

MINUTES

of the Meeting of

THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

3:00 PM

Salons E&F

Embassy Suites Hotel

Columbia, SC

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. with the following members present: Leon J. Hendrix, Jr., *presiding*; Lawrence M. Gressette, Jr., Bill L. Amick, Thomas C. Lynch, Jr., Louis B. Lynn, Patricia H. McAbee, Leslie G. McCraw, E. Smyth McKissick, III, Thomas B. McTeer, Jr., Robert L. Peeler, William C. Smith, Jr., Joseph D. Swann, Fletcher C. Derrick, Jr., W. G. DesChamps, Jr., Harold D. Kingsmore, and Clayton Steadman, Interim *Executive Secretary*

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: President Barker, Dori Helms, Chris Przirembel, Almeda Jacks, Steve Copeland, Neill Cameron, John Kelly, Terry Don Phillips, Debbie Jackson, Marvin Carmichael, Lawrence Nichols, Angie Leidinger, and Cathy Sams

OTHERS PRESENT: Robin Denny, Brett Dalton, Alan Godfrey, Verna Howell, Greg Padgett, Brian O'Rourke, Katie Hill, Patsy Wannamaker, Janice Kleck, Connie Lee, Webb Smathers, Alan Grubb, Stuart Wyeth

Item 1. Introductions

Statement: Chairman Hendrix called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM and called on Robin Denny to introduce representatives from the media and other special guests in attendance. Ms. Denny introduced Tim Hall of *The Greenville News* and Stephanie Tracy of *The Anderson Independent*.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes

Statement: Chairman Hendrix noted that the minutes of the October 22, 2004 (Attachment 1) meeting had been previously distributed, and he asked if there were any additions or corrections.

Action: There being no additional corrections, Chairman Hendrix advised that the minutes of the October 22, 2004 meeting were approved as submitted.

Item 3. Executive and Audit Committee

Statement: Chairman Hendrix reported that the Executive and Audit Committee had met earlier today. The Committee heard a report from the Internal Auditors. They reviewed reports from Internal Auditing and External Annual Reports for the University Foundation, Research Foundation, Continuing Education and Conference Complex Corporation, Research Facilities and the CU Real Estate Foundation. He advised that there were no action items presented for approval.

Item 4. Educational Policy Committee

Statement: Chairman Hendrix called upon Les McCraw for the report of the Educational Policy Committee. Mr. McCraw complimented the University leaders on their continued, excellent work and called upon Provost Dori Helms to present the action items to the Board.

Action Items (Attachment 2)

- Centers and Institutes
 - A. South Carolina Center for Research on Minority Health Disparities
 - B. Clemson Institute for Supply Chain Optimization and Logistics
- Name Change
 - Chemical Engineering to Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Action: Mr. McCraw asked the Board for approval of the above action items. Les McCraw made a motion to approve and Smyth McKissick seconded the motion. Those items stood approved as presented to the Board for approval.

The committee also presented the following for the Board's information and review:

Information Items

- Faculty Senate Report (Webb Smathers)
- Graduate Assistant Tuition Budgeting Policy (Dori Helms)
- Admissions Report (Dori Helms)

Chairman Hendrix thanked both Faculty Senate President Webb Smathers and Provost Dori Helms for their reports.

Item 5. Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Statement: Chairman Hendrix called upon Tom McTeer for the report for the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

Information Item

- PSA Overview and Budget Update (Verbal Report – John Kelly)

Mr. McTeer advised that the committee was presented an information report by Karl Kelly (Attachment 3). Mr. McTeer asked John Kelly for an update on the budget outlook for PSA. Mr. Kelly provided an update and answered questions of the Board members. There were no action items for approval.

Item 6. Student Affairs Committee
Action Item

- Approval of Housing Rates FY 2005-06 (Verna Howell)

Statement: Chairman Hendrix called on Dr. Louis Lynn for the Student Affairs Committee report. Dr. Lynn advised that the committee had one action item for the Board's consideration. Verna Howell was called upon to present the action item to the Board. An informative power point presentation (Attachment 4) was presented and Mrs. Howell answered questions of the group.

Action: Almeda Jacks presented a request for a 4% increase in campus housing rates. After much discussion, Dr. Lynn moved for approval, Mr. Lynch seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the rate increase. Chairman Hendrix noted that the housing rate increase of 4% was approved for one year as requested.

Information Items

- Undergraduate Student Government Report (No Report)
- Graduate Student Government Report (Verbal Report – Stuart Wyeth)

Statement: Dr. Lynn called on Almeda Jacks to review the Undergraduate Student Government Report. Vice President Jacks advised that there was no report due to Adam Hammond's class schedule and the meeting being in Columbia.

Dr. Lynn introduced Stuart Weyth for the Graduate Student Government Report. Mr. Wyeth presented a report to the Committee including improvements he felt had been made in addressing several issues with graduate student government.

Item 7. Finance & Facilities Committee
Action Items:

- Approval of Graduate Assistant Tuition Policy (D. Helms, Steve Copeland)
- Approval of Lease Out to City of Charleston
- Bid Approval Asbestos Abatement in Mauldin Hall (Steve Copeland)
- Bid Approval Garrison Arena Horse Barn
- Bid Approval Jervey Renovations to Basketball Offices & Lobby
- West End Zone Bid Approval

Statement: Chairman Hendrix called on Bill Smith to present his committee report and any action items which needed Board approval. Mr. Smith called on Provost Helms and Steve Copeland to present the graduate assistant tuition policy (Attachment 5). Mr. Copeland presented a Lease Out to the City of Charleston (Attachment 6) for a month-to-month approval until the start of construction of approved project. Mr. Copeland also presented the Bid Approval for Asbestos Abatement in Mauldin Hall (Attachment 7) as well as Bid Approval for Garrison Arena Horse Barn (Attachment 8), Jervey Renovations to Basketball Offices & Lobby (Attachment 9) and the proposed West End Zone approval (Attachment 10).

Action: Mr. Smith asked the Board for approval of these action items. After much discussion by the Board, those action items were approved as presented. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve as submitted and Mr. Lynch seconded. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Information Items

- Classified Staff Senate Report (Written Report Ron Addis)

Statement: Mr. Smith referenced a written Classified Staff Senate Report provided by President Ron Addis for the Board's information and review.

Item 8. Institutional Advancement Committee

Statement: Chairman Hendrix called upon Tom Lynch for the report from the Institutional Advancement Committee. Mr. Lynch reported that they had updates from Alumni, Foundation, Conference Center and Inn and Marketing. He called upon Neill Cameron to present an executive update for the Board (Attachment 11).

Having no action items, Chairman Hendrix thanked both Mr. Lynch and Mr. Cameron for their report to the Board.

Item 9. Research Committee

Statement: Chairman Hendrix called upon Joe Swann for the report of the Research Committee. Mr. Swann advised that the Research Committee did not convene. However, Dr. Chris Przirembel would present an update and overview to the Board. Dr. Przirembel provided an update including that Clemson University was featured on the cover of the recent edition of Advanced Materials Journal. He noted that the South Carolina Young Scientist Award was presented to Dr. Ya-Ping Sun, a Clemson University professor. Finally, he reminded the Board that April is "Research Focus" month and that April 6 is Student Research Day.

Chairman Hendrix thanked both Joe Swann and Dr. Przirembel for their information provided to the Board.

Item 10. President's Report

Statement: Chairman Hendrix called upon President Barker for his report to the full Board. President Barker reviewed his latest report card and the remarkable progress the University is making towards reaching its goal. The President remarked that our focus should continue to be on Clemson's distinctive qualities. Our challenges include increasing faculty resources,

improving our academic reputation through more external out-reach and activities and more effective time-management of our staff.

Chairman Hendrix thanked President Barker for his report and commended him on the progress being made toward meeting our goals.

Item 11. Executive Session

Chairman Hendrix advised that the Board needed to go into executive session to discuss contractual and personnel issues. He advised that no decisions would be made and no votes would be taken while in executive session and guests were invited to wait outside the room. Mr. Lynch made a motion to go into executive session, Mr. McCraw seconded.

Item 12. Reconvene Open Session

Statement: Chairman Hendrix reconvened the Board in open session and advised that no decisions were made and no votes were taken while in executive session. He inquired as to any additional business which needed to be brought before the Board.

Item 13 Adjourn

Statement: Chairman Hendrix asked for a motion to adjourn as there was no additional business for discussion. Mr. Gressette motioned to adjourn and Dr. Lynn seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Item 14. Retreat

Statement: Chairman Hendrix stated that the business session of the Board meeting was concluded. Beginning Thursday, February 3, at 8:30 a.m. the Board would begin its retreat portion of the meeting. The Board would be hearing various reports concerning the University.

Respectfully submitted,

Clayton D. Steadman
Interim Executive Secretary to the
Board of Trustees