**Administrative Brief for Faculty Senate for March 2021**

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**Facilities Report**

* **Spragins Hall Exterior Renovations** – Exterior framing began earlier this month. The custom color selected for the metal panels - UAH Blue – caused an increase in the panel fabrication schedule; therefore, completion of the front entry column, beam & soffit cladding has moved-out to May 14, 2021.
* **Shelby Center Lab 341 Renovations** –Substantial completion is scheduled for February 24, 2021. User move-in is scheduled for completion the first of next month.
* **2021 Campus Pavement & Drives Refurbishment** – Beginning in March, North Alabama Paving will conduct various asphalt and concrete pavement repairs as directed by Facilities & Operations through October 2021.
* **BAB Cyber Security Lab** – Notice to proceed with construction was issued on February 15, 2021. Substantial completion is scheduled for July 15, 2021 with user move-in scheduled to complete before the start of classes this Fall Semester.
* **Shelby Center Exterior Renovations (Phase 1)** – Construction bids were received on February 9, 2020 and the project has been awarded to Lambert Contracting. Anticipated start of Construction is tentatively scheduled for March 2021.
* **Altenkirch Lawn “Greenway” Phase III** - The project is scheduled to receive bids on March 4, 2021. Pending successful bids and approval from the UAS Board of Trustees in April, the start of construction is scheduled for May 2021.
* **Campus IT Data Center Hardening Upgrades** – The project is currently in Preliminary Design as we continue to work with the Design Professionals to finalize the programmatic needs for the new facility. Currently, we are planning to submit for a Stage III Submittal to the UAS Board of Trustees in June 2021. The start of construction is anticipated for the Fall of 2021.
* **2021 Roof Replacements Projects** – Construction documents are complete for Cramer Research Hall, Johnson Research Center, Olin B. King Technology Hall and Optics Building. These projects are currently planned to receive funding from Alabama PSCA capital bonds. The projects are scheduled to bid in March with the anticipated start of Construction set for summer 2021.
* **Roberts Hall Renovations** – UAH Facilities & Operations (F&O) has begun efforts to revisit programming and planning efforts conducted in 2017 to determine current needs for the project. F&O is also working on a Facilities Conditions Assessment to help determine the full project needs and scope of work.
* **Shelbie King Hall Renovations** – UAH Facilities & Operations (F&O) has been directed to begin programming and planning efforts to determine a conceptual project scope of work and respective total project budget. F&O is also working on a Facilities Conditions Assessment to help determine the full project needs and scope of work.
* **Executive Plaza Buildings Demolition** – UAH Facilities & Operations (F&O) is submitting a Stage I & Stage II Package for review and approval by the UAS Board of Trustees in April. Project funding sources and project delivery methods are currently under advisement with the goal to begin demolition of vacated structures in poor condition this year.
* **Campus Lake Dredging and Repairs** – UAH Facilities & Operations (F&O) has engaged a Design Professional to provide a survey of existing conditions in order to verify the total project scope of work and estimate of probable cost. Construction is anticipated to begin the summer of 2021 upon completion of the spring academic semester.
* **Spragins Hall Interior Renovations** – UAH Facilities & Operations (F&O) received approval from the UAS Board of Trustees this month to move forward with planning and design efforts. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the 2021 Fall Semester and continue through the 2022 Spring Semester.

**Miscellaneous Items**

* **Update - Vaccination Plan –** In coordination with the ADPH, we have ordered 1000 COVID-19 vaccine doses. We do not know when we will receive the doses. We are developing a plan to vaccinate employees who fall under the Phase 1a - Healthcare Workforce guidelines.

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| **Academic Affairs**  **Update on Health and Safety**  Spring Semester and Preparation for Fall Semester   * Anticipate that the current requirements for health and safety will remain in place throughout spring semester * Health and Safety Task Force will continue to meet regularly to discuss changes in the health and safety requirements for summer terms. * Whether there is a need to continue HealthCheck beyond the spring semester will be discussed with the Health and Safety Task Force. * Class Schedules for fall semester 2021 are currently being prepared. An online course section will be available for most multi-section courses. Lecture courses will not have remote sections posted. If individual students need a remote section for valid reasons, chairs will work with the students and faculty to accommodate student needs. * Rules for quarantines for vaccinated individuals and rules for visitors/camps on campus this summer, and dining protocol are given in Chancellor St. John’s memorandum of February 22, 2021, given below   Memorandum from Chancellor St. John  February 22, 2021  Subject: Changes to Health & Safety Plan  The UA System Health & Safety Task Force met on Friday and has approved the following additions to the UA System Comprehensive Health & Safety Plan. All other provisions of the UA System Comprehensive Health & Safety Plan remain in effect.  Quarantine Protocols:  Vaccinated persons with exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID- 19 are not required to quarantine if the following conditions are met:  1. Are fully vaccinated (i.e., ≥2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine)  2. Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series  3. Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure.  Visitor Protocols:  Campuses may host visitors for the purpose of student orientation, student recruitment, and student participation in exchange programs or other similar programs in a manner consistent with all other provisions of the Health & Safety Plan. Students or prospective students in this section are permitted to board in on- campus housing under the same guidelines as current on-campus residents.  Beginning June 1, UA System campuses may allow visitors for the purpose of summer academic programming, summer camps, and other community-based programming. Campuses shall develop health and safety plans for these activities consistent with the provisions of this Plan, including, but not limited to, provisions related to housing, dining, and recreational facilities. Individuals in this section are permitted to board in on-campus housing under the same guidelines as current on- campus residents. Summer camps hosted by athletic departments shall be governed by the rules of respective athletic associations and conferences, as well as this Plan. If, under any circumstances, guidance from an athletic association or conference conflicts with guidance under this Plan, the athletic association or conference guidance shall be supreme.  Dining Protocols:  On-campus dining facilities shall operate in accordance with all local or state health orders without additional restriction.  **Announcement about Fall Semester**  The University of Alabama System campuses (UA, UAB and UAH) plan to return to traditional in-person instruction without restrictions on classroom capacity for the Fall 2021 semester.   The announcement from the UA System allows for course planning and registration for Fall 2021 courses to take place as usual in coming weeks.  Dr. Selwyn Vickers, Dean of the UAB School of Medicine and Chair of the UA System Health and Safety Task Force, said today: “Our models give us confidence in the strong likelihood that we’ll have a safe environment for traditional classrooms and on-campus activities by the fall. Of course, we will continue to make every effort to abide by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Alabama Department of Public Health guidance and make data-driven decisions. If safety concerns arise, we can adjust our plan; the safety of the 110,000 students, faculty and staff of the UA System remains our top priority as it has since our Task Force began its work one year ago when COVID-19 began to emerge.”  For more information, read the [full UA System announcement](https://t.e2ma.net/click/xjwntd/9wq1ms/tck6sh). Updates will be communicated via university email and the [UAH Return to Campus website](https://t.e2ma.net/click/xjwntd/9wq1ms/94k6sh) in coming weeks.  **Reappointments and Tenure and Promotion Review**   * Reappointments that were submitted before the March 1, 2021, deadline are reviewed and returned to faculty member. * Tenure and promotion files are in the process of being reviewed. * RPT was used successfully. * The later set of reappointments are in process in the colleges.   **Academic Technologies Report on Classrooms**  As of February 25, 2021, all equipment is in working order in SST 109. Classroom Tech went in and did a recording and verified all equipment worked.  The contractors are in the process or have not started the audio upgrade in the following classrooms. They could be affected in the future.  OKT N158, n202, n306, n308, s104, s105, s117  ENG 122  SST 205, 216  MSB 100 (Academic Technologies recommends this room not be upgraded. There is an excellent audio system in there that was upgraded just two years ago. This system would require microphones be dropped from the ceiling that will impede the view of the screen for people in the rear.)  NUR 101a, 103a, 103b, 111a, 113, 204a, 205a ( These were being worked on March 1-3.  WIL 330b  BAB 216, 222, 223, 224 (these rooms are unavailable/being recarpeted)  Currently Academic Technologies has inventoried the AV equipment in all of the classrooms. Older equipment needs to be replaced. Orders are being placed and over the next nine months the old equipment will replaced in classrooms with the older equipment.  **Equipment Available to the Faculty**  Faculty, the library has been coordinating with Enhanced Teaching and Learning to provide loanable equipment available for your teaching needs, such as iPad Pros, Dell laptops, webcams, microphones, and Wacom stylus monitors. The library has a limited supply available for semester-long borrowing. Additional items will become available in the coming weeks. Please see the ETL Faculty Equipment Library Borrowing Policies (PDF) for more information, linked on this page:  <https://www.uah.edu/library/about/library-policies>  **Request for Feedback: Dean of the College of Nursing Search Committee**   * The members of the Dean of the College of Nursing Search Committee are given below. If you have any feedback on the committee membership, please send it to me by March 12, 2021. * Dr. William Wilkerson, Honors College Dean and Search Committee Chair   Dr. Donna Guerra, Clinical Assistant Professor, Faculty Senator  Dr. Thuy Lynch, Assistant Professor  Dr. Mark E. Reynolds, Clinical Associate Professor, Faculty Senator  Dr. Ellise Adams, Professor  Dr. Darlene Showalter, Clinical Associate Professor, Faculty Senator  Dr. Ann Bianchi, Associate Professor  Dr. Louise O’Keefe, Associate Professor  Ms. Jarmel Poole, Clinical Instructor  Dr. Sharon Spencer, Clinical Assistant Professor  Dr. Amy Lanz, Clinical Assistant Professor  Dr. Lori Lioce, Clinical Professor  Ms. Janiece Smith, Program Manager, Graduate Admissions & Advising |
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