

Clemson University  
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES  
**MEETING OF THE**  
**CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Executive Board Room  
Madren Center  
Clemson, South Carolina  
1:30 p.m.  
April 18, 2008

Call to Order

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Trustee Hendrix, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. with the following present:

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

Trustees Emeriti: Fletcher Derrick, 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*; Clayton D. Steadman, *General Counsel*; Brett Dalton, *Chief Financial Officer*; Angie Leiding, *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. Debra B. Jackson, *Assistant to the President and Associate Provost for Academic Affairs*; Dr. Gail DiSabatino, *Vice President for Student Affairs*; Neill Cameron, Jr., *Vice President for Advancement*; Steve Copeland, *Interim Chief Administrative Officer*; Terry Don Phillips, *Director of Athletics*; Marvin G. Carmichael, *Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff*; Catherine T. Sams, *Chief Public Affairs Officer and Assistant to the President*; Lawrence Nichols, II, *Chief Human Resource Officer*

Guests: Jeff Martin, *Executive Director, Madren Conference Center & Inn*; Bruce Rafert, *Dean of Graduate School*; Cathy Tillett, *Director, Internal Audit*; Robin Denny, *Clemson News Services*; Dan Schmidt, *Outgoing Staff Senate President*; Dave Crockett, *Incoming Staff Senate President*; Brent Jessup, *Walker Course Golf Professional*; Don Garrett, *Golf Superintendent, Walker Course*; John Ballato, *Faculty Representative to the Trustees*; Cathy Sturkie, *Office of the Faculty Senate*; Martha Derrick, *Guest*; Doug Henry, *CCIT*; Kate Hawkins, *Professor, Communication Studies*; John Gouch, *Clemson News Services*; Jeff Davis, *Assistant Athletic Director for Fundraising*; Shamika Holland, *Internal Auditor*; Brian O'Rourke, *Director of*

*Development and Alumni Affairs; Tim Bourret, Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Information; Harrison Trammel, CUF President; Oliver Purnell, Clemson University Head Basketball Coach; Charlie Gooding, Outgoing Faculty Senate President; Barry Anderson, Campus Landscape Architect; Josh Smith, CCIT; Bryan Simmons, Incoming Faculty Senate President; Callie Boyd, Undergraduate Student Body President; Jason Schwier, Graduate Student Body President; Josh Bell, Outgoing Undergraduate Student Body President; Eric Wells, Incoming Student Senate President; J.T. Clark, Undergraduate Student Government Vice President; John Masslon, Graduate Student; Patrick Wright, Clemson Photographer; Jeannette Braine-Sperry, Office of the Board of Trustees; and Renee Roux, Office of the General Counsel.*

Media: Anna Simon, *Greenville News*

Derrick Paintings Presentation - Chairman Hendrix called on Trustee Emeritus Kingsmore to assist in the presentation of two gifts to the Walker Golf Course. Trustee Emeritus Kingsmore introduced Trustee Emeritus Derrick and his wife Martha Derrick. He also introduced Jeff Martin, Manager of the Madren Conference Center & Martin Inn, Brent Jessup, and Don Garrett. Trustee Emeritus Kingsmore had asked Trustee Emeritus Derrick if he would be interested in painting Hole Number 2 of the Walker Golf course. Trustee Emeritus Derrick, who is an accomplished artist, agreed to create the painting. Trustee Emeritus Kingsmore then explained that after visiting the golf course, Trustee Emeritus Derrick decided to paint Hole Number 9 as well. Both paintings were unveiled to the applause of the group. Trustee Emeritus Derrick's paintings were donated to the Walker Golf Course.

Chairman Hendrix and Mr. Martin thanked Trustee Emeritus Derrick for his generosity in creating and donating these beautiful paintings. Trustee Emeritus Derrick stated that it was an extremely enjoyable task.

#### Approval of Minutes

Trustee Hendrix moved to accept the minutes of the February 7, 2008 meeting for approval with the following corrections:

On page 6 of the February 2008 minutes, the item titled "Approval of Amended Internal Auditing Charter" will be removed as the Charter was approved in 2007, not 2008. The section titled "Approval of Request for Proposal for External Audit Services" will be removed as it was approved at an earlier meeting.

The minutes were approved with these corrections.

#### Report from Executive Secretary to the Board – Angie Leidinger

Approval of Prince Plot Modification – Angie Leidinger presented a request from President Emeritus Phil Prince to erect a small retaining edge along the perimeter of his plot at the Woodland Cemetery. Ms. Leidinger noted that the Woodland Cemetery Stewardship Committee reviewed and were in agreement with the proposal.

Trustee McAbee moved to approve the request for the installation of a retaining edge as proposed by Dr. Phil Prince, provided that the installation is either conducted by University Facilities personnel, or is overseen by a qualified member of the University Facilities staff. Trustee McKissick seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jeff Davis Resolution – Chairman Hendrix called on Ms. Leidinger to assist him in presenting a resolution in honor of Mr. Jeff Davis, former Clemson University football player, former professional athlete, former Field Director of the Call Me MISTER program, and current Assistant Athletic Director for Fundraising. The resolution congratulated Mr. Davis as the third Clemson University football player inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame. Mr. Davis thanked Chairman Hendrix and the entire Board for the resolution noting that he believes he still owes a debt of gratitude to Clemson University.

Student Recognition – Chairman Hendrix called on Ricky Shine to introduce the following students who were nominated for or received major fellowships and scholarships:

- Nichole Bennett (Goldwater Scholarship Nominee)
- Emily Burchfield (Truman Scholarship Nominee)
- Bradley Collins (Goldwater Scholarship Honorable Mention)
- Shannon Ed (Goldwater Scholarship Winner)
- Alaina Floyd (Goldwater Scholarship Winner)
- Alexandra Foguth (National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Winner)
- Susan Slocum (Fulbright Scholarship Nominee)
- Holly Tuten (National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Winner)

Outstanding Athletics Recognition – Chairman Hendrix called on Tim Bourret to highlight outstanding athletic accomplishments at Clemson University over the past year. Mr. Bourret summarized the accomplishments of the Women’s Tennis team, the Women’s Volleyball team and the Men’s Basketball team. He then showed a DVD of these teams with the group.

Mr. Bourret explained that the coaches of the Women’s Tennis and Volleyball teams were travelling today and could not be present. He introduced basketball coach Oliver Purnell to the group. Coach Purnell thanked Terry Don Phillips and President Barker for believing in what he has been trying to do with the basketball program. He said that he is happy to be here and is pleased with the progress of the team.

Chairman Hendrix thanked Coach Purnell noting that he is happy with the success of the team and the way Coach Purnell represents Clemson University.

Next Board Meeting Dates and Location – Ms. Leidinger announced the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting and annual retreat is scheduled for July 17, 2008 to July 20, 2008 in Greenville.

#### Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Report

Trustee Peeler summarized the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee meeting noting that there were several information items and no action items.

## Educational Policy Committee Report

Trustee Smith said that the Educational Policy Committee had a very productive meeting. Several action items were reviewed and approved by the committee. He called on Doris Helms to present those matters to the Board

### Action Items:

New Degree Programs – Provost Helms presented the following new degree programs to the Board of Trustees:

- MA, Cybercommunication – Provost Helms explained that the proposed program is still as outlined, but the Department of Communication Studies has recommended changing the program name. The committee requested that Provost Helms bring back a new name. She noted that the degree will focus on how people use communication mediated by technology. She said there is great interest in the program from both students and industry.
- MS, Nuclear Engineering – Provost Helms explained that this will be a joint degree with Catholic University of Louvain (UCL) in Belgium. A portion of the program will take place at Clemson University and a portion of the program will take place in Belgium. Students will receive a degree from both universities.
- MS and PhD, Photonics – Provost Helms said that these proposed degrees will be offered through the Center for Optical Materials Science & Engineering Technologies (COMSET).
- PhD, Economics – Provost Helms presented a proposal to create a PhD in Economics in addition to the already existing PhD program in Applied Economics. She noted that per CHE requirements, this must be a new degree approval rather than a program modification.
- Program Modification – Provost Helms presented the proposal to modify the Masters of Public Administration.

Trustee Smith explained that all of these items were discussed in great deal by the Committee. Trustee Smith moved to approve the new programs; MA, Cybercommunication with knowledge the name change will be brought back for approval, MS, Nuclear Engineering, MS and PhD, Photonics, PhD, Economics and program modification for Masters of Public Administration. The motion was approved unanimously.

Centers and Institutes Termination – Provost Helms summarized a proposal to terminate the following three Centers and one Institute:

- Center for Excellence in Rural Special Education – Provost Helms commented that this CHE Center came with funding from CHE, the funding has stopped and the individual who started it has retired. Therefore, there is no need to continue the Center.

- Center for International Trade – Provost Helms said that this Center underwent a 5 year review, and the Dean noted that the Center is not productive and recommended that it not continue.
- Clemson Institute for Biomedical Science and Engineering – Provost Helms explained that this Center has merged into two other Centers.
- SC Center for Genetics Research – Provost Helms said this Center was created when the DNA Learning Center began. The Learning Center progressed, but this Center never became active and there is no need to continue it.

Trustee Smith moved to terminate the four Centers and one Institute described above. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Items:

Faculty Senate Report – Trustee Smith called on Charlie Gooding to give his final Faculty Senate Report. Chairman Hendrix said he really appreciated Dr. Gooding’s contributions to the university’s strategic planning efforts. He also stated Dr. Gooding has been an outstanding Faculty Senate President and will be missed.

Dr. Gooding introduced the new Faculty Senate President, Bryan Simmons. Chairman Hendrix welcomed Dr. Simmons and said he looked forward to working with him.

Faculty Representative Report – Trustee Smith called on John Ballato to give the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees report.

Dr. Ballato said that good communication from President Barker to the faculty has had a positive impact this semester. He believes continued open communications with faculty by the administration is important.

Admissions Update – Chairman Smith referred the Trustees to the Admissions Update. He noted that it is a sign of success at Clemson that more and more outstanding students want to be a part of Clemson as we continue to reach our goals.

Finance and Facilities Committee Report

Chairman Hendrix called on Trustee Amick to give the report of the Finance and Facilities Committee. Trustee Amick called on Steve Copeland to present several capital project concept approvals to the Board.

Action Items:

Capital Project Concept Approvals

- Golf Team Facility – Mr. Copeland described a proposal to develop a 6,600 square foot facility for the Golf Team. Mr. Copeland said the \$2.5 million cost will be paid with private funds.
- Kingsmore Stadium – Mr. Copeland summarized a proposal to make additions and improvements to the Left Field Stands of Doug Kingsmore Stadium.
- Regulatory Services Facility – Mr. Copeland presented a proposal to construct a new facility adjacent to the Administrative Services Building which will house Regulatory Services, Turf-grass Management, Pro Golf Management and Sustainable Agriculture.
- Pee Dee REC Renovations - Mr. Copeland presented the proposal to renovate a portion of the Pitner Center at the Pee Dee Research and Education Center in Florence, S.C.

Trustee Amick moved to approve the four capital project concept approvals as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Easement Renewal – Clay Steadman presented a request for renewal of an existing easement by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Clemson University to operate a water pump for water to Cherry Road. Mr. Steadman said the proposal would extend the easement for another 17 years, and Clemson must maintain the water pump and water line.

Trustee Amick moved to approve the proposed easement. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Waste Management of South Carolina, Inc. Renewal – Trustee Amick advised the Board that Trustee Peeler recused himself from the discussion of this matter and the related vote due to a possible conflict of interest during the Committee meeting. Trustee Peeler then recused himself from the meeting and stepped out of the room while this action item was discussed and the vote was taken.

Mr. Copeland presented a proposal to renew the second five year lease option to the original agreement between Clemson University and Waste Management of South Carolina Inc.

Trustee Amick moved to renew the second five year lease option to the original agreement between Clemson University and Waste Management of South Carolina Inc. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Items:

Permanent Improvement Project Update – Mr. Copeland reviewed the summary report.

Staff Senate Report – Dan Schmidt, outgoing Staff Senate President, thanked the Trustees for their support during the past year. Dave Crockett, the new Staff Senate President gave his report to the Board, emphasizing the proposed Staff Development project. Chairman Hendrix thanked Mr. Schmidt for his service as Staff Senate President and welcomed Mr. Crockett.

#### Institutional Advancement Committee Report

Chairman Hendrix called on Trustee McCraw to give the Institutional Advancement Committee Report.

#### Action Item

- Approval of Naming Guidelines – Trustee McCraw noted the committee considered the proposed Naming Guidelines. Several questions and comments came up during the Committee meeting. Therefore, Trustee McCraw advised the group that this matter will be brought to the full board at an upcoming meeting.

Naming Opportunity - Trustee McCraw also explained that there is a possible facility naming opportunity. He requested authority from the Board to have discussions with the proposed donor who may be identified after Monday.

- Trustee McCraw moved to go forward with discussions to discuss an opportunity to name a facility for a currently unnamed donor. The motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee McCraw then called on Neill Cameron to provide the Board with a summary of the information items discussed during the Committee meeting.

#### Research Committee Report

Chairman Hendrix called on Trustee McKissick to present the Research Committee Report.

#### Action Item

- Policy for Responding to Allegations of Research Misconduct - Trustee McKissick asked Chris Przirembel to present the proposed Policy for Responding to Allegations of Research Misconduct. Dr. Przirembel said the proposed revisions are needed to make Clemson policies consistent with guidelines passed by NIH and NSF. He said the proposed policy has been endorsed by the Faculty Senate, approved by Administrative Council and the Board of Trustees Research Committee.

Trustee McKissick moved to approve the Policy for Responding to Allegations of Research Misconduct. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Przirembel then gave the Board the third quarter report on Research Proposals.

Student Affairs Committee Report – Trustee McAbee said the Committee held an historic meeting at Fort Hill. She thanked Trustee Emeritus Wood for suggesting the meeting location. Trustee McAbee then called on several individuals to present information items to the Board.

#### Information Items:

Vice President's Report – Gail DiSabatino presented the Student Affairs Balanced Scorecard to the Board.

Dr. DiSabatino then introduced the following students:

Eric Wells – new Student Senate President

JT Clark – new Undergraduate Student Body VP

Undergraduate Student Government Report – Dr. DiSabatino introduced Josh Bell, former Undergraduate Student Body President. She thanked him for his good work and accomplishments the past year. Mr. Bell gave the Undergraduate Student Government Report to the Board, and introduced the new Undergraduate Student Body President, Callie Boyd. Ms. Boyd summarized her goals in Student Government for the upcoming year

Graduate Student Government Report – Dr. DiSabatino introduced the new Graduate Student Government President, Jason Schwier. Dr. DiSabatino thanked former President Tom Richey, who could not be present. Mr. Schwier outlined plans for next year, noting he will focus on graduate housing, insurance and advocacy in Columbia.

#### Compensation Committee Report

Chairman Hendrix called on Trustee Swann to give the Compensation Committee report. Trustee Swann said the committee held a February 25<sup>th</sup> teleconference. He noted that the committee reviewed salary recommendations for the Executive Secretary, the direct reports to the President and athletic coaches. All of these salaries were reviewed and approved. Chairman Hendrix thanked Trustee Swann for his report.

#### Executive and Audit Committee Report

Chairman Hendrix summarized the work of the Executive and Audit Committee. He said the committee received a very positive report from Byron Wiley regarding the Emerging Scholars Program. The committee also heard an athletic compliance report from Stephanie Ellison and Larry LaForge regarding Graduation Rates and Secondary violations. Chairman Hendrix said the committee approved the fiscal year 2009 audit plan.

#### President's Report

President Barker gave the Board a Planning and Budget update. He noted that Clemson has seen significant improvement in academic quality, student life, and facilities and infrastructure. He also commented on strategic advances made in economic development focusing on CU-ICAR, the Restoration Institute, and the Center for Advanced Materials.



President Barker noted the many challenges presented by the budget situation in Columbia. There are unfunded mandates related to the retirement system, increased energy costs, the state pay raise, state mandated fringe benefits as well as state budget cuts. Despite these challenges President Barker stated that Clemson will continue with its top 20 goals.

President's Report Card – President Barker then presented his report card to the Board and answered questions from the Trustees.

He closed with a final story about life in the President's Home by describing all the signs of Spring. President Barker commented that one of the tests which will determine whether Clemson will still be Clemson when it reaches the top 20 is whether graduating students still don't want to leave Clemson at the end of their time here.

Executive Session


Chairman Hendrix said it was necessary to go into executive session to discuss personnel, contractual, economic development or legal matters and that no votes or action would be taken while in Executive Session. Trustee Swann moved to go into executive session. Trustee McKissick seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

At 3:50 p.m., the Board entered into executive session and returned to public session at 5:10 p.m. No action or votes were taken.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman Hendrix adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Angie Leidinger  
Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

  
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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date 8/1/08