

**AMENDED AND RESTATED
Affinity Agreement
Auburn University**

This Agreement ("**Agreement**") is entered into as of the **first day of October, 2020** (the "**Effective Date**") by and between **Bank of America, N.A.**, a national banking association having an office in Wilmington, Delaware ("**Bank**"), and Auburn University, an instrumentality of the State of Alabama having its principal place of business in Auburn Alabama ("**AU**", and collectively with Bank, "**Party**" or "**Parties**"), for themselves and their respective successors and assigns.

WHEREAS, AU and Bank are parties to that certain Affinity Credit Card Agreement dated October 1, 2013, as the same has been amended ("**Previous Agreement**"), wherein Bank provides certain financial services to certain persons included in certain lists provided to Bank by or on behalf of AU; and,

WHEREAS, AU and Bank mutually desire to amend and restate the Previous Agreement in its entirety as of the Effective Date in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, AU and Bank agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF INTERPRETATION

For the purposes of this Agreement and except as otherwise specifically set forth herein, capitalized terms have the meanings set forth below, whether used in the plural or singular, in any tense or part of speech, and regardless of gender. Other terms defined herein have the meanings set forth in the context of their use.

"Activated Account" means a Credit Card Account which remains open for at least 90 consecutive days and that is used by the Customer within the first 90 consecutive days of it's opening for at least one purchase or cash advance that is not subsequently rescinded, the subject of a charge back request, or otherwise disputed.

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any entity or organization, any other entity or organization directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with such entity or organization. The term "controlling," "controlled by" and "under common control with" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies, whether through the ownership of voting securities, or by contract.

"Agents" has the meaning ascribed to such word in Section 7(b).

"Agreement" means this agreement, and Schedules A through B, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Applicable Law" means, with respect to a Person any: (i) federal, state, or local law (including common law), ordinance, statute, treaty, rule, judgment, regulation, regulatory bulletin or guidance, regulatory examinations, licensing requirements, agreements, formal direction, or orders including judicial or administrative interpretations (whether written or verbal) of any of the foregoing; (ii) regulations, by-laws and rules of self-regulatory organizations; (iii) rule, regulation, restriction, requirement or contractual term of VISA, MasterCard, American Express or other card network; and, (iv) rulings,

injunctions, judgments, orders, consent decree, determinations or findings of, or agreements with, any arbitrator, court or other Governmental Authority applicable to, or binding upon, a Party or to which such Party is subject, as the same may be amended and in effect from time to time; provided, that, with respect to Bank, “Applicable Law” means the foregoing, as or in the manner implemented by Bank from time to time in the exercise of its reasonable judgment and consistently applied across its US retail consumer credit card programs.

“AU Affiliate” means any Affiliate of AU, but specifically excluding Auburn University at Montgomery and Auburn University’s Athletics Multimedia Rights Partner (currently Auburn Sports Properties / Fox Sports).

“AU Activities” means any duties or obligations of, or undertaken by AU (including such services further delegated to or undertaken by any Subcontractor (including their respective Representatives) pursuant to this Agreement or in furtherance of the Program (including Group Marketing Efforts).

“AU Marketing Channels” means digital channels, AU events and print.

“AU Trademark” means any design, emblem, image, visual representation (including any font), logo, service mark, trade dress, trade name, or trademark and other indicia of origin of AU or its Affiliates and any variation thereof and any translation of any of the foregoing used or acquired by AU or any AU Affiliate prior to or during the Term.

“Business Day” means any day, except Saturday, Sunday or a day on which national banks are authorized or obligated by Applicable Law to be closed.

“Consumer Complaint” means any submission (using whatever means or media) by or on behalf of an individual (including consumers, Members, and Customers) that expresses dissatisfaction with, or communicates suspicion of wrongful conduct by, an identifiable Person related to such individual’s personal experience with any aspect of the Bank’s products, policies or services including the Program and the conduct of GIP.

“Credit Card Account” means an open-end consumer credit account opened pursuant to the Program that is accessed utilizing a card, plate and/or any other device or instrument.

“Credit Card Program” means those credit card programs and services, and the promotion thereof, Bank agrees to offer pursuant to this Agreement to the Members from time to time.

“Customer” means any Member who is a participant in the Program.

“ECOA” means the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (15 U.S.C. §1691 *et. seq.*) and its implementing regulation, Regulation B (12 C.F.R. Part 1002), as each are amended.

“Effective Date” has the meaning given such phrase in the preamble.

“Eligible Royalties” means all Royalties that accrue and are payable pursuant to Schedule A, except those Royalties described in Section A.4, B.4, and C.4 of Schedule A.

“Event” has the meaning ascribed to such word in Subsection 11(e).

“Financial Service Product” means any affinity credit card program and any revolving line of credit or loan program related to an affinity credit card program, or the functional equivalent thereof (e.g., token, digital wallet, or card-not-present transaction).

“GIP Account” means a Credit Card Account opened pursuant to a GIP in which AU complies with the GIP provisions of this Agreement.

“GLBA” refers to the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act and its implementing regulation, Regulation P (12 C.F.R. 1016.1 et. seq.), as each may be amended from time to time and includes, when effective, the framework that replaces the Department of Commerce International Safe Harbor Privacy Principles.

“Governmental Authority” means, with respect to any Person, any nation or government, any State or other political subdivision thereof, any entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory or administrative functions of or pertaining to government and any court or arbitrator having jurisdiction over such Person. With respect to the Bank, Governmental Authority includes the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (a/k/a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau) and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

“Governmental Entity” means any federal, state, local or foreign government or any court of competent jurisdiction, administrative agency or commission or other governmental authority or instrumentality, domestic or foreign.

“Group Marketing Effort” or **“GIP”** means account acquisition marketing using any one or more AU Marketing Channels.

“Information” has the meaning ascribed to such word in Section 7(a) and includes Nonpublic Personal Information.

“Impact” has the meaning ascribed to such word in Subsection 5(d).

“Marketing List” means an updated and current list (in a format designated by Bank) containing non-duplicate names, with corresponding valid postal addresses and, when available, telephone numbers (including area codes) and e-mail addresses of all Members who are at least eighteen years of age (except twenty-one years of age for residents of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico), segmented by zip codes or other mutually selected membership characteristics.

“Member” means a member, customer, or prospective member and/or other potential participants mutually agreed to by AU and Bank.

“Net Retail Spend” means with respect to a Credit Card Account in good standing, as of a given date of determination and for a given period of time during the Term, the aggregate retail purchases (in U.S. dollars) debited to a Credit Card Account, net of: (i) transactions that relate to refunds, returns and/or unauthorized transactions; (ii) transactions that are cash advances or equivalents (e.g., bank cash advances, direct deposit cash advances, wire transfers, balance transfers, access checks, the purchase of wire transfers, person to person money transfers, money orders, bets, ATM withdrawals, off-track wagers, lottery tickets or transactions, casino gaming chips, or crypto-currencies); and/or (iii) Credit Card Account fees, costs and charges (e.g., balance transfer fees, finance charges, late fees, overlimit fees, annual fees, returned check, cash advance transaction fees, credit insurance premiums, debt cancellations charges, non-product or service-related transactions).

“Nonpublic Personal Information” has the meaning ascribed to such phrase in 12 C.F.R. §1016.3(p)(1) and includes (a) information relating to the customers of the Bank or their accounts with Bank and (b) any record about an individual that is a consumer report as such term is defined in the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 USC 1681 et seq.) or is derived from a consumer report and that is maintained or otherwise possessed by or on behalf of the Bank including a compilation of such records; all of which is the Bank’s Information. Nonpublic Personal Information includes any list, description, or other grouping of consumers (and publicly available information pertaining to them) that is derived using any personally identifiable financial information that is not publicly available such as the fact that such consumers are or were Customers.

“Party” or ***“Parties”*** has the meaning ascribed to each such word in the preamble.

“Person” means and includes an individual, a partnership, a corporation, a limited liability company, an association, a joint stock company, a trust, a joint venture, an unincorporated organization, other business entity or a Governmental Entity (including any department, agency or political subdivision thereof).

“Premium Reward Account” means a Credit Card Account carrying a Premium Reward Enhancement.

“Premium Reward Enhancement” means a premium Reward Enhancement as provided through Bank and offered as part of the Program. A Premium Reward Enhancement may be marketed under a name (e.g., Bank of America Cash Rewards™), as determined by Bank from time to time, in its sole discretion.

“Premium Reward GIP Account” means a Premium Reward Account opened pursuant to a GIP in which AU complies with the GIP provisions of this Agreement.

“Program” means those programs and services, and the promotion thereof, of those Financial Service Products Bank offers pursuant to this Agreement to the Members from time to time.

“Program Trademarks” means any design, image, visual representation, logo, service mark, trade dress, trade name, or trademark developed either jointly or by either Party (including its Affiliates) during the Term and used to promote or identify products or services offered by Bank through the Program. Program Trademarks may but need not necessarily consist of one or more AU Trademarks, with or without other elements.

“Representative” means, with respect to a Person, any employee, officer, director, or agent of such Person. In the case of a partnership, Representative also includes general and limited partners thereof. In the case of a limited liability company or corporation, Representative also includes members of such company or corporation.

“Reward Account” means a Credit Card Account carrying a Reward Enhancement.

“Reward Enhancement” means a reward enhancement as provided through Bank and offered as part of the Program. A Reward Enhancement may be marketed under a name (e.g., Cash Rewards™), as determined by Bank from time to time, in its sole discretion.

“Reward GIP Account” means a Reward Account opened pursuant to a GIP in which AU complies with the GIP provisions of this Agreement.

“Royalties” means the compensation designated as such and set forth in Schedule A.

“Subcontractor” means each Person (including an Affiliate of AU) to whom AU has, directly or indirectly delegated or subcontracted or who has undertaken all or any portion of activities comprising, in whole or in part, AU Activities. “Subcontractor” includes a Subcontractor of a Subcontractor.

“Term” has the meaning ascribed to such word in Subsection 8(b).

“Training” has the meaning ascribed to such word in Subsection 2(j)(1).

Rules of Construction and Interpretation. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, the following rules apply:

- the singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular;
- “or” is disjunctive, but not necessarily exclusive, except where clearly indicated by the context;
- “and” is conjunctive only;
- “include” and “including” are not limiting;
- “any” means “any or all”;
- a reference to any agreement (including this Agreement) or other contract includes any permitted modifications, supplements, amendments and replacements;
- any copy of any contract (including this Agreement) or other document refer to a correct and complete copy;
- the “transactions contemplated by this Agreement” refer, collectively, to each transaction contemplated by or provided for in this Agreement.
- a reference in this Agreement to a Section, Schedule or Exhibit is to the Section of or Schedule or Exhibit to this Agreement unless otherwise expressly provided (for example, where a particular Section, Schedule or Exhibit is the intended reference);
- the Schedules and Exhibits referred to herein shall be construed with and as an integral part of this Agreement to the same extent as if they were set forth verbatim herein.
- a reference to a Section or paragraph in this Agreement shall, unless the context clearly indicates to the contrary, refer to all sub-parts or sub-components of any said Section or paragraph;
- “hereunder,” “hereto,” “hereof,” and “herein,” and other words of like import shall, unless the context clearly indicates to the contrary, refer to the whole of this Agreement and not to any particular clause hereof;
- “days” means calendar days unless otherwise noted through the use of the phrase “Business Days”;
- references to “months” and “years” means calendar months and years unless otherwise specified;
- to the extent this Agreement requires the mutual agreement, approval or consent of any matter by either or both Parties hereto, unless the text clearly indicates to the contrary, such agreement, approval or consent shall be granted or denied in such Party’s reasonable business judgment;
- to the extent this Agreement requires the agreement, approval or consent of one Party or the other, unless the text clearly indicates to the contrary, such agreement, approval or consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed;
- text enclosed in parentheses has the same effect as text that is not enclosed in parentheses;
- any reference made in this Agreement to a statute or statutory provision means such statute or statutory provision as it has been amended through the date as of which the particular portion of this Agreement is to take effect, or to any successor statute or statutory provision relating to the same subject as the statutory provision so referred to in this Agreement, and to any then applicable rules or regulations promulgated thereunder, unless otherwise provided;

- unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise provided herein, all references in this Agreement to a particular agreement, instrument or document also shall refer to all schedules or exhibits, renewals, extensions, modifications, amendments and restatements of such agreement, instrument or document;
- references to any amount as on deposit or outstanding on any particular date means such amount at the close of business on such day;
- any payment that otherwise would be due on a day that is not a Business Day shall be deemed to be due on the first Business Day thereafter;
- References to money or dollar amounts (“\$”) means United States Dollars unless otherwise specified;
- A reference to any Person includes such Person’s successors and assigns;
- accounting terms not otherwise defined shall be construed in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles;
- terms other than those defined within this Agreement shall be given their plain English meaning, and those terms, acronyms and phrases known in the applicable industry and business contexts shall be interpreted in accordance with their generally known meanings in those industries or other business contexts; and,
- when calculating the period of time before which, within which or following which any act is to be done or step taken pursuant to this Agreement, the date that is the reference date in calculating such period shall be excluded and, if the last day of such period is not a Business Day, the period shall end on the next succeeding Business Day.

2. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF AU

(a) AU agrees that during the Term it will endorse the Program exclusively and that neither AU nor any AU Affiliate shall, by itself or in conjunction with others, directly or indirectly, except as may be required to comply with Alabama bid law: (i) endorse, sponsor, advertise, aid, develop, market, solicit proposals for programs offering, or discuss with any organization (other than Bank) the providing of, any Financial Service Products of any entity other than Bank; (ii) license, allow others to license, or use or allow to exist the use by others of the AU Trademarks in relation to or for promoting any Financial Service Products (or the use of any Financial Service Products) of any entity other than Bank; and (iii) sell, rent or otherwise make available or allow others to sell, rent or otherwise make available any of its marketing lists, mailing lists, or information about any current or potential Members in relation to or for promoting any Financial Service Products of any entity other than Bank. In addition, if AU or any AU Affiliate sells any product or service, in connection with such sales, AU shall not, and shall cause AU Affiliates not to, favor any payment product or method of payment over any payment product or method of payment offered under the Program. Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement to the contrary, AU may accept print or on-line (including Wi-Fi transmitted) advertising from any financial institution provided that the advertisement does not contain an express or implied endorsement by AU of said financial institution or advertising for a Financial Service Product.

Notwithstanding the forgoing, Bank’s exclusivity provided for in this Agreement shall not prohibit Auburn University Athletics and University’s Athletics Multimedia Rights Partner (collectively, “**Athletics**”) from endorsing, sponsoring, advertising, aiding, developing, marketing, soliciting a Financial Services Product, provided that AU shall not permit: (x) any Financial Services Product offered by Athletics to use the AU Trademarks provided to Bank pursuant to this Agreement; (y) Athletics to have access to or use the Marketing List in connection with such Financial Services Product; and (z) the marketing of such Financial Services Product in AU Marketing Channels and AU Alumni channels or at AU Alumni events.

- (b) AU agrees to provide Bank with such information and assistance as may be reasonably requested by Bank in connection with the Program.
- (c) AU authorizes Bank to solicit Members by mail, direct promotion, internet, email, advertisements, banking centers, ATMs, telephone or any other means for participation in the Program.
- (d) AU shall have the right of prior approval of the depiction of an AU Trademark in Program advertising and solicitation materials to be used by Bank. AU shall obtain such approval exclusively through AU's Office of Trademark Management and Licensing. If there is a proposed change to program materials because of a change in the AU Trademarks, and where Bank is unable to use up inventory of collateral and similar materials, prior to Bank incurring any cost (*e.g.*, the cost of reissuing new credit cards) Bank will inform AU of the costs of such change. If the Parties are unable to agree on an allocation of the cost then Bank may refuse to make such change. If the Parties agree on an allocation of costs, Bank may deduct such costs from any Royalties due AU, provided that Bank notifies AU of the anticipated costs before they are incurred. If such costs exceed Royalties then due AU, upon demand AU shall promptly reimburse Bank for all such costs.
- (e) At least once annually and within 30 days of Bank's request, AU shall provide Bank with its entire and complete updated Marketing List free of any charge; provided, however, that AU shall not include in any Marketing List the name and/or related information regarding any Member who has expressly requested that AU not provide his/her personal information to third parties or who is under the age of eighteen at the time the information was collected. AU shall provide the Marketing List at no cost to Bank. Within 30 days of the Effective Date, AU shall provide the first Marketing List, containing the required information for at least one hundred thirty thousand (130,000) non-duplicate Member names, as soon as possible but no later than 30 days after AU's execution of this Agreement. With each delivery to Bank, AU represents that the Marketing List has been prepared in accordance with Applicable Law, including the ECOA and the GLBA.
- (f) AU shall, and shall cause any AU Affiliates to, only provide information to or otherwise communicate (including chat and social media) with Members or potential Members about the Program with Bank's prior written approval, except for current advertising and solicitation materials provided by Bank to AU. Notwithstanding the above, AU may respond to individual inquiries about the Program from its Members on an individual basis, provided that said responses are accurate and consistent with the then-current materials provided by Bank to AU. Any correspondence received by AU that is intended for Bank (*e.g.*, applications, payments, billing inquiries) shall be forwarded to the Bank account executive via overnight courier within 24 hours of receipt. All reasonable overnight courier expenses incurred by AU shall be paid by Bank. For any inquiries or requests received by AU that are intended for Bank (*e.g.* general questions, name/address changes, deceased notifications), the person making the inquiry will be referred to contact the Bank.
- (g) AU hereby grants Bank and its Affiliates a limited license to use the AU Trademarks with the Program and, subject AU's right of approval set forth in Section 2(d), on or in conjunction with the Financial Service Products. This license transfers to the assignee of this Agreement. This license shall remain in effect for the Term and as provided in Subsection 11(d). This license shall apply to the AU Trademarks, notwithstanding the transfer of such AU Trademarks by operation of law or otherwise to any permitted successor, corporation, organization, or individual. AU shall provide Bank all AU Trademark production materials (*e.g.*, camera ready art) required by Bank for the Program as soon as possible but no later than 30 days after AU's execution of this Agreement. Nothing stated in this

Agreement prohibits AU from granting to other persons a license to use the AU Trademarks in conjunction with the providing of any other service or product, except for any Financial Service Products See also Subsection 2(a). As of the Effective Date and throughout the Term, AU represents and covenants to Bank it has the exclusive right to grant such license to the Bank for use as contemplated hereby. The foregoing sentence shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

(h) All Program Trademarks, with the exception of Program Trademarks that consist of or contain an AU Trademark, with or without other elements, shall belong exclusively to Bank. AU may not (and shall cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives not to) use any Program Trademark, except to promote the Program or any goods or services offered by Bank through the Program and only to the extent consistent with this Agreement. AU shall not (and shall cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives not to) register or attempt to register any Program Trademark. The provisions of this Subsection 2(h) shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

(i) Within two Business Days of receipt, AU shall refer (and shall cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives to refer) each Consumer Complaint received to Bank, along with all relevant documentation and information reasonably related thereto to the extent within the possession or control of AU (or its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives). To the extent reasonably requested, AU shall (and shall cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives to) cooperate with and assist Bank in the resolution and remediation of each Consumer Complaint. The provisions of this Subsection 2(i) shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

(j)(1) From time to time, Bank shall provide procedures, training and guidelines regarding Applicable Law as applied to Bank concerning certain AU Activities conducted in furtherance of or related to the Program ("**Training**"). Initially and on an annual basis AU shall and shall cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives to successfully complete such Training. Upon Bank's request, AU shall cease to perform, and shall cause any Subcontractors (and their respective Representatives) to cease performing AU Activities if Training, as initially or periodically required thereafter, is not completed by AU, such Subcontractor (and their respective Representatives), as the case may be, to the Bank's satisfaction.

(2) Upon periodic request from Bank, AU agrees to affirm (and to cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives to affirm) continued compliance with the obligations, responsibilities, representations and warranties under this Agreement (including Training) in writing. AU grants (and to cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives to grant) Bank the right to monitor and review such compliance on the part of AU, its Subcontractors (and its and their respective Representatives).

(3) AU shall, and shall cause its Subcontractors (and their respective Representatives) to provide AU Activities in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, Applicable Law, the Training and Bank's reasonable instruction. AU shall be responsible for the full, faithful, complete, accurate and timely performance of all AU Activities, whether performed by AU or any Subcontractor (including their respective Representatives). AU shall be liable to Bank as provided herein for any act or omission of its Subcontractors (and its Representatives) in connection with the performance or failure to properly perform any of AU's obligation under this Agreement, including the AU Activities. The provisions of this paragraph (3) shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

(k) Upon prior written notice, AU shall permit Bank and shall cause its Subcontractors (and their respective Representatives) to permit, facilitate, and cooperate with Bank's (including Bank's

Representatives) audit, inspection, monitoring, testing, and review of AU and Subcontractors (and their respective Representatives) with respect to AU's and its Subcontractor's (and their respective Representative's) policies, procedures and controls in connection and compliance with Applicable Laws and records as they relate to the Program, Information security, AU Activities and performance of AU's duties and obligations hereunder (including AU Activities and whether undertaken or conducted by or delegated to AU's Subcontractors and their respective Representatives). Bank shall have the right to determine the scope of such audits, tests or inspections. The Parties shall mutually determine the date, time, location and duration of the audit, tests or inspection, provided such date is within 10 days of Bank's written notice. AU shall promptly remediate and cause its Subcontractors (and their respective Representatives) to promptly remediate any deficiencies found with respect to compliance with Applicable Laws, and this Agreement as a result of such audits, tests or inspections. AU's failure or refusal to (1) cooperate and cause its Subcontractors (and their respective Representatives) to cooperate as aforesaid or (2) promptly remediate any such deficiencies and cause its Subcontractors (and their respective Representatives) to promptly remediate as aforesaid within 30 days of written notice to AU shall be deemed a material breach by AU of this Agreement. The provisions of this Subsection 2(k) shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the Term for a period of two years.

(l) AU shall maintain (and make available) at no additional cost to Bank, in a reasonably accessible location, all records pertaining to AU Activities for the period of time as instructed in writing by the Bank with respect to such records or in absence of such instruction, the greater of: (i) a period of 7 years from the date of creation or the date to which such records relate; or (ii) as required by Applicable Law. Records available for review shall exclude any records: (i) pertaining to AU's customers other than applicants or Customers; and (ii) deemed proprietary and confidential and not associated with AU Activities. AU will give prior notice to Bank of requests by any Governmental Authority for Bank's Information within AU's possession or control (including, if applicable, that of its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives). At Bank's written request, AU shall reasonably cooperate with Bank in seeking a protective order with respect to such Information. The provisions of this Subsection 2(l) shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the Term and the conclusion of the Wind-Down Period.

(m) During the Term, solely to the extent prepared by or on behalf of AU or otherwise made available to AU and requested in writing by Bank, AU will promptly deliver to Bank at AU's expense a copy of findings from any independent audit firm attestation, assurance and/or audit report covering AU's and Subcontractors (and their Representatives) operations as a services organization providing AU Activities such as an SSAE 16, Type II Audit Report (or any successor or replacement reports hereafter provided for by the American Institute of CPAs or any successor organization), reports on any one or more of the ISO27000 series of standards (or any successor or replacement reports hereafter provided for by the ISO27000 Directory or any successor organization) and ISAE 3402 (or any successor or replacement reports hereafter provided for by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board or any successor organization). AU will not require, and will cause its Subcontractors, their Representatives and preparers of such reports not to require, any further agreement as a condition to delivering such reports to Bank.

(n) AU acknowledges that Bank has directed AU's attention to 12 C.F.R. §1026.57(b) and AU has reviewed that regulation with its legal counsel.

3. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BANK

(a) Bank shall design, develop, maintain, and administer the Program for the Members.

- (b) Bank shall design all advertising, solicitation, and promotional materials used in the Program including, if Bank provides specimen marketing materials pursuant to Section 10(a). Bank reserves the right of prior written approval of all materials concerning or related to the Program that may be developed by or on behalf of AU.
- (c) Bank shall bear all costs of Bank's production and mailing materials for the Program used in Bank Marketing Channels.
- (d) Bank shall make all credit decisions and shall bear all credit risks with respect to each Customer's account(s) independently of AU.
- (e) Bank shall use the Marketing Lists provided pursuant to this Agreement in a manner consistent with this Agreement and shall not permit those entities handling the Marketing Lists to use them for any other purpose. Bank shall have the sole right to designate Members on these Marketing Lists to whom promotional material shall or shall not be sent. These Marketing Lists are and shall remain the sole property of AU. However, Bank may maintain separately and shall own all information that it obtains as a result of an account relationship or an application for an account relationship. This information becomes a part of Bank's files and shall not be subject to this Agreement; provided however that Bank shall not use this separate information in a manner that would imply an endorsement by AU.

4. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- (a) AU and Bank each represents and warrants to the other Party that as of the Effective Date:
 - (i) It is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing;
 - (ii) It has all necessary power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
 - (iii) This Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Party, enforceable against such Party in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, reorganization or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity;
 - (iv) No consent, release, approval, or authorization from any third-party is required in connection with the negotiation, execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, except such as have been obtained and are in full force and effect; and,
 - (v) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by such Party shall not constitute a violation of Applicable Law.
- (b) As of the Effective Date, throughout the Term and during the period that AU Trademarks remain in use hereunder, AU represents and warrants to Bank that AU has the right and power to license AU Trademarks to Bank for use as contemplated by this Agreement and to provide the Marketing List(s) to Bank for the promotion of the Program. If a third party asserts a claim, complaint, or cause of action (each a "**Claim**") against Bank or its Affiliates (including their respective Representatives) arising out of Bank's use of the AU Trademarks or Marketing List for the Program, except where such claim relates to the Bank or its Affiliates' unauthorized disclosure of information contained in the Marketing List, AU shall be liable to Bank for the amount of any damages or reward awarded to the third party on account of the Claim and the costs, fees, and expenses of Bank (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses).

Each Party shall promptly notify the other Party upon learning of any Claims relating to the license or the use of any AU Trademarks or Marketing Lists. The provisions of this Subsection 4(b) shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

(c) As of the Effective Date and throughout the Term, AU represents and warrants that neither it nor its Subcontractors (and their respective Representatives, and their Agents) is the subject of any sanctions imposed by Applicable Law administered or enforced by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury, or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "**Sanctions**"), nor is AU or its Representatives or Subcontractors located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions. AU represents and warrants that neither it nor its Representatives and Subcontractors has, or during the Term will, violate any Sanctions. AU represents and warrants that neither it nor its Subcontractors (or their respective Representatives, or their Agents) will use this Agreement or any of the benefits obtained hereunder to fund or engage in any activities with any Person or in any country or territory, that, at the time of such funding or activity, is the subject of Sanctions, or in any other manner that will result in a violation by any Person of Sanctions. The provisions of this Subsection 4(c) shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

5. ROYALTIES

(a) During the Term and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Bank shall pay Royalties as described in Schedule A to AU with respect to accounts in good standing.

(b) No compensation or payments shall be paid to AU until a Schedule B (W-9 Form and ACH Form) or other IRS required form (*e.g.*, W-8) is fully completed and returned to Bank. Except as otherwise provided in Schedule A, payment of Royalties then due shall be made, in arrears, approximately 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter.

(c) If at any time during the Term any change in any card network's interchange rate(s) or similar rate(s), when measured separately or together with all other rate changes since the Effective Date, has more than a *de minimis* adverse impact on Bank's businesses (including the businesses of any Bank Affiliate providing a product or service under this Agreement), as determined by Bank in its sole discretion ("**Impact**"), then Bank may notify AU in writing of Bank's desire to renegotiate the Royalties and any other financial terms in the Agreement to address the Impact. If, within 30 business days after AU's receipt of Bank's notice, the Parties have not, for whatever reason, fully executed an addendum that modifies the Royalties and other financial terms to address the Impact, Bank shall have the right to terminate the Agreement in its entirety, without penalty or liability to AU, upon 90 days advance written notice.

(d) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Bank will not be required to pay Royalties or any other compensation to AU with regard to, as a result of opening, or based upon any student Credit Card Accounts.

6. PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

Bank has the right to make periodic adjustments to the Program, including changes to its terms and features (including the terms and features of the Financial Service Products offered pursuant to the Program).

7. CONFIDENTIALITY

(a) The terms of this Agreement, any proposal, financial information, performance information, proprietary information (including trade secrets), legally privileged information and information of third parties provided by or on behalf of one Party to the other Party (or, to the extent applicable, its Subcontractors or any of their respective Representatives, and collectively with the other Party, "**Recipient**") prior to, contemporaneously with, or subsequent to, the execution of this Agreement ("**Information**") are confidential as of the date of disclosure. Information shall be deemed to include information developed, produced or derived from any of the foregoing. Such Information shall not be disclosed by the Recipient to any other Person, except as expressly permitted under this Agreement or as mutually agreed in writing.

(b) A Recipient shall be permitted to disclose such Information (i) to its accountants, lawyers, financial advisors, marketing advisors, affiliates and employees (collectively, its "**Agents**") as necessary for the performance of their respective duties, provided that such Agents agree to treat the Information as confidential and such Agent is subject to enforceable confidentiality provisions at least as restrictive in this Agreement, or (ii) as required by Applicable Law or requested by any Governmental Authority (including AU's compliance with 12 C.F.R. §1026.57(b)). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Recipient shall be liable for any breach of the Section by its Agents.

(c) Recipient shall keep and shall cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives to keep) all Information (including Nonpublic Personal Information) confidential and shall not make any copies of any kind or transfer, provide, trade, give away, barter, lend, send, sell, or otherwise disclose (collectively "**transfer**") (and shall cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives not to make or transfer) any such information to any other entity or individual for any reason, except as required by this Agreement, in furtherance of the Program, or for uses agreed to in writing by Bank prior to any such transfer. For the avoidance of doubt, Recipient shall be liable for any breach of this Section by its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law or Governmental Authority, if Recipient receives a request or demand to disclose Information (including Nonpublic Personal Information) pursuant to a subpoena, order of court of competent jurisdiction or by judicial or administrative agency or legislative body or committee, Recipient will: (i) immediately notify disclosing party of the existence, terms, and circumstances surrounding such request; (ii) consult with disclosing party on the advisability of taking legally available steps to resist or narrow such request; and (iii) if disclosure of such information is required or deemed advisable, exercise its best efforts to obtain an order or other reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded to such portion of such information to be disclosed that disclosing party designates.

(d) During the Term and thereafter until AU and its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives and Agents no longer have in their possession or control Bank's Information AU will have, maintain and continually assess (and cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives and Agents to have, maintain and continually assess) an information security program that is designed to: (i) ensure the security, integrity and confidentiality of Information (including use of a change control process to ensure that access to its systems (and those of its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives and Agents) and Information is controlled and recorded); (ii) protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of Information which includes the use of up-to-date commercially available virus and malicious code detection and protection products; (iii) protect against unauthorized access to or use of Information that could result in substantial harm or inconvenience to a Customer or applicant in respect of the Program; and (iv) ensure the proper return of Information to Bank and/or the proper disposal of Information.

(e) During the Term and thereafter until AU and its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives and Agents no longer have in their possession or control Bank's Information AU will (and cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives and Agents to): (i) notify Bank in writing within twenty four hours; and (ii) promptly call the Bank of America Incident Response Team at (800) 207-2322, Option 1 (or such other toll-free number provided by Bank from time to time) in the event of a breach of security or the detection of any suspicious activity relating to an information security breach or attempted breach that could include Information, whether in AU's possession or in the possession of an affiliate, employee, volunteer, agent, and/or Representative. AU will cooperate fully (and cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives and Agents to cooperate fully) with Bank to investigate, resolve and control security incidents. AU will reimburse Bank for its cost of producing and mailing any notice required by Applicable Law that informs the Customer of a security breach and will pay for any credit monitoring service or other remedy that is provided to affected Customers. AU will monitor (and will cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives and Agents to monitor) industry-standard information channels for newly identified system vulnerabilities and fix or patch any identified security problem in an adequate and timely manner. Unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing, "timely" will mean that AU will introduce (and cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives and Agents to introduce) such fix or patch as soon as commercially reasonable after AU (or its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives and Agents) becomes aware of the security problem). This obligation extends to all devices that comprise AU's system (or that of its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives and Agents), including application software, databases, servers, firewalls, routers and switches, hubs and to all of AU's other Information handling practices.

(f) The provisions of this Section 7 shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

8. TERM OF AGREEMENT

(a) The initial term of this Agreement shall begin on the Effective Date and unless sooner terminated in accordance with this Agreement or by further agreement of the Parties, end on September 30, 2025 ("**Initial Term**").

(b) This Agreement shall automatically extend at the end of the Initial Term or any renewal term for successive ninety (90) day periods, unless sooner terminated in accordance with this Agreement or by further agreement of the Parties (each a "**Renewal Term**"; and together with the Initial Term, the "**Term**"), unless either Party gives written notice of its intention not to renew at least 90 and not more than 180 days, prior to the end of the then current Term.

9. STATE LAW GOVERNING AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama, without regard to conflicts of law principles. Any claims against Auburn University arising out of this Agreement shall be submitted to the Alabama State Board of Adjustment. Auburn University does not waive and specifically reserves all immunities to which it is entitled by the laws of the State of Alabama and the United States, including Article I, section 14 of the Constitution of Alabama, and the Eleventh Amendment to the United States Constitution. Exclusive jurisdiction and venue of any claims not barred by immunity, nor required to be filed before the Board of Adjustment,

shall be in the Circuit Court of Lee County, Alabama, or the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama.

10. GROUP MARKETING

(a) With Bank's prior written consent, AU may conduct solicitation efforts for credit card products offered under the Program using AU Marketing Channels; provided AU pays for all marketing and solicitation expenses associated with such efforts other than the specimen marketing materials, if any, provided by Bank as described below; and further provided the Parties mutually agree that such marketing shall qualify for treatment pursuant to this Section 10 ("**Group Marketing Effort**" or "**GIP**"). Bank may provide, in its sole and unfettered discretion specimen marketing materials for AU's use in connection AU's Group Marketing Efforts. If Bank makes such specimens available, AU will only use such specimens to prepare all marketing materials used in Group Marketing Efforts. Except for the specimen marketing materials, if any, provided by Bank, AU will be responsible for all expenses with regard to any Group Marketing Effort. AU will seek Bank's approval at least sixty (60) days prior to its desired date to engage in any GIP.

(b) All GIP marketing materials must be coded by AU as instructed by Bank for tracking purposes. Credit Card Accounts generated from any GIP will entitle AU to the Royalty for GIP specified in Schedule A, subject to the other terms and conditions of this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Credit Card Accounts opened from or arising out of marketing materials available to, or inquiries from Members which do not contain or reference such coding shall not constitute GIP Accounts and will not qualify for any GIP Royalty.

(c) Bank will have the right of prior approval of all marketing materials and depictions (e.g., web pages) to be used in any Group Marketing Effort. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Bank, in its sole and unfettered discretion, has control over the commencement, scope, timing, content, and continuation of any Group Marketing Effort. In furtherance of the above, AU shall immediately discontinue any or all Group Marketing Efforts upon receipt of, and in accordance with any written notice from Bank requesting such discontinuance. AU will not deviate from the approved materials and plan for any Group Marketing Effort.

(d) All costs incurred by Bank in producing and mailing materials created pursuant to any Group Marketing Effort or of supporting any Group Marketing Effort at AU's request will be promptly reimbursed by AU upon demand.

(e) With respect to any Group Marketing Effort, AU will comply and cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives to comply with all Applicable Law, and Bank's instruction and Training.

(f) AU will advertise all the products offered under the Program on AU's home page, account profile pages and such other prominent locations within the internet site(s) of AU as the parties shall mutually agree upon, all at AU's expense. Bank may establish a hyperlink from each such advertisement to another internet site (an application site), or may provide a telephone number in each such advertisement, to enable a person to apply for each advertised Financial Service Product. Any Credit Card Accounts generated pursuant to such a hyperlink or telephone number will entitle AU to the GIP compensation set forth in Schedule A, subject to the other terms and conditions of this Agreement. AU will correct, modify, terminate, remove or delink (as directed by Bank) any and all hyperlinks, postings, materials or such advertisements within twenty-four (24) hours of Bank's request. To enable Bank to view all Program material, AU will provide Bank with the ability (including unique login credentials) to

access any and all pages within the AU internet site(s), including any “members only” or other restricted access pages that display Program material.

(g) Subsections (c), (d), and (e) of this Section 10 shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

11. TERMINATION

(a) In the event of any material breach of this Agreement by either Party, the other Party may terminate this Agreement by giving notice to the breaching Party. This notice shall (i) include a description of the material breach; and (ii) state the Party's intention to terminate this Agreement. If the breaching Party does not cure or substantially cure such breach within 60 days after receipt of notice, as provided herein (the “**Cure Period**”), then this Agreement shall terminate 60 days after the Cure Period.

(b) If either the Bank or AU:

- (i) commences a voluntary case under Title 11 of the United States Code or the corresponding provisions of any successor laws;
- (ii) is subject to an involuntary case against such Party under title 11 of the United States Code or the corresponding provisions of any successor laws and either (A) the case is not dismissed by midnight at the end of the 60th day after commencement or (B) the court before which the case is pending issues an order for relief or similar order approving the case;
- (iii) is appointed a custodian by a court of competent jurisdiction, or such Party makes an assignment of all or substantially all of its assets to such a custodian (as that term is defined in title 11 of the United States Code or the corresponding provisions of any successor laws) for such Party or all or substantially all of its assets;
- (iv) fails generally to pay its debts as they become due (unless those debts are subject to a good-faith dispute as to liability or amount) or acknowledges in writing that it is unable to do so;
- (v) makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors or is subject to receivership, conservatorship or liquidation;
- (vi) becomes insolvent in that its liabilities exceed its assets; or
- (vii) ceases to conduct business for a period of over two weeks,

then the other Party may immediately terminate this Agreement upon written notice given by such Party as provided herein.

(c) Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, Bank shall, except as set forth in Subsection 11(d), cease to use the AU Trademarks for Program marketing purposes, provided that Bank may conclude all solicitations required by Applicable Law. Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, Bank shall not claim any right, title, or interest in or to the AU Trademarks or to the Marketing Lists. The provisions of this Subsection 11(c) shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

(d) Bank shall have the right to prior review and approval of any notice in connection with, relating or referring to the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement to be communicated by or on behalf of AU or any AU Affiliate to the Members. Upon expiration or earlier termination of this

Agreement, Bank shall have until the later of (i) 120 days from the termination or expiration date or (ii) as soon as operationally reasonable by the Bank to: (x) suspend marketing and remove marketing materials from Bank's marketing channels; (y) use AU Trademarks in connection with existing, Credit Card Accounts and those opened during such period; and, (z) remove AU Trademarks from Program collateral and account materials in Bank's possession, such as statements, welcome packages, and card carriers. AU shall not attempt to cause the removal of AU Trademarks from any Person's credit devices, checks, or records of any Customer existing as of the day immediately following the expiration or earlier termination of the Term. Bank shall only have the right to use AU Trademarks on such credit devices, debit devices, checks and records until their normally scheduled reissue date or exhaustion and issue credit cards bearing AU Trademarks until such date. The provisions of this Subsection 11(d) shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

(e) If Applicable Law has or could have a material adverse effect on Bank's businesses (including the businesses of any Bank Affiliate providing a product or service under this Agreement), as determined in Bank's sole discretion ("**Event**"), Bank may notify AU in writing of Bank's desire to renegotiate the terms of the Agreement to address the Event. If, within 30 business days after AU's receipt of Bank's notice, the Parties have not, for whatever reason, fully executed an addendum that is satisfactory to both Parties, Bank shall have the right to terminate the Agreement in its entirety, without penalty or liability to AU, upon 90 days advance written notice.

(f) For the 1 year period immediately following the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement for any reason, AU agrees that neither AU nor any AU Affiliate shall, by itself or in conjunction with others, directly or indirectly, target any offer of a Financial Service Product or a related product to persons who were Customers. Notwithstanding the foregoing, AU may, after the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, offer persons who were Customers the opportunity to participate in another financial service program endorsed by AU, provided the opportunity is not only made available to such persons but rather as a part of a general solicitation to all Members and provided further that persons are not directly or indirectly identified as a customer of Bank, or offered any terms or incentives that differ from those offered to all Members. For clarity, this Subsection does not prevent AU from conducting a general solicitation of a Financial Services Product to its Members from an entity other than Bank after termination or expiration of this Agreement. The provisions of this Subsection 11(f) shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

(g) If ordered or requested to do so by any Governmental Authority, Bank may terminate this Agreement without further obligation or penalty upon reasonable prior notice to AU effective as of the date specified in such notice or as required by such Governmental Authority.

(h) On or before the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, AU agrees that it shall (and shall cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives to): (i) immediately destroy and purge from all its systems all Information, including Nonpublic Personal Information; and (ii) destroy within 30 days all such Information that is in tangible form, including any and all full or partial copies, or reproductions thereof in any medium whatsoever. AU shall (and shall cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives to) destroy all Information in accordance with Bank's then-current destruction policy. AU shall have the right to retain a copy of Information of Bank only to the extent required by Applicable Law provided that such retention is in accordance with and continues to be subject to the terms and conditions herein contained. AU shall promptly certify its compliance with these guidelines upon Bank's request. The provisions of this Subsection 11(h) shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) This Agreement cannot be amended, modified or supplemented except by written agreement signed by the authorized agents of all Parties. Emails, including emails that bear an electronic “signature block” identifying the sender, do not constitute signed writings for purposes of this Subsection 12(a); provided, however that changes of address/person may be accomplished by plain body of an e-mail delivered as provided below in Subsection 12(f).

(b) This Agreement (a) is a final, complete, and exclusive statement of the agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, (b) collectively constitute the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and (c) supersede(s), merge(s), and integrate(s) herein any prior and contemporaneous negotiations, discussions, representations, understandings, and agreements between any of the Parties (including the Previous Agreement except as expressly provided herein), whether oral or written, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no waiver by any Party shall operate or be construed as a waiver in respect of any failure, breach or default not expressly identified by such written waiver, whether of a similar or different character, and whether occurring before or after that waiver. No failure to exercise, or delay in exercising, any right, remedy, power or privilege arising from this Agreement shall operate or be construed as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege. The provisions of this Subsection 12(c) shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

(d) Titles, captions, and headings included herein are for convenience of reference only and are not to affect the meaning, construction, or interpretation hereof or of any provision hereof.

(e) It is the desire and intent of the Parties that the provisions of this Agreement be enforced to the fullest extent permissible under the laws and public policies applied in each jurisdiction in which enforcement is sought. Accordingly, if any particular provision of this Agreement shall be adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction or Governmental Authority to be invalid, prohibited or unenforceable for any reason, such provision, as to such jurisdiction, shall be ineffective, without invalidating the remaining provisions of this Agreement or affecting the validity or enforceability of this Agreement or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if such provision could be more narrowly drawn so as not to be invalid, prohibited or unenforceable in such jurisdiction, it shall, as to such jurisdiction, be so narrowly drawn, without invalidating the remaining provisions of this Agreement or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction.

(f) All notices required by this Agreement must be given in writing in order to be valid. Notices shall be deemed given: (i) upon receipt if sent hand delivery or facsimile; (ii) 1 business day after sending prepaid by nationally or internationally recognized overnight or express courier or service; (iii) 3 business days after mailing by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested; or (iv) at the time that notice of receipt is generated electronically as a result of the recipient opening the email (*i.e.*, read request receipt, which some recipients might be able to prevent) or at the time that the sender can demonstrate electronically that the email has been delivered (*i.e.*, by requesting a delivery receipt), or at such other time as the recipient acknowledges receipt. To be valid for purposes of this Agreement, all notices must be addressed as follows:

(1) If to AU:

Auburn University
212 Ingram Hall
Auburn, Alabama 36849

ATTENTION: Courtney Raville
Contract Officer

e-mail: car0046@auburn.edu

(2) If to Bank:

Bank of America, N.A.
1000 Samoset Drive
DE5-021-02-07
Newark, DE 19713

ATTENTION: Contract Administration

Facsimile: 206-585-9732
e-mail: cadminis@bankofamerica.com

(3) Any Party may change the mail and e-mail addresses to which communications are to be sent by giving notice, as provided herein, of such change of address. Communication sent using e-mail properly addressed as required by this Section 12(f) shall be presumed properly sent notwithstanding the receipt by the sender of an undeliverable notice or similar automated response.

(g) Without the prior written consent of Bank, AU will not (and shall cause its Subcontractors and their respective Representatives to not) assign any of its rights or delegate any of its (or their) obligations under or arising from this Agreement, including access to the Bank's data (including Information) or grant access to Bank's operational systems. Any such attempted assignment, delegation, or grant shall be void *ab initio*. Bank may use the services of any third-party in fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement. Certain Financial Service Products or services under this Agreement may be performed, offered or provided by or through Bank's Affiliates.

(h) The Parties are not agents, joint or co-venturers, representatives or employees of each other. Neither Party shall have the power to obligate or bind the other in any manner except as otherwise expressly provided by this Agreement.

(i) Nothing in this Agreement is intended or shall be deemed to confer any rights or benefits upon any Person other than the Parties hereto or to make or render any such other Person a third-party beneficiary of this Agreement, except to the extent a Person has a right to be indemnified under this Agreement. The provisions of this Subsection 12(i) shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

(j) [Intentionally Omitted]

(k) Neither Party, through a Representative acting within the scope of their employment or agency, shall make any public statement, whether written, oral or otherwise, to any Person which criticizes, disparages, condemns or impugns the reputation or character of the other or any of its Affiliates, the Program or the Financial Service Products offered therein, whether or not the statement is true and whether or not it is characterized as confidential.

(l) Neither Party shall be held responsible for any delay or failure in performance to the extent such delay or failure is caused by fire, flood, explosion, terrorism, war, strike, embargo, government laws, rules, regulations or requirements, civil or military authority, act of God, act or omission of carriers or other similar causes beyond its control, that was not reasonably foreseeable or avoidable, and without the fault or negligence and/or lack of diligence of the delayed Party ("**force majeure condition**"). The non-delayed Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement if such force majeure condition endures for more than 120 days by providing the delayed Party with least 30 days prior written notice of such termination, which notice must be received by the delayed Party within 10 days after the expiration of the 120 day period.

(m) This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The Parties agree to accept a digital image of this Agreement, as executed, as a true and correct original and admissible as best evidence to the extent permitted by a court with proper jurisdiction. The Parties agree that if a representative of each of the Parties signs this Agreement (whether manually or electronically) and transmits such Agreement to the other Party or Parties via facsimile or electronically transmitted portable document format, the Agreement shall be treated in all manner and respects as having an original signature (or counterpart thereof) and shall be considered to have the same binding legal effects as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person. At the request of a Party, each other Party hereto shall re-execute original forms thereof and deliver them to all other Parties. No Party shall raise the use of a facsimile machine, electronic signature or electronic transmission in portable document format or the fact that any signature was transmitted or communicated through the use of facsimile machine or electronic transmission in portable document format as a defense to this Agreement and each such Person forever waives any such defense. The provisions of this Subsection 12(m) shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

(n) This Agreement is the product of negotiations between the Parties hereto having the assistance of counsel and other advisors. No provision of this Agreement shall be read, construed or interpreted for or against either Party by reason of ambiguity of language, rule of construction against the draftsman, or any similar doctrine.

(o) AU agrees to cooperate with (and to cause each AU Subcontractor and their respective Representatives, to cooperate with) each Governmental Authority with jurisdiction over Bank in connection with any examination or other supervisory activity by such Governmental Authority. The provisions of this Subsection 12(o) shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

(p) Neither any submission of this document by one Party to the other, nor any correspondence or other communications between the Parties in connection therewith, is intended or shall be deemed to constitute an offer of any kind or to create any obligations between the Parties unless and until one or more duplicates of this document has been fully executed and delivered between the Parties hereto, whereupon this document shall become the binding Agreement. Accordingly, any such submission or

communications or correspondence between the Parties or their respective agents or attorneys is intended only as non-binding discussions, and either Party shall have the absolute right to withdraw from such discussions at any time without any liability whatsoever to the other Party.

(q) Each Party hereto acknowledges and agrees that any controversy which may arise under this Agreement or any related agreement is likely to involve complicated and difficult issues, and therefore each such Party hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives any right such Party may have to a trial by jury with respect to any litigation between or among the Parties directly or indirectly arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any related agreement, or the transactions contemplated by this agreement or any related agreement. Each Party hereto certifies and acknowledges that: (a) no representative, agent or attorney of any other Party has represented, expressly or otherwise, that such other Party would not, in the event of litigation, seek to enforce the foregoing waiver; (b) such Party understands and has considered the implications of this waiver; (c) such Party makes this waiver voluntarily; and (d) such Party has been induced to enter into this Agreement and each related agreement by, among other things, the mutual waivers and certifications in this Subsection 12(q). The provisions of this Subsection 12(q) shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

(r) Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Agreement, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to either Party (including any termination pursuant to Section 11) is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and each and every right and remedy shall be cumulative and in addition to any other right or remedy under this Agreement, or under law or regulation, whether now or hereafter existing.

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(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN OR IN (2) BELOW, IN NO EVENT SHALL ANY PARTY OR ANY OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES BE LIABLE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT TO THE OTHER PARTIES OR ANY THIRD-PARTY FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, EXEMPLARY, SPECIAL OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, INCLUDING ANY DAMAGES FOR BUSINESS INTERRUPTION, LOSS OF USE OF DATA, OR LOST REVENUE OR PROFIT, WHETHER ARISING OUT OF BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE) OR OTHERWISE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH DAMAGES WERE FORESEEABLE AND WHETHER OR NOT THE BREACHING PARTY WAS ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

(2) THE LIABILITY LIMITATION SET FORTH IN (1) ABOVE SHALL NOT APPLY TO DAMAGES OR LIABILITIES ARISING FROM THIRD-PARTY CLAIMS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO INDEMNIFICATION HEREUNDER NOR TO DAMAGES OR LIABILITIES ARISING FROM A MATERIAL BREACH OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

(t) As of the Effective Date, the Parties hereby agree that the Previous Agreement is amended and restated by this Agreement, and the Parties, rights and obligations with respect to the Program shall be governed by the terms and conditions of this Agreement; provided, however, that the Previous Agreement shall govern the Parties' relationship with respect to any claim or obligation arising prior to the Effective Date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Parties, by its representative (who represents and warrants to the other Party that he or she has the necessary authority to bind his or her respective Party), has executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

Auburn University

By: Courtney Raville

Name: Courtney Raville

Title: Contract Officer

Bank of America, N.A.

By: Jake Frego

Name: Jake Frego

Title: Senior Vice President

Schedule A

I. ROYALTY ARRANGEMENT

During the Term, Bank shall pay AU quarterly in arrears, a Royalty calculated as follows. Bank may create a special class of consumer accounts for AU employees under the Program, and shall not pay compensation for such designated accounts. All Royalty payments due hereunder are subject to adjustment by Bank for any prior overpayment of Royalties by Bank:

A. CREDIT CARD ACCOUNTS

1. \$3.00 (three dollars) once for each new Credit Card Account opened (other than a GIP Account) after it becomes an Activated Account.
2. \$3.00 (three dollars) for each Credit Card Account for which the annual fee is paid by the Customer. If no annual fee is assessed by Bank (other than as a result of a courtesy waiver by Bank), then such Royalty will be paid for each Credit Card Account that: 1) has a balance greater than zero as of the last processing day of every twelfth month after the opening of that Credit Card Account; and 2) has had active charging privileges for each of the immediately preceding twelve (12) months.
3. 0.50% (fifty basis points) of the Net Retail Spend generated by Customers using Credit Card Accounts (other than reward accounts).
4. \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) once for each GIP Account opened after it becomes an Activated Account. Such GIP Accounts will not qualify for any other opening-of-an-account Royalty.

B. REWARD ACCOUNTS

Reward Account Royalty compensation provisions will not affect any other Royalty compensation provisions contained in the Agreement, and the Royalty compensation provisions referencing any other form of Credit Card Accounts will not apply to Reward Accounts.

1. \$3.00 (three dollars) once for each new Reward Account opened, after it becomes an Activated Account. This Royalty will not be paid for any account which, after opening, converts to a Reward Account, or for any Reward GIP Account.
2. \$3.00 (three dollars) for each Reward Account for which the Annual Fee is paid by the Customer. If no Annual Fee is assessed by Bank (other than as a result of a courtesy waiver by Bank), then such Royalty will be paid for each Reward Account which: 1) has a balance greater than zero as of the last processing day of every twelfth month after the opening of that Reward Account; and 2) has had active charging privileges for each of the preceding twelve (12) months. A Reward Account may renew every twelve (12) months after the opening of the account.
3. 0.20% (twenty basis points) of all Net Retail Spend generated by Customers using Reward Accounts.
4. \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) once for each Reward GIP Account opened after it becomes an Activated Account. Such Reward GIP Accounts will not qualify for any other opening-of-an-account Royalty.

C. **PREMIUM REWARD ACCOUNTS**

Premium Reward Account Royalty compensation provisions will not affect any other Royalty compensation provisions contained in the Agreement, and the Royalty compensation provisions referencing any other form of Credit Card Accounts will not apply to Premium Reward Accounts.

1. \$3.00 (three dollars) once for each new Premium Reward Account opened after it becomes an Activated Account. This Royalty will not be paid for any account which, after opening, converts to a Premium Reward Account, or for any Premium Reward GIP Account.
2. \$3.00 (three dollars) for each Premium Reward Account for which the Annual Fee is paid by the Customer. If no Annual Fee is assessed by Bank (other than as a result of a courtesy waiver by Bank), then such Royalty will be paid for each Premium Reward Account which: 1) has a balance greater than zero as of the last processing day of every twelfth month after the opening of that Premium Reward Account; and 2) has had active charging privileges for each of the preceding twelve (12) months. A Premium Reward Account may renew every twelve (12) months after the opening of the account.
3. 0.05% (five basis points) of all Net Retail Spend generated by Customers using a Premium Reward Account.
4. \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) once for each Premium Reward GIP Account opened after it becomes an Activated Account. Such Premium Reward GIP Accounts will not qualify for any other opening-of-an-account Royalty.

D. **ROYALTY ADVANCES**

1. Within 45 days of full execution of this Agreement (as defined herein) by Bank, and upon the first annual anniversary of the Effective Date in 2021, Bank shall pay to AU the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) (each, an “**Advance**”), as an advance against future Eligible Royalties, subject to the provisions set forth below. All Eligible Royalties accrued shall, in lieu of direct payment to AU, be applied against each of the Advances until such time as all Advances are fully recouped. Any Eligible Royalties accrued thereafter shall be paid to AU as set forth in this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (x) Bank shall no longer be obligated to pay any additional Advances to AU hereunder, and (y) AU hereby promises to pay Bank upon demand an amount equal to the difference between the total amount of the Advance(s) paid by Bank and the total amount of accrued Eligible Royalties credited by Bank against such Advance(s) as of the date of such demand, in the event any of the conditions set forth in Clauses (i) through (iv) below should occur:

- (i) the Agreement is terminated prior to the end of the Initial Term as stated in this Agreement as of the Effective Date;
- (ii) AU breaches any of its obligations under this Agreement;
- (iii) Bank is prohibited or otherwise prevented from conducting at least six (6) direct mail campaigns to the full updated Marketing List during each consecutive twelve (12) month period during the Term; and
- (iv) Bank shall be prohibited from conducting promotion campaigns at previously mutually agreed upon major in-person AU non-student events during each consecutive twelve (12) month period during

the Term. Each Party's agreement to Bank's participation at such event(s) shall not be unreasonably withheld.

2. If during any given year(s) during the Initial Term, Bank recoups all prior Advances paid by it to AU in prior years, and pays AU Royalties accrued by AU over and above the Royalties used by Bank to recoup such prior Advances (the "Paid Out Royalties"), then Bank may reduce the amount of any subsequent Advance(s) due by the amount of any such Paid Out Royalties.

E. **ROYALTY GUARANTEE**

AU shall be guaranteed to accrue Eligible Royalties (including the amount of the Advances) equal to or greater than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) (the "***Guarantee Amount***") by September 30, 2022, subject to the provisions set forth below. If on September 30, 2022, AU has not accrued \$300,000 in Eligible Royalties, Bank will pay AU an amount equal to the Guarantee Amount minus the sum of all compensation accrued by AU up to and including September 30, 2022 and all unrecouped Advances. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Royalty Guarantee and any obligation of Bank hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon the non-occurrence of any of the conditions set forth in Subsection D.1., above.

December 18, 2024

Courtney Raville
Contract Officer
Auburn University
212 Ingram Hall
Auburn, Alabama 36849

RE: The Amended and Restated Affinity Agreement by and between Auburn University ("AU") and Bank of America, N.A. ("Bank"), dated as of October 1, 2020 (the "Agreement")

Dear Ms. Raville:

In consideration of the Parties' mutual desire to provide time to negotiate the terms of a new or renewal Agreement and other good and lawful consideration, the Parties agree that "September 30, 2025" in Section 8(a) of the Agreement shall be deleted and replaced with "June 30, 2026".

Section 8(b) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following in lieu thereof:

"(b) This Agreement shall automatically extend at the end of the Initial Term or any renewal term for a period of sixty (60) days (each a "**Renewal Term**"; and together with the Initial Term, the "**Term**"), until either Party gives written notice of its intention not to renew the current Term. Such notice shall be delivered to the other Party at least thirty (30) days prior to the last date of the then current Term. "

This letter contains the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the matters covered herein and supersedes all prior promises and agreements, written or oral, with respect to the matters covered herein. Except as amended by this letter, the terms of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, and with respect to any inconsistencies between this letter and the Agreement, the Parties agree that the terms of this letter shall control.

Nothing contained in this letter shall be construed as implying any commitment or agreement by either Party to enter any business arrangement of any nature whatsoever with the other Party, except as set forth in the Agreement.

To acknowledge your acceptance of the terms set forth above, please execute both copies of this letter where indicated below and return one original to me.

Sincerely,



Kristen Silva
Senior Vice President

Accepted and agreed:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

By:  _____

Name: David Booth

Title: SVP

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

By:  _____

Name: John Neuhoff

Title: Contract Officer