

Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES

of the meeting of
THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Held in the Board Room, Sikes Hall

April 21, 1979

The Board convened at 10:30 a.m. with the following members present: Paul W. McAlister, Chairman, presiding; Louis P. Batson, Jr., Robert R. Coker, T. Kenneth Cribb, W. G. DesChamps, Jr., William N. Geiger, Jr., Lewis F. Holmes, Thomas B. McTeer, Jr., Buck Mickel, Paul Quattlebaum, Jr., James C. Self, D. Leslie Tindal and James M. Waddell, Jr.

Others present were: Robert C. Edwards, Melvin E. Barnette, Walter T. Cox, Victor Hurst, Stanley G. Nicholas, E. N. Tyndall, Horace W. Fleming, Jr., Robert L. Fuzy, Wade A. Green, F. Reeves Gressette, Jr., Melvin C. Long, Michael M. Ozburn, Billy G. Rogers, William F. Steirer, Jr., Robert H. Yeargin, Ben W. Anderson and Joseph B. McDevitt, Secretary.

The Chairman welcomed Louis P. Batson, Jr., as a member of the Board of Trustees, noting that he had been elected by the General Assembly to fill the unexpired term of W. Gordon McCabe, Jr., and also elected for a full four-year term to commence thereafter.

The Chairman gave public recognition to Dr. William F. Steirer, Jr., and Michael M. Ozburn for the outstanding service they rendered as members of the Screening and Selection Committees in the search for a successor to President Robert C. Edwards, and for their service to the University and the Board as immediate past presidents of the Faculty Senate and Student Body. The Chairman welcomed the newly-elected presidents of the Faculty Senate and Student Body, Dr. Horace W. Fleming, Jr., and Robert L. Fuzy.

Item 1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of January 13, 1979, heretofore submitted by mail to all members of the Board of Trustees, were approved as submitted.

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Item 2. Exchange of Land with Mr. Johnnie L. Newton and Mr. N. H. Newton

Statement: The University has for some time been trying to acquire a ten (10) acre tract of land owned by Mr. Johnnie L. Newton and Mr. N. H. Newton located just south of Welcome Church in the northeast portion of the Clemson Forest. The Newtons have agreed to exchange their ten (10) acre tract for an eight (8) acre tract owned by the University located in the Coneross Division in the southwest portion of the Clemson Forest. The ten (10) acre tract has been appraised at \$18,060.00 and the eight (8) acre tract has been appraised at \$22,295.00 causing the University property to have a \$4,235.00 higher appraisal. The Newtons have made an offer of an exchange of lands plus \$2,000.00 compensation to the University. The Newton tract is entirely surrounded by our Forest lands. If the exchange does not occur, the University would eventually have to grant the Newtons a right-of-way. Furthermore, management costs go up with inholdings such as this. The University land in question is land-use land and has the usual federal government public use and mineral rights restrictions on it. This land exchange has been investigated at length by our Forestry Department, and it is their opinion that it is definitely in the best interest of the University to accept this offer. Exchanges similar to this one have occurred many times before. By acquiring the Newton tract, another "gap" in University Forest land would be filled in.

Recommendation: That the Newton offer of an exchange of lands plus \$2,000.00 compensation to the University be accepted and the Administration be authorized to proceed with having the public use and mineral rights restrictions removed from the University land by the federal government.

Board Action: Approved.

Item 3. Town of Pendleton Request for Sewer Line Right-of-Way

Statement: The Town of Pendleton has requested a sewer right-of-way across University property located in the Dogwood Heights Subdivision (near Eighteen Mile Creek) in the Town of Pendleton. The right-of-way would be 30 feet in width and 546 feet in length. Disturbed soil would be reseeded and the University would have unrestricted access on or across the right-of-way. The University would also be allowed to connect such service lines to the said sewage line as necessary in the future with the stipulation that the Town of Pendleton would waive the usual tap-on-fee. The property is under the cognizance of the Forestry Department which interposes no objection.

Recommendation: That the right-of-way requested by the Town of Pendleton be granted upon the terms and conditions as recommended

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by the Land Utilization Committee of the Forestry Department.

Board Action: Approved.

Item 4. Richland County Request for Sewer Easement

Statement: Richland County has requested a sewer easement across University property located on the Sandhill Experiment Station in Pontiac, South Carolina. The easement would be fifteen (15) feet in width and approximately 4,450 feet in length. It will be located 45 feet from the centerline on the west side of Highway 52. The sewer line would serve the Richland County Northeast Industrial Park which is currently under construction on the southside of Highway 1 at the intersection of Highway 52. No manholes will be located on University property. The University would have unrestricted access on or across the easement. The property is under the cognizance of the College of Agricultural Sciences which interposes no objection.

Recommendation: That the easement requested by Richland County be granted.

Board Action: Approved.

Item 5. Student Bookstore Enlargement

Statement: On February 27, 1979, at 2:00 p.m., bids for construction enlargement of the Student Bookstore were opened publicly in Room 300 Sikes Hall.

It was determined that the low Base Bid will result in a total project cost of \$596,777.00, \$109,777.00 more than presently budgeted for the project.

After careful analysis of factors involved, it was recommended (a) that a construction contract be awarded to the low bidder, Vector Corporation of Oconee, South Carolina, in the amount of \$409,777.00 and (b) that the Administration be authorized to allocate \$109,777.00 Bookstore Reserve to provide the additional funds required.

By mail ballot of February 28, 1979, the members of the Board of Trustees (twelve members voting affirmatively and one member not voting) approved the two-fold recommendation of the Administration.

Recommendation : That the mail ballot action by the Board of Trustees, and the award of the construction contract to Vector Corporation, be confirmed and ratified.

Board Action: Confirmed and ratified.

Item 6. Approval of Honorary Degrees

Statement: The Chairman noted that the Executive Committee had received nominations for the awarding of Honorary Degrees to Senator L. Marion Gressette and to President Robert C. Edwards. Inasmuch as Board policy normally calls for the President to serve as Chairman of the Honorary Degrees Committee, the Executive Committee had authorized an exception to normal procedure and designated the Chairman of the Board of Trustees to serve as the Chairman of the Committee in this instance. The Chairman stated that the Honorary Degrees Committee, as thus constituted, had met and made the following recommendation.

Recommendation: That the Board of Trustees approve the awarding on an occasion of special significance the degree of Doctor of Laws to Senator L. Marion Gressette and the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters to President Robert C. Edwards.

Board Action: Approved.

Item 7: Internal Organizational and Operational Study

Statement: The President stated that in many respects he anticipates that the University's future problems will be more difficult to solve than any experienced in the past. He recalled that the Administration and the Trustees had been wisely guided by the recommendations of a major study completed in the 1950's by Cresap, McCormick and Paget. It was his opinion that periodic studies of that type are needed at a major University just as they are in business and industry. He emphasized that the study should not conflict with or duplicate other current studies of higher education which are concerned, in part, with the role of Clemson in state higher education, particularly the master plan for the entire system of higher education in South Carolina which is currently being prepared by the Commission of Higher Education for the Legislature.

Recommendation of the President: That the Trustees have an outside consulting firm conduct a thorough study of the internal organization and operations of the University and make recommendations which will guide the Board and the Administration in the future governance of the institution.

The Chairman appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Buck Mickel, Chairman, Jim Self and Kenneth Cribb to ascertain and recommend to the full Board the identity of two (2) or more professional firms deemed qualified to conduct the study. The Committee is also to explore and define with President Edwards and President-elect Atchley and recommend to the Board the precise guidelines which will govern the study and which will ensure that it is clearly understood by the consulting firm to be a study of the internal organization and operation of the University.

Board Action: Approved.

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Item 8. Statutory Roll Call Vote

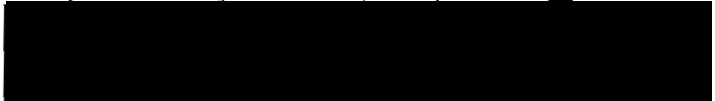
Resolution: RESOLVED, that all measures and recommendations made at this, the April 21, 1979 meeting, which according to the By-Laws require a roll call vote of nine or more members, be hereby adopted and confirmed, and that the Vice President for Business and Finance be authorized to issue his checks for all expenditures authorized at this meeting.

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

Item 9. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph B. McDevitt
Secretary of the Board of Trustees