

Clemson University  
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES

of the meeting of

THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Held in the Board Room, Sikes Hall

September 7, 1979

The Board convened at 2:30 p.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., Paul Quattlebaum, Jr., James C. Self, D. Leslie Tindal and Joseph B. McDevitt, Secretary.

President's Cabinet present: Bill L. Atchley, Ben W. Anderson, Melvin E. Barnette, Walter T. Cox, Victor Hurst, Stanley G. Nicholas and E. N. Tyndall.

Official Observers present: John L. Allen, Horace W. Fleming, Jr., Robert L. Fuzy, F. Reeves Gressette, Billy G. Rogers and Wilson C. Wearn.

Item 1. Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 1979, heretofore submitted by mail to all members of the Board of Trustees, were approved as submitted.

Item 2. University Budget for Fiscal Year 1979-1980

Statement: In its meeting of June 19, 1976, the Board adopted policies, rules, regulations, and delegations of authority to the Administration which state, in part:

"Budgets for each year shall be prepared and submitted to the Board of Trustees as soon as practicable after passage of the General Appropriations Bill of the State. When the Board of Trustees finds that it is impracticable,

due to the date on which an appropriations bill is passed or for other reasons, to review and adopt a new annual budget prior to the beginning of a new fiscal year, the Administration is authorized and directed to utilize appropriations and other funds available in continuing into a new fiscal year the general level of operations prevailing at the end of the previous fiscal year pending approval of a new annual budget by the Board of Trustees. In carrying out the interim operations, the Administration shall implement to the extent practicable any known changes in budget items adopted previously by the Board of Trustees, provided by legislation, or directed by the State Budget and Control Board."

The Fiscal Year 1979-80 General Appropriations Bill of the State was passed on July 30, 1979, after the fiscal year had begun, with the result that it has been necessary for the Administration to function within the above guideline.

Recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee: (1) That the proposed 1979-80 budget submitted by the Administration be approved subject to adjustments which might be made by the State Budget and Control Board relating to salaries and other budget items in accordance with applicable legislation and with the following delegations of authority to the Administration contained on page 56 of the proposed budget:

"In approving this budget, the Board of Trustees recognizes that the amounts shown as income are estimates and subject to changes, and that the amounts shown for expenditures are a reflection of plans and workload estimates as of the time the proposed budget was prepared. It further recognizes that each day may bring new challenges and developments requiring adjustments in plans, programs, estimates, and budget items. In order to provide for continuity and essential flexibility in operations, the Board of Trustees reaffirms for Fiscal Year 1979-80 the delegation of necessary authority to the President to act in all matters, and to the Vice President for Business and Finance to act in fiscal, contractual and other business matters, including specifically authority to negotiate and make timely changes in contracts and adjust operating, permanent improvement and other income and expenditure items, and to take such other actions considered necessary in fiscal, contractual and other business matters in response to changing conditions and estimates. The Chairman of the Board, the Budget and Finance Committee, the Executive

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Committee or the full Board are to be consulted for further specific directions and approval as conditions appear to warrant."

(2) That budget income and expenditure adjustments deemed essential and already made by the Administration for 1979-80 be confirmed and ratified.

Board Action: Confirmed and ratified.

### Item 3. Construction of Soil-Plant Analysis Laboratory

Statement: On August 28, 1979, at 2:00 p.m., bids for construction of the Soil-Plant Analysis Laboratory were opened publicly in the Board Room, Sikes Hall. Four (4) bids were received in amounts ranging from \$319,897.00 to \$350,898.00. These bids have been carefully analyzed by a representative of the State Engineer's Office and selected members of the University staff.

Recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee: That the Board of Trustees approve the awarding of a contract for the construction of the Soil-Plant Analysis Laboratory to the low bidder E. L. Jones & Son, Inc., of Anderson, South Carolina, in the amount of \$319,897.00.

Board Action: Approved.

### Item 4. Acquisition of Private Property Adjacent to Campus

Recommendation of the Development Committee: That the Board of Trustees adopt the policy that Clemson University will develop plans to investigate the possible exchange of University-owned property for any or all private properties that are adjacent to the main campus and become available for sale.

Board Action: Approved.

### Item 5. Presidential Inauguration

Statement: The Board of Trustees has heretofore determined Friday, April 18, 1980, as the date for a ceremony inaugurating Bill L. Atchley as the ninth president of Clemson University. It is appropriate that a special committee be appointed by the Chairman of the Board to plan and execute the ceremony, as well as other activities which will be held in conjunction therewith. Article III. of the By-Laws of the Board of Trustees provides that the Board may, by Resolution, create special committees with such functions, power and authority as it may determine.

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Recommendation by the Executive Committee: That by adoption of this recommendation, the Board hereby resolves that the Chairman is authorized to determine the number of and appoint members of the Presidential Inauguration Committee and appoint its chairman.

Board Action: Approved.

Item 6. Statutory Roll Call Vote


Resolution: RESOLVED, that all measures and recommendations at this, the September 7, 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 twelve members voting "Aye."

Item 7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph B. McDevitt  
Secretary  
Board of Trustees