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1. CREDIT UNION

The Auburn University Federal Credit Union is a cooperative financial organization owned and operated by the employees of Auburn University. Located at 543 West Magnolia Avenue, it is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All employees of Auburn University and their family members are eligible for Credit Union membership. Membership costs \$1.00, and the minimum deposit is \$5.00. Membership packets including full descriptions of services may be obtained from the Credit Union. Services include payroll deduction, savings accounts, certificate accounts, IRA accounts, mortgages, loans, depositor life insurance on savings, life insurance on loans, travelers' checks without a service charge, discounted tickets for Disney World and Six Flags Over Georgia, and discounted tickets for local theaters. Dividends on savings are compounded daily at a rate determined by a Board of Directors that is elected annually from the faculty and staff and who serve without pay. All accounts are insured up to \$100,000 by the National Credit Union Administration.

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2. LECTURES, CONCERTS, AND THEATER

Concert artists and lecturers with national and international reputations are presented throughout the year. The events, selected by committees composed of faculty, students, and administrators and financed by grants, various endowments, and student activity fees, are available to faculty members at no cost. Performances by The Auburn Dance Theatre and over seventy solo and ensemble concerts by the students, faculty, and guests of the Music Department are also presented at intervals throughout the year. The University Theatre, staffed primarily by students and faculty members and supervised by the Department of Theatre, annually presents

six to ten plays ranging from contemporary to classic.

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3. ATHLETIC TICKET PURCHASES

Tickets for intercollegiate athletic events (gymnastics, track, baseball, basketball, football) on campus are available to faculty at reduced prices. The faculty also has priority in purchasing football tickets at regular prices for off-campus games.

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4. CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

There are numerous clubs, discussion groups, and organizations in the University community in which faculty members may participate. Events and activities of these groups are announced in the local newspapers, The Opelika-Auburn News and The Bulletin, in the campus newspaper, The Plainsman, in The AU Report, an Auburn University faculty-staff publication published weekly from September through May and bi-weekly from June through August by the Office of University Relations, and by local radio stations. There are also more than sixty community clubs and organizations that may be of interest to University faculty members. A description of each of these can be obtained from the Auburn Chamber of Commerce. University affiliated groups should have a copy of their charter on file in the Office of the President. A list of groups of interest to University faculty follows.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Auburn Chapter is a national organization dedicated to defending academic freedom and developing and protecting standards for sound academic practices in higher education. The national association has long been viewed as the authoritative voice of the academic community in such matters. The local chapter is open to all faculty members and seeks the adoption or retention of local institutional regulations and practices that comport with Association policies. Local chapter meetings take place once each semester.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW), Auburn Chapter is a national organization whose mission is to promote equity for women, education and self-development over the lifespan, and positive social change. The AAUW Educational foundation provides funds to increase the capability of the AAUW to attain its goals and serve its members and society. The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress in cases of sex discrimination. The Auburn group has regular programs with invited speakers and sponsors an annual used book fair to raise money for scholarships. Membership is open to both men and women.

The Auburn Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Caucus is a faculty and staff organization that meets on a regular basis.

The Auburn University Academy for Lifelong Learners (AUALL) is sponsored by the Auburn University Center on Aging and affiliated with the Elderhostel Institute Network, an organization founded in 1988 to encourage the lifelong learning movement at a national level. AUALL was founded in 1990 and is a membership program for learning in retirement using a formal curriculum. AUALL sponsors both courses and field trips; members have opportunities to teach and to study in the program. Members make all decisions relating to the curriculum offered and the operation of the organization.

The Black Caucus is dedicated to the concerns of blacks and other minorities on the Auburn campus. These include the recruitment and retention of minority faculty, staff, and students; the formation of a

Cultural Center, the formation of an African-American studies program, and the creation of an Office of Minority Affairs. The caucus acts as a contact group and liaison at all levels of campus life in matters pertaining to minorities. Membership is open to anyone interested in the work of the group. The Campus Club is open to women who are regularly employed members of the administration, professional staff and/or faculty; members of the staff of federal or state agencies having offices on campus; retired members of the aforementioned groups; house mothers; spouses of men living, retired or deceased who were in the aforementioned groups. The Club sponsors social events and speakers.

The Chamber Music Society brings three nationally known chamber music groups to Auburn each year. The program for each season is announced in September. Season tickets are available by subscription; tickets for single performances can usually be purchased at the door; students are admitted to concerts free of charge.

The Continuing Education Program sponsors six to ten week long classes each semester for minimal fees on diverse subjects (e.g. foreign languages, crafts, creative writing, drawing and painting, automotive repair, cooking, exercise and many others) that are announced semesterly in a special publication having a newspaper format that is distributed through the campus mail to all faculty and staff members. The Program also sponsors special single meeting programs throughout the year. These are announced in The Plainsman and The AU Report.

The Lunch & Learn Program is sponsored by the Auburn University Marriage and Family Therapy Program and offers programs on interpersonal relations regularly during the noon hour.

Partners of the Americas, Auburn/Opelika Chapter is a community organization with a focus on university activities here and in Alabama's sister country of Guatemala. The organization sponsors a student and secretary exchange with Guatemalan universities and Auburn and collects books to be sent to Guatemalan universities. The group meets once a month and hosts several speakers during the year. Membership is open to anyone interested.

Phi Beta Delta, Alpha Upsilon Chapter is an honor society for international scholars. It is open to students, faculty, and staff who are nominated for membership. The Chapter organizes two activities each semester in order to recognize and encourage high professional, intellectual, and personal achievements in the field of international education.

Phi Beta Kappa In the Auburn Community is open to all Phi Beta Kappa members in the community. The group recognizes liberal arts students with superior academic records by hosting an awards banquet and a speaker each spring. Existence of such a community group is one of the preconditions that must be met in order for a school to be granted a chapter of the national organization.

Phi Kappa Phi, a national honorary, recognizes outstanding academic performance among undergraduates, graduate students, alumni, and faculty. Monetary awards and membership in this national honorary are awarded every semester.

Sigma Xi, a national science honorary, recognizes excellence in scientific research among graduate students and faculty. The organization sponsors an annual lecture in the fall semester and a recognition banquet each spring.

The Singles Discussion Group meets weekly and is open to all singles.

The Tiger Walking Club offers companionship while walking for fitness, target heart rate formulas, and suggested walks of varying length on and around campus.

The United Fund (Campus United Way) solicits contributions from the Auburn campus once a year to support a variety of community and county services.

The University Club aims to advance the interests of Auburn University by encouraging and promoting social contacts, fellowship, and exchange of ideas among faculty and alumni. Activities include seasonal dinner parties and dances, theatre parties, and an Annual Country Style Pig Roast. The annual membership fee of \$20.00 allows members and their spouses to use the University Club Lounge facility and to participate in scheduled events throughout the year.

University Personnel Services offers a number of short courses through its Human Resource Development section. These include professional development courses, health education courses, the Lunch & Learn seminars listed above, and computer courses. Courses are announced semesterly in a mailing to all faculty.

The Women's Caucus provides leadership and participates in planning for the equitable treatment of women, minority students, and employees of Auburn University. Membership is open to anyone interested. The group meets at noon once a month, hosts a reception to welcome new faculty and staff, and, in addition to regular business meetings, offers an annual program on a subject of special, topical interest.

The Women's Studies Program is an academic program that also sponsors a brown bag lunch series of talks on scholarly topics related to women's studies and gender issues. The Program also brings in outside speakers and sponsors Women's History Month Activities. These activities are all open to the entire community.

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5. RECREATIONAL SERVICES

The University offers a well rounded program of intramural athletics and provides a variety of facilities for recreation. Healthful sports, good sportsmanship, and friendly competition are stressed, and all faculty and staff members are invited to participate in these recreational activities. Facilities are available for activities including tennis, swimming, handball, racquetball, volleyball, weight lifting, and jogging. Locker facilities are available in the Memorial Coliseum for a small yearly fee. Golf is available at several local courses.

For additional information, faculty members should consult the Recreational and Intramural Sports Handbook which can be obtained at the Office of Recreational Services located on the second floor of the Student Activities Center.

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