Clemson University
Classified Staff Commission
Minutes
Tuesday, October 12, 1994

Absent: Barnes, Callahan, Fulgham, Harbin, Herrin, Jameson, Johnson, Jones D., Jones B., Kleister, Littleton, Lyda, Massey, Matheson, McCaskill, Morgan, Pawlowski, Reed, Robbins, Simmons, Spangenberg, Stantz, Thompson, Yates.

Robbie Nicholson, Vice President, introduced the guest speaker, Joy Smith, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs. Mrs. Smith gave a slide presentation of the new Student Center. The idea for the center was conceived twelve years ago. Clemson University was committed to growth and added housing to East Campus and needed an additional facility for student activities. There are approximately 7000 beds on campus and 10,000 commuter students; therefore, a center was needed to feed and house those students during the day. The Library has been used as a social hall or meeting place for many years - it is hoped that the new center will draw the noisy atmosphere away from the library.

This facility is not planned to duplicate the Union. The Bookstore will move to the new center as well as the group rooms at Fike. Two major donors plus a raise in student fees will pay for the project. This is the first time to raise money for a non-academic student service. The new center will consist of: satellite post office, Two story Bookstore, Convenience Store, Loggia (area for meeting people), Information Desk, Telecommunications Office, 3 offices for the Union staff, and a games & recreation center. The second floor will house a Commuter student lounge, canteen, 2nd floor of the Bookstore, Copy Center & Laundry (within the Bookstore), and a Microcomputer Center. The third floor will consist of Student Media offices and sorority chapter rooms. The fourth floor will house the Career Center and additional sorority chapter rooms. Parking has been built into the plan for the center and spaces are available for the disabled.

Cuts were made from the original plan due to costs; however, there are future plans to add to this center.
Questions from the floor:
1). Edwards parking has changed? Yes employee spaces were moved to the new parking area.
2). Changes in Redfern parking? No
3). Are the merchants clamoring over the new center? There is some concern about the new Bookstore, but this facility will take the place of the old Bookstore.
4). What about contracting services out? It is a possibility and is being reviewed. Of course, Food Services has been contracted to ARA for years.
5). You mentioned bonds as payment? How does that work? You apply for bonds and then repay the state.
6). When will the project begin? Late fall, some site preparation will begin to connect things underground. Early 1995, the real site work will begin. Existing roads will remain until the new ones are ready. The real construction will begin in the end of 1995 and completed early 1998.
7). Groundbreaking? ceremony will take place November 18 with bands, displays, a signature table, commemorative items, and a spot with earth to break ground with plastic shovels. The ceremony has been planned by the students. Later in the day, a full ceremony with all the pomp and circumstance will take place.

From the Vice President Robbie Nicholson:
There are no minutes to approve from the September meeting. Robbie attended the President’s Cabinet meeting. Representative Claude Marchbanks attended as a guest and assured the Cabinet that he has the interests of Clemson University at heart and wants to represent Clemson. There is a surplus in funding that he hopes CU will receive their share. At the meeting Phil Howard presented information on the Parent’s Council. Joy Gogue announced there is a company looking at the upstate and may re-locate here. Scott Turner, Student Body President, gave a presentation with hand outs on state funding, inflation rates, and number of students.

Committee Reports:
Policy/Welfare - Stephanie Pawlowski absent; Natalie Garrison reported that the committee is discussing the Child Development Center. Also the group is waiting to hear from SCSEA regarding questions about merit raises.

Communications - JoAnne Abernathy reported that the Benefits Fair is coming up and volunteers are needed to work the booth. She routed a sign up sheet. The newsletters are ready to be picked up by representatives and extra room was provided for the mailing labels. Two sketches of sample logos for the CSC banner were left on the sign in table. Please vote on your favorite. The brochure will be completed for the Benefits Fair.
Scholarship - Tony McGuirt announced that photographs of Scholarship recipients are ready for the Benefits Fair. Thank you to Beth Jarrard for her help. A meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

Treasurer's Report - Lynn Reeves reported that new nametags have been received.

Membership - Kaye Hickman reported the committee was discussing how to get representatives and alternates back on the same schedule.

University Committees:
Traffic/Parking - Stephanie Pawlowski absent.
Accident Review Board - Lillian Lappie; no report.
Strategic Planning - Robbie Nicholson reported that a meeting is scheduled for today. One of the task forces will receive comments from the Board of Trustees on the plans for restructuring.
Joint City-University - Michael Moore could not attend last meeting.
Facilities Planning - Natalie Garrison reported that access and accommodations were discussed. Improvements have been made at the Library to improve access to the disabled. Sprague and Sprague is handling the transit system for the City and Clemson University. The Landscape committee is banning parking on the grass at the Alumni Center during football games to preserve the landscape.
Athletic Council - Rock McCaskill absent.
Recreation Advisory - Kaye Hickman reported for Helen Adams. The committee is discussing rate increases.
Telecommunications - Kaye Hickman reported that there is a slight change in the emergency phones on campus. Ten new phones will be added. Another protest was issued in the bid for a cable contract. An appeal was settled and the matter may now be solved.
Business Services - Freddie Harbin absent.
Fine Arts - Diane Jones absent.
UCCAC - Barbara Warmath reported that the committee chair was absent but that the committee began informal discussion of reported discrepancies, by other staff, with merit pay increases.
SCSEA - Robbie Nicholson reported that the Clemson Chapter Newsletter has been mailed to all members. Legislative Chairs of SCSEA are meeting today in Columbia to begin preparation of the agenda to be presented in the Legislative sessions beginning in January 1995.
Old Business - Child Care resolution was presented for approval. Discussion followed and one wording change was suggested (last sentence changed to read "And, Further, Be It Resolved, that the Classified Staff Commission strongly recommends that Clemson University use positive steps to achieve such a facility"). A motion was made and passed to accept the wording change. A motion was made and passed unanimously to accept the revised resolution.

New Business - none.

Other Business - Beth Jarrard of Inside Clemson announced that the latest issue was not printed or released due to illness. An issue will be mailed this week.

Recorded by Teri Alexander.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, November 15, 1994 - 10:00 am - Student Senate Chambers.
Whereas, Clemson University employs 7868 people, many of whom are in their child-bearing years or have children;

Whereas, adequate child care is a primary concern for all employees with children;

Whereas, Clemson University as an academic institution with a well-respected College of Education could benefit the University and its employees with an on-site child care facility;

Whereas, other academic institutions of higher education in South Carolina have child care facilities on-campus;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Classified Staff Commission strongly supports the concept of an on-campus child care facility for Clemson University employees;

And Further, Be It Resolved, that the Classified Staff Commission strongly recommends that Clemson University use positive steps to achieve such a facility.