

Columbia, South Carolina

MINUTES

of the special meeting of

THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Held in the Banker's Trust Building

March 23, 1978

The Board convened in a special called meeting at 1:15 p.m. with the following members present: Paul W. McAlister, Chairman, presiding; Robert R. Coker, T. Kenneth Cribb, W. G. DesChamps, Jr., William N. Geiger, Jr., Lewis F. Holmes, Paul Quattlebaum, Jr., James C. Self and D. Leslie Tindal.

Others present were: The Honorable Grady L. Patterson, Jr., State Treasurer, Robert C. Edwards, Melvin E. Barnette, Wade A. Green and Joseph B. McDevitt, Secretary.

Item 1. Stadium Improvement Bonds, Series of 1978 -- Request  
for Issuance

Statement: The issuance of Stadium Improvement Bonds is required to defray costs of improvements to Memorial Stadium in the amount of four million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$4,250,000.00).

Recommendation: That the Board of Trustees adopt the Resolution set forth in EXHIBIT A. of the Minutes of this meeting which makes formal application to the State Budget and Control Board of South Carolina for approval and issuance of four million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$4,250,000) Stadium Improvement Bonds, Series of 1978, pursuant to the authorizations of Act No. 1277 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1970, page 2711, as amended, and pursuant to the basic Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on January 14, 1978.

Board Action: Adopted.

Item 2. Plant Improvement Bonds, Series of 1978 -- Request  
for Issuance

Statement: The issuance of Plant Improvement Bonds, Series of 1978, is required to defray costs of approved permanent improvements in

the amount of two million, four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000).

Recommendation: That the Board of Trustees adopt the Resolution set forth in EXHIBIT B. of the Minutes of this meeting which makes formal application to the State Budget and Control Board of South Carolina for the issuance of two million, four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000) Plant Improvement Bonds, Series of 1978, pursuant to the authorizations of Act No. 1278 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1970, page 2718, as amended, and pursuant to the basic Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on January 14, 1978.

Board Action: Adopted.

Item 3. Policy Concerning University of South Carolina Affiliation with Atlantic Coast Conference

Statement: Media reports of impending entry of Georgia Tech into the Atlantic Coast Conference have resulted in speculation that such an occurrence would jeopardize the possibility of reentry of the University of South Carolina into the Conference. Questions have also been raised as to whether Clemson University has abandoned its previously announced policy of sponsorship and support for USC's reentry.

Board Action: The President was requested to make a public reaffirmation of the policy adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on June 16, 1976.

(NOTE: Pursuant to the Board's request, the President subsequently released the following public statement on March 28, 1978:)

"CLEMSON, S.C. -- President Robert C. Edwards said Tuesday that Clemson University's policy adopted in 1976 affirming Clemson's willingness to sponsor and support the University of South Carolina if it applies for readmission to the Atlantic Coast Conference 'remains firm and hasn't changed.'

"The policy was established in response to and official request from USC inquiring whether Clemson would sponsor the reentry of USC into the conference under the terms and other provisions contained in a document from ACC Commissioner Robert C. James.

"That was our position in 1976 and that commitment has not changed to this day,' Edwards said.

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"Edwards reaffirmed that policy Tuesday in response to current widespread speculation by the news media and the public about Clemson's position concerning possible expansion of the seven-member conference.

"Concerning reports of Georgia Tech's possible entry into the ACC, Edwards said Clemson has had no official contact with regard to Tech's plans.

"'We have great respect for that excellent institution,' he said, 'and if Georgia Tech were to become a member I am sure it would make a fine contribution to the conference.'"

Item 4. Statutory Roll Call Vote

Resolution: RESOLVED, that all measures and recommendations made at this, the March 23, 1978 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 present voting "Aye."

Item 5. 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