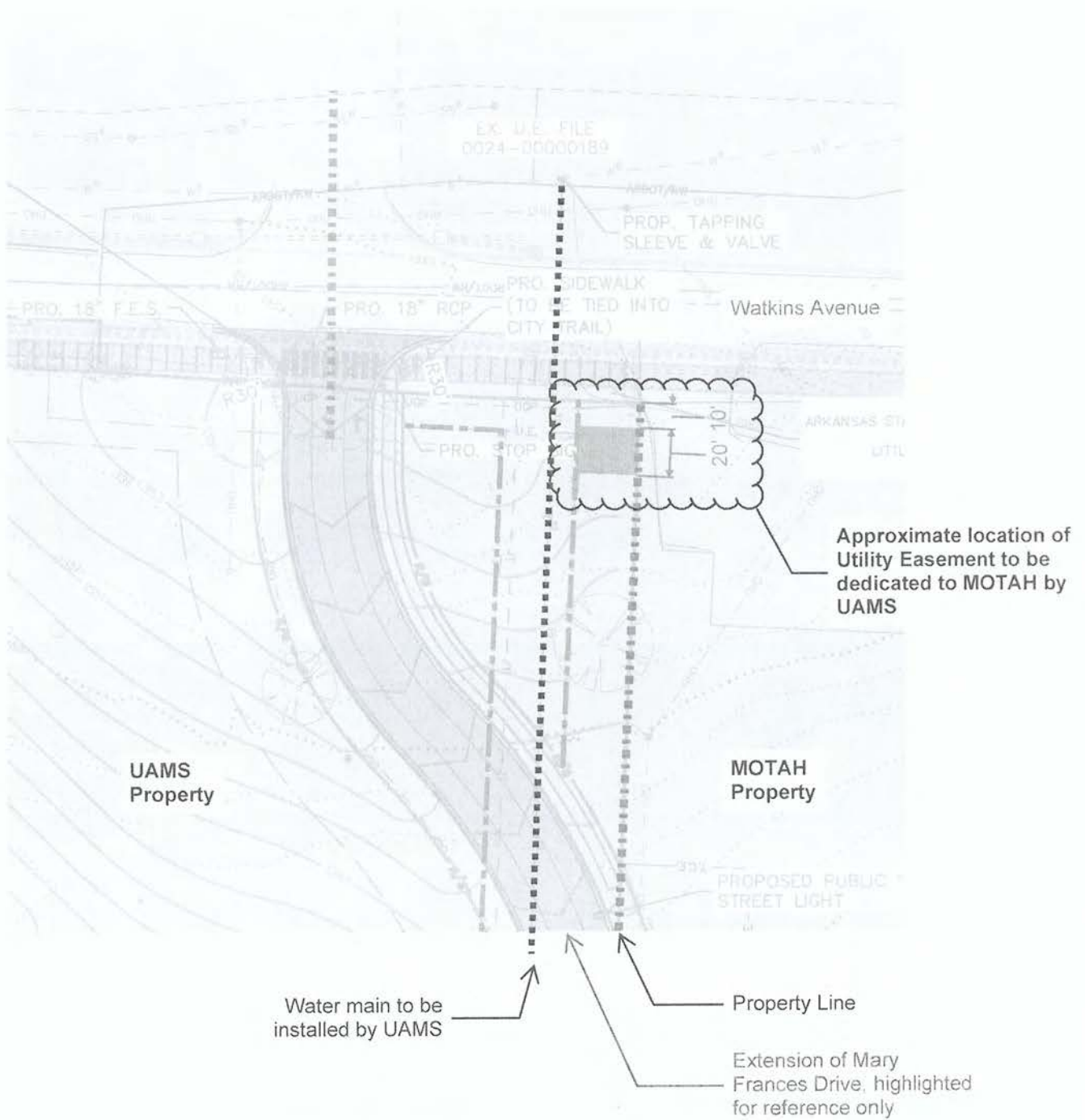
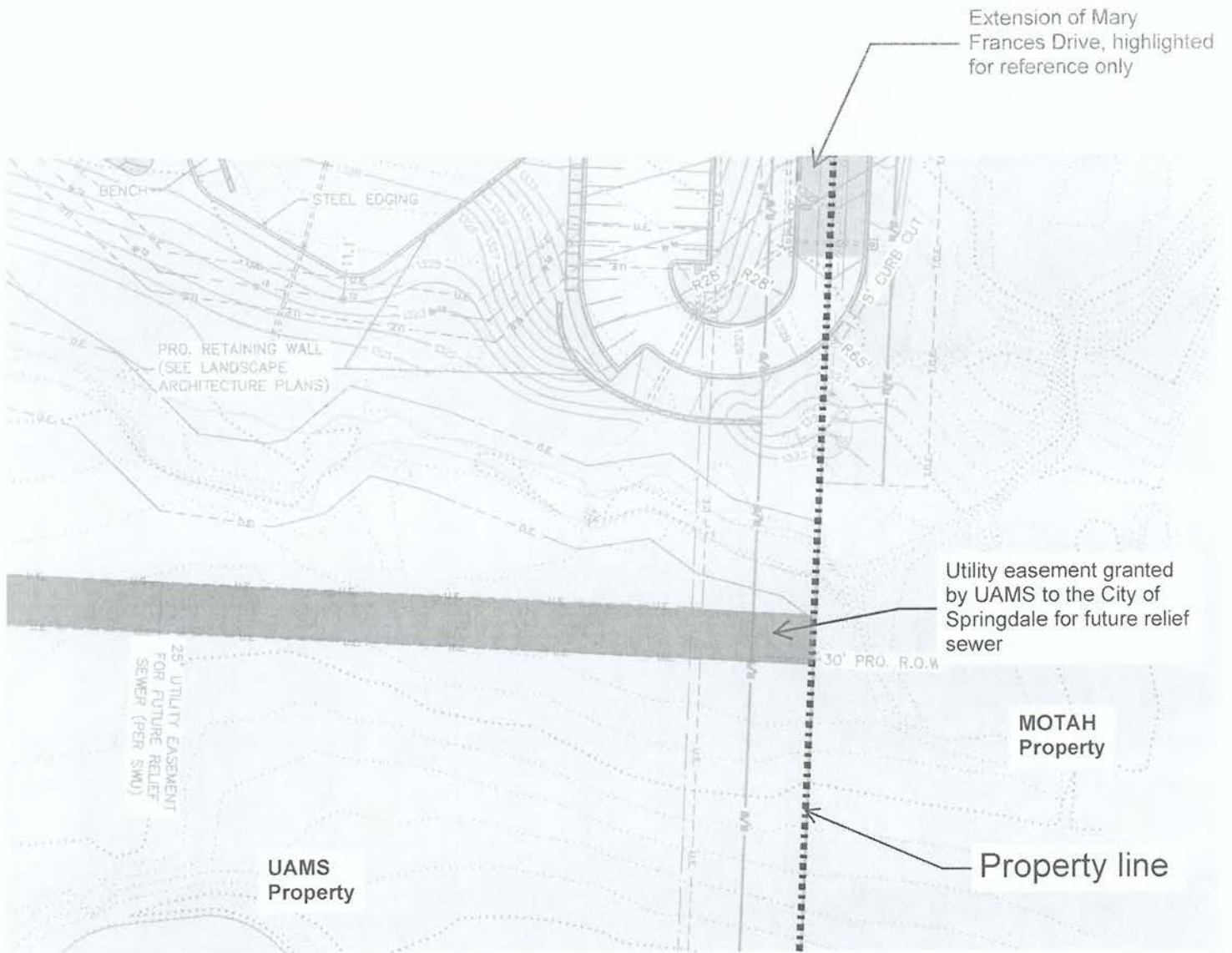


EXHIBIT B

Diagram of utility easement to be granted by UAMS to City of Springdale for the City of Springdale's future relief sewer. Easement abuts the property line between UAMS and MOTAH. For clarity, only a portion of the utility easement, Extension of Mary Frances Drive are shown, and other site development are shown.



**Item 8: Consideration of Request for Approval to
Alter Names at the Northeast Rice
Research and Extension Center, AGRI**

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO
ALTER NAMES AT THE NORTHEAST RICE
RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER, AGRI**

August 30, 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE BUILDINGS
AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Ted Dickey, Chair
Mr. Tommy Boyer
Mr. Steve Cox
Mr. Sheffield Nelson
Col. Nate Todd

Dear Committee Members:

Vice President for Agriculture Deacue Fields has requested your approval to alter namings approved by the Trustees at their November 17-18, 2021 meeting. In recognition of Greenway Equipment's strong support and generous contributions to the Northeast Rice Research and Extension Center Project, the Board named the "Greenway Building" and the "Greenway Exhibition Hall." However, the company has recently requested that the names include the word "Equipment."

Dr. Fields recommends that the names be altered in accordance with the company's request. I concur with the recommendation. A resolution for your consideration follows.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the named spaces at the Northeast Rice Research and Extension Center be renamed the "Greenway Equipment Building" and the "Greenway Equipment Exhibition Hall."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution corrects the naming resolution adopted by the Board at its November 17-18, 2021 meeting.

Sincerely,



Donald R. Bobbitt
President
Charles E. Scharlau Presidential Leadership Chair

**Item 9: Consideration of Request for Approval to
Purchase Property Located at 707 and
709 Beech Street, Helena, PCCUA**

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO
PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 707 AND 709
BEECH STREET, HELENA, PCCUA**

August 30, 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE BUILDINGS
AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Ted Dickey, Chair
Mr. Tommy Boyer
Mr. Steve Cox
Mr. Sheffield Nelson
Col. Nate Todd

Dear Committee Members:

Dr. G. Keith Pinchback, Chancellor of Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas, is requesting approval to purchase real property located at 707 and 709 Beech Street, Helena, Arkansas. The property includes 0.46+/- acres and two apartment buildings containing six (6) two-bedroom apartments each, to be purchased for \$525,000. The College intends to utilize the property for student housing.

The property was appraised on April 24, 2024, and had an appraised value of \$600,000. The current owner of the property is Mr. Howard Eaton/MREATON Real Estate. College Reserves will be used to fund the purchase. Closing on this parcel will occur within 60 days after approval by the Board.

I concur with Dr. Pinchback's recommendation. A resolution is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Donald R. Bobbitt
President
Charles E. Scharlau Presidential Leadership Chair

Attachments

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby approves an offer to the owners, MREATON Real Estate, for the purchase price of \$525,000.00 (Five Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) for the purchase of real property and on other terms and conditions set forth in the Real Estate Contract to purchase certain property situated at 707 and 709 Beech Street, Helena, Arkansas, containing 0.46+/- Acres, to be more particularly described as follows:

PT 503 OLD HELENA LOT 503 69.5' CEN PT & MCMICHAEL ST

And

PT 503 OLD HELENA LOT 503 N 14'

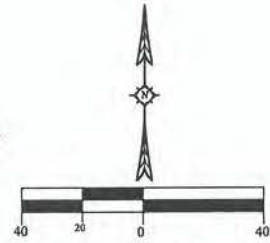
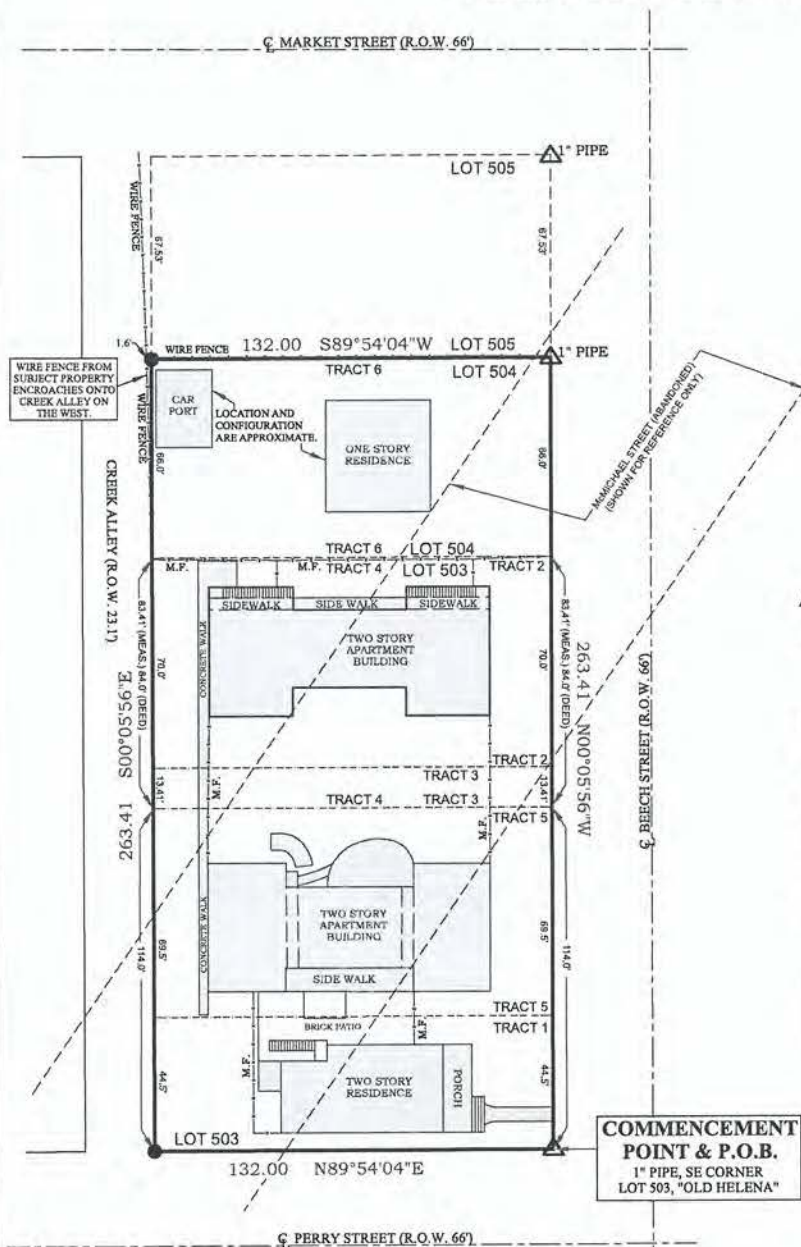
And

PT 504 OLD HELENA LOT 504 S 70' S SIDE & MCMICHAEL ST

The subject improvements consist of a two-building two story each masonry and frame structures containing a total building area of approximately 10,752+/- square feet. Building 707 consists of approximately 2,584+/- square feet for each level. Building 709 consists of approximately 2,792+/- square feet for each level. Each building consists of 6 two-bedroom one-bath units, for a total of 12 units. The improvements include laundry areas, covered exterior stairwells, iron fencing and security gates. Other site improvements include concrete sidewalks, concrete parking area, and some landscaping.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the purchase shall be subject to a determination by the General Counsel that the sellers have good and merchantable title to the property and obtaining an acceptable Phase One environmental assessments, unless waived by the campus officials after inspection of the property. The President, Chief Financial Officer, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration of Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas, or their designee, shall be, and hereby are, authorized to take such further action and execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to close the transaction in accordance with the respective Real Estate Contract.

**PLAT OF LOTS 504, 503 & PART
OF ABANDONED McMICHAEL STREET
"OLD HELENA", HELENA,
PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS**



SURVEY COMPLETED ON AUGUST 29, 2024
FOR PHILLIPS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

BASIS OF BEARINGS: MERIDIAN BASED ON
GRID NORTH STATE PLANE
COORDINATE SYSTEM ARKANSAS SOUTH NAD-83
AS ESTABLISHED BY G.P.S. USING AR DOT VRS NETWORK

CONVERGENCE ANGLE: 00° 47' 15.99"
AT LAT: NORTH 34° 31' 45.48" LONG: WEST 90° 35' 32.93"
SCALE FACTOR: 0.9999556

- LEGEND:**
- △ FOUND MONUMENTS (AS NOTED)
 - SET ½" REBAR UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
 - PROPERTY LINE ESTABLISHED
 - P.O.B. POINT OF BEGINNING
 - R.O.W. RIGHT OF WAY
 - M.F. METAL FENCE
 - CONCRETE

REFERENCE:

BOOK 2019, PAGE 3275,
OFFICIAL RECORDS OF PHILLIPS COUNTY, AR

**COMMENCEMENT
POINT & P.O.B.**
1" PIPE, SE CORNER
LOT 503, "OLD HELENA"



SURVEYED LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

LOTS NUMBERED FIVE HUNDRED THREE (503), FIVE HUNDRED FOUR (504) AND PART OF ABANDONED McMICHAEL STREET IN THAT PART OF THE CITY OF HELENA KNOWN AS "OLD HELENA", PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS, SAME BEING LOCATED IN AND A PART OF PRIVATE SURVEY NO. 2388, TOWNSHIP TWO (2) SOUTH, RANGE FIVE (5) EAST, PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIPE MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT NUMBERED 503 AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF PERRY STREET WITH THE WEST LINE OF BEECH STREET, ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE NORTH 00°05'56" WEST 263.41 FEET ALONG THE SAID WEST LINE OF BEECH STREET TO AN IRON PIPE MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT NUMBERED 504;
THENCE SOUTH 89°54'04" WEST 132.00 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT NUMBERED 504 TO AN IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF, LYING ON THE EAST LINE OF CREEK ALLEY;
THENCE SOUTH 00°05'56" EAST 263.41 FEET ALONG THE SAID EAST LINE TO AN IRON PIN MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT NUMBERED 503, LYING ON THE NORTH LINE OF PERRY STREET;
THENCE NORTH 89°54'04" EAST 132.00 FEET ALONG THE SAID NORTH LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.80 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON ATTACHED PLAT.
BEARINGS USED IN THIS DESCRIPTION ARE BASED ON GRID NORTH FROM THE ARKANSAS SOUTH STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM - NAD 83.

CLIENT NAME:
PHILLIPS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

SURVEY PLAT CODE:
500-02S-05E-0-08-210-54-1484

PHONE (870) 338-6550
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SMITH & WELLAND
SURVEYORS AND ENGINEERS
728 CHERRY STREET
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TERRY EUGENE SMITH
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL
LAND SURVEYOR NO. PLS-1484
STATE OF ARKANSAS

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**Item 10: Consideration of Request for Project
Approval and Selection of Design
Professionals and Contractors for the
Allied Health Building Project, UACCRM**

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR PROJECT
APPROVAL AND SELECTION OF DESIGN
PROFESSIONALS AND CONTRACTORS FOR THE
ALLIED HEALTH BUILDING PROJECT, UACCRM**



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM

Office of the President

August 30, 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Ted Dickey, Chair
Mr. Tommy Boyer
Mr. Steve Cox
Mr. Sheffield Nelson
Col. Nate Todd

Dear Committee Members:

Dr. Phillip Wilson, Chancellor of the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain ("UARM"), request project approval and selection of design professionals and a general contractor for the Allied Health Building project. This new building will be dedicated to allied health services instruction so that it can better serve UARM's students, faculty, and campus community. With the generous support of Senator John Boozman's office, UARM has recently received twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) in federal funding through the Department of Health and Human Services to fully cover the anticipated cost of constructing such a building. With your approval, UARM would like to undertake this project (the "Project"), as more fully detailed in the Capital Project Proposal accompanying this letter.

As permitted under Board Policy 730.2, the selection committee, with my approval, has taken the preliminary step of submitting a selection of recommended architects and a general contractor for the Project. Dr. Wilson and the selection committee recommend the following, in order of preference.

Design Professionals

- AMR
Lewis
WER

Construction Services

- Clark Contractor
Nabholz
CDI

I concur with Dr. Wilson's recommendations. A proposed resolution, containing blanks for the selected firms, is attached for your consideration.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Allied Health Building Project of the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain is hereby approved.

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University of Arkansas, Fayetteville / University of Arkansas at Little Rock / University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences / University of Arkansas at Monticello/ Division of Agriculture / Criminal Justice Institute
Arkansas Archeological Survey/ Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas / University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana
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University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College / University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain
Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts / University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service / University of Arkansas Grantham

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain is authorized to select _____ as the design professionals for the Allied Health Building Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain is authorized to select _____ as the construction manager/general contractor for the Allied Health Building Project at the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President, Chief Financial Officer, Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration of the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain, or their designees, shall be, and hereby are, authorized to take such further action and execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to implement this resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald R. Bobbitt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donald R. Bobbitt
President
Charles E. Scharlau Presidential Leadership Chair

Attachments

CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM

Campus: **University of Arkansas Rich Mountain**

Named of Proposed Facility: **Allied Health Building**

1. PROPOSED FUNCTION OF PROJECT

UA Rich Mountain was founded in 1976 as a vocational/technical facility offering the community education in the areas of carpentry, machining, secretarial studies, automotive and diesel mechanics, and nursing. Practical nursing has been offered as a pathway to employment continuously since that time, with classes graduating every year to stable jobs with an opportunity for advancement. The campus grew to become a community college in 1983 to offer courses for transfer to four-year institutions. Since that time, vocational programs have evolved and changed, and various remodels of the campus allowed Allied Health programs to expand. Programs now include registered nursing, phlebotomy, pharmacy technician, Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic, and medical billing and coding. The college was recently approved to participate in a nursing program for high school seniors as part of the campus career center. The strategic plan for the campus includes offerings in medical lab technician, radiology technician, occupational therapy assistant, and physical therapy assistant to meet the needs of the community and the regional hospital. The addition of these programs has been curtailed due to lack of space, limiting the offerings available to students.

Program growth and campus needs prompted the administration to reach out to Senator Boozman's office to request assistance with a new facility to house Allied Health in one location. This facility has been on the Master Plan of the campus for approximately five years. With the generous support of the senator's office, through the Department of Health and Human Services the College received \$12M in funding to construct and furnish an Allied Health Sciences facility. The new building will accommodate current programming and provide the space needed to expand health related offerings. Construction would include a fully functioning simulation laboratory for use with various academic/vocational programs. This addition follows the priorities of the campus strategic plan and helps fulfill the mission of the college, to provide transformative learning to the community.

2. PROPOSED FACILITY LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

This building will be located in the open campus space at the intersection of College Avenue and Morrow Street.

3. TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST

\$12,000,000

4. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF FURNISHINGS

To be determined

5. ESTIMATED TIME TO SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

September 2024	consultant selections to Board of Trustees
September to January 2024	preconstruction
March 2025	construction starts
May 2026	project complete

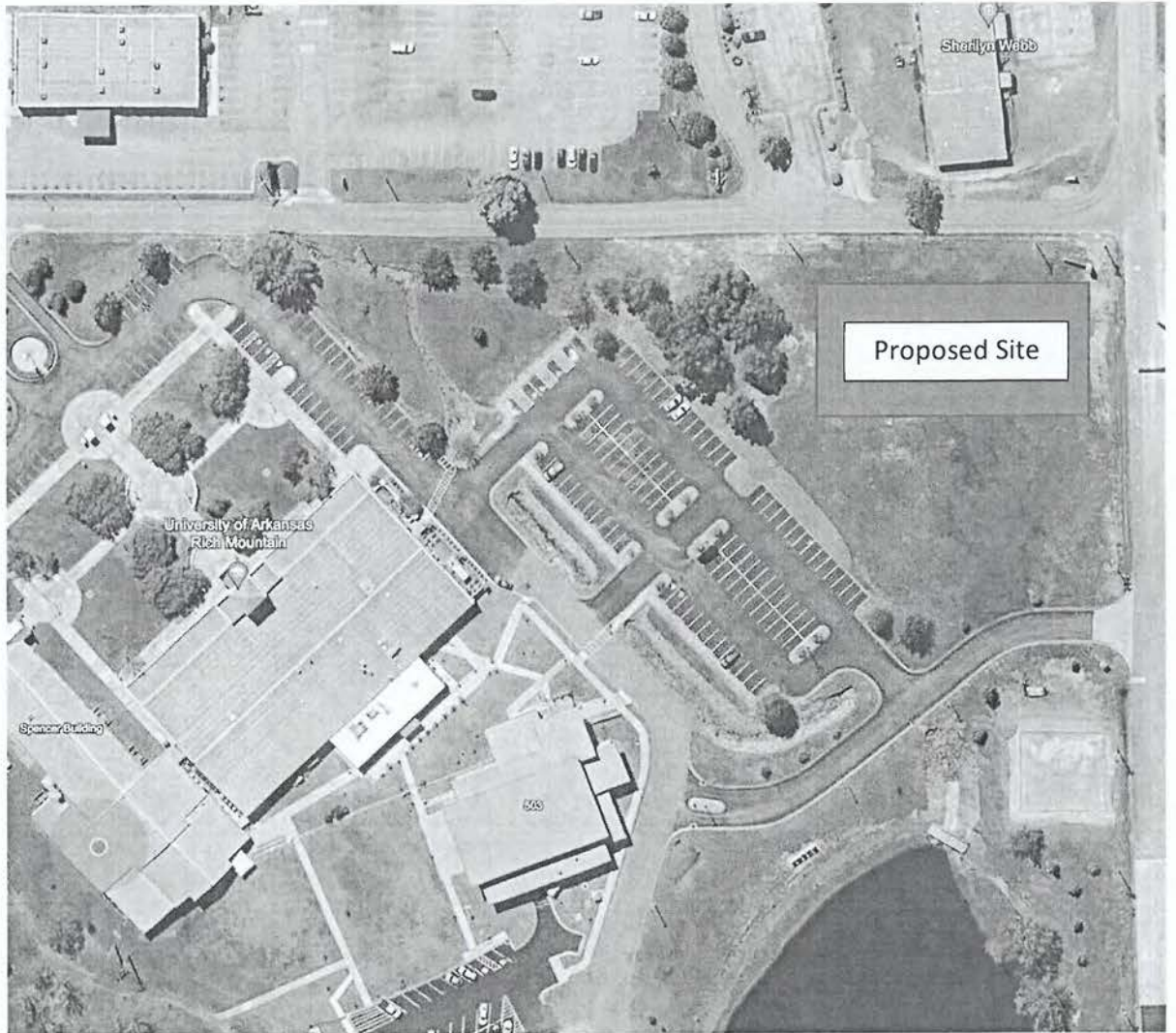
6. PARKING PLAN TO SUPPORT NEW OR EXPANDED FACILITY

Existing parking will support this building.

7. SOURCE OF PROJECT FUNDS

This capital project will be funded entirely by the \$12,000,000 Federal grant award.

LOCATION MAP



Design Services Selection

As ranked by committee

PROJECT	Allied Health Building	INTERVIEW DATE	8-5-2024
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RANKING OF APPLICANTS

Selection Committee Member	A	B	C	D	E							Total
AMR	1	1	1	2	1							6
Lewis	2	2	3	1	3							11
WER	3	3	2	3	2							13

Design Teams are ranked from 1 to 5, with 1 being the highest.

FINAL RANKING

Preferred / Recommended to Board of Trustees in the order shown

1	AMR
2	Lewis
3	WER

Eligible / Considered to be qualified, but less suited to the requirements of this job

SELECTION COMMITTEE

By title

Chancellor	
VC for Assessment and Development	
Associate VC of Administration	
Health Information Systems Instructor	
Interim VC for Academics	

Construction Services Selection

As ranked by committee

PROJECT	Allied Health Building	INTERVIEW DATE	8-7-2024
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RANKING OF APPLICANTS

Selection Committee Member	EMR	BOND	A	B	C	D	E	Total
CDI	0.64	.0462	3	3	3	3		12
Clark	0.73	0.475	2	2	1	1		6
Nabholtz	0.68	0.445	1	1	2	2		6

Construction Teams are ranked from 1 to 5, with 1 being the highest.

FINAL RANKING

Preferred / Recommended to Board of Trustees in the order shown

1	+	Clark
2	+	Nabholtz
3		CDI

Eligible / Considered to be qualified, but less suited to the requirements of this job

EMR: Experience Modification Rate (EMR) has strong impact upon a business. It is a number used by insurance companies to gauge both past cost of injuries and future chances of risk. The lower the EMR of your business, the lower your worker compensation insurance premiums will be. An EMR of 1.0 is considered the industry average. EMR numbers are based on a 3-year rolling average.

BOND RATE: We acknowledge bond rates as a measure of company health. Bond rates generally vary with the size of the contract and are expressed to us as dollar per 1000 dollars. Lower bond rates are more favorable.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

By title

Chancellor	
VC for Assessment and Development	
Associate VC of Administration	
Health Information Systems Instructor	

**Item 11: Report of Easements Approved by the
President**

**REPORT OF EASEMENTS APPROVED BY THE
PRESIDENT**

August 30, 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE BUILDINGS
AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Ted Dickey, Chair
Mr. Tommy Boyer
Mr. Steve Cox
Mr. Sheffield Nelson
Col. Nate Todd

Dear Committee Members:

As you might recall, we have implemented new efficiencies throughout the UA System as these matters have been brought to our attention. The approval process for the granting of standard non-exclusive right of way easements are now processed more efficiently. Following review by the General Counsel's office, these easements are signed by the President and reported to you during the Buildings and Grounds committee meeting.

The following have been approved since the last report to the Trustees. Please let us know if you have any questions concerning these matters.

Right-of-Way and Easement to SWEPCO (UACCRM)
Easement for Facilities from Philander Smith College (ARE-ON)
Right of Way Easement to Central Arkansas Water (Delta Student Housing)

This is an information item.

Sincerely,



Donald R. Bobbitt
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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF
STEM BUILDING AND CONFERENCE CENTER
PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

REGULAR SESSION (Cont.)

3. Report on University Hospital-Board of Trustees Joint Committee Meeting Held September 11, 2024 (Action)
4. Report on Audit and Fiscal Responsibility Committee Meeting Held September 11, 2024 (Action)
5. Report on Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Held September 11, 2024 (Action)
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7. Report on Agriculture Committee Meeting Held September 12, 2024 (Action)
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University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

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**Item 3: Report on University Hospital-Board of
Trustees Joint Committee Meeting Held
September 11, 2024**

**REPORT ON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL-BOARD OF
TRUSTEES JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

**Item 4: Report on Audit and Fiscal
Responsibility Committee Meeting Held
September 11, 2024**

**REPORT ON AUDIT AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

**Item 5: Report on Academic and Student Affairs
Committee Meeting Held September 11,
2024**

**REPORT ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

**Item 6: Report on Distance Education and
Technology Committee Meeting Held
September 11, 2024**

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**REPORT ON DISTANCE EDUCATION AND
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

**Item 7: Report on Agriculture Committee
Meeting Held September 12, 2024**

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**REPORT ON AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

**Item 8: Report on Buildings and Grounds
Committee Meeting Held September 12,
2024**

**REPORT ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

**Item 9: Campus Report: Dr. Andrea Stewart,
Interim Chancellor, University of
Arkansas at Pine Bluff**

**CAMPUS REPORT: DR. ANDREA STEWART, INTERIM
CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE
BLUFF**

**Item 10: President's Report: Dr. Donald R.
Bobbitt, University of Arkansas System**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT: DR. DONALD R. BOBBITT,
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM**

**Item 11: Consideration of Request for Approval
and Authorization to Form a new Limited
Liability Company with Amedisys, UAMS**

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL AND
AUTHORIZATION TO FORM A NEW LIMITED
LIABILITY COMPANY WITH AMEDISYS, UAMS**

August 30, 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Dear Trustees:

At its September 2022 meeting, the Board of Trustees authorized UAMS to form UAMS Comprehensive Care at Home, LLC (“UAMS at Home”) for the purpose of expanding UAMS’ delivery of in-home care to the citizens of Arkansas. The other member of UAMS at Home is Amedisys¹, one of the nation’s largest providers and an industry leader of in-home care. UAMS at Home currently provides licensed home health agency services (“Home Health Program”) and other home-based services including home hospitalization, home rehabilitation, and home palliative care (“Care Program”).

As part of a larger transaction whereby United Health Group will acquire Amedisys, Amedisys must divest itself of certain home health assets including its interest in the Home Health Program owned by UAMS at Home. Vital Caring Group, a national leader in home health and hospice care, will purchase Amedisys’ fifty-one percent (51%) member units in UAMS at Home. UAMS will maintain its forty-nine percent (49%) of the member units. UAMS at Home will continue to own and operate the Home Health Program.

To continue ownership and operations of the Care Program, UAMS requests the approval and authorization to form a new limited liability company with Amedisys² (“Company”). The assets of the Care Program will transfer from UAMS at Home to the Company. The transfer of the Care Program assets will provide the initial working capital for the new Company. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the initial working capital will be credited to Amedisys, resulting in Amedisys holding fifty-one (51) member units. Forty-nine percent (49%) of the initial working capital will be credited to UAMS, resulting UAMS holding forty-nine (49) member units. Amedisys, through its affiliate Contessa Health Management Company, LLC, (the “Management Company”), will oversee and manage the day-to-day operations of the Care Program through a management services agreement. UAMS also will enter into a restricted license agreement with the Company and the Management Company for the use of UAMS marks.

¹ Amedisys joined UAMS at Home through one of its affiliates, Contessa Health Holding Company, LLC.

² Amedisys will join Company through Contessa Health Holding Company, LLC both of which will be wholly owned subsidiaries of United Health Group.

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Members of the UAMS leadership team and the General Counsel's office will be present at the meeting to discuss this with you and answer any questions.

A proposed resolution is set out below. I recommend its approval.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the President of the University of Arkansas System and the Chancellor of UAMS and other appropriate officials of the University of Arkansas System and UAMS shall be, and hereby are, authorized to negotiate the terms of the to-be-formed limited liability company ("LLC") with Amedisys and its affiliates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the appropriate official of the University of Arkansas System or UAMS, subject to review by the Office of General Counsel, shall be and hereby is authorized to execute such contracts and such other documents and instruments, and to take such further action as may be necessary in order to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald R. Bobbitt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donald R. Bobbitt
President
Charles E. Scharlau Presidential Leadership Chair

**Item 12: Consideration of Request for Approval of
Governance Document, UACS**

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF
GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT, UACS**

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Office of the President

August 30, 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

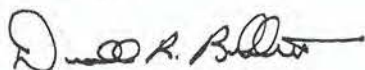
Dear Trustees:

Board Policy 100.4, *Rules and Regulations of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas for the Governance and Administration of the University of Arkansas*, requires the Board to review and approve proposed plans for local governance of each campus in the UA System. In accordance with the policy, enclosed is the proposed local governance document for University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service.

I recommend approval of this document. A proposed resolution for your consideration is as follows.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the University of Arkansas Clinton
School of Public Service Governance Document presented at the September 12,
2024, meeting of the Board of Trustees, is hereby approved as presented.

Sincerely,



Donald R. Bobbitt
President
Charles E. Scharlau Presidential Leadership Chair

Attachment

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UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
Clinton School of Public Service



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Governance Document

POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT

Policies stated in this Governance Document require continual evaluation, review and approval by appropriate University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service officials, University of Arkansas consortium school officials, University of Arkansas System officials, and the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees. UACS operates under applicable University of Arkansas Board of Trustees policies. The policies and procedures in the governance document do not supersede or negate Board of Trustee policies, System-wide administrative memoranda or UACS campus policies, but supplement such policies. All statements contained herein reflect policies in existence at the time this Governance Document was adopted and UACS reserves the right to change policies at any time and without prior notice.

1.0 PURPOSE

The overarching purpose of the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service (UACS) is the promotion of public service leadership through rigorous research, teaching, and active engagement in civic and community affairs. As such the governance structure of the School is guided by that same principle. The mission of the Clinton Service of Public Service is to foster and promote excellence in public service by:

- preparing individuals for impactful careers as thoughtful, objective, effective, and ethical public servants;
- producing theoretical and applied research that addresses the critical issues of the day and advances the understanding of public service;
- engaging with the community to serve the changing needs of society locally, regionally, nationally, and globally; and
- fostering an interdisciplinary environment that stresses the development of critical thinking skills, and an appreciation for the benefits of diversity and inclusion.

This document provides a general set of guidelines and criteria congruent with the mission of the UACS and such guidelines and criteria are used to develop and recommend policies and procedures for UACS, in accordance with the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees policies.

1.1 Administrative Unit

The UACS is a single administrative unit, without departments, within the University of Arkansas System (UASYS) subject to all Board of Trustee policies. The Clinton School is operated in a consortium arrangement with the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville (UAF), the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) and University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). The Dean, appointed by the President of the UASYS, provides general administrative supervision of the school with the faculty assisting on matters of academic policy and practice.

1.2 Office of the Dean

The Dean has all of the responsibilities of deans at other colleges and universities, but also has responsibilities similar to those assigned to the chancellor or director of other units. The Dean reports directly to the president of the UASYS and has primary responsibility for all academic, fiscal and administrative activities of the school. All recommendations for

faculty promotion, tenure and academic appointments are the responsibility of the dean. Similarly, staff personnel decisions as well as faculty, staff and student grievances come to the Dean or the Dean's designee. Like the chancellor of a larger campus, the Dean exercises executive authority for the school, subject to the policies established by the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees and the UASYS President. (University of Arkansas Board of Trustees Policy 100.4 defines the responsibilities of a chancellor.) In addition to administration of internal activities, the Dean serves as official spokesperson to external constituencies, including the General Assembly of the Arkansas Legislature.

1.3 Administrative Staff

As needs arise and resources permit, the Dean shall employ professional staff for the efficient operation of UACS programs and activities, and shall prescribe their duties and responsibilities.

1.4 Faculty

As needs arise and resources permit, UACS shall employ faculty, defined as tenure and tenure track appointments, and they shall carry out their prescribed duties and responsibilities. As needs and resources permit, new tenured and tenure-track faculty searches will be conducted and candidates will be invited to join the faculty by a majority vote of those members in attendance and approval from the dean.

2.0 AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

The UACS governance will consist of independent Advisory Groups including Faculty Council, Staff Council, the Student Government Association, and the UACS Executive Advisory Council that shall be authorized to develop and recommend educational, student, staff, and academic policies and programs of UACS, including and related to such matters as admissions requirements, degrees and requirements for degrees, curriculum, the academic calendar, academic honors, and student affairs.

They shall be authorized to make recommendations and provide input to the Dean on any matter of general faculty, campuswide, or system wide concern. Through the Dean, such action may be reported to the President of the UASYS and, when considered necessary or desirable by the President, through the President to the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees.

Nothing herein shall be deemed to restrict the ability of the Dean to implement policies necessary to the operation of the campus that are consistent with University of Arkansas Board of Trustees and UASYS policies and with executive authority vested in the Dean by the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees.

3.0 UACS ADVISORY GROUPS

3.1 Scope and Purpose

The work of the UACS Advisory Groups shall be carried on in large part by the actions of each group as defined in Section 3.3. These provide a forum in which a greater detail of attention can be given to tasks and matters before recommending them to the Dean.

3.2 Advisory Group Procedures

Each UACS Advisory Group shall develop a set of operating procedures and bylaws including but not limited to meeting frequency, committee formations, voting procedures, etc.

Each UACS Advisory Group shall publicize meeting notices and the tentative agenda at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting. All meetings shall be open to all represented persons, although floor privileges can be limited to members. Minutes of each meeting shall be made available to all members of the UACS Advisory Group and the Dean promptly following the meeting. The minutes shall also be archived and made accessible to the public upon request.

3.3 Standing Advisory Groups

Faculty Council

All tenured and tenure-track appointments will comprise the UACS Faculty Council.

Staff Council

All UACS employees eligible for fringe benefits who are not members of the Faculty or the Student Body

Student Government Association

All currently enrolled students, part-time or full-time as defined by the UACS, of the Clinton School Master of Public Service (MPS) program are eligible members of the SGA

UACS Executive Advisory Council

The UACS Executive Advisory Council is composed of the Associate Dean, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Staff and Faculty Council respectively, and the SGA President and Vice-President. The Dean of the Clinton School shall be an Ex Officio non-voting member of the UACS Executive Advisory Council.

Other UACS Advisory groups

As the need arises, the Dean may create special or ad hoc advisory groups, specifying their duration, to consider matters not within the jurisdiction of a defined advisory group in Section 3.4 or to consider particular matters within the jurisdiction of a UACS Advisory group with the consent of a majority of that group.

3.4 UACS Advisory Group Responsibilities

Faculty: Subject to regulations of the UASYS, the Faculty of the Clinton School shall recommend academic policies and practices for UACS, including but not limited to, determination of curricula and the standards for admission to, continuation in, and graduation from UACS. The Faculty, through the Dean, shall recommend candidates for diplomas, degrees, and honors to the President of the UASYS and the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees.

Staff: The staff, acting through the Staff Council of the Clinton School shall recommend and advise on all matters dealing solely with staff.

Student: The student government association through the president and vice president of SGA shall recommend and advise on all matters dealing solely with students.

UACS Executive Advisory Council: In the event of a disagreement on a submitted recommendation as defined in Section 3.5 or at the call of the dean, the UACS Executive Advisory Council shall be convened to make final recommendations.

3.5 UACS Advisory Group Recommendations

Recommendations adopted through each UACS Advisory Group shall be transmitted to the Dean. If the Dean declines to act favorably upon such a recommendation within two weeks of receiving it, the UACS Advisory Group that submitted the recommendation may request with a majority vote of all eligible members of that Advisory group to convene the UACS Executive Advisory Council for consideration within two weeks.

The President of the UASYS will consider the matter upon a three-fifths vote of the UACS Executive Advisory Council.

4.0 AMENDMENTS

This governance document may be amended by the following procedure. Proposed amendments must be signed by 50% or more eligible members of each Advisory Group and presented to the Dean who will distribute the proposed amendment to all eligible members of each UACS Advisory Group at least ten (10) days before a vote occurs. A three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of each UACS Advisory Group is required for approval of the proposed amendment. Once approved, the Dean shall transmit the proposed campus governance structure to the President of the UASYS for review, approval, and transmission to the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees. Any such proposed amendment or amendments shall become effective and be in operation when expressly approved by the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees or after approval by the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees on a day specified therein.

**Item 13: Update on Recent Higher Learning
Commission Visit, EACC**

**UPDATE ON RECENT HIGHER LEARNING
COMMISSION VISIT, EACC**

**Item 14: Consideration of Request for Approval of
Revisions to Board Policies, All
Campuses and Units**

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF
REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICIES, ALL CAMPUSES
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Office of the President

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TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

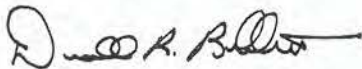
Dear Trustees:

Attached is an explanatory memorandum concerning recommended changes to Board Policy 505.6, *Withholding of Diplomas, Transcripts, and Registration*, and Board Policy 705.1, *Use of University Facilities*, along with a final version of the policies that includes the proposed revisions. “Red-lined” versions of the policies are available on our website and in the “on-line” version of the agenda book, and will be emailed to you upon request.

I recommend approval of these changes. A proposed resolution for your consideration follows:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the proposed revisions to Board Policy 505.6, *Withholding of Diplomas, Transcripts, and Registration*, and Board Policy 705.1, *Use of University Facilities*, are hereby adopted and approved as presented to the Board at its September 11-12, 2024 meeting.

Sincerely,



Donald R. Bobbitt
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UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM
Memorandum

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas

FROM: UA System Administration

RE: Summary of Proposed Board Policy Amendments for Sept. 11-12 Board meeting

DATE: August 27, 2024

As part of our periodic review of Board of Trustees Policies to ensure alignment with current law and practice, the following is a summary of proposed policy changes to be presented to the Board at the September 11-12 meeting at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Revised Board Policy 505.6 *Withholding of Diplomas, Transcripts, and Registration*

The U.S. Department of Education released, on October 24, 2023, its final rules to amend the implementing regulations to Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, 34 C.F.R. § 668, et seq. The final rules became effective on July 1, 2024. The rules implement limitations on transcript withholding by institutions that participate in any Title IV, HEA programs. The Office of General Counsel has proposed the enclosed amendments to Board Policy 505.6 to align with the rules and to clean-up the policy language for clarity.

Revised Board Policy 705.1 *Use of University Facilities*

Board Policy 705.1 outlines allowed uses of University Facilities, including a section on expressive activities on campus. Act 614 of 2023 added certain non-academic indoor areas to existing state law concerning campus forums for expressive activities. The Office of General Counsel has proposed the enclosed amendments to reflect this change in law. Additional formatting changes are proposed for better policy organization and clarity.

WITHHOLDING OF DIPLOMAS, TRANSCRIPTS AND REGISTRATION

The Registrar of each campus is authorized to withhold diplomas and to refuse registration to any student or former student:

1. Who fails to return University property;
2. Who fails to cooperate with any University disciplinary process, investigation, or audit or otherwise fails to comply with University policies;
or
3. Who has failed to pay any fees, tuition, room and board charges, fines, or other charges assessed by a University official or by the campus disciplinary system.

The Registrar may also withhold official transcripts, or portions thereof, to the extent consistent with state and federal law.

Regarding any sums owed by a student or former student, if the University knows or has reason to know that a bankruptcy petition has been filed on behalf of the student or former student, or if the University has received notice that the debt has been discharged in bankruptcy, a transcript may not be withheld during the pendency of the bankruptcy case. Upon the conclusion of the bankruptcy case, withholding may proceed regarding all debt not discharged in the bankruptcy proceeding.

September 12, 2024 (Proposed Revisions)
January 27, 2022 (Revised)
March 30, 2016

USE OF UNIVERSITY FACILITIES

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define allowed uses for university facilities, including buildings, grounds, and other resources (collectively “facilities”).

II. Primary Uses of University Facilities

University facilities exist for the purpose of fulfilling the University’s broad educational objectives, including its primary educational mission of teaching, research, and public service; promoting a robust exchange and critical evaluation of diverse viewpoints; and fostering economic development and community involvement. When not required for its organized educational programming or official functions, University facilities may be made available for extracurricular use to colleges, departments, and other organizational units of the University; to organizations composed exclusively of faculty and staff; to organizations that exist solely for the benefit of the University; and to recognized student organizations with the approval of the faculty advisor.

III. Other Uses of University Facilities

When a facility is not in use for a regularly scheduled educational activity or for an extracurricular activity by one of the University organizations listed above, pursuant to policies or procedures tailored to the educational objectives of the University adopted by each campus, division, or unit, such facilities may be made available for use by individual or informal groups of students as part of their overall educational experience, or by other persons or entities if such use serves institutional objectives. For example, it is an objective of the University to provide opportunities for University and broader communities to see and hear leaders from throughout the state, nation, and world. Speeches and debates by or on behalf of candidates for office may be scheduled in University facilities under arrangements that allow reasonable opportunities for opposing candidates or points of view, although campaign fundraising is not permitted, and University imagery shall not be used for campaign advertising. It must be made clear that the University does not support or oppose the views or candidacies of such individuals. Any such use is secondary to and shall not interfere with the primary purposes and functions to which University facilities are dedicated.

IV. Expressive Activities

Members of the campus community may engage in expressive activities in certain campus areas, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions to be defined by each campus, unit or division. Any such restrictions will be described in a published campus, unit, or division policy, must be consistent with constitutional requirements and state law, and must be reviewed by the Office of General Counsel.

September 12, 2024 (Proposed Revisions)

May 23, 2019 (Revised)

September 14, 2018 (Revised)

May 26, 2016 (Revised)

November 11, 1988 (Revised)

September 21, 1979 (Revised)

May 12, 1962

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