

Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Executive Board Room
Madren Center
Clemson, South Carolina
April 17, 2009
8:30 a.m.

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Trustee Hendrix, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. with the following present:

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

Trustees Emeriti: Lawrence Gressette, 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*; Dr. Chris Przirembel, *Vice President for Research and Economic Development*; Neill Cameron, Jr., *Vice President for Advancement*; Clayton D. Steadman, *General Counsel*; Brett Dalton, *Chief Financial Officer*; Angie Leidinger, *Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees and Director of Governmental Affairs*; Bob Geolas, *Executive Director of the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research*; Jim Bottum, *Vice Provost for Computing and Information Technology and Chief Information Officer*; Dr. Gail DiSabatino, *Vice President for Student Affairs*; Dr. Debra B. Jackson, *Assistant to the President and Associate Provost for Academic Affairs*; Steve Copeland, *Interim Chief Administrative Officer*; 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: Alan Sams, *Dean, AFLS*; Larry Allen, *Dean, HEHD*; Bruce Rafert, *Dean of Graduate School*; Esin Gulari, *Dean, Engineering & Science*; Jan Murdoch, *Dean of Undergraduate Studies*; Claude Lilly, *Dean, BBS*; Bryan Simmons, *Outgoing Faculty Senate President*; William Bowerman, *Incoming Faculty Senate President*; Windsor Sherrill, *Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees*; Cathy Tillet, *Director of Internal Audit*; Harrison Trammell, *President, Clemson University Foundation*; Stassen Thompson, *Land Management*; Raju Balakrishnan, *Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs, BBS*; Jason Schwier, *Outgoing President, Graduate Student Government*; Tammy Vaught, *Incoming President, Graduate Student Government*; Jennifer Grimland, *Graduate Student Government*; Callie Boyd, *Outgoing President, Undergraduate Student Government*; Abby Daniel, *Incoming President, Undergraduate Student Government*; Ryan Duane, *Vice President, CUSG*; Monica Ryskamp, *Student Government*; Tim Drake, *Staff Senate President*; Robin Denny, *Director, Clemson News Services*; Melissa Welborn, *Office of*

Institutional Research; Doug Henry, *CCIT*; Josh Smith, *CCIT*; Sally Gillespie, *Office of the Board of Trustees*; and Jeannette Braine-Sperry, *Office of the Board of Trustees*

Media: Anna Simon, *Greenville News* and Mike Ellis, *Anderson Independent News*

Chairman Hendrix asked for a moment of silence in memory of Trustee Emeritus W.G. DesChamps.

Introductions

Cathy Sams introduced Anna Simon with the *Greenville News* and Mike Ellis with the *Anderson Independent News*.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Hendrix said if there were no additions or corrections to the minutes of February 12, 2009, they would stand approved as submitted.

Report from the Executive Secretary to the Board – Angie Leidinger

Honorary Degree Nominations – Ms. Leidinger presented three nominees for Board approval:

1. Congressman James Clyburn – Moved by Trustee Lynn; Second by Trustee McKissick; Motion passed unanimously.
2. State Senator Harvey Peeler Jr. – Moved by Trustee Smith; Second by Trustee McCarter; Motion passed unanimously. Trustee Peeler abstained.
3. U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham – Moved by Trustee McKissick; Second by Trustee Lynn; Motion passed unanimously.

National Fellowship/Scholarship Nominees – Dr. William Lasser introduced the students who have been nominated for or won national fellowships and scholarships. They are:

Abbie Tremblay – Boren Scholarship Nominee
Rachel Regone – Fulbright Grant Nominee
Callie Roth – Fulbright Grant Nominee
Ab Watkins – Fulbright Grant Winner
Jamie Hodges – Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Winner
Jennifer Moffitt – Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Winner
Kemper Talley - Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Honorable Mention
Andrew Sayce – Marshall and Rhodes Scholarship Nominee
Laura Datko – National Science Foundation Winner

Chairman Hendrix congratulated all of the students.

Ms. Leidinger brought two policies from the Faculty Senate forward for board approval. The Board decided to hold these items until the July meeting to allow further review.

Nominating Committee for Board Chairman

Chairman Hendrix asked Trustee Bill Smith to chair the Nominating Committee with Trustee Bob Peeler serving on the committee and Chairman Hendrix participating in an ex officio capacity.

Compensation Committee Report – Joe Swann

Trustee Swann reported that the Committee reviewed contract proposals for the football coaches and for Coach Oliver Purnell. The Committee approved the recommendations from the Administration. No contracts are final at this point in time.

Discussed briefly was the composition of the Committee and composition of all board committees.

Educational Policy Committee Report – Bill Smith

Trustee Smith convened the Educational Policy Committee to take action on the potential merger of the Department of Finance with Accountancy & Legal Studies in the College of Business and Behavioral Science. Provost Helms said that the two departments share common curricula. The Finance Department chairman had retired so this was a good time to merge the two. This also creates a \$250,000.00 savings. Each department will retain their separate degrees. This requires internal approvals and notification to the Commission on Higher Education.

Trustee McCraw moved for approval of the merger. Trustee McAbee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee adjourned.

Action Items:

Trustee Smith moved for board approval of the merger of the Department of Finance and Accountancy & Legal Studies in the College of Business and Behavioral Studies. The motion passed unanimously.

Provost Helms said all the following action items presented for board approval required no new funds.

New Graduate Certificate - The Committee recommended approval of the following new graduate certificate:

- Clinical and Health Services Research

Trustee Swann requested additional information on costs and where the reallocation takes place. He is concerned about the board approving items on the agenda without having costs associated with the changes.

Provost Helms noted the University Center at Greenville pays for itself. Also, graduate certificates and online degrees are funding generators. Trustee Smith said the Board has set policy requiring new centers and institutes to break even within a two year time period. In addition, the Board receives a yearly report on centers and institutes. Trustee Smith also said that additional cost information will be provided in the future.

The motion passed.

Program Modifications – The Committee recommended approval of the following program modifications:

- Ms Biological Sciences: Online Delivery of Non-Thesis Option M Ed
- BS Nursing: Offer at UCG with new admission criteria

The online Biological Sciences degree will allow easier access for biology high school teachers. The BS Nursing modification allows individuals who hold degrees in other areas to complete a nursing degree. Trustee Smith said there is a high demand for nurses.

All program modifications passed unanimously.

New Institute – The Committee recommended approval of the following new institute:

- Biomedical Institute

Four tenured faculty members at the Greenville Hospital in the cancer institute will move their research to Clemson. This will allow Clemson to compete for NIH funding without having a medical school.

The motion passed unanimously.

Name Change – The Committee recommended approval of the following name change:

- Department of Horticulture to the Department of Environmental Horticulture

The department has requested this change to reflect their work with sustainability of built ecosystems and overall human health and well being.

The motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

Faculty Senate Report – Trustee Smith thanked Bryan Simmons for his service. Dr. Simmons provided a summary report of his year as President, and highlighted the first faculty satisfaction survey that had been done in ten years. Dr. Simmons introduced Bill Bowerman, the incoming Faculty Senate President.

Dr. Bowerman said that with faculty asking for shared governance, there was recognition that this required shared responsibility. He also said that liaisons have been appointed to work with other on-campus governmental associations so that the groups can work together.

Faculty Representative Report – Windsor Sherrill’s power point presentation introduced faculty members and their work to the Trustees. She asked the Trustees to recognize faculty needs when they are dealing with budget issues.

Undergraduate Admissions Update – Provost Helms said that Clemson has received over 16,150 applications to date. The Bridge Program has accepted 450 students.

Graduate Admissions Update – Dr. Bruce Rafert said there have been about 4,000 applications and domestic applications are up 14 percent over last year.

Finance and Facilities Committee Report – Bill Amick

Action Items:

The Committee recommended approval of the following action items:

- Regulatory and Public Service Lease Approval

The request is to approve renewal of lease space of 8,701 square feet for 2 years with an option to renew for two additional years. There is to be a 5 percent increase in rent each year including the two optional years.

The motion passed unanimously.

- CU/AMRL Lease Out to SC Research Authority

The request is to approve a new lease out upon expiration of the original lease in September, 2009. In the new lease out, the Tenant will lease the original space and lab space.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Manning Hall Renovation – Final Approval

Because of budget constraints, the project has been modified to replace the HVAC system only. The total project cost is now \$3,693,000. The building will be shut down for the summer only and will house students again in the fall.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Governmental Affairs Lease Approval

The request is for approval for 2608 square feet of office space for seven years.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Sewer Line Easement to Pickens County

Trustee Swann recused himself during this discussion because he owns the property bordering Clemson property. He left the room.

Pickens County has requested an easement for installing and maintaining a sewer line on Clemson University property. Adding the sewer line increases the value of the Clemson property.

The motion passed.

Information Items:

Permanent Improvement Project Update – Steve Copeland provided an update on permanent improvement projects on campus.

Staff Senate Report – Incoming Staff Senate President Tim Drake presented his report. He said the greatest concern is low staff morale. He commended the administration for having the budget discussions online.

At the end of the Finance & Facilities Committee report, Trustee Amick requested that the administration evaluate leases to determine if all spaces are necessary.

Institutional Advancement Committee Report – Les McCraw

Action Items:

- Academic Logo Approval

The Committee recommended approval of the academic logo.

The motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

Foundation Report - Harrison Trammell gave a market summary through February, but did note there had been some improvements in the market in March and April.

Research and Economic Development Committee Report – Smyth McKissick

Trustee McKissick reported that the Committee received an update on The Research Plan. The report is due May 1, 2010. Also, to date this fiscal year, research awards are up 8.7 percent compared to this date last year.

Student Affairs Committee Report – Patti McAbee

Information Items:

The Committee received the timeline for the parking services and CAT bus services study. The study will be completed in April, 2010. Dr. Gail DiSabatino gave her report to the Committee.

Action Item:

- An action item was introduced at the committee meeting, approved by the Committee and brought to the Board for approval.

The Student Affairs Committee will convene its spring meeting at Fort Hill in each year that the Board meets on campus, and incoming and outgoing student leaders will be invited to the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Undergraduate Student Government Report – Outgoing Student Government President Callie Boyd provided a copy of the year-end report. Ms. Boyd highlighted activities of the Student Government during

the course of the year. She introduced incoming president, Abby Daniel. Ms. Daniel said that she hopes the parking services study will provide for some major changes for the CAT contract in the fall of 2010.

Graduate Student Government Report – Outgoing Graduate Student Government President Jason Schwier requested that graduate assistant fee be renamed graduate assistant tuition. He would like to see the graduate activity fee reviewed. Mr. Schwier introduced incoming president, Tammy Vaught. She said that graduate students rely on the graduate assistant stipends. Trustee McAbee thanked the outgoing student government presidents for their service representing the student body.

Executive and Audit Committee Report – Bill Hendrix

Action Item:

- FY10 Audit Plan

The Committee reviewed the FY10 Audit Plan and recommends board approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

President Barker reviewed the budget process to this point saying there are enormous challenges at Clemson. The initial strategy of the furlough along with the relief fund for the lowest paid employees worked. As part of the next step the inclusive budget task forces have helped to prepare for the fiscal year beginning on July 1. The third step will be to complete plans once the General Assembly finishes its work and comes back with a budget.

President Barker then provided highlights of programs and activities on campus, and presented information in the President's Report Card.

Chairman Hendrix said it was necessary to go into executive session to discuss personnel, contractual, economic development and/or legal matters. There will be no votes taken and no action taken. The Board will not reconvene in public session. Trustee McTeer moved to go into executive session. Trustee McAbee seconded the motion. The Board went into executive session at 11:14 a.m. and did not reconvene in public session.

Respectfully submitted,



Angie Leidinger
Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees



Approved

7/17/09
Date