

MINUTES

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Capital Ballroom IV – Columbia Marriott Hotel
Columbia, South Carolina
1:00 pm
Thursday February 2, 2006

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M. with the following members present: Bill Hendrix, chair, presiding, J.J. Britton, Bill Amick, Lawrence Gressette, Tom Lynch, Louis Lynn, Patti McAbee, Les McCraw, Smyth McKissick, Bob Peeler, Bill Smith, Joe Swann, Fletcher Derrick (emeritus), W.G. DesChamps (emeritus), Doug Kingsmore (emeritus), Leslie Tindal (emeritus), Allen Wood (emeritus) and Chalmers Eugene Troutman III, *Executive Secretary*

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: James Barker, Dori Helms, Neill Cameron, Clay Steadman, John Kelly, Steve Copeland, Almeda Jacks, Terry Don Phillips, Lawrence Nichols, Chris Przirembel, Debbie Jackson, Cathy Sams, Marvin Carmichael and Bob Geolas.

OTHERS PRESENT: Gail DiSabatino, Allison Newton, Tim Smith, Neil Robinson, Geary Robinson, Erin Swann, George Clay, Erecia Hepburn, Mary Poore, Verna Howell, Neill Ogg, Jim Hammond, Lynn Boiter, John Ballato, Glenn McConnell, Robin Denny, Drew Land, Becky Copeland, Brett Dalton, Alan Godfrey, John Monk, Jan Schach, Linda Weir, Renee Roux, Connie Lee, Katy Bayless and Brian Church.

Item 1. Call to Order

Statement: Mr. Hendrix, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M.

Item 2. Introduction

Statement: Chairman Hendrix asked Cathy Sams to introduce guests from the media. She identified and welcomed the following members of the media: Alison Newton, *Anderson Independent*, Tim Smith, *Greenville News*, Jim Hammond, *The State* and John Monk, *The State*.

Item 3. Presentation of Board Resolution to Senator Glenn F. McConnell

Statement: Chairman Hendrix presented a Resolution of the Board of Trustees to Senator Glenn F. McConnell in honor of his support and advocacy on behalf of Clemson University (Attachment 1). The Board of Trustees and their guests applauded Senator McConnell who stated that he is very excited about Clemson University's Restoration

Institute and the research being conducted in connection with the H.L. Hunley submarine. He added that he hopes this work will make South Carolina the restoration capital of the world resulting in many new jobs and economic development for the state. He thanked the Board of Trustees for honoring him with this Resolution.

Item 4. Presentation of Board Resolution to Almeda Jacks

Statement: Chairman Hendrix presented a Resolution to Almeda Jacks, Vice President for Student Affairs, in honor of her remarkable contributions to Clemson University over the past thirty one years (Attachment 2). The Board of Trustees and their guests applauded Ms. Jacks who thanked the Board members for this honor.

Item 5. Approval of Minutes

Statement: Dr. Lynn made a motion to approve the October 21, 2005 minutes. Mr. McKissick seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Item 6. Report of the Executive Secretary to the Board

Statement: Gene Troutman submitted a petition for the assignment of two burial plots at Woodland Cemetery for Dale Reynolds, Class of 1967, and his wife, Jacqueline Reynolds (Attachment 3).

Action: Approval for Woodland Plot Petition.

Mr. McTeer moved that the Board of Trustees grant the petition for assignment of the two burial plots to Dale and Jacqueline Reynolds at Woodland Cemetery. Dr. Lynn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 7. Executive and Audit Committee Report

Statement: Mr. Hendrix, Chair of the Executive and Audit Committee, stated that there were no action items to report. However, he did inform the group that the fall 2006 Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for October 19 and 20. He also noted that a Cemetery Committee has been established to work on and present guidelines to the Board of Trustees for determining what constitutes “distinguished service” for purposes of assigning burial plots in Woodland Cemetery.

Item 8. Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Report

Statement: Mr. McTeer convened the State Crop Pest Commission whose members consist of Chairman McTeer, Louis Lynn and Bob Peeler to consider the following action item:

Action: Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Assessment Fee. Mr. McTeer called on Neil Ogg to present the South Carolina Crop Pest Commission’s recommended approval of the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (BWEF) assessment fee (Attachment 4).

The State Crop Pest Commission unanimously approved the recommended assessment fee \$4.00 or less per acre.

Item 9. Educational Policy Committee Report

Statement: Mr. McCraw, Chair of the Educational Policy Committee, stated that the EPC did not meet as a standing committee but had the following information items to report.

Information Item: Connie Lee, President of the Faculty Senate, presented the Faculty Senate Report (see Attachment 5).

Information Item: The Board reviewed an Admissions Report prepared by Robert Barkley, noting that admissions are healthy and Clemson University continues to be very popular (see Attachment 6).

Item 10. Finance and Facilities Committee Report

Statement: Mr. Smith, Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, reported that the Committee has recommendations on the following action items.

Action: FY06-07 Transit Fee Proposal. The Committee recommended approval of the Proposed \$33.50 fall and spring semester Transit Fee which will be assessed to each full-time graduate and undergraduate student (Attachment 7). Ms. Jacks also introduced student Brian Church to the Board and thanked him for his extensive work on the Transit Fee.

Mr. Smith moved that the Board approve the proposed Transit Fee. The motion was seconded by Mr. McTeer and the motion passed unanimously.

Action: FY06-07 Housing Rate Increase. The Committee recommended approval of the proposed Housing Rate increase (Attachment 8). Mr. Smith called on Ms. Jacks to summarize the proposal and compare the new costs to other universities. She explained that the overall average rate increase is 4.18% and the proposed rates are very competitive with off-campus housing rates in the area. Ms. Jacks also noted that the proposed rates are less expensive in most cases than other benchmark universities in the southeast as noted in Attachment 7.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the proposed Housing Rate increase as set forth in Attachment 7. The motion was seconded by Mr. McTeer and the motion passed unanimously.

Action: FY06-07 Health Services Fee Increase. Mr. Smith presented the Committee's recommendation to approve the proposed health Services Fee Increase of \$15.00 per semester and \$5.00 for summer (Attachment 9). Ms. Jacks explained that the proposed \$125.00 per semester fee is less than that charged by other JCAHO accredited health centers in the southeast.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the proposed Health Services Fee increase as set forth in Attachment 8. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCraw and the motion passed unanimously.

Action: FY06-07 Meal Plan Rate Increase. Mr. Smith called on Steve Copeland to present the Committee's recommendation to approve the proposed 5% Mean Plan Rate Increase (Attachment 10). Mr. Copeland noted that even with the proposed increase, Clemson University's meal plan rates would be less than rates at other benchmark institutions in the southeast.

Mr. Swann commented that the Board should continue to be concerned that inflation is increasing at 2% a year and these 5% increases have a big impact on students and families. Mr. McCraw noted that he is very impressed by the quality of the food and the number of options available for students at our cafeterias.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the proposed 5% Meal Plan Rate Increase. Mr. McCraw seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Action: CU-ICAR Structured parking Deck & Plaza Waiver. Mr. Smith called on Steve Copeland to present the Committee's recommendation to approve the request for a waiver from the Board of Trustees for approval of construction contracts and change orders over \$500,000 for the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research Structured Parking Deck and Plaza (Attachment 11). Mr. Gressette and Mr. McCraw requested clarification of the request and questioned why this waiver is necessary. Bob Geolas explained that CU-ICAR has numerous projects going on at the same time. If they have to wait for approval of these contracts it will hold up all other pending construction projects.

After discussion by the Board, Mr. Smith withdrew this action item. Mr. Hendrix stated that the Board will schedule teleconferences to ensure that these contracts are reviewed in a timely manner.

Action: Calhoun Courts Chill Water Replacement. Mr. Smith called on Steve Copeland to present the Committee's recommendation to approve the construction contract award for the Calhoun Courts Chill Water Replacement project - Phase II to Tyler Construction Company of Columbia, SC in the amount of \$1,903,000.00 (Attachment 12). Mr. Copeland noted that although this was the only bid received, it is within the budget.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the construction contract award for the Calhoun Court Chill Water Replacement project to Tyler Construction Company. Mr. Amick seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Action: Acceptance of Gifts of Property from City of North Charleston and Friends of the Hunley. Mr. Smith presented the Committee's recommendation to accept approval of the gifts of property from the City of North Charleston and Friends of the Hunley (Attachment 13). Dean Jan Schach summarized the gift and Clayton Steadman confirmed that the property will belong to Clemson University; however, the Friends of the Hunley will run the gift shop. Mr. Hendrix recognized and thanked Neil Robinson for his assistance in making the North Charleston gifts happen.

Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the gifts of property from the City of North Charleston and the Friends of the Hunley. Mr. Peeler recused himself from the vote because he serves on the Board of the Friends of the Hunley. Mr. McKissick seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Action Item. Easement Encroachment Variance. Mr. Smith presented the Committee's recommendation to obtain an easement encroachment variance from the Clemson University Real Estate Foundation in connection with the CU-ICAR parking deck and office tower. The variance is necessary because Clemson University's building plans and specifications for this project encroach onto the easement retained by CUREF.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the request to obtain an easement encroachment variance from CUREF in connection with the CU-ICAR parking deck and office tower. Dr. Britton seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Information Item. Permanent Improvement Project Update. Mr. Smith presented the Permanent Improvement Project Update (Attachment 14). He commended Bob Wells and his staff for getting these projects completed on time and under budget.

Information Item. Classified Staff Senate Report. Lynn Boiter, Vice President of the Classified Staff Senate, gave the Senate's report as President Richard Cowan could not attend the meeting (Attachment 15).

Item 9. Institutional Advancement Committee Report

Statement: Patti McAbee, Chair of the Institutional Advancement Committee, reported that the Committee did not meet and has no action items for the Board's review. However, she did present several information items.

Information Item. Alumni, Development, Donor Services and Annual Fund. Ms. McAbee provided a summary of accomplishments related to Alumni, Donor Services and Annual Fund (Attachment 16).

Information Item. Endowment Spending Policy. Ms. McAbee presented a summary of the Clemson University Foundation Endowment Spending Policy for fiscal year 2006-2007 (Attachment 17).

Information Item. *The Scientist Magazine.* Ms. McAbee notified the Board that Clemson University was named the best place to work in academia for the year 2005 by *The Scientist* magazine (Attachment 18).

Information Item. Marketing and Communications. Ms. McAbee called on Neil Cameron to summarize recent and upcoming marketing and communications activities as well as recent recognition for Clemson University from important national media outlets (Attachment 19).

Information Item. Conference Center and Inn. Neill Cameron presented the executive summary report and update on the Conference Center and Inn at Clemson University (Attachment 20).

Information Item. Visitors Center. Neill Cameron presented the executive summary report for the Visitors Program (Attachment 21).

Information Item. Historic Properties. Neill Cameron presented the executive summary report on the Historic Properties (Attachment 22).

Information Item. Foundation Report. Ms. McAbee presented the Foundation report (Attachment 23). Bill Hendrix asked when the next Foundation Board meeting would take place. Ms. McAbee stated that the next meeting is scheduled for June 22nd and 23rd. Ms. McAbee and Mr. Cameron agreed to provide further details to the Trustees so some of them could attend the next Foundation meeting.

Item 10. Research Committee Report.

Statement: Joe Swann, Chair of the Research Committee called on Chris Przirembel to summarize the following information items.

Information Item. Economic Impact Report. Dr. Przirembel notified the Board that the South Carolina research universities have prepared a joint report describing how research universities support and impact economic development in the state. He noted that the report will be available as a hard copy and as an electronic document. Sandy Woodward will send it to anyone who wants a copy.

Information Item. Mid-Year Research Awards Report. Dr. Przirembel reported that the total number of research proposals submitted at the mid-year is consistent with the number from last year at mid-year. Dr. Przirembel added that Clemson University is ahead of last year in terms of actual research awards granted.

Dr. Przirembel also notified the Board that the Research Committee has asked the administration to develop sponsored research goals for each college. The Committee would like an annual report on each college's success in meeting these goals.

Information Item. Export Control. Dr. Przirembel summarized the impact federal export control laws have on universities since September 11, 2001. He also noted that the Research Committee has asked the administration to investigate insurance coverage for faculty, administrators and Board members to determine if Clemson University has sufficient coverage for allegations of export control violations.

Item 11. Student Affairs Committee Report

Statement: Dr. Britton, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, noted that the action items reviewed by the Committee came to the Board through the Facilities and Finance Committee. Dr. Britton then called on students to present the following information items.

Information Item. Student Government Update. Katy Bayless, President of Student Government, gave the Student Government Update (Attachment 24).

Information Item. Graduate Student Government Update. Erecia Hepburn, the Vice President for Graduate Student Government, gave the Graduate Student Update (Attachment 25).

Item 12. President's Report

Statement: President Barker gave a brief description of the new Bridge Program designed to bring students to Clemson University from Tri-County Technical College (Attachment 26). He also summarized the recent Presidential Summit he attended in Washington DC. President Barker commented that President Bush as well as five of his Cabinet members stated during the summit that study abroad programs and foreign students attending American colleges and universities increase our safety at home and help Americans compete more effectively in the global economy. Therefore, President Barker believes the Federal Government will be an important new partner in helping Clemson University achieve its goals in the international studies area. President Barker also presented a report on our Top 20 goals identifying what we have accomplished in five years and what we still need to do (Attachment 27). President Barker distributed his report card to the Trustees. He reviewed each of the University goals for 2011 and noted progress toward these goals as of 2005-2006 (Attachment 28). Finally, President Barker closed with his latest installment of Life in the President's home. He noted that at most schools it is not unusual for the President to call campus police and ask that students in the dormitories keep the noise down. However, at Clemson University, when his son Britt's band practiced in the garage of the President's home, it was the President who received a call from the police asking the President to keep the noise down.

Item 13. Executive Session

Statement: Ms. McAbee moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contractual matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gressette. No action was taken while in Executive Session.

Item 14. Adjourn

Statement: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Chalmers Eugene Troutman III
Executive Secretary to the
Board of Trustees