**COMMENDATION TO:** Student Senate

**FROM:**

Tylan Rudlph, College of Engineering

Michael T Flanagan, College of Education

**RE:** Commendation for Dr. Taffaye, Benson Clayton

**DATE:** April 17, 2023

**PSSC:** 23-0417-01

**Commendation for Dr. Taffye, Benson Clayton**

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Taffye Benson Clayton is the inaugural Vice President and Associate Provost for Inclusion and Diversity at Auburn University. Dr. Clayton and her team are tasked with strengthening Auburn’s diversity and inclusion footprint within the institution and nationally.

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Clayton held the positions of Associate Provost and Chief Diversity Officer at East Carolina University and Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Clayton has worked at large institutions as an executive administrator overseeing diversity and inclusion initiatives for more than 25 years. She has helped students, teachers, staff, the community, tourists, and alumni.

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Clayton is and has been the senior advisor to the Provost, President, and other senior university leadership on matters of diversity and inclusion. She is also the designated executive leader for managing the university's diversity and inclusion strategy.

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Clayton is known nationally for her presentations on faculty diversity recruitment and retention, integrating diversity and inclusion in higher education institutions, strategically positioning diversity and inclusion, and translating corporate diversity and inclusion promising practices into the higher education context.

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Clayton is the current co-Chair of the Membership Committee of the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education NADOHE and Program Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Strategists Executive Council of The Conference Board, a global, independent business membership and research organization.

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Clayton serves on the Executive Committee of APLU’s Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and is the Convener for the SEC VP/CDO group, with representation from senior Cabinet-level DEI leaders from universities throughout the Southeastern Athletic Conference.

**THEREFORE
LET IT BE
KNOWN
THAT,** we the Auburn University Student Senate, commend Dr. Taffye Benson Clayton for her outstanding leadership and efforts in developing a five-year strategic plan to create a campus that is equitable and works for students, faculty and staff from all backgrounds.

**THEREFORE
LET IT BE
KNOWN
THAT,** we the Auburn University Student Senate, commend Dr. Taffye Benson Clayton for hosting the first state- of-inclusion event in April 2022, bringing together university leaders who are advancing DEI at Auburn for our students, campus, and community. This presentation describes the developments on significant DEI issues to date

and the institutional-level strategic steps Auburn has made to create a community where all individuals are valued, respected, and able to flourish personally and professionally. This summary, which was created by the Office of

Inclusion and Diversity in collaboration with university leadership, highlights the progress Auburn has made recently, particularly since the Presidential Task Force was established in 2020. Since then, new initiatives, scholarships, hiring procedures, and campus policies have been implemented to foster a more accepting campus environment.

**THEREFORE
LET IT BE
RESOLVED
THAT,** we the Auburn University Student Senate, commend Dr. Taffye Benson Clayton for forever improving the Auburn University student and staff experience. While also proactively working to eliminate barriers facing underrepresented and marginalized community members.

**CC:**

**COMMENDATION TO:** Student Senate

**FROM:** Tylan Rudlph, College of Engineering

Michael T Flanagan, College of Education

**RE:** Commendation for Dr. Vini Nathan

**DATE:** April 17, 2023

**PSSC:** 23-0417-02

**Commendation for Dr. Vini Nathan**

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Vini Nathan began serving as Auburn University's interim provost and vice president for academic affairs in March 2022. Since 2011, Dr. Nathan has served as dean and McWhorter Chair of the College of Architecture, Design and Construction (CADC).

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Vini Natham is also a tenured professor of Architecture and Interior Architecture and is a Senior Fellow of the Design Futures Council (DFC). Dr. Nathan holds a Ph.D. (major: Architecture; minor: Urban and Regional Planning) from the University of Michigan (1994), a master's degree in interior design from Virginia Tech (1990), and a bachelor's degree in architecture from Anna University (1988)

**WHEREAS,** Nathan supervises the university's triple mission as interim provost and serves as its chief academic officer, which includes providing academic oversight for Auburn University's campus.

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Nathan makes sure the institution maintains the highest levels of intellectual engagement, outreach, and teaching and learning programs by working with faculty, staff, students, alumni, and other stakeholders.

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Nathan collaborates closely with other members of the Provost's Office team as well as the deans of the university's 12 colleges, shared governance groups, university administrators, and student leaders in carrying out these duties.

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Nathan oversees the university's tenure and promotion procedures in addition to overseeing several faculty-related problems, including academic policy, accreditation, strategic planning, educational services and resources, outreach, and research.

**THEREFORE
LET IT BE
RESOLVED
THAT,** we the Auburn University Student Senate commend Dr. Vini Nathan’s diligence, hard work, and efforts in her interim role as provost and vice president for academic affairs.

**THEREFORE
LET IT BE
RESOLVED
THAT,** Furthermore, Auburn SGA looks forward to her potential permeant leadership at Auburn University.

**CC:**

**BILL TO:** Student Senate

**FROM:** Ethan Laney, COSAM

**RE:** Changes to the Code of Laws Regarding College Specific Boards to “Student Council”

**DATE:** April 17, 2023

**PSSB:** 23-0417-01

I ask for approval of the following:

500.1.2 The ~~School~~Harrison College of Pharmacy’s ~~school~~student council shall have two vice president positions, one reserved for a student who attends the Auburn University campus and one reserved for a student who attends the Mobile satellite campus. Each vice president shall fulfill the duties of their office per the ~~School’s~~Student Council constitution on their respective campus.

**BILL TO:** Student Senate
**FROM:** Trey Schlemmer, College of Business
 Thomas Treadwell, College of Business
**RE:** Student Government Association Cabinet Confirmations
**DATE:** April 17, 2023
**PSSB:** 23-0417-02

I ask for the approval of the following:

Bennett Harris, *Director of Freshman Forum*
Ty Torbert, *Assistant Director of Freshman Forum*
Forrest Ann Watson, *Assistant Director of Freshman Forum*
Phedra Peter, *Assistant Director of Freshman Forum*

Elizabeth Eickholt, *Assistant Director of Freshman Forum*
Kathryn Turner, *Director of Recruitment*
Mia Deason, *Director of Recruitment*
Allie Grace Gentry, *Director of Public Relations*
Katherine Steele, *Director of Public Relations*
Corely Williams, *Director of Public Relations*

Meg O’Keefe, *Director of Public Relations*
Collins Bradford, *Director of Photography*
Lily Tears, *Director of Photography*
Abby Grace Mashburn, *Director of Photography*
Laura Beth Horne, *Director of Photography*
Lily Gantt, *Director of Social Media*
Hollis Jarrell, *Director of Videography*
Elle Squires, *Director of Videography*
Meghan Webster, *Director of Web Design*
Cole Wheeler, *Director of Auburn Rings*
Carsyn Seib, *Director of Auburn Rings*
Justice Bullock, *Director of Financial Projects*
Collin Hinson, *Director of Financial Projects*
Luke Smith, *Director of Financial Projects*
Nick Bobkowski, *Director of Financial Projects*
MacKinnon Campbell, *Director of Academic Affairs*
Alissa Algiere, *Director of Academic Affairs*
Lucy Redden, *Director of Academic Affairs*
Samuel Woodfin, *Director of Academic Affairs*
Mims Jones, *Director of Athletic Initiatives*

Betsy Glenn, *Director of Organizational Seating Program*
Millie Hawk, *Assistant Director of Organizational Seating Program*
Brooke Twiner, *Assistant Director of Organizational Seating Program*
Bobby Cook, *Assistant Director of Organizational Seating Program*
Owen Beaverstock, *Assistant Director of Organizational Seating Program*
Riley Parman, *Director of Campus Dining*
Havens Smith, *Director of Campus Dining*Finn Soesbe, *Director of Health and Wellness*
Miller King, *Director of Health and Wellness*
Allison Stubbs, *Director of University Housing*Landon Miller, *Director of Facility Projects*
Mary Frances Massey, *Director of Parking and Transportation*
Mary Holly Post, *Director of Safety Initiatives*
Kendall Anderson, *Director of Sustainability*Jack Steudle, *Director of City Relations*Laine Martin, *Director of City Relations*
Cole Stacey, *Director of Civic Engagement*
Emmy Kay Snyder, *Director of Civic Engagement*
Gracie Barranco, *Director of Government Relations*Annelise Sutherland, *Director of Government Relations*
Makena Dempsey, *Director of Auburn Answers*
Emma Rutledge, *Director of Auburn Answers*Wyatt Hardee, *Director of Research and Assessment*
Elizabeth Casey, *Director of Research and Assessment*
Ella Horsely, *Director of Research and Assessment*
Madeline Facteau, *Director of Hey Day and Creed Day*
Malone Gammill, *Assistant Director of Hey Day and Creed Day*Charlie Fleury, *Assistant Director of Hey Day and Creed Day*Hailey Bergenthal, *Assistant Director of Hey Day and Creed Day*
Manning Smith, *Assistant Director of Hey Day and Creed Day*Malia Hunter, *Director of Outreach Projects*
Kendall Hardaway, *Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Projects*

Joshua Deutscendorf, *Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Projects*Emma Pope, *Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiatives*Makayla McGruder, *Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiatives*

**BILL TO:** Student Senate
**FROM:** Conner Knighten, College of Business

**RE:** CADC Executive Student Council Confirmation

**DATE:** April 17, 2023
**PSSB:** 23-0417-03

I ask for approval of the following:

Jackson Reese, *College of Art, Design and Construction Executive Student Council Vice President*

**BILL TO:** Student Senate
**FROM:** Rosie Harrison, College of Engineering

**RE:** CADC Student Senator Confirmation

**DATE:** April 17, 2023
**PSSB:** 23-0417-04

I ask for approval of the following:

Caroline Jones, *College of Art, Design and Construction Senator*

**BILL TO:** Student Senate
**FROM:** Hunter Riles, College of Agriculture

Lucy Alford, At-Large

**RE:** Student Senate Support Staff Confirmation

**DATE:** April 17, 2023
**PSSB:** 23-0417-05

I ask for approval of the following:

Mac Murphy, *Senate Technician*

Gracie Stephens, *Senate Parliamentarian*

Molly McNulty, *Senate Secretary*

**BILL TO:** Student Senate
**FROM:** Lucy Alford, At-Large

**RE:** Honors Congress Liaison Confirmation

**DATE:** April 17, 2023
**PSSB:** 23-0417-06

I ask for approval of the following:

Hannah Butterfield, *Honors Congress Liaison*