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CLEMSON UNIVERSITY  
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES  
of the meeting of  
THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tiger Den of Memorial Stadium

Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Friday, September 18, 1987

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 2:15 p.m. with the following present: Louis P. Batson, Chairman, presiding; Bill L. Amick, James E. Bostic, Jr., Fletcher C. Derrick, Jr., W. G. DesChamps, Jr., William N. Geiger, Jr., Paul W. McAlister, Thomas B. McTeer, Jr., James C. Self, B. Marion Smith, James M. Waddell, Jr., and Hugh J. Clausen, Secretary

Trustees Absent: Buck Mickel

Trustees Emeriti present: D. Leslie Tindal and Paul Quattlebaum

Members of the Administration present: President Max Lennon, Ben Anderson, David Larson, Nick Lomax, David Maxwell, Gary Ransdell and Milt Wise

Others Present: President Emeritus Walter Cox, Horace Fleming, Jerry Reel, Connie Floyd, Sandra Parker, Ab Snell, Stassen Thompson, Bud Webb, Mark Wright, Bob Waller, and Esther Ferguson, Joe Mullins, Warren Owen, Billy Rogers

Members of the Press present: Cathy Sams, Clemson University News Services; Ron Barnett, State Newspaper and Oconee Leader; Yao Siedu, Anderson Independent; Randall Holcombe, Greenville News; Jennifer Brown and Jim Hennessey, the Tiger; Steven Stock and Charlie Lydle, WYFF Television.

1. Dr. Lennon introduced Mrs. Esther Ferguson who is the Founder and Co-Chair of the National Dropout Prevention Fund in New York City. Mrs. Ferguson was in the forefront of establishing the National Dropout Prevention Center at Clemson University. She is a native of Hartsville, South Carolina and a graduate of the University of South Carolina.

Mrs. Ferguson gave a brief overview of the importance of the National Dropout Prevention Fund and how it relates to Clemson University and South Carolina.

2. The minutes of the July 11, 1987 meeting were approved.

3. The Chairman informed the group that Mr. McTeer had been nominated as Vice Chairman of the Board and that nominations would be allowed from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor and Mr. McTeer was re-elected by acclamation.

4. Scheduling the date of the next Board meeting was deferred until a later time in order that the proposal of Dr. Fletcher Derrick to hold a meeting in Charleston, SC could be researched more thoroughly.

5. Secretary Clausen presented the audit report.

6. The Secretary presented a Resolution in Appreciation of Mr. Robert R. Coker. The resolution was adopted by acclamation and Mr. Coker was given a standing ovation by all present.

7. Mr. McTeer recognized Mr. David Larson to present the two action items for the Budget and Finance Committee. Mr. Larson presented the Permanent Improvement Plans Program which was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The second action item related to irrigation wells at the Pee Dee Research and Education Center. After discussion, the low bid by Grosch Irrigation Company, Inc. was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Larson presented the Clemson University Research and Sponsored Program Activity item for information.

8. Mr. Amick presented the Education Policy Committee report. The only action item was the proposed Philosophy and Religion Department in the College of Liberal Arts. Dean Waller gave background information and cost projections. The proposal was adopted by a unanimous vote.

9. Mr. McAlister presented the Institutional Advancement Committee report, Dr. Ransdell briefed the group on some policy changes as they related to various source funds.

Mr. Billy Rogers presented some statistics on the Foundation's annual gifts.

At this time, President Lennon announced an endowment gift of \$500,000 by Robert and Lois Coker. The Coker endowment will be matched by the University and will be utilized to fund a Trustees Chair to be

filled by a leading scholar in molecular genetics and related research. This endowment is of major significance to the progress of genetic engineering at Clemson University.

10. Mr. Self presented the Student Affairs Committee Report. Mr. Self recognized Mr. Lomax who updated the group on the enrollment increases. Chairman Batson requested that the minutes reflect the Board's full support for Mr. Lomax and his staff and accolades for their efforts.

11. Chairman Batson recognized Dr. Jerry Reel who presented the Centennial Coat of Arms and Flag to the Board. The Board expressed extreme pleasure with these two projects and commended Mr. Connie Floyd and Mrs. Sandra Parker for their hard work. A motion was made and seconded that the Coat of Arms and Flag be adopted. The vote was unanimous.

12. The Secretary presented four mail ballot actions for approval by the Board: 1) Duke Power Easement Request in the Fants Grove area; 2) Right-of-way Easement for Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative; 3) Easement for Duke Power - State Road S4-279; and 4) the Election of Mr. Lawrence M. Gressette, Jr. to the Board of Directors of the Clemson University Research Foundation.

The vote to ratify all mail ballot actions was unanimous.

13. Dr. Joe Mullins gave the Faculty Senate report.


Chairman Batson commended the faculty for their efforts and continued cooperation with the Administration.

14. Mr. Warren Owen did not give an alumni report; however, he did thank the Board for their support and cooperation.

15. At 3:25 p.m. Dr. Bostic moved to go into executive session for a briefing on contractual sale of various land tracts. This motion was seconded and Chairman Batson informed the media that no decisions would be made during executive session and that as soon as open session was reconvened, the meeting would be adjourned.

16. The meeting was reconvened in open session at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Hugh J. Gausen  
Secretary of the Board  
of Trustees