

Clemson University  
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES

of the meeting of  
THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Held in the Board Room, Sikes Hall

January 13, 1979

The Board convened at 1:30 p.m. with the following members present: D. Leslie Tindal, Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee, presiding; Robert R. Coker, T. Kenneth Cribb, W. G. DesChamps, Jr., William N. Geiger, Jr., Lewis F. Holmes, Buck Mickel and Paul Quattlebaum, Jr.

Others present were: Robert C. Edwards, Ben W. Anderson, Melvin E. Barnette, J. Ross Cornwell, Jr., Walter T. Cox, Victor Hurst, Stanley G. Nicholas, Michael M. Ozburn, William F. Steirer, Jr., E. N. Tyndall, Wilson C. Wearn and Joseph B. McDevitt, Secretary.

The presiding officer welcomed Mr. Wilson C. Wearn attending the meeting as an observer in his capacity as President of Clemson University Foundation.

Item 1. Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 1978 and the special meetings of November 11, 1978 and December 29, 1978, heretofore submitted by mail to all members of the Board of Trustees, were approved as submitted.

Item 2. Disposition of Prefabricated Housing

Statement: Ninety-eight (98) units of prefabricated housing remain on campus after being utilized for more than thirty (30) years. Only essential maintenance has been performed for the past ten (10) years. At one time, the units were on the outer perimeter of the main campus, but the expansion of campus facilities in recent years has resulted in many of these units being situated in the midst of academic and athletic areas. Their appearance is

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highly unattractive. Their utility is rapidly decreasing. The coming availability of the new housing facility on East Campus will afford a timely opportunity to phase out the prefabricated housing units.

Recommendation of the Student Affairs Committee: That the Administration adopt a schedule which will permit the removal from campus of the prefabricated housing units when the new East Campus housing facility is occupied.

Board Action: Approved.

### Item 3. Tiger Brotherhood Plan for a Park

Statement: Tiger Brotherhood has proposed that the tracts of land bordering on both sides of State Highway 93 from Sikes Hall to U. S. Highway 76 be set aside for development as a carefully-planned park and entrance to the main campus of the University. Tiger Brotherhood proposes that ground be broken on Honors and Awards Day, 1979, and that the park be dedicated as a 50th Anniversary gift of Tiger Brotherhood on the 100th Anniversary of the University. This would provide an eleven (11) year time frame in which to develop the park.

Joint Recommendation of the Budget & Finance and Development Committees: That the proposal of Tiger Brotherhood be approved.

Board Action: The proposal is approved subject to the development of the park being in consonance with the campus master plan.

### Item 4. Increase in Health Service Fee

Statement: Under state law, fees applicable to Student Health Services must be sufficient to cover fully the cost of providing such services. It has been determined through the years that the most efficient and acceptable method of financing has been through a required health service fee for all full-time students and all students residing in the University residence halls. The health fee has included professional services, x-rays, laboratory work, medication, and living expenses when confined to the infirmary. This system of pre-payment for medical services has proven to be the most acceptable system when consideration was given to other means of financing -- such as charges for medication, other special services, and room and board for the infirmary.

With a fixed enrollment, growth in revenue has been insignificant and has not met the inflated costs of services required for the University. In addition, the health service has taken on the expense of fringe benefits for all health service personnel.

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It is essential that the University provide comprehensive health care for students since the necessary services are not available in the community.

Recommendation of Budget & Finance Committee: In order to provide for the increased costs of operation of the Student Health Service, the Committee recommends that the Medical Fee semester charges for both full-time South Carolina resident and full-time non-resident students be increased from \$45 per student to \$55 per student, beginning with the fall semester, 1979-80, and that the Administration be authorized and directed to use the new rate as a guide for determining the rates for periods of less than one semester, beginning with the fall semester, 1979-80.

Board Action: Approved.

The next two (2) items of business involved a sale of land and the approval of a major construction contract. A two-thirds (2/3) approval of Board members (9) is required by law for the sale of land; as a matter of Board policy, similar approval is obtained for the letting of construction contracts. Since only eight (8) members were present, the public meeting moved to the office of the President of Clemson University where electronic equipment permitted the telephone conference with Paul W. McAlister joining the other eight members by telephone.

Before leaving the Board Room, Mr. Tindal stated that it would be necessary for the Board to meet in Executive Session after the next two items of business were transacted. A vote of members for Executive Session was favorable. Mr. Tindal explained that the purpose was to discuss a matter of employment and that since no formal action would be taken, the meeting would not reopen publicly after the Executive Session.

Item 5. Sale of Coast Experiment Station Property to A-T-O Properties, Inc.

Statement: In 1973, Clemson sold 23.5 acres of Coast Experiment Station land to the National Water Lift Company. The A-T-O Properties, Inc. of Willoughby, Ohio, is now seeking to purchase that tract from the National Water Lift Company. If successful in doing so, the A-T-O Properties, Inc., desires to purchase ten (10) contiguous acres from the University. The company has tendered a proposed AGREEMENT OF PURCHASE AND SALE which provides for payment at the currently appraised value of four thousand eight-hundred and fifty dollars (\$4,850) per acre.

At its last meeting, the Board offered to deed the Coast Experiment Station lands to the State in return for liquidation of indebtedness of the University to the state for monies advanced to purchase the new Pee Dee Station property. That

offer by the Board was accepted by the State Budget and Control Board on January 4, 1979 prior to receipt by the University of the A-T-O Properties, Inc., proposed AGREEMENT OF PURCHASE AND SALE. On January 11, 1979, University Counsel wrote the State Budget and Control Board asking its advice as to what action the University should take with regard to the proposed AGREEMENT OF PURCHASE AND SALE. It was suggested that the Budget and Control Board authorize the sale. It was also suggested that Clemson be authorized to retain the proceeds of the sale inasmuch as the value of the land which the State will receive, without the ten (10) acres, is greater than the debt to be liquidated.

Recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee: That the Board at this time authorize the taking of all actions requisite to effect the sale of the ten (10) acre tract to the A-T-O Properties, Inc., in the event the transaction materializes, and subject to appropriate authorization by the State Budget and Control Board.

Board Action: Approved.

Item 6. Renovation of SIRRINE HALL

Statement: Bids for the renovation of SIRRINE HALL (Contract B) were opened publicly in Room 300, SIKES HALL, at 2:00 p.m., December 14, 1978. Five (5) companies submitted bids, and the bids covered the Base Bid and five (5) Alternate Bids. The Administration considers it extremely important to make provision at this time for construction in the additional areas covered under Alternative 1 through 5. The total project cost (construction, fees, etc.), including all Alternates 1 through 5, would amount to \$4,100,000.

Recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee: It is recommended (a) that all Alternates be accepted; (b) that the construction contract be awarded to the low bidder, Threatt-Michael Construction Company, Greenville, South Carolina, in the amount of \$3,705,410 (sum of Base Bid and all Alternates); and (c) that the Administration be authorized to assure the State Budget and Control Board that Clemson University has the borrowing potential to issue bonds as appropriate to provide the funding required.

Board Action: Approved.

Item 7. Statutory Roll Call Vote

Resolution: RESOLVED, that all measures and recommendations made at this, the January 13, 1979 meeting, which according to the By-Laws require a roll call vote of nine or more members, be hereby adopted and confirmed, and that the Vice President for Business and Finance be authorized to issue his checks for all expenditures authorized at this meeting.

Board Action: The resolution was adopted with nine members voting "Aye."

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Item 8. Adjournment

There being no further public business, the meeting of the Board was adjourned.

Item 9. Executive Session

The eight members of the Board of Trustees actually present and the Secretary of the Board returned to the Board Room and met in Executive Session.

Item 10. Adjournment

There being no further business brought before the members of the Executive Committee, the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joseph B. McDevitt  
Secretary  
Board of Trustees