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Dear Aviation Students, Parents and Alumni,

Auburn will continue and strengthen both the professional flight management and aviation management degree programs, and we wanted you to be the first to know.

During the past few months, we conducted an evaluation process that examined several options. The decision to keep both degree programs allows us to develop exciting future plans for Auburn aviation. We appreciate your enthusiastic support of these programs and we count on your continued support in the future.

Moving forward, we have several near- and long-term objectives that I believe will be of interest to you. First, we will address our need for better facilities in the flight education program. Second, in response to the Federal Aviation Administration's recently released final rule on pilot certification, we will pursue the authority to certify our graduates for an Airline Transport Pilot certificate with reduced aeronautical experience based on their aviation education at Auburn.

Third, qualified instructors have been hired to support the program while we address our faculty needs on a more permanent basis. Dr. Joe Hanna will continue as the interim director until a more permanent leadership structure is developed to foster effective planning, recruitment and instruction for the programs.

Finally, we will continue to look at mechanisms appropriate to raise the additional resources needed to strengthen these programs. Options include raising tuition or fees to cover rising operational costs and asking for support from alums, friends and industry for scholarships, equipment and needed facilities improvements at the airport. Along these lines, industry support is essential for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the positive message it will send to students and their families about the future demand for pilots with an Auburn degree. As such, outreach to aviation industry officials is one of our top priorities.

Dean Bill Hardgrave, Dr. Hanna and a development officer will meet with members of the Aviation Advisory Board to review plans, seek their continued input and ask for their assistance as we move forward. Thank you for your interest in Auburn aviation.

Sincerely,

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