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August 11, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Dana Keith, Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration  
Trustee Karen Brooks, Chairwoman, Physical Properties Committee

FROM: Michael Rodgers

SUBJECT: Declaration of non-substantial impact to the visual appearance of campus  
President's Hall Commemorative Wall @ UA

Dr. Keith and Trustee Brooks:

Board Rule 415 requires that, *"The Board must concur with the architectural design of a project before initiation of final construction documents and specifications". (Stage III submittal)*. This requirement applies to, *"all capital construction projects which will substantially affect the visual appearance of the campus or that involve historically significant or otherwise notable structures..."* The Chancellor (or designee) and the Chair of the Physical Properties Committee can declare a project "non-substantial" after reviewing and approving a declaration request submitted by the campus.

You will find attached such a declaration request for the above referenced project. The proposed Project will provide a space to celebrate past presidents of the University, as well as provide a gathering and seating space for students and visitors. The scope of work includes an inlaid 7' granite medallion of the University seal, brick walls to match the adjacent building, granite blocks with bronze plaques for the President's names, integral limestone seating, and University standard pavers. Lighting and landscaping will be provided. The total project cost of \$247,000.00 will be funded by University Central Reserves.

I have reviewed this request and the associated documentation and find that the declaration request complies with the requirements of Board Rule 415.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Rodgers".

Michael Rodgers  
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Construction Management

August 11, 2021

Dr. Dana S. Keith  
Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration  
Sid McDonald Hall  
500 University Boulevard, East  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

Trustee Karen Brooks  
Chair, Physical Properties Committee  
2555 14<sup>th</sup> Street, East  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404

RE: Presidents Hall Commemorative Wall:  
Requested Declaration of Non-Substantial Impact to Campus Environment  
UA Project LAN-21-2731

Dear Dr. Keith and Trustee Brooks:

In accordance with Board Rule 415, The University of Alabama ("University") is requesting a waiver of a Stage III submittal to the Physical Properties Committee for a commemorative wall to be placed at Presidents Hall ("Project") as the Project represents a Non-Substantial Impact to the campus environment. The wall is proposed to be located at the southwest corner of Presidents Hall (previously Manly Hall) at the northeast intersection of McCorvey Drive and Capstone Drive.

The proposed Project will provide a space to celebrate past presidents of the University, as well as provide a gathering and seating space for students and visitors. The approximately 23' clear inside diameter space will include an inlaid seven (7') granite medallion identifying the space with the University seal, brick walls to match the adjacent building, granite blocks with bronze plaques for the President's names, integral limestone seating, and University standard pavers. Electrical will be included to provide lighting and network data. The materials and design will intentionally blend and compliment campus and adjacent architecture.

The layout for the granite blocks with plaques will easily accommodate future additions. Granite will not stain and be more durable than limestone.

This proposed Project will be funded from University Central Reserves in the amount of \$247,000, which is less than the cost threshold requiring approval by The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama ("Board").

Accordingly, the Project will constitute a minimal change to the appearance of campus, thus the request for approval for a visual appearance waiver.

This Project location, design and program have been reviewed and are consistent with the Campus Master Plan, University Design Standards, and the principles contained therein. I have attached a Location map, Renderings, plan design and detail sheet for your review and information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Matthew M. Fajack  
Vice President for Finance Operations  
and Treasurer

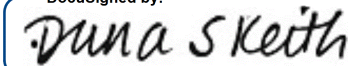
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pc: Michael Rodgers  
Michael Lanier  
Tim Leopard  
Leila Ahmady  
Bonner Lee

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- ☐ Recommended for Approval.  
☐ No Recommendation for Approval. Submit to Physical Properties Committee.

DocuSigned by:




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Dr. Dana S. Keith, Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

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Trustee Karen Brooks, Chair for Physical Properties Committee



# PRESIDENTS HALL COMMMEMORATIVE WALL

## LOCATION MAP





# PRESIDENTS HALL COMMEMORATIVE WALL

Proposed





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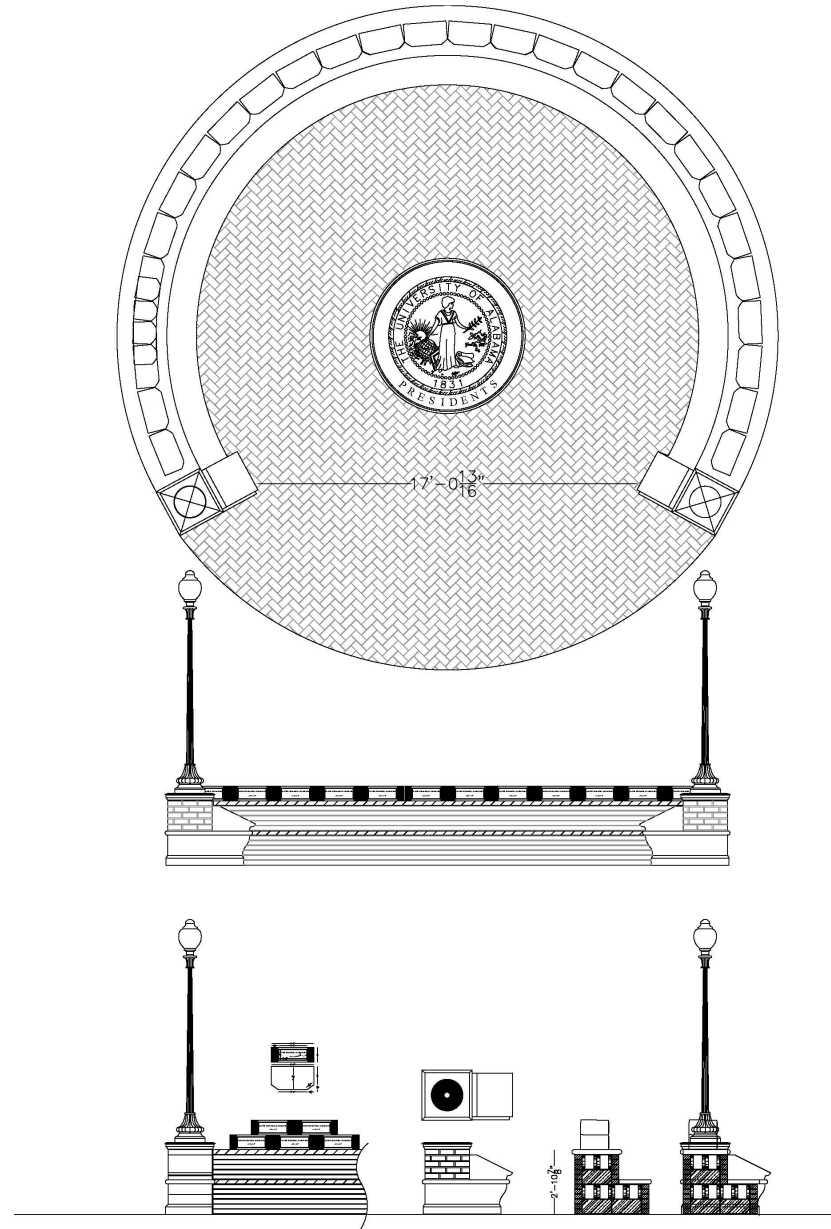
Proposed Bronze Plaques





# PRESIDENTS HALL COMMEMORATIVE WALL

## Plan Design and Details



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