

Clemson University
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CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Executive Board Room
Madren Center
Clemson, South Carolina
April 21, 2017
2:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Notification as required by the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act was given at least twenty-four hours before the meeting by posting the notice and agenda on the bulletin board at the Office of the Board of Trustees, 300B Sikes Hall, Clemson University and on the Clemson University Board of Trustees website. Additionally notice of, and the agenda for, the meeting was sent via email to the distribution list maintained by the Office of Media Relations which includes approximately 80 reporters and editors at the major daily newspapers, television and radio stations in S.C.

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Trustee McKissick, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. with the following present:

Trustees: Smyth McKissick, *Chairman, presiding*; Ronald Lee, Louis Lynn, Patti McAbee, Nicky McCarter, Bob Peeler, Cheri Phyfer (via phone), Mark Richardson, Bill Smith, Joe Swann, Kim Wilkerson, and David Wilkins

Trustees Emeriti: J.J. Britton, Bill Hendrix, Doug Kingsmore, Tom McTeer, and Allen Wood

Administration: James P. Clements, *President*; George Askew, *Vice President for Public Service and Agriculture and Dean, College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences*; Max Allen, *Chief of Staff*; Brett Dalton, *Vice President for Finance and Operations*; Lee Gill, *Chief Diversity Officer*; Chip Hood, *General Counsel*; Almeda Jacks, *Vice President for Student Affairs*; Robert H. Jones, *Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*; Tanju Karanfil, *Vice President for Research*; Mark Land, *Vice President for University Relations*; Angie Leidinger, *Vice President for External Relations and Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees and Director of Governmental Affairs*; Brian O'Rourke, *Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations*; Michelle Piekutowski, *Chief Human Resources Officer*; Dan Radakovich, *Director of Athletics*; and Brian Voss, *Interim Chief Information Officer*

Guests: Maggie Farrell, *Dean of Libraries*; Rick Goodstein, *Dean, College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities*; John Griffin, *Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies*; Bobby McCormick, *Dean, College of Business*; Jason Osborne, *Associate Provost and Dean of the*

Graduate School; George Petersen, Dean, College of Education; Brett Wright, Dean, College of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences; Thompson Mefford, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees; Robin Denny, Media Relations; Amy Lawton-Rauh, Faculty Senate; Deveraux Williams, Staff Senate President; Ellen Granberg, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs; Frances Kennedy, Associate Provost for Academic Finance and Operations; Doug Henry, CCIT; Angela Nixon, University Relations; Kyra Lobbins, President's Leadership Institute; and Sally Mauldin, Office of the Board of Trustees

Media: Georgie Silvarole, *Anderson Independent*

Robin Denny introduced members of the media.

Approval of Minutes — April 21, 2017

Trustee Wilkerson moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Trustee Swann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from Executive Secretary to the Board – Angie Leidinger

Introduction of National Scholars and Fellows – Students who have received honors as national scholars and fellows introduced themselves.

Honorary Degree Nomination – Angie Leidinger presented an honorary degree nominee for approval. Trustee Wilkins moved to approve the nomination. Trustee McAbee seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Woodland Cemetery Special Exception Request – Ms. Leidinger presented a special exception request for approval. Trustee Swann moved to grant the exception. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Congratulatory Resolution – Ms. Leidinger presented a resolution congratulating the South Carolina Lady Gamecocks for their recent basketball national championship. Trustee Wilkins moved to approve the resolution. Trustee McCarter seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Nominating Committee – Chairman McKissick noted it would be time to elect the Chair at the Summer Quarterly meeting.

President's Report

President Clements provided an update on his activities since the last meeting.

President Clements introduced individuals involved in the CSArt Creative Inquiry program. Students Casey Bunda, Cody Miller, Willie Coleman, Rhomy Oehrig, and Wes Gregory spoke about their work, and Valerie Zimany presented as well as the advisor of the program.

Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee Report – Nicky McCarter

Trustee McCarter presented this report. He then asked George Askew to briefly share the information items that he shared with the Committee.

Compensation Committee Report – David Wilkins

Trustee Wilkins summarized the Committee meeting.

Educational Policy Committee Report – Kim Wilkerson

Trustee Wilkerson called on Bob Jones to explain requests that require action by the Board. Provost Jones outlined the following requests:

Action Items

New Program – Doctorate in Education – Provost Jones presented information regarding the proposed new program. It is designed to provide certified K-12 practitioners with the opportunity to pursue an applied doctoral degree. The proposed Ed. D. will add 42 credit hours (24 core curriculum courses and a minimum of 18 dissertation hours, which includes a summer on-campus residency program) above the Ed. S. requirements. The Ed. D. focuses on the practice of education, with an emphasis on addressing issues as well as seeking improvements in the field of education. Courses will be delivered in a hybrid model, with a mix of online courses, on-campus, and off-campus courses. This program is supported by a consortium with the Citadel, Coastal Carolina University, and Winthrop University. The use of this consortium will increase opportunities for graduates of these comprehensive universities to further their education while enabling them to continue to remain in classrooms and district leadership offices in South Carolina.

New Program – PhD and MS in Resilient Infrastructure and Environmental Systems Engineering and Science – Provost Jones presented information regarding the proposed new program. It will train students to use data science in conjunction with advanced modeling and simulation techniques to identify and mitigate the vulnerabilities of complex, critical, and interdependent infrastructure systems. The programs will be administered by the Graduate School and will leverage faculty expertise across the entire university, encourage increased interdisciplinary collaboration and research, and enhance Clemson's opportunities to establish strategic partnerships with both industry and U.S. national laboratories. The startup cost for these degrees is underwritten by a \$3 million National Science Foundation Research Traineeship (NRT) award, one of the most prestigious federal awards available.

Program Modification – Master of Education in Literacy from hybrid to online format – Provost Jones presented information regarding this program modification. Most students in this program are full-time working professionals for whom hybrid education can be difficult to manage. This is evidenced by a downward trend in enrollment over the last few years. Modification to an online format will increase enrollment and revenue by making the program more convenient and increasing its geographic reach. Graduates of this program receive an increase in K-12 teacher pay with this master’s degree.

Program Termination – Baccalaureate Certificate Program American Sign Language – Health Care Practitioners – Provost Jones presented information regarding this program termination. Shifts in advanced streaming technology and federal requirements (Americans with Disabilities Act) have reduced the need for health care providers to provide qualified ASL-interpreters. There are currently no students enrolled in this program.

Trustee Wilkerson moved to approve the requests. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Item

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees Report – Thompson Mefford provided an update.

Finance and Facilities Committee Report – Bill Smith

Trustee Smith reviewed information items heard by the Committee.

Action Item

Duke Energy Resolution – Trustee Smith presented the resolution for approval:

Whereas the Duke Energy Combined Heat and Power Project is vital for the energy needs of Clemson University and the surrounding community;

Whereas the facility is an important next step in the university’s plan to reduce lower greenhouse gas emissions, and is consistent with the university’s ongoing efforts to become carbon neutral by 2030;

Whereas the initial site we selected for leasing to Duke Energy, while being optimal for the University, caused concerns for our neighbors in the area as it was immediately adjacent to and partially visible from their homes; and

Whereas while other locations are less optimal for the University, it is important that we consider those location concerns of our neighbors.

Therefore, it is the sense of the Board that the University Administration should review the site selection for the Duke Energy Combined Heat and Power facility and select a new site on University property that is on the West side of Highway 76 and that the selection of a new site occur expeditiously so that the project completion date is not delayed.

Trustee Smith moved to approve the resolution. The motion was approved unanimously.

Institutional Advancement Committee Report – Bill Smith

Trustee Smith summarized information items.

Action Items

Design concept for historical building signage – Trustee Smith moved that the design concept be approved. The motion was approved unanimously.

Comprehensive interpretive plan – Trustee Smith moved that the History Task Force’s comprehensive interpretive plan be approved. The motion was approved unanimously.

Research & Economic Development Committee Report – Joe Swann

Trustee Swann called on Dr. Karanfil to summarize information items heard by the Committee.

Student Affairs Committee Report – Patti McAbee

Trustee McAbee summarized information items.

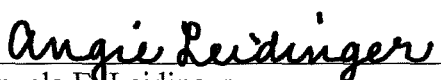
Executive and Audit Committee Report – Smyth McKissick

Trustee McKissick summarized information items.

Adjourn

There no being no further business, Trustee McKissick adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela E. Leidinger

Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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Approved Date