

**CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
STAFF SENATE**

March 13, 2007, 10:00 AM
Student Senate Chambers

Minutes

Present: Maranda Arnold, Lynn Boiter, Gail Bryson, Deanna Burns, Deborah Cantrell, Richard Cowan, David Crockett, Wade Culler, Glenda Dickson, Carrie DuPre, Mike Edwards, Negar Edwards, Ellen Gideon, Sally Glenn, Rosa Grayden, Reggie Hawthorne, Linda Kanaley, Marty King, Al Littlejohn, Julia McBride, Jenny Peay, Ida Pinson, Susan Pope, Dan Schmiedt, Bill Shivar, Marlene Ventura

Absent: Lydia Arneson, Teresa Blanding, Kristina Cathcart, Rose Ellen Davis-Gross, Barbara Emkin, Evelyn Gantt, Dianne Harris, Bill Hughes, Billie Jones, Naomi Kelly, Carolyn McGaha, Cindy Owens, Steve Shiflet, Wanda Smith

Guests: Phil Landreth, Tom Ward

President Lynn Boiter called the meeting to order.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Jenny Peay moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2007 Classified Staff Senate meeting as submitted. Ellen Gideon seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.
2. **Open Commentary:** Carrie DuPre from the Office of Web Services distributed mouse pads to the group as a follow up to February's presentation. The pad features a head of a tiger with Clemson University's web address. Carrie's contact information is included for comments/suggestions on Clemson's web site.
3. **Announcements from the President**
 - A. **Academic Council**, Dan Schmiedt. The next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2007.
 - B. **Administrative Council**, Lawrence Nichols. No report.
 - C. **Board of Trustees**, Lynn Boiter. The Board will meet in Clemson in April.
 - D. **Governmental Affairs**, Dan Schmiedt. Two bills highlighted in the latest Legislative Update are of particular interest. 1) S.451 received a favorable recommendation from the House Ways and Means Committee. This bill was requested by USC and Clemson. It will increase the level of athletic revenue bond authorization to \$200 million. It will go to the full Ways and Means Committee for consideration. 2) S.291 is a loan forgiveness bill. It provides additional monies to certain LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipients. The amounts are \$2500 and \$3000 respectively. The loan will be repaid in full by working in South Carolina for five years after graduation. Some majors included in S.291 are science, math, computer science, information technology, and teacher education.
 - E. **President's Cabinet**, Lynn Boiter. Chip Boyles from the City of Clemson gave a presentation on upcoming property development. Starbucks is locating on the corner of College Avenue and Highway 123. A hotel and retail space will replace Ole Norm's and the White Elephant located off of Highway 93. Victoria Square is being rebuilt. The new design will have the same footprint as the prior buildings. Several other projects were discussed. One included a new development on Chapman Hill Road and another will revive the old Holiday Inn space located on Lake Hartwell.
 - F. **Other:**
 - 1) **Human Resources**, Lawrence Nichols. No report.
4. **Treasurer's Report**, Cindy Owens. No report.
5. **Committee Reports**

A. Standing Committees

- 1) **Activities**, Julia McBride. The Awards Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2007, Outdoor Laboratory, Kresge Hall. Dori Helms has agreed to speak on behalf of President Barker. Joel Brawley from the Math Sciences Department will provide the entertainment.
- 2) **Communications**, David Crockett. The Staff Senate's web site has a new masthead. Most of the words or references to the word classified have been removed from the site. The monthly communications to area constituents have decreased. This may be a direct relation to waning participation at the monthly Senate meetings.
- 3) **Membership**, Karon Donald for Deborah Cantrell. Area notifications and the nomination process are moving slowly due to problems creating email lists. Alternatives are being reviewed.
- 4) **Policy and Welfare**, Michael Edwards. 1) The insurance concerns and suggestions that were received from staff members are going to be compiled and discussed with a representative from the Budget and Control Board this spring. 2) The Top 20 Survey is nearing completion. The next step is to convert the file and place on the Senate's the web site. 3) The resolution requesting an increase from 4 (four) to 6 (six) credit hours per academic session is in the final stages of completion. It will be presented to the full Senate at the April meeting.
- 5) **Scholarship**, Jenny Peay. The next joint meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2007, 9:30 AM, 801 University Union. Money was collected for the Senate's hole sponsorship at the golf tournament.

B. University Committees

- 1) **Athletic Council**, Ron Addis. The Clemson University Athletic Council met on Feb. 21, and the entire meeting was devoted to events that transpired recently with respect to admission processes for athletes. Faculty Athletic Representative Larry LaForge, Provost Dori Helms, and Athletic Director Terry Don Phillips presented reports which were then followed by a question and answer session. LaForge noted that the Athletic Admissions Review Committee came into being as a result of an NCAA review of the Clemson admissions policy for athletes earlier this decade. For more on these issues and other aspects of Clemson Athletics and the Athletic Council, see the minutes of the meetings at http://www.clemson.edu/provost/athletic_council.
- 2) **Clemson University Environmental**, Chris Sober. The CUEC met Thursday, February 15, 2007. Bob Wells gave a presentation on energy conservation. Improvements in energy efficiency are measured in cost savings. As costs and consumption increase, alternative energy sources become more profitable. The Riparian Corridor Plan and Storm Water Policy have been approved by Administrative Council and will be considered in all new construction. Gary Gaulin introduced "Greening Ivory Towers", a book concerned with energy conservation for universities. A motion was passed to endorse "Solid Green" activities such as conservation, litter reduction and recycling as an environmental movement on campus. "Focus The Nation", a global warming effort, has been endorsed by the administration following a meeting with Dean Rafert. A steering committee has been created to coordinate activities in preparation for an event planned for October 5. The event, held at Littlejohn, will include a keynote speaker, environmental displays, and a concert. A committee was formed to consider a proposal forwarded to the committee by President Barker from Dr. Terry Walker to make Clemson University fossil energy independent and completely green by 2020. The proposal included ideas such as platinum LEEDS status for buildings, solar water heaters, biodiesel for buses and compact fluorescent light bulbs for campus buildings. For more information on these topics, please go to the website at: <http://www.clemson.edu/cuec/>.
- 3) **Joint City/University**, Karon Donald. The JCUC met on March 5. 1) Todd Steadman, Associate Director SC Botanical Garden discussed upcoming events and gave an update on ongoing projects. 2) The Joint City/University Legislative Breakfast was held on February 16.

President Barker and Mayor Abernathy addressed delegates from Clemson University, City of Clemson, Pickens County and the State of South Carolina. 3) Rick Cotton asked for all comments on the proposed “no-smoking in public buildings ordinance” be submitted for consideration as soon as possible. The Clemson City Council is moving forward with the issue and would like input from the students and staff of Clemson University. 4) Locations were discussed for the 2007-2008 Joint City-University Committee exchange visit. 5) Pickens County is holding forums to receive input from citizens on their vision for Pickens County over the next 20 (twenty) years. The JCUC will discuss Vision 2025 at the JCUC April meeting

- 4) **Library Advisory**, Wade Culler. The group will meet on March 27, 2007, 2:00 p.m.
 - 5) **Recreation Advisory**, Dexter Hawkins. The committee met on February 28. The meeting was not well attended; therefore, there will be an effort to find a better time to meet. The Women’s Weight Area Life Fitness has designed a layout that would employ circuit training. The committee visited a proposed location for the Women’s Weight Area. Aramark has been contacted about installing vending machines to dispense earphones for TVs on cardio machines among other items. Parking Services has been contacted about changing the parking lot on the side of Fike into one way drive-thru for safety reasons. The committee is also looking into Fike providing a Baby Sitting Service.
 - 6) **Student Conduct Code Review Committee**, Deborah Cantrell and Richard Cowan. Due to intensive restructuring of the Office of Community and Ethical Standards (formerly known as the Office of Student Conduct), this committee has not met this semester.
6. **Unfinished Business**
 7. **New Business**
 - A. Call for Officer Nominations: The nominations received to date are David Crocket, Vice President/President Elect; Glenda Dickson, Secretary; Cindy Owens, Treasurer; Marty King, Parliamentarian.
 - B. The Adhoc Committee on Staff Advancement was created to develop a plan that will encourage staff development and reward education, training, certifications, service, and performance. Committee members are: Lynn Boiter, President of the Staff Senate; Karon Donald, Administrative Support; Bill Hughes, University Facilities; Wendy Howard, President’s Commission on the Status of Women; Beth Kunkel, President of the Faculty Senate; Dr. Melissa Marcus, Human Resources; Robbie Nicholson, President’s Commission on the Status of Women (Alternate); Joyce Peebles, University Libraries; Dan Schmiedt, Vice President of the Staff Senate; Isaac Wallace, President’s Commission on the Status of Black Faculty and Staff; Tom Ward, Staff Ombudsman (Advisory).
 8. **Announcements**
 - A. The American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held on Friday, April 13, 2007, Strom Thurmond Plaza, Clemson University. If you are interested in joining the CU Staff for Life team or making a contribution, please contact Lynn Boiter, Dan Schmiedt, Marty King, Kristina Cathcart or Karon Donald.
 - B. Mark your calendars - The Awards Luncheon is Tuesday, April 10, 2007, 11:30 a.m., Kresge Hall, Outdoor Laboratory. The Senate meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. prior to the luncheon.
 - C. Faculty Staff After Hours is sponsored by the Provost. The next event is Thursday, March 15, 2007, 4:30 PM, Joes Place.
 9. **Adjournment:** Richard Cowan moved to adjourn. Al Littlejohn seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: April 10, 2007, 10:00 AM, Kresge Hall, Outdoor Laboratory