Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Lexington Room A
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
Columbia, South Carolina
February 2, 2012
9:30 a.m.

Call to Order
After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Trustee Wilkins, Chairman, called the
meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. with the following present:

Trustees: David Wilkins, Chairman, presiding; Bill Amick, Bill Hendrix, Ronald Lee, Louis Lynn, Patti
McAbee, Nicky McCarter, Smyth McKissick, Tom McTeer, Bob Peeler, Bill Smith, Joe Swann, and Kim
Wilkerson

Trustees Emeriti: J. J. Britton and Allen Wood

Administrative Council: James F. Barker, President; Dr. Doris R. Helms, Vice President for Academic
Affairs and Provost; Dr. John Kelly, Vice President for Economic Development; Dr. Gerald Sonnenfeld,
Vice President for Research; Erin Swann, Interim General Counsel; Brett Dalton, Chief Financial Officer;
Angie Leidinger, Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees and Director of Governmental Affairs; Dr.
Debra B. Jackson, Vice Provost and Assistant to the President; Dr. Gail DiSabatino, Vice President for
Student Affairs; Neill Cameron, Jr., Vice President for Advancement; Marvin G. Carmichael, Assistant to the
President and Chief of Staff; Catherine T. Sams, Chief Public Affairs Officer and Assistant to the President;
Michelle Piekutowski, Interim Chief Human Resources Director; and Leon Wiles, Chief Diversity Officer

Guests: Larry Allen, Dean, College of Health, Education, and Human Development; Rick Goodstein, Dean,
College of Architecture, Arts, and Humanities; Claude Lilly, Dean, College of Business and Behavioral
Science; Tom Scott, Dean, College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Life Sciences; Robin Denny, News
Services; Harrison Trammell, CUF President; Brian O’Rourke, Development; Dan Warner, Faculty Senate
President; Carlisle Kennedy, Undergraduate Student Body President; Erin McCave, Graduate Student Body
President; Boyd Parr, PSA; George Askew, PSA; Steve Meadows, PSA; Chip Hood, Guest; Jim Fatzinger,
ACE Fellow; Tony Cawthon, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees; Deb Charles, Staff Senate
President; Tony Paquette, Graduate Student; Stephanie Griffin, Governmental Affairs; Josh Smith, CCIT;
Doug Henry, CCIT; Rose Ellen Davis-Gross, Office of the Board of Trustees; and Sally Mauldin, Office of
the Board of Trustees

Media: None

Approval of Minutes – October 21, 2011 and January 16, 2012
Trustee McCarter moved to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2011 and January 16, 2012, meetings. Trustee Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report from the Executive Secretary to the Board – Angie Leidinger

General Counsel Introduction – President Barker introduced Chip Hood, incoming General Counsel. He will begin his duties in March.

Woodland Cemetery Special Exception – This item was removed from the agenda.

Statement of Economic Interest – Angie Leidinger said the information for this year’s filing would be sent soon.

Future Meeting Dates – Ms. Leidinger said the upcoming meeting dates were being discussed and would be sent to the Board soon.

President’s Report

President Barker updated the Board on promotional activities Clemson was involved in during the Orange Bowl. He provided an update on building projects on campus. He also reported on recent activities related to the SC presidential primary.

President Barker highlighted areas of the President’s Report Card.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Report – Bob Peeler

Trustee Peeler noted there were no action items. John Kelly summarized the informational items.

Compensation Committee Report – Joe Swann

Trustee Swann provided an update. He noted an annual review of the charter had been completed and several revisions were approved.

Educational Policy Committee Report – Ronnie Lee

Trustee Lee provided an updated. He noted there were no action items. He provided a summary of informational items.

Information Items:

Faculty Senate Report – Dan Warner provided an update on Faculty Senate activities since the last meeting.
Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees Report – Tony Cawthon introduced himself to the Board as the new Faculty Representative. Chairman Wilkins welcomed him and thanked him for his willingness to serve.

Admissions Updates – Provost Helms noted applications are up by 9% this year for undergraduates. We expect another 1400 before the year is closed out. Transfer applications are up by 4%. Graduate applications are up by 25%.

Finance and Facilities Committee Report – Bill Hendrix

Action Items:

Trustee Hendrix said the concept approvals would be considered as a composite motion.

Approval of Concept – Douthit Hills – Brett Dalton presented the request for concept approval. The project will allow approximately 1,450 students to be housed in the area east of the Clemson House. Two sections are planned. The western portion will accommodate upperclassmen in apartment settings, and the section to the east will be a series of residence halls to be occupied by Bridge students.

Approval of Concept – The Watt Family Innovation Center – Mr. Dalton presented the request for concept approval. It will be a cutting-edge facility located in the middle of the Clemson University campus. At 40,000 square feet in size and three stories tall, it will provide a significant amount of additional space for teaching and research in science, technology and engineering.

Approval of Concept – Memorial Stadium WEZ Component III Project – Mr. Dalton presented the request for concept approval. It will be the third-phase addition completing the WestZone Complex. The addition of the One Clemson Museum and entrance, known as the “Oculus,” will complete the experience and showcase the University’s athletic, academic and military heritage.

Trustee Hendrix moved to approve the concept approvals as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee Hendrix said the tuition structure approvals would be considered as a composite motion.

Approval of Tuition Structure for the Summer Hydrogeology Field Camp – Mr. Dalton presented the request. The Department of Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences offers a six-credit course during first summer session where hydrogeology field methods are taught at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The class is called a hydrogeology “field camp,” and makes use of field settings in the Clemson Forest. It is one of only four hydrogeology field camps offered in the US, and it has the reputation of being a high quality educational experience.

A survey of competing field camps indicates all students pay the same tuition; none of the camps charge non-resident tuition as Clemson currently does. This greatly limits the number of non-resident students who attend Clemson’s field camp.
Administration requests approval of the tuition of the hydrogeology field camp summer course at the resident tuition rate, regardless of residency.

Approval of Tuition Structure for Nursing 2nd Degree Baccalaureate Program – Mr. Dalton presented the request. The School of Nursing offers a 16-month second degree baccalaureate program at the University Center in Greenville. In order to complete the degree in 16 months, students take four full-time semesters. Maintaining a constant tuition rate throughout the four semesters is critical for the students as well as the success of the program.

Administration requests approval of a differential summer tuition rate for this program that is the same as the semester full-time rate to stabilize the cost to the students across the four semesters of the program.

Trustee Hendrix moved to approve the tuition structures. The motion was approve unanimously.

Approval of Clemson University Living Laboratory Mitigation Plan – Mr. Dalton presented the request to grant an Environmental Restrictive Covenant allowing for the design, construction and maintenance of a stream and wetland mitigation project on the main Clemson University campus. The project area is located between Dike Drive near the Madren Conference Center and the Bottoms Agricultural Fields.

Trustee Smith recused himself from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest. Trustee Amick recused himself from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest.

Trustee Hendrix moved to approve the plan. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Items:

Finance Division Update – Mr. Dalton referred to the previously distributed written report. He noted Clemson has just completed annual reviews with Moody’s and S&P. The University’s overall bond rating was upgraded from AA- to AA with a stable outlook from S&P. Moody’s reaffirmed the revenue bond Aa2 rating with a stable outlook.

Staff Senate Report – Deb Charles provided an update. She highlighted several initiatives the Staff Senate is pursuing, including completing the Habitat for Humanity House, disseminating information about course credit for faculty and staff, and an upcoming fundraising event for the Staff Senate Scholarship.

Institutional Advancement Committee Report – Smyth McKissick

Action Item:

Revised Policy Guidelines for Naming of Facilities – Trustee McKissick reviewed the proposed revisions to the policy.

Trustee McKissick moved to approve the revised policy. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Items:
Capital Campaign Update – Brian O’Rourke provided an update on the Will to Lead Campaign.

Foundation Report – Harrison Trammell provided an update.

Research and Economic Development Committee Report – Bill Amick

Trustee Amick noted there were no action items. Gerald Sonnenfeld summarized information items.

Student Affairs Committee Report – Nicky McCarter

Trustee McCarter provided an update. Gail DiSabatino highlighted items on her Vice President’s report.

Information Items:

Undergraduate Student Government Report – Carlisle Kennedy provided an update.

Graduate Student Government Report – Erin McCave provided an update.

Executive and Audit Committee Report – David Wilkins

Chairman Wilkins convened the Executive and Audit Committee.

Action Item:

Mission Statement Update – Chairman Wilkins presented the revised mission statement. Trustee Swann moved to approve the mission statement. Trustee McKissick seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Wilkins adjourned the Executive and Audit Committee.

Action Items:

Mission Statement Update – Chairman Wilkins moved to approve the mission statement update. The motion was approved unanimously.

Board Manual Update – Chairman Wilkins moved to approve the Board manual update. The motion was approve unanimously.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Trustee Wilkins adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,