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 Peeler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with the following present:

Committee Members: Bob Peeler, Chair, presiding; Joe Swann, Vice Chair; Nikki Haley; Mark Richardson, Bill Smith, Allen Wood, Emeritus

Trustees: David Dukes, Louis Lynn, Patti McAbee, Nicky McCarther, Smyth McKissick, Cheri Phyfer, Kim Wilkerson

Trustees Emeriti: David Wilkins

Administration: James P. Clements, President; Tony Wagner, Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations; Max Allen, Vice President and Chief of Staff; Hank Morrow, Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees; Robert Donato, Chief Strategy Officer; Chip Hood, General Counsel; Robert H. Jones, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Lisa Knox, Assistant Vice President and Executive Director for Office of Institutional Excellence; Rick Petillo, Chief Financial Officer; Tracy Arwood, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer; Brian Voss, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; and Graham Neff, Director of Athletics

Guests: Kevin McKinney, CCIT; Joe Galbraith, Communications; Laura Stoner, Office of the EVP for Finance and Operations; Scott Smith, CCIT; Jon Clayton, CCIT; Ale Kennedy, Office of Human Resources; and Danielle Arrington, Office of the Board of Trustees
Hank Morrow called roll of the committee. Trustee Peeler noted a quorum was present.

Joe Galbraith introduced media in attendance.

**Action Items:**

1. College of Veterinary Medicine.................................................................Provost Jones

Action Requested: Approve new College of Veterinary Medicine, effective August 2023
Requesting Unit: Division of Academic Affairs. Provost Robert H. Jones provost@clemson.edu, 864-656-3940.

Summary: Subject to approval by its Board of Trustees, Clemson University wishes to establish a College of Veterinary Medicine. The proposed College would utilize a distributed model of education and a DVM curriculum, based upon the philosophy of clinical immersion that recognizes medical knowledge must be developed side-by-side with clinical skills. Special focus would entail recruitment of qualified applicants from rural/underserved areas as well as those with livestock experience. Contingent upon June 6, 2023, Clemson Board of Trustee approval, the S.C. Commission on Higher Education (CHE) would consider a proposed College of Veterinary Medicine at Clemson University for review and approval in August 2023 after review in June 2023 by the Academic Programs Advisory Committee and subsequent review in July 2023 by the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing.

Justification: As a land grant university in South Carolina that is home to the State’s critical extension services portfolio, Clemson University is well-suited as a home to the first college of veterinary medicine in the State. Clemson also has the strongest pre-veterinary program in the State with around 400 students. Over the past five years, more than half of Clemson students that applied to veterinary school were accepted, a hallmark of Clemson student preparation and success given that national application-to-seat ratios have been in the range of 3-4:1 during this period.

The number of applicants to veterinary schools affiliated with the American Association of Veterinary Medical Schools (AAVMC) has increased year over year reaching a record number of 10,834 applicants for 4,571 seats for the 2022 cycle. Currently, South Carolina is addressing this shortage by providing SREB contracts to SC residents for seats at existing out-of-state veterinary colleges, reducing tuition cost to in-state levels. In 2022 alone, nearly 200 South Carolina students were actively enrolled in veterinary college across more than 13 schools in the US. This program, though valuable, is not enough to meet demand.

Financial Analysis: The proposed College would comprise approximately 233,000 square feet of new facilities located on Clemson University-owned land with an estimated capital cost of $285M
to be provided by the State of South Carolina. The proposed College would leverage existing facilities such as the Clemson Veterinary Diagnostic Center in Columbia, which provides disease surveillance capabilities for assurance of a safe and adequate food supply and protection of the public health and welfare of South Carolina citizens. Annual operating funds will be supported through a new allocation of $12.5M in recurring state support, the gradual shift of current SREB tuition support contracts as they mature (ultimately $6.8M per year), and tuition revenue.

Academic Programs: The Division of Academic Affairs anticipates the submission of a new program proposal for a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) in the near future, but at this time is first seeking to establish the College of Veterinary Medicine as that future program’s home.

Timeline and Enrollment:
While a Clemson University College of Veterinary Medicine is being proposed to meet a dire need after careful data-guided study, its execution remains ambitious and on a rigid and tight timetable given the necessary and complex coordination between funding provided by the State of South Carolina, hiring, program development, accreditation, and construction. The projected implementation, shown in Table 1 below, includes enrolling the College’s first class of students in Fall 2026 and awarding its first DVM degrees in spring 2030.

Trustee Swann moved to approve the new college. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously and will move to the full board for consideration and approval.

Other Business

Adjourn

There being no further business, Trustee Peeler adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Morrow

Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved ___________________________  Date ___________________________

July 20, 2023