

**Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina**

MINUTES

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Planters Inn
Charleston, South Carolina**

9:30 A.M.

July 21, 2006

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. with the following members present: Bill Hendrix, Chair, presiding, Bill Amick, J. J. Britton, Lawrence Gressette, Louis Lynn, Patti McAbee, Les McCraw, Smyth McKissick, Tom McTeer, Bob Peeler, Bill Smith, Joe Swann, Allen Wood (Trustee Emeritus), Fletcher Derrick (Trustee Emeritus), and Chalmers Eugene Troutman III, *Executive Secretary*

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Nishant Karamchandani, Nancy Loeb, Jack Day, Denise Woodward-Detrich, Jan Schach, Stephanie Barczewski, Drew Land, Alan Godfrey, Brett Dalton, John Ballato, Beth Kunkel, Linda Weir, Tom Weir, Robin Denny, Stassen Thompson and Renee Roux.

MEDIA PRESENT: Diane Knich *Post and Courier*

Item 1. Call to Order

Statement: Mr. Hendrix, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

Item 2. Introduction

Statement: Chair Hendrix called on Robin Denny to introduce members of the media. Ms. Denny introduced Diane Knich, the new higher education reporter for the *Post and Courier*. Chair Hendrix welcomed her to the meeting.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes

Statement: Mr. McKissick made a motion to approve the April 21, 2006 minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Item 4. Report of the Executive Secretary

Statement: Gene Troutman notified the group of the FY 07 and FY08 quarterly meeting dates for the Board of Trustees.

Item 5. Finance and Facilities Report

Statement: Bill Smith, Chairman of the Finance and Facilities Committee, reported that the Committee had recommendations on two action items.

Action: FY07 Clemson University Budget

Bill Smith called on Alan Godfrey to highlight portions of the proposed budget (Attachment D). Mr. Godfrey noted that the budget now exceeds \$605 million. He also stated that although state appropriations are up this year they still constitute only the third largest source of funding after student fees and Gifts/Grants/Contracts. Bill Hendrix asked about the mandated salary increase noted at page 12 of Attachment 1. Mr. Godfrey confirmed that Clemson does not receive sufficient funds from the state to cover the entire cost of state mandated pay increases.

Bill Smith and the Committee thanked Alan Godfrey and his staff for their excellent work on the budget, the General Assembly for increased support and President Barker and the administration for their cost saving efforts.

On behalf of the Finance and Facilities Committee, Mr. Smith recommended and moved for approval of the FY07 budget as outlined in Attachment D. The motion was seconded by Tom McTeer and approved unanimously.

Action: Waste Water Treatment Approval

Steve Copeland presented a request for authorization to award a construction contract to Kris Mechanical, Inc. for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (Attachment E). He stated that a recent study of the Clemson University Wastewater Treatment Plant indicated that improvements are necessary in order to meet the new permit limits on phosphorus and chlorine. He explained that the project will include the addition of aluminum sulfate (alum) chemical feed systems, improvements to the de-chlorination facilities, improvements to the sludge processing facilities and the addition of process monitoring equipment.

Bill Smith made a recommendation and motion to approve the request for authorization to award a construction contract for the Base Bid on the waste water treatment improvements project in the amount of \$1,059,450.00 to Kris Mechanical, Inc. of Easley, SC. The motion was seconded by Bill Amick and was approved unanimously.

Information Item: Bill Smith presented the Permanent Improvement Project update to the Board (Attachment F).

Information Item: Bill Smith presented the Classified Staff Senate report to the Board (Attachment G).

Item 6. Research Committee Report

Statement: Joe Swann, Chairman of the Research Committee, called on Chris Przirembel to present a Research update to the Board of Trustees. Dr. Przirembel noted that Clemson University received full accreditation for its lab facilities and farm facilities from the Association for Assessment of Laboratory Animal Care (AALAC). He commented that Clemson University is one of a very few land grant institutions that received accreditation for both labs and farms. Dr. Przirembel noted that Clemson University will exceed \$135 million in grants and awards. He also reported that three of the four CUICAR related chairs have been filled and two new endowed chairs have been approved.

Item 7. Student Affairs Report

Statement: Dr. Britton, Chairman of the Student Affairs Committee, commented on the tragedy involving student Tiffany Sauers. He reported that he contacted the Sauers family to express the condolences of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Britton then asked for a moment of silence in honor of Tiffany and her family.

Information: Dr. Britton called on Gail DiSabatino to present the Campus Community Safety Report. Ms Sabatino described the actions taken by the Student Affairs office to address student safety concerns in light of the Tiffany Sauers incident. She reported as follows:

A. Immediate Actions Taken:

- Communication to students, families and the community about the incident through e-mail, orientation, snail mail and the Clemson University website.
- Community meetings and workshops.
- Increased police patrols on and off campus.
- Enhanced security procedures in residence halls occupied by youth guests.

B. Current Actions:

- Clemson University Police Department (CUPD) Safety Awareness Programs
- Continued Student Escort Service.
- Emergency Phones.
- Camera Surveillance.
- Housing - Electronic Systems for access, motion activated camera monitors at doors and security around the halls at night.

C. Plans for Future Action:

- Increase CAT system 24/7.
- Clemson University Student Government will require safety information from all groups participating in the Apartment Fair.
- CUPD plans to enhance escort services, distribute safety cards in the fall and 911 calls will include a specific location rather than just a building.
- Considering expanding the Crisis Management Team to include a representative from the Town of Central.

Several Trustees asked follow up questions and Dr. Sabatino thanked Robin Denny for handling media contacts in such a professional manner during the intense media response to this student tragedy.

Information: Dr. Britton presented the Undergraduate Student Report (Attachment H).

Information: Dr. Britton presented the Graduate Student Report (Attachment I).

Item 8. Educational Policy Committee Report

Statement: Les McCraw presented one action item on behalf of the Educational Policy Committee for consideration by the Board.

Action: Center for Visual Arts

Mr. McCraw called on Dori Helms to present the proposal for a new Center for Visual Arts (Attachment B). Dr. Helms explained that this Center will help instill a sense of creativity in all of our students. She emphasized that this is not a museum, but an active place that will engage students, faculty, and community members.

Jan Schach, Denise Woodward-Detrich, Stephanie Barczewski and Patti McAbee presented a DVD that describes the new Center. Dr. Helms noted that all Top 20 institutions have galleries or museums. However, this Center will go beyond the ordinary and help each of our students learn creativity which is key to the entrepreneurial spirit we want to instill in our students.

On behalf of the Student Affairs Committee, Les McCraw recommended and made a motion to approve the request for a new Center for Visual Arts. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information: Les McCraw called on Beth Kunkel, President of the Faculty Senate, to present the Faculty Senate report (Attachment C). Dr. Kunkel also notified the group that the Senate will be celebrating its 50th year of faculty governance this year.

Information: Les McCraw called on Dori Helms to give the Admissions report. Dr. Helms stated that applications received are at an all time high of 12,600, a 3% increase over last year. She also noted that there are 2,800 students in the incoming freshman class and 235 students coming to the Bridge Program. Les McCraw noted that the Committee has requested talking points regarding the Bridge program for all Trustees. Dr. Helms also described the Eureka program which is an honors program that will immediately put freshman into creative inquiry teams.

Item 9. President's Report

Statement: President Barker gave the Trustees a snapshot of summer at Clemson by describing "Burgers at the Barkers." He said between 300 and 400 students attended the event. The individuals sitting at one table described the diversity of opportunities at Clemson during the summer semesters. There were four graduate students (three international students and one native South Carolinian), students participating in the

Early Success Program (ESP), the new Dean of the College of Engineering and Science (Dr. Esin Gulari), An undergraduate student who was taking both online courses and regular courses during the summer as well as two staff members.

President Barker then gave an Economic Development Report that explained how Clemson University is helping to drive the South Carolina economy. He showed a map of the Clemson University campus and emphasized that we have locations and involvement all over the state. Clemson has encouraged economic development for over 100 years. Previously we focused on agriculture but we are now extending that focus to new areas. President Barker also discussed the role of Research Universities in economic development. He noted that states with the highest per capita income have top tier universities. Finally, he highlighted emphasis areas where Clemson is making significant steps forward including CUICAR, Advanced Materials, and the Restoration Institute.

President Barker then submitted his Report Card to the Trustees and concluded his presentation with a story about a Clemson University student and his family. This student's mother was battling cancer. President Barker explained that she wanted to see her son graduate. Due to stress and worry about his mother's health, this student did not graduate during the spring semester. However, he worked with his professors to take courses during Maymester. On June 1st, President Barker reported that a special ceremony was held in the President's office where this student earned a certificate of completion with his mother present. President Barker stated that the student's mother passed away last week and the family asked him to carry their thanks and appreciation to the Board of Trustees.

Item 10. Closing Comments:

Statement: Bill Smith commented that the President's Report Card has been a great assessment tool. He asked if any goals should be added or changed. Bill Amick stated that he is very excited about the undergraduate research program and suggested adding it to the Report Card. Bob Peeler commended President Barker for not losing the human touch as we strive for our Top 20 goal. The student story he shared today reminds everyone why Clemson University and our President are special.

Chairman Hendrix noted that Willie Green DeChamps is doing well but did not feel up to attending this meeting and Retreat. However, he said he would be at the next meeting.

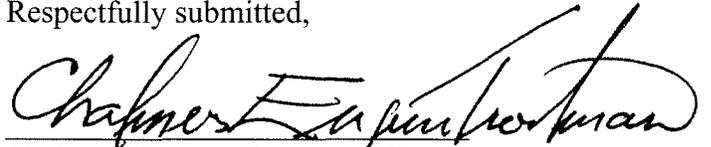
Item 11. Executive Session

Statement: Mr. Swann moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. The motion was seconded by Dr. Britton. The Board of Trustees went into Executive Session at 11:27 P.M. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 for lunch. The meeting reconvened at 1:52 P.M. in Executive Session to continue discussion of the contractual matter. The Board of Trustees went out of Executive Session at 2:15 P.M. No action was taken while in Executive Session.

Item 14. Adjourn

Statement: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Chalmers Eugene Troutman III
Executive Secretary to the
Board of Trustees