Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Poinsett Ballroom
Westin Poinsett Hotel
Greenville, South Carolina
July 16, 2010
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 10:00 a.m. with the following present:

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

Trustees Emeriti: Doug Kingsmore 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 Public Service and Agriculture and Economic Development; Dr. John Ballato, Vice President for Research; Clayton D. Steadman, General Counsel; Brett Dalton, Chief Financial Officer; Angie Leidinger, Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees and Director of Governmental Affairs; Jim Bottum, Vice Provost for Computing & Information Technology and CIO; Dr. Debra B. Jackson, Assistant to the President and Associate Provost for Academic Affairs; Dr. Gail DiSabatino, Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Terry Don Phillips, Director of Athletics; 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; and Leon Wiles, Chief Diversity Officer

Guests: Kim Wilkerson, Guest; Gerald Sonnenfeld, Guest; Chris Przirembel, Guest; Donna Przirembel, Guest; Jan Murdoch, Dean of Undergraduate Studies; Bruce Rafert, Dean of the Graduate School; Esin Gulari, Dean, College of Engineering and Science; Tom Scott, Interim Dean, College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences; Claude Lilly, Dean, College of Business and Behavioral Science; Larry Allen, Dean, College of Health, Education and Human Development; Bill Surver, Faculty Senate President; Windsor Sherrill, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees; Rose Ellen Davis-Gross, Staff Senate President; Matt Fowler, Graduate Student Government President; Rory Goosen, Undergraduate Student Government; George Askew, PSA; Steve Meadows, PSA; Boyd Parr, PSA; Kathy Hobgood, Student Affairs; Robin Denny, News Services; Hack Trammell, President, Clemson University Foundation; Kim Roche, CCIT; Josh Smith, CCIT; Doug Henry, CCIT; Steve Miller, CUPD; Stephanie Griffin, Office of Governmental Affairs; Sally Gillespie, Office of the Board of Trustees; Jeannette Braine-Sperry, Office of the Board of Trustees; and Melissa Welborn, Office of Institutional Research
Robin Denny introduced members of the media.

Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2010 and June 24, 2010

Trustee McTeer moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2010 meeting. Trustee Lynn seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Trustee McTeer moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2010 meeting. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Report from the Executive Secretary to the Board – Angie Leidinger

Board of Visitors Report – Angie Leidinger asked Trustee Lynn and Marvin Carmichael to give an update on the Board of Visitors.

Trustee Lynn moved to approve the revised charter. Trustee Hendrix seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution for Chris Przirembel – On June 30th, Chris Przirembel retired from his position of Vice President for Research and Economic Development. Trustee Wilkins thanked Dr. Przirembel for his valuable service to Clemson. Ms. Leidinger read a resolution recognizing his years of service.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Report – Louis Lynn

John Kelly summarized information items from the Committee meeting. He gave an update on the new federal order to prevent shipment of plants diseased with phytophthora ramorum (also known as ramorum blight, ramorum dieback, sudden oak death). Dr. Kelly noted Clemson’s soybean rust program has saved South Carolina farmers an amount equivalent to the entire PSA budget. Trustee Lynn requested a moment of silence in honor of members of the Clemson agricultural family who passed away during the past year.

Compensation Committee Report – Joe Swann

Trustee Swann reported the Committee had approved several proposals from the Administration. They also discussed the charter of the Committee.

Educational Policy Committee Report – Smyth McKissick

Action Items:

Approval of New Department – Provost Helms presented the proposed new Department of Automotive Engineering. Currently, Automotive Engineering is located within the Department of Mechanical Engineering. The new structure will help optimize the effectiveness of the Automotive Engineering
program. It will be a graduate department only offering M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. The department will be housed in the Campbell Graduate Engineering Center at CU-ICAR.

Trustee McKissick moved to approve the Department of Automotive Engineering. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of New Program – Provost Helms presented the proposed new PhD in Human Centered Computing. It is an exciting new field of study at Clemson and the new discipline will focus on people, technology, information, policy and even culture. There are only two other PhD programs like it in the nation and the demand is on the rise.

Trustee McKissick moved to approve the PhD in Human Centered Computing. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of New Center – Provost Helms presented the proposed new Clemson University Canada Center. The Center’s mission will be to act as a source of information for the encouragement of joint US-Canadian research and education projects. It will be a virtual center with no cost.

Trustee McKissick moved to approve the Clemson University Canada Center. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Items:

Faculty Senate Report – Bill Surver summarized his goals for the Faculty Senate for his term and noted that Clemson can be proud of its policy on shared governance.

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees Report – Windsor Sherrill presented an overview of the tenure and promotion process. She said having a strong tenure and promotion policy in place is critical to faculty recruitment.

Admissions Updates – Provost Helms said this is shaping up to be one of the best freshman classes ever. Transfer applications have increased. Many students in the Bridge Program made a successful transition to become Clemson students. There is a waiting list for the Bridge Program.

Finance and Facilities Committee Report – Bill Amick

Action Items

Concept Approval for Freeman Hall Addition – Brett Dalton said the Industrial Engineering Department has developed a Professional Master’s of Engineering program to fund the addition. The projected budget is $6.5 million and will add 24,000 square feet of office and classroom space.

Trustee Amick moved to approve the concept for the Freeman Hall Addition. The motion was approved unanimously.
Final Approval for West Zone Northwest Plaza – Mr. Dalton said the initial work has been done and the total budget is project to be $3 million. The construction is completely financed through private donations. The project will add an additional 9,720 square feet of elevated, water-proofed, double-structural slab at the main concourse level and 8,022 square feet of enclosed space at the second level. An additional 2,854 square feet of shelled-in, second-level space above the visiting team locker room will also be included.

Trustee Amick moved to approve the West Zone Northwest Plaza. The motion was approved unanimously.

Delegation of Authority Approval for Right-of-Ways, Easements, and Demolition for the Wind Turbine Drivetrain Test Facility – Mr. Dalton said the Administration requests delegation of authority to complete the design and construction of the Wind Turbine Drivetrain Test Facility at CURI. The authority would allow the Administration to grant right-of-ways and utility easements as required and to demolish existing structures as required. Dr. Kelly said the authorization is limited to this site and this project.

Trustee Amick moved to approve the delegation of authority. The motion was approved unanimously.

Lease Approval at CURI to Pierside Boatworks – Mr. Dalton presented the request to lease approximately 3.5 acres at CURI to Pierside Boatworks for a short-term lease rate of $4,000 per month on a triple net month-to-month basis so as to not interfere with other CURI development activities.

Trustee Amick moved to approve the lease to Pierside Boatworks. The motion was approved unanimously.

Request for Property Swap – Mr. Dalton presented the request to swap 3.2 acres of property for 1.3 acres. The swap is important for the success of the Wind Turbine Drivetrain Test Facility.

Trustee Amick moved to approve the property swap. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of the FY 2010-11 Budget – Mr. Dalton provided an overview of budget highlights for FY 2010-11. Trustee McAbee noted that while unrestricted state funding has decreased, state funding of scholarships has increased. More students are qualifying and retaining their scholarships and the state added funding for a Science and Engineering bonus built into the Life scholarship. President Barker said the Life and Palmetto scholars have contributed to Clemson’s increased quality. Trustee Amick said he appreciates the contribution that Mr. Dalton has made to encourage and support transparency and accountability.

Trustee Amick moved to approve the FY 2010-11 Budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Items:

Capital Project Quarterly Executive Summary – Mr. Dalton referred to the previously distributed written report.

Staff Senate Report – Rose Ellen Davis-Gross referred to the previously distributed written report. The Staff Development Program is in its first year and has been well-received by staff.
Institutional Advancement Committee Report – Bill Smith

Action Item:

Naming of Innovation Center – Neill Cameron presented the request to the name the new Innovation Center for a corporate partner.

Trustee Smith moved to approve the naming of the Innovation Center. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Item:

Foundation Report – Harrison Trammell presented the report on investment performance for the foundation pool and the university’s pool. For the fiscal year to date through May 31, 2010, the returns have been positive at 17.1% against a benchmark of 18.6%. Returns were muted relative to the benchmark as the foundation’s investment task group had decided to reduce equity exposure, relatively, by an increased position in hedge funds in the recent past. This has been an appropriate move based on the negative returns in the market in June. A complete report on the fiscal year will be provided at the next meeting.

Trustee Smith reported the Committee received an update on the Conference Center and Inn and on marketing and communications. He reported the Visitor’s Center has seen a twenty percent increase in prospective students visiting Clemson versus this time a year ago. The Visitor’s Center is currently serving over fifty thousand visitors per year not including virtual tours.

Research and Economic Development Committee Report – Tom McTeer

President Barker introduced the incoming Vice President for Research, Gerald Sonnenfeld.

John Ballato provided a preliminary report on research awards and a preliminary snapshot of sponsored program awards for FY 2010. There is a projected increase over FY 2009 primarily because of stimulus funding. Dr. Ballato said the preliminary total is around $192 million.

Student Affairs Committee Report – Nicky McCarter

Trustee McCarter reported the Committee requested that the Division of Student Affairs present the Board with a strategy to address alcohol binge drinking.

Information Items:

Living-Learning Communities – Kathy Hobgood presented information on Living-Learning Communities. Trustee Swann asked why all freshmen are not in the First Year Experience, noting he has heard great things about the program. Gail DiSabatino said the First Year Experience has been moved to the Clemson House to allow more freshmen to participate.
Undergraduate Student Government Report – Rory Goosen referred to the previously distributed written report. He said the Undergraduate Student Government is hosting the largest organizational fair ever held at Clemson to let students know how they can get involved in activities at Clemson. Student Government is working with Clemson Area Transit to suggest changes to the CAT bus system and they are reviewing the feasibility of transitioning from the night-time system to more of an on-demand service. Student Government plans to review student fees this year and they are also working with CCIT to have more Blackboard applications available for mobile phones.

Graduate Student Government Report – Matt Fowler provided a summary of key goals for this year. The Graduate Student Government plans to work with the Graduate School to improve Graduate Student Orientation to ensure that incoming graduate students have the information they need. They also plan to continue funding professional enrichment grant services to graduate students.

Executive and Audit Committee Report – David Wilkins

There was no report.

President’s Report

President Barker highlighted items on the President’s Report Card. He provided information on grants and the work study program for students with great financial need. The plan is to help 440 students this year, particularly students close to graduating. A key component of this was funding from the Leadership Circle.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Trustee Wilkins adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Leidinger
Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved: 10/15/10

Date: 10/15/10