

Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Web/Teleconference
April 23, 2020
8:00 a.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 located on the ground floor public entrance of 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 8:16 a.m. with the following present:

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

Trustees Emeriti: J.J. Britton, Bill Hendrix, and Allen Wood

Administration: James P. Clements, *President*; George Askew, *Vice President for Public Service*; Max Allen, *Vice President and Chief of Staff*; Anthony Wagner, *Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations*; Chip Hood, *General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees*; Chris Miller, *Interim Vice President for Student Affairs*; Robert H. Jones, *Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*; Tanju Karanfil, *Vice President for Research*; Robert Donato, *Chief Strategy Officer*; Angie Leidinger, *Vice President for External Relations*; Dan Radakovich, *Director of Athletics*; Brian O'Rourke, *Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations*; Mark Land, *Vice President for University Relations*; and Lee Gill, *Chief Diversity Officer*

Guests: Doug Henry, *CCIT*; Joe Ryan, *Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees*; Joe Galbraith, *University Relations*; Sue Whorton, *Staff Senate*; Jon Clayton, *CCIT*; Danny Weathers, *Faculty Senate*; John Whitcomb, *Faculty Senate*; Greg Mullen, *Chief, CUPD*; Rick Petillo, *CFO*; Hack Trammell, *CUF*; Cathy Howe, *Director, Internal Audit*; Lynn Cole, *Internal Audit*; Tara Romanello, *University Relations*; Rose Ellen Davis-Gross, *Office of the Board of Trustees*; and Sally Mauldin, *Office of the Board of Trustees*

Media: Zoe Nicholson, *Greenville News*; Riley Morningstar, *Seneca Journal*; Matt Moore, *WYFF*; Jadon Brown, *Fox Carolina*; Stuart Luckadoo, *Fox Carolina*

Sally Mauldin called roll of the Board of Trustees.

Chairman McKissick noted that a quorum of the Board of Trustees was present along with the Administration, faculty leadership, and staff leadership.

Joe Galbraith introduced members of the media.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Winter Quarterly Full Board Minutes
 - b. Winter Quarterly Committee Minutes
 - c. Web/Teleconference Meetings
 - i. March 19, 2020
 - ii. March 31, 2020
 - iii. April 1, 2020
2. Educational Policy Committee
 - a. Approval of a New Institute: Clemson Artificial Intelligence (AI) Research Institute for Science and Engineering (Clemson AIRISE)
 - b. Approval of a New Program: M.S. and Ph.D. in Medical Biophysics
 - c. Approval of Program Modifications
 - i. B.S. in Physics, Biophysics Concentration Closure
 - ii. M.S. of Construction Science and Management Online Delivery
 - iii. Ph.D. in Food Technology Name Change
 - iv. Ph.D. and Ed.D. Online Delivery
 - d. Receive as information the reports for the Committee
3. Institutional Advancement Committee
 - a. Approval of a naming opportunity for the IPTAY Building
 - b. Approval of an Athletics plaque bearing the likeness of Seth Beer
 - c. Receive as information the reports for the Committee
4. Research and Economic Development Committee
 - a. Receive as information the reports for the Committee
5. Student Affairs Committee
 - a. Receive as information the reports for the Committee
6. Executive and Audit Committee
 - a. Receive as information the reports for the Committee

7. Compensation Committee
 - a. Receive as information the Committee action and the reports for the Committee
8. Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
 - a. Receive as information the State Crop Pest Commission action and the reports for the Committee

Trustee Wilkins moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee McAbee seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Items

President's Report – President Clements provided an update.

Emergency Operations Center COVID-19 Update – Greg Mullen provided an update.

Education, Research, and Students – Provost Jones provided an update. Trustee Peeler thanked Provost Jones and the Educational Policy Committee for all of their hard work.

Governmental Affairs COVID-19 Update – Angie Leidinger provided an update.

Recess Full Board Meeting

Chairman McKissick recessed the Full Board meeting at 9:37 a.m. to allow the Finance and Facilities Committee to convene.

Convene Finance and Facilities Committee

Trustee Dukes convened the Finance and Facilities Committee at 9:38 a.m. He noted that a quorum of the committee was present along with the balance of the Board of Trustees and the Administration.

Action Items

Approval of FY21 Preliminary Budget – Tony Wagner presented the proposed preliminary budget for FY21. Trustee Smith moved to approve the budget. Trustee Wilkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of FY21 Tuition and Fees – Mr. Wagner presented the proposal to maintain FY20 level tuition and fees for FY21. Trustee Lee moved to approve tuition and fees. Trustee Wilkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Authorize the Administration to award a Dining Contract – Mr. Wagner presented the request to award a dining contract to Aramark for a period of seven years. Trustee Smith moved to approve the request. Trustee McAbee seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn Finance and Facilities Committee

There being no further business, Trustee Dukes adjourned the Finance and Facilities Committee at 10:20 a.m.

Reconvene Full Board Meeting

Chairman McKissick reconvened the Full Board meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Action Items

Approval of FY21 Preliminary Budget – Trustee Dukes moved to approve the FY21 preliminary budget. A roll call vote was completed. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of FY21 Tuition and Fees – Trustee Dukes moved to approve the FY21 tuition and fees. A roll call vote was completed. The motion was approved unanimously.

Authorize the Administration to award a Dining Contract – Trustee Dukes moved to authorize the administration to award a dining contract to Aramark for a period of seven years. A roll call vote was completed. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report from Secretary to the Board – Chip Hood

BOV Nominations Reminder – Chip Hood noted that BOV nominations are due soon.

Executive Session

Chairman McKissick said it was necessary to go into executive session to receive legal advice regarding liabilities and claims including those arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and other matters covered by the attorney client privilege and to discuss pending contractual matters and personnel matters.


He noted that no votes or action would be taken while in executive session and that the Board would not reconvene in public session.

Trustee Dukes moved to enter into executive session. Trustee Lynn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board went into executive session at 10:30 a.m.

Adjourn

There no being no further business, Chairman McKissick adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



W. C. Hood, Jr.
Secretary to the Board of Trustees



Approved

July 24, 2020
Date