

**Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina**

MINUTES

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Madren Center – Executive Board Room

Clemson, South Carolina

1:00 pm

Friday October 21, 2005

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M. with the following members present: Bill Hendrix, chair, presiding, Tom McTeer, Lawrence Gressette, Bill Amick, J.J. Britton, Patti McAbee, Louis Lynn, Tom Lynch, Les McCraw, Bob Peeler, Smyth McKissick, Bill Smith, Allen Wood (emeritus), W.G. DesChamps (emeritus), Fletcher Derrick (emeritus), Doug Kingsmore (emeritus), and Chalmers Eugene Troutman III, *Executive Secretary*

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: James Barker, John Kelly, Steve Copeland, Doris Helms, Chris Prziembel, Clay Steadman, Lawrence Nichols, Debbie Jackson, Neill Cameron, Cathy Sams, Marvin Carmichael and Almeda Jacks.

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Weir, Becky Copeland, Anna Simon (*Greenville News*), Robin Denny, Brett Dalton, Tom Keinath, Bruce Yandle, Richard Cowan, Connie Lee, Alan Grubb, Bruce Rafert, Jan Murdoch, Annel Green, Alan Godfrey, Sean Tynan, Katy Bayless and Michael Mikota

Item 1. Call to Order

Statement: Mr. Hendrix, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

Item 2. Introduction

Statement: Mr. Hendrix introduced members of the media.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes

Statement: Mr. McCraw made a motion to approve the July 22, 2005 minutes. Dr. Britton seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Item 4. Election of Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Statement: Mr. Hendrix called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Gressette nominated current Vice Chairman, Dr. J.J. Britton. His nomination was seconded by Ms. McAbee. There were no other nominations. Dr. Britton

was elected Vice Chairman by acclamation. Dr. Britton thanked the Board and pledged his continuing efforts on behalf of them and the University.

Item 5. Report of the Executive Secretary

Statement: Executive Secretary, Gene Troutman, presented a brief report concerning the upcoming February 2006 Board meeting.

Action: Mr. Troutman presented five candidates for receipt of an honorary degree from the University. The candidates were: Phyllis S. Buchanan; Rudolph Ernest Mancke III; Richard Allen McMahan; Vernon L. Smith; and Roger E. Stevenson. Brief biographies of each candidate are at Attachment A. Mr. Gressette moved that all five candidates be awarded an honorary degree. Mr. Peeler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 6. Executive and Audit Committee Report

Statement: Mr. Hendrix, Chair of the Executive and Audit Committee, stated that there were no action or information items to report.

Item 7. Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Report

Statement: Mr. McTeer, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, stated that there were no action or information items to report.

Item 8. Educational Policy Committee Report

Statement: Mr. McCraw, Chair of the Educational Policy Committee, reported that the Committee had heard recommendations on four action items.

Action: Closure of Degree Program. The EPC Committee recommended that the Master of Engineering Program in Civil Engineering be closed due to low enrollment and other graduate options being available to students in this program.

Action: New Degree Programs. The EPC Committee recommended that a new PhD in Nursing for Genetics and Health Disparities be established. There is a \$1.6 million dollar grant from the Duke Endowment to help support this program and it will address a critical need in nursing education. There is currently no similar degree program offered by any S.C. university.

The Committee also recommended that a new BS in Soils, Plants and Environmental Science be established. This new degree recognizes the changing dynamic of agriculture and offers interdisciplinary education across the three major components of agriculture: soil, plants and environment.

Action: New Centers and Institutes. The EPC Committee recommended the creation of two new centers and one new institute. The Animal Co-Products Research and Education Center (ACREC) will conduct research into issues associated with the disposal of animal wastes and by-products. The new Center will be significantly funded by a private, international industry group (the Fats and Protein Research Foundation).

The Committee recommended the creation of the Clemson Computational Center for Mobility Systems. This Center will study systems related to transportation industries, such as automobile and air. The Center would concentrate on the development of computer, “virtual” models of transportation systems in order to predict outcomes. The Center would be funded 100% from extramural sources. Eventually, this Center will be physically located at the CU-ICAR campus in Greenville.

Committee also recommended the establishment of the Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism. This Institute will be scholarly-oriented and focused on working with graduate and undergraduate students in promoting the meaning and benefits of capitalism. The moral aspects of capitalism would be stressed. Funding of approximately \$1.4 million over seven years has been pledged by BB&T.

Action: Closure of Centers. The EPC recommended the closure of two centers. The Center for Advanced Manufacturing was proposed for closure due to lack of external financial support. As part of Clemson’s on-going, five-year review cycle for all centers and institutes, the data indicated that faculty associated with this Center had failed to generate a level of research activity and extramural support necessary to justify the Center’s continued existence.

The Center for Silicon Nanoelectronics was also recommended for closure due to lack of external financial support. The five-year review indicated a lack of faculty activity sufficient to justify the Center’s continued operation.

Mr. McCraw moved that the Board approve the recommendations of the EPC Committee on all of the Action Items reported. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lynn and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Item 9. Finance and Facilities Committee Report

Statement: Bill Smith, Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, reported that the Committee had heard recommendations on eight action items.

The Committee recommended approval of the purchase of approximately 6 acres of property at CU-ICAR for construction of a parking structure, plaza area and storm water management; and the purchase of approximately 18 acres of land at CU-ICAR for the future Technology Neighborhood 3 for storm-water drainage and detention.

The Committee recommended approval of Mr. Steve Crump to replace Mr. John Newton as Secretary/Treasurer of the Clemson Research Facilities Corporation, effective July 1, 2005. Mr. Newton is retiring from Clemson University.

The Committee recommended approval of a renewal of the current lease of the Center for Applied Technology in Pendleton, S.C. by addition of 590 sq. ft. of space with a total dollar increase of \$6,643.40. Additionally, approval of a two-year renewal of the lease, effective 2/28/06 was requested with a new rental rate of \$10.20 per sq. ft. (an increase of \$1.84 per sq. ft.) plus a fixed rate operating cost of \$1.90 per sq. ft. Total rent and operating cost will be \$143,300.30 per year.

The Committee recommended approval to award a contract to Clayton Construction Company of Spartanburg, S.C., for construction of improvements to the Women's Rowing Facility. The amount of the contract is \$1,548,000.00 and Clayton was the lowest responsive bidder.

The Committee recommended approval to award a contract to Lloyd Roofing Company of Greenwood, S.C. to re-roof the Entox building. The amount of the contract is \$346,650.00 and Lloyd was the lowest responsive bidder.

The Committee recommended approval to award a contract to J.A. Piper Co. of Greenville, S.C. to re-roof Jervey. The amount of the contract is \$288,654.00 and Piper was the lowest responsive bidder.

The Committee recommended approval of an increase in the authority delegated to the University to approve construction contracts to the amount of \$500,000 and change orders in the amount of up to 10% of a project exceeding \$2,500,000. Current Board policy delegates authority up to \$250,000 for contracts and \$1,250,000 for change orders. The proposed authority would be consistent with the recent increases in authority to the University by the S.C. State Engineer. The current limits were implemented in 1990 and have not been increased since then.

The Committee recommended approval of a campus recreation fee of \$35 per student per semester. It was noted that the student body is in favor of the proposed fee and it had been endorsed by the Student Affairs Committee. The proposed fee would eliminate current user/participation fees for student recreation activities.

Mr. Smith moved that all of the recommendations included in the Action Item report be approved by the Board. Mr. Amick seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Information Item. Mr. Richard Cowan, President of the Classified Staff Senate, presented the Classified Staff Senate Report, (see Attachment C).

Item 10. Institutional Advancement Committee Report

Statement: Ms. McAbee, Chair of the Institutional Advancement Committee, stated that there were no action items to report. She then introduced Mr. Neill Cameron, Vice President for Development, who gave a presentation to the Board on cost, affordability and value at Clemson University.

Item 11. Research Committee Report

Mr. Amick, Vice Chair of the Research Committee, stated that there were no action items to report. He then introduced Dr. Chris Przirembel, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, who presented a brief report on current funding and status of research at Clemson University.

Item 12. Student Affairs Committee Report

Statement: Dr. Britton, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, stated that there were no action items to report. He then introduced Ms. Katy Bayless, President of the Undergraduate Student Body, who gave an update on undergraduate student government (see Attachment D). Mr. Michael Mikota, President of the Graduate Student Government Body, then gave an update on the graduate school, (see Attachment E).

Item 13. President's Report

Statement: President Barker gave a brief presentation on "Life in the Top 20" that discussed how Clemson may change as we become a Top 20 public university. He reminded the Board of the commitment of Clemson students, faculty and staff to service as evidenced by over 1000 students participating in the construction of a playground in memory of a local youth who died tragically. President Barker reviewed the latest installment of his report card and noted our progress and areas where improvement can still be made. He noted that contrary to popular belief, Clemson has found that diversity and quality are not mutually-exclusive and in fact our increasing quality has resulted in an increase in diversity, especially among African-American students enrolling at the University. We have a goal of 1000 Clemson students participating in a foreign study experience in 2006/2007. Alumni giving is at 26%, the fifth highest in the nation for a public university. Next year's goal is 27%. Finally, we hope to know in April 2006 if our quest to receive a Phi Beta Kappa chapter will continue to be considered.

Item 14. Executive Session

Statement: Mr. Smith moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. The motion was seconded by Dr. Britton. No action was taken while in Executive Session.

Item 15. Adjourn

Statement: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Chalmers Eugene Troutman III
Executive Secretary to the
Board of Trustees