

January 12, 2001

MEMORANDUM

THE UNIVERSITY OF
ALABAMA
FOUNDED 1831

TO: Provost Nancy S. Barrett
FROM: Pat Bauch, Faculty Senate President *Pat*
RE: UA System Strategic Planning Initiatives

Thank you for forwarding *The University of Alabama System Strategic Planning Initiatives* document and letter you received from Dr. Charles Nash of the University Systems Office.

Per your request, I will distribute it to members of the Faculty Senate at our first meeting of the semester, which is January 23, 2001. As is our practice, the document most likely will be referred to a faculty committee for study and recommendation.

Unfortunately, it will thus not be feasible for the Senate to provide a thorough examination by your requested deadline date of January 26, especially in light of the length and significance of the document. We will however, attempt to provide you with some initial faculty comments by that date.

My initial reading of the document suggests that it involves faculty matters that, per *The University of Alabama Faculty Handbook*, require the examination and approval of the faculty. It is unprecedented and unacceptable for administrators to implement a broad range of policies without engaging the faculty.

Consequently, I strongly recommend that the University System proceed with implementation only after the faculty have thoroughly reviewed and approved the recommendations, which minimally will take two months.

I would appreciate a response to this recommendation as soon as possible, so the faculty can begin a serious study of the document.

c: President Pro-Tem of the Board of Trustees, Sid McDonald
Dr. Sandra Hullett, Academic Affairs and Planning Committee Chair
Chancellor Thomas Meredith
Vice-Chancellor Charles Nash
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