

Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Web/Teleconference
Clemson, South Carolina
February 5, 2021
10:45 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 11:00 a.m. with the following present:

Trustees: Smyth McKissick, *Chair, presiding*; David Dukes, Ronnie 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*; Tony Wagner, *Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations*; Max Allen, *Vice President and Chief of Staff*; Robert Donato, *Chief Strategy Officer*; Chip Hood, *General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees*; Robert H. Jones, *Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*; Angie Leiding, *Vice President for External Relations*; and Brian O'Rourke, *Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations*

Guests: Cynthia Young, *Dean, College of Science*; Scott Smith, *Broadcast Productions*; Doug Henry, *CCIT*; Lisa Knox, *Finance and Operations*; Joe Galbraith, *Strategic Communications*; Lili Gehring, *College of Science*; Jon Clayton, *CCIT*; Rose Ellen Davis-Gross, *Office of the Board of Trustees*; and Sally Mauldin, *Office of the Board of Trustees*

Rose Ellen Davis-Gross completed a roll call and noted a quorum was present. Joe Galbraith introduced the members of the media watching via live stream.

Action Items:

Consent Agenda – Chairman McKissick presented the Consent Agenda for approval:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Fall Quarterly Full Board Minutes
 - b. Fall Quarterly Committee Minutes
 - i. Finance and Facilities Committee – October 23, 2020
 - ii. Executive and Audit Committee – October 23, 2020
 - c. Full Board Teleconference Minutes – December 1, 2020
 - d. Committee Web/Teleconference Minutes
 - i. Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee – January 14, 2021
 - ii. Educational Policy Committee – January 25, 2021
 - iii. Research and Economic Development Committee – January 27, 2021
 - iv. Student Affairs Committee – January 28, 2021
 - v. Institutional Advancement Committee – February 1, 2021
2. Educational Policy Committee
Action Items:
 - a. New Programs
 - i. B.S. in Women’s Leadership
 - ii. Online M.S. in Medical Device Reprocessing
 - b. Program Modifications
 - i. M.A. in Communication, Technology, & Society
 - ii. Add Online Modality to Existing CECAS Programs
 1. M.S. in Automotive Engineering
 2. M.S. in Chemical Engineering
 3. M.S. in Computer Science
 4. M.S. in Environmental Engineering & Science
 - iii. Ph.D. in Business Administration Executive Leadership Concentration
 - c. Program Terminations
 - i. Professional Golf Association (PGA) Management Concentration
 - ii. Cardiovascular Imaging Leadership (CVT) Concentration
 - iii. Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Terminations (7)
 - d. Receive as information the reports for the Committee
 - i. Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees Report
 - ii. Faculty Senate Report
3. Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
 - a. Receive as information the reports for the Committee
4. Compensation Committee
 - a. Receive as information the reports for the Committee

5. Executive and Audit Committee
 - a. Receive as information the reports for the Committee
6. Finance and Facilities Committee
 - a. Receive as information the reports for the Committee
 - i. Staff Senate Report
7. Institutional Advancement Committee
 - a. Receive as information the reports for the Committee
8. Research and Economic Development Committee
 - a. Receive as information the reports for the Committee
9. Student Affairs Committee
 - a. Receive as information the reports for the Committee

Trustee Dukes moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval: Acquisition of Former NCEES Building – Trustee Dukes moved to approve the acquisition of the former NCEES Building. The motion was unanimously approved via roll call vote.

Approval: Lease Renewal, Clemson Charleston Design Center – Trustee Dukes moved to approve the Clemson Charleston Design Center lease renewal. The motion was approved unanimously.

Naming Opportunity – Brian O’Rourke presented the request that the Clemson University Softball Stadium be named the McWhorter Family Stadium for Stuart C. McWhorter and Leigh Anne McWhorter of Brentwood, Tennessee. Trustee Phyfer moved to approve the naming opportunity. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Item:

Dean’s Report – Cynthia Young presented an update on the state of the College of Science.

Recess

Chairman McKissick recessed the Full Board meeting at 11:49 a.m. to allow for a lunch break.

Reconvene

Chairman McKissick reconvened the Full Board meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Information Item:

President's Report – President Clements provided an update. Provost Jones provided an update on Clemson's COVID-19 response.


Executive Session

Chairman McKissick said it was necessary to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice concerning matters covered by the attorney client privilege and to discuss personnel matters related to strategic reorganization and efficiencies. Trustee McCarter moved to go into Executive Session. Trustee McAbee seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board entered into executive session at 12:40 p.m. and returned to public session at 2:19 p.m.

Adjourn

There no being no further business, Chairman McKissick adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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



Approved

4/23/2021
Date