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Call to Order

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Trustee Wilkins, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. with the following present:

Trustees: David Wilkins, Chairman, presiding; Bill Amick, Bill Hendrix, Ronald Lee, Louis Lynn, Patti McAbee, Nicky McCarter, Smyth McKissick, Tom McTeer, Bob Peeler, Bill Smith, Joe Swann, and Kim Wilkerson

Trustees Emeriti: J.J. Britton, Doug Kingsmore and Allen Wood

Administrative Council: James F. Barker, President; Dr. Doris R. Helms, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Dr. John Kelly, Vice President for Economic Development; Dr. Gerald Sonnenfeld, Vice President for Research; Chip Hood, General Counsel; Brett Dalton, Vice President for Finance and Operations; Angie Leidinger, Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees and Director of Governmental Affairs; Jim Bottom, Vice Provost for Computing and Information Technology and Chief Information Officer; Dr. Debra B. Jackson, Vice Provost and Assistant to the President; Dr. Gail DiSabatino, Vice President for Student Affairs; Neill Cameron, Jr., Vice President for Advancement; Marvin G. Carmichael, Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff; Catherine T. Sams, Chief Public Affairs Officer and Assistant to the President; Michelle Piekutowski, Interim Chief Human Resources Director; Dr. Terry Don Phillips, Director of Athletics; and Leon Wiles, Chief Diversity Officer

Guests: Larry Allen, Dean, College of Health, Education, and Human Development; Rick Goodstein, Dean, College of Architecture, Arts, and Humanities; Claude Lilly, Dean, College of Business and Behavioral Science; Tom Scott, Dean, College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Life Sciences; Larry Dooley, Interim Dean, College of Engineering and Science; Doug Hallenbeck, Housing and Dining; Deb Charles, Staff Senate; Erin McCave, Graduate Student Government; Anna Eskridge, Graduate Student Government President; Dan Warner, Faculty Senate; George Askew, PSA; Harrison Trammell, CUF; Julie Lusk, Staff Senate President; Cathy Tillett, Internal Audit; John Gough, Media Relations; Carlisle Kennedy, Undergraduate Student Government; McKee Thomason, Undergraduate Student Government President; Tony Cawthon, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees; Savannah Covington, Student; Bill Lasser, Honors College; Boyd Parr, PSA; Brian O’Rourke, Development; Stephanie Griffin, Office of Governmental Affairs; Josh Smith, CCIT; Doug Henry, CCIT; and Rose Ellen Davis-Gross, Office of the Board of Trustees

Media: Anna Simon, Greenville News and Nikki Mayo, Anderson Independent
Cathy Sams thanked Anna Simon for all her support over the last thirteen years. President Barker and Chairman Wilkins also thanked Ms. Simon for supporting Clemson. This will be her last meeting covering Clemson University.

**Approval of Minutes – February 2, 2012 and March 12, 2012**

Trustee Swann moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2012 and March 12, 2012 meetings. Trustee Amick seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Report from the Executive Secretary to the Board – Angie Leidinger**

Introduction of National Scholars and Fellows – Bill Lasser introduced the group of students.

Woodland Cemetery Special Exception Requests – Angie Leidinger presented the request for three special exceptions to the Woodland Cemetery policy.

A retired professor and his wife would like to be buried with a family member in the cemetery, using one plot instead of two. Trustee Hendrix moved to approve the exception. Trustee Swann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The same aforementioned family requested permission to allow additional family members to be buried within the same plot. No motion to approve was entertained.

A professor requested a special exception to the 20 continuous years required for a normal plot assignment. Trustee Hendrix moved to approve the exception based on distinguished service for Dr. Merle Shepard. Trustee Swann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**President’s Report**

President Barker highlighted areas of the President’s Report Card.

**Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Report – Bob Peeler**

Trustee Peeler noted there were no action items. He summarized the information presentation by Jack Shuler of the Palmetto AgroBusiness Council.

**Compensation Committee Report – Joe Swann**

Trustee Swann provided an update. He noted the Committee approved the Administration’s recommendations and provided an update on the Huron Consulting Group compensation philosophy.
Trustee Lee noted there were a number of action items discussed by the Committee. He said the New Degree Programs, Program Modifications, and New Certificates would be acted on as a composite motion.

- New Degree Programs
  - BA, Global Studies
  - BA, Women’s Leadership Studies
  - BA, Cinema and World Cultures
  - BA, Pan-African Studies
  - BA, Sports Communication
  - BA, Religious Studies
  - BS, Youth Development Services (online, completion degree)
  - PhD, Applied Health Research and Evaluation
- Program Modifications
  - Online Delivery of the MA in Professional Communications
  - Blended delivery of the MS in Civil Engineering (non-thesis option)
- New Certificates
  - Certificate in Digital Ecologies (graduate)
  - Certificate in Social Impact Design 1:1_Architecture + Community (graduate)
  - Certificate in Structural Design of Low-rise Structures (online) (post baccalaureate)
  - Certificate in Dynamic Loads (online) (post baccalaureate)
  - Certificate in Non-Profit Leadership (online) (undergraduate)
  - Certificate in International Engineering and Science (undergraduate)

Trustee Lee moved to approve the new degree programs, program modifications, and new certificates. The motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee Lee presented the proposed Name Change.

- Name Change
  - Center for Real Estate Development to Richard R. Pennell Center for Real Estate Development

Trustee Lee moved to approve the name change. The motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee Lee presented the proposed Program Termination.

- Program Termination
  - BS, Secondary Education: History, Political Science, Psychology, Economics and Sociology

Trustee Lee moved to approve the program termination. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Items:
Faculty Senate Report – Dan Warner provided an update on Faculty Senate activities since the last meeting. Dr. Warner introduced Jeremy King, incoming Faculty Senate President.

Chairman Wilkins thanked Dr. Warner for his service to the Board and to Clemson.

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees Report – Tony Cawthon presented a report on faculty-led study abroad programs.

Admissions Updates – Provost Helms provided an update.

Finance and Facilities Committee Report – Bill Hendrix

Action Items:

Trustee Hendrix said the facilities approvals would be considered as a composite motion.

Approval of Concept – Kingsmore Stadium Addition – Brett Dalton presented the request for concept stage approval for an addition to the Doug Kingsmore Baseball Stadium. The addition is envisioned to be a three level facility with player amenities located adjacent to the current locker room area on the Stadium’s north side directly behind the first base stands. The current baseball player facility is small and outdated and falls short of the new and more modern player facilities that exist in our Conference and at other institutions that we must compete against.

Approval of Concept – Greenwood Genetics Center – Mr. Dalton presented the request for concept stage approval for a new 15,000 to 20,000 square foot research and education center. This project represents the physical building to expand the existing doctoral program in human genetics to include a nationally competitive research and development team, and enhance the existing research capabilities of the J.C. Self Research Institute of Human Genetics. This center provides a facility to perform essential research in the field of human genetics. Present facilities at the Self Research Institute are insufficient to support the goals of the center which are to create life-changing new medical tools and therapies and to improve the economy of Greenwood.

Approval of Update – Highway 93 Pedestrian Safety Improvements – Mr. Dalton presented the update request to the original project. Construction bids were received in March and were within overall project funding limits, but additional funds are required in order to complete the work. The additional funding will cover landscape planting, required pedestrian connections to adjacent areas, construction contingency, and project management. This update adds $700,000 to the project.

Work is scheduled to begin immediately following the last home football game.

Approval of Update – Farm Animal Research Center – Mr. Dalton presented the update request to the original project. This project will improve facilities at several locations in order to protect safety and security, address ongoing maintenance and update facilities to keep them in productive condition. Farm improvements will include fencing, shed and other building modifications, access improvements, irrigation and water improvements, and forage reestablishment. The project will also address the LaMaster Dairy.
facility to ensure that it continues to meet teaching and research needs. The first phases of this project were funded for a total of $920,000. This addition will add $2,600,000.

Final Approval – Barnett HVAC Renovation – Mr. Dalton presented the request for final approval to demolish an existing 2-pipe HVAC system and replace it with a 4-pipe system that will provide much better and appropriate temperature control. The project will also replace all single pane glass in the building with thermal pane glass. Included in the work is the demolition of much of the built-in furniture and a very significant asbestos abatement project.

Trustee Hendrix moved to approve the facilities projects. The motion was approved unanimously.

Policy Approvals for SACS Accreditation – Mr. Dalton summarized the requested policy approval.

Trustee Hendrix moved to approve the policy. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Items:

Staff Senate Report – Deb Charles provided an update. Trustee Hendrix thanked Ms. Charles for her service.

Financial Update – Mr. Dalton presented his report. Clemson’s overall financial health is good. The University preserved financial integrity through rapid and decisive action in FY 08-09 and has developed strategic plans for sustaining Clemson’s financial health in the future.

Institutional Advancement Committee Report – Smyth McKissick

Trustee McKissick called on Neill Cameron to present the action item.

Action Item:

Naming Actions – Mr. Cameron presented two naming opportunities: The John Acorn Gallery and an anonymous donation. Both were approved by the Administrative Council.

Trustee McKissick moved to approve the naming actions. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Items:

Foundation Report – Harrison Trammell provided an update.

Capital Campaign Update – Trustee McKissick noted we have raised $583 million to date. There has been a $30 million increase since February.

Research and Economic Development Committee Report – Bill Amick
Trustee Amick noted there were no action items. Gerald Sonnenfeld summarized information items.

Student Affairs Committee Report – Nicky McCarter

Trustee McCarter noted there were no action items.

Information Items:

Housing Master Plan Update – Doug Hallenbeck provided an overview.

Undergraduate Student Government Report – Carlisle Kennedy provided an update. He introduced McKee Thomason, incoming Undergraduate Student Government President.

Graduate Student Government Report – Erin McCave provided an update. She introduced Anna Eskridge, incoming Graduate Student Government President.

Executive and Audit Committee Report – David Wilkins

Chairman Wilkins noted there were no action items to discuss.

Executive Session

Chairman Wilkins said it was necessary to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual and legal matters. He said there would be no votes or action taken while in Executive Session.

Trustee Swann moved to go into Executive Session. Trustee Hendrix seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board entered into Executive Session at 4:45 p.m.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Trustee Wilkins adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Eidinger
Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved 7/19/12

Date