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December 13, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: Lawrence Gressette
Administrative Council
L. Jim Hendrix, Jr.
R. Matt Dunbar
L. Wil Brasington
Dr. Robert G. McCormick
Gerald Vander Mey
Don McKale
Tom Wooten

FROM: James F. Barker, FAIA

RE: Woodland Cemetery Stewardship Committee

As President of Clemson University, I feel I have been given a sacred trust – the obligation to lead our community into the future while preserving and honoring our past. There is no place in which this sacred trust is more tangible than Woodland Cemetery, more commonly known as Cemetery Hill. Woodland Cemetery contains the remains of Clemson's past leaders, whose contributions should not be forgotten. The Cemetery will also be the burial site for many of Clemson's current and future leaders. Although ultimate responsibility for the cemetery rests with the University's Board of Trustees, the President should serve as the chief steward of this important University asset.

In order to help the President fulfill those stewardship obligations with respect to Woodland Cemetery, the ongoing advice and support of other members of the Clemson family who share this stewardship commitment is needed. Therefore, the Woodland Cemetery Stewardship Committee should be established and charged as follows:

The Stewardship Committee shall be composed of seven members. Four of the members shall be persons from the Clemson family who have demonstrated a sincere commitment to the stewardship of Woodland Cemetery, and these members shall serve until death, resignation, or removal by the President. The remaining three members shall serve by virtue of their positions with the University. These positions are the Campus Master Planner, the Chair of the Naming Committee for University Lands and Facilities, and the Chair of the University's Alumni Distinguished Professors. The membership and composition of the Committee may be changed by the University President.



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Therefore, The initial membership of the Stewardship Committee shall be as follows:

L. Jim Hendrix, Jr.
R. Matt Dunbar
L. Wil Brasington
Dr. Robert G. McCormick
Gerald Vander Mey, Campus Master Planner
Don McKale, Chair of Naming Committee
Tom Wooten, Chair of Alumni Distinguished Professors

The Committee shall select a chair and a secretary, shall meet at its pleasure, and shall make regular reports (including an initial assessment report) to the President. At a minimum these reports should be prepared annually.

Cemetery Hill is a sacred and historic site deserving special care and attention, and the Woodland Cemetery Stewardship Committee shall carry out its duties with this always in mind.

The Stewardship Committee shall make specific recommendations to the President of Clemson University concerning the following matters:

1. Maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery grounds;
2. Planting and removal of trees, shrubbery, and other natural adornments on the cemetery grounds;
3. Placement and removal of fencing, markers, signage, and other man-made adornments on the cemetery grounds;
4. Development and implementation of ideas to generate private funds for support of Woodland Cemetery;
5. Disposition of funds designated by the President for support of Woodland Cemetery.

The President shall carefully consider all recommendations of the Stewardship Committee, sharing those with the Board of Trustees as appropriate.

The Stewardship Committee shall have no authority over interment in Woodland Cemetery. Authority for interment shall remain vested in the Board of Trustees.

With this counsel and structure the Woodland Cemetery can have a future based on both history and innovation.


James F. Barker, FAIA

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