

2021-2022 Report – Financial Affairs Committee of the University of Alabama Faculty Senate

Co-chairs: B.C. Kim and Mary Stone; Members: Tom Baker, Todd DeZoort, Rainer Schad, John Van Zee
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Throughout the year, the Committee met with University of Alabama Vice President of Finance and Operations Matt Fajack. Each meeting began with Matt's overview of the University's financial condition. The presentation was followed by questions from Committee members about internal controls over financial reporting, RSA, health benefits and changes in UA operations affecting faculty and staff.

The University's requirement that all faculty use Concur to schedule university-related travel was a frequent topic of conversation. Committee members summarized problems faculty encountered using Concur. Matt stated the University was committed to continuing to use Concur because of its financial benefits to the University. He indicated his office would pilot future major operating system changes with faculty and staff before implementing and improve training of staff on the use of Concur. He asked the Committee to report future complaints about Concur to his office. The Committee is doing so.