

**IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING STRONG LEADERSHIP
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA**

The Faculty Senate Steering Committee wishes to congratulate the Chancellor and Board of Trustees on the selection of an outstanding new president for the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa.

Whereas, it is important to the well-being of the University to have some measure of continuity; and

Whereas, it will be helpful to the new president to work closely with someone very familiar with the academic affairs of the University; and

Whereas, Dr. Nancy Barrett has done an excellent job as Provost in that under her leadership the University has increased research productivity, grants, and contracts, and has increased in appreciation for diversity; has improved communications between the administration and the faculty; and has provided enhanced resources for faculty development and instructional activity and technology;

Therefore, the Faculty Senate Steering Committee recommends that Dr. Witt strongly consider Dr. Nancy Barrett to continue as Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs of the University of Alabama.

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