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Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES

THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Holmes Ballroom, Clemson House
Clemson, South Carolina
Friday, April 2, 1993

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. with the following members present: Bill L. Amick, presiding; Louis P. Batson, Jr., J. J. Britton, W. G. DesChamps, Lawrence M. Gressette, Harold D. Kingsmore, Louis Lynn, Thomas B. McTeer, Philip Prince, Joe Swann, Fletcher C. Derrick, James C. Self, D. Leslie Tindal, and Manning N. Lomax, Secretary.

Administration present: Max Lennon, Jay Gogue, Almeda Jacks, David Larson, Charles Jennett, Gary Ransdell, Milton Wise, Ben Anderson and Cathy Sams

Media present: Ron Barnett, Greenville News and Bobby King, Anderson Independent-Mail

Item 1. Minutes
Statement: The Minutes of the January 29, 1993 meeting previously were mailed to the Trustees.

Action: Mr. Kingsmore made a motion that the Minutes be approved as submitted, Mr. Gressette seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Item 2. Report from the Secretary of the Board
Statement: Nick Lomax announced dates for future Board meetings as follows: July 9-11, 1993 (Retreat) in Pinopolis, October 1, 1993 in Clemson and either January 21 or January 28, 1994 in Clemson. Trustees were asked to call the Secretary's Office within a week if they had a preference for the date of the January 1994 meeting.

Item 3. Student Affairs Committee - Mr. Prince
Statement: Almeda Jacks introduced Paul Shelton, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Student Services. Mr. Shelton has been in the position since March 1, 1993.
Action Item A. - Housing Rental Rates Increase
Statement: Verna Howell, Director of Housing, presented a proposal to increase rates by an average of 4.8%, effective Fall 1993. This increase is needed to offset anticipated increases in several operating expense categories. At its meeting on March 16, 1993, the Student Affairs Committee voted to recommend approval of the rate increase to the full Board.

Action: Mr. Prince made a motion that the Board accept the recommendation from the Student Affairs Committee to approve the rate increase. Mr. DesChamps seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Action Item B. - Student Health Service Fee Increase
Statement: Bob Burley, Director of Student Health Services, proposed a $5 increase per semester in the student health fee. The continuing need to comply with new mandates in federal and state regulations coupled with normal cost-of-doing business increases require this increase. Dr. Burley stated that Redfern Health Center will continue to remain open 24 hours a day during 1993-94. The services offered from 5:00 P.M. until 7:30 A.M. during the 1993-94 academic year will be modified. During those hours no on-site or consultative physician services will be offered. The Center will be a nurse-run operation providing basic health care which falls within the expertise of the nursing staff. All cases which require a physician's care will be referred to an area hospital emergency room. At its meeting on March 16, 1993, the Student Affairs Committee voted to recommend approval of the fee increase to the full Board.

Action: Mr. Prince made a motion that the Board accept the recommendation from the Student Affairs Committee to approve the fee increase. Mr. Gressette seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Informational Item - Report from the Student Body President
Statement: Jason Elliott reported that the three main goals of Student Government during the current academic year have been successful. Those goals were expansion of the Tiger Stripe card in the downtown business community, community relations and student input into the higher education budget process at both the State and University levels. He also reported that Student Government had sponsored a Leadership Conference on campus for state high school students. The Instructor Evaluation and Course Guide Survey has been completed and distributed. This survey is a tool for students to use in selecting courses and instructors in the future. Mr. Elliott commended the business community and the Board of Visitors for their efforts in impressing on the General Assembly the importance of higher education in this State.

Mr. Elliott introduced some of the student leaders for the 1993-94 academic year. They are as follows: Student Senate President - Scott Turner; Student Senate Vice President - Ashley Cooper and Student Body President -
Martin Driggers. Mr. Driggers indicated to the Board that he and the other student leaders are eager to stay involved in helping to solve the budget crisis of higher education. He stated that they are committed to providing effective communication between the students and the Administration.

Chairman Amick commended Jason Elliott for his leadership during this year and welcomed Mr. Driggers and the other student leaders as they assume their new positions.

**Item 4. Presentation of Resolution in Memoriam**

*Statement:* A Resolution in Memoriam for former Trustee William J. Neely, Jr. was presented to his widow Mrs. Priscilla Neely. J. J. Britton, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, read the resolution and he and Mr. Amick presented the framed Resolution, which was signed by each Trustee and Emeritus Trustee, to Mrs. Neely.

**Item 5. Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee - Dr. Lynn**

*Statement:* Milton Wise reported that in a move to strengthen program delivery, the Clemson Extension Service is reorganizing. This reorganization will include elimination of a layer of middle management, merging two programs and adopting a system of multi-county administration for the statewide informal education network.

**Action Item: Old Stone Church Recreation Center Lease**

*Statement:* Stassen Thompson, Chairman of the Land Use Planning Board, presented a lease renewal for approximately 8 acres of University property at the intersection of Old Stone Church Road and US 76. The term of the lease is for 10 years. The lease includes a 60-day notice termination clause. At its meeting on March 4, 1993, the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee approved recommending the lease renewal to the full Board.

**Action:** Dr. Lynn made a motion to accept the recommendation of the ANR Committee to approve the lease. Mr. Gressette seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Lt. Robert Crooks, President of the Old Stone Church Recreation Center, expressed appreciation to the Board of Trustees for making the property available to the Old Stone Church Recreation Center. He stated that this center has proven to be quite successful for the community for many years.
Item 6. Audit Committee Report - Mr. Kingsmore

Informational Item - Special Audit, Travel Voucher Review
Statement: Mr. Lomax stated that the Audit Committee of the Board had reviewed the special audit report regarding travel vouchers of two former University employees along with a report from the Business and Finance Division of the University. He indicated that he had copies of both reports if Trustees wished to obtain them.

Item 7. Budget and Finance Committee - Mr. Gressette

Action Item - Demolition of Old Foundation Seed Building
Statement: Mr. Gressette presented this item to the Budget and Finance Committee initially. He stated that the Administration has requested approval to demolish the "Old Foundation Seed Building" located on Highway 76. This building, built in 1950, contains approximately 4700 square feet. The building is structurally unsound and is considered, by the Clemson University insurance office, as an attractive nuisance.

Action: Mr. McTeer made a motion for the Budget and Finance Committee to recommend approval to demolish the building to the full Board. Mr. Swann seconded and the vote of the Budget and Finance Committee was unanimous. Mr. Gressette then made a motion for the full Board to approve the recommendation. The vote of the full Board was unanimous.

Informational Item 1. - Permanent Improvement Report
Statement: Mark Wright discussed the current permanent improvement project schedule. Included in this schedule are East Campus Student Housing - Lightsey Bridge Apartments; Performing Arts Center; Brackett Hall Renovation; Renovation of Johnstone Hall - Phase I; Continuing Education/Conference Center; Engineering Innovation Center; Harcombe Dining Hall Renovation; Animal Research Compliance Facility - A/E & Site Work; Student Cafe; East Campus Student Activity Center; Solid Waste Transfer Station; Jervey Athletic Center Addition/Renovations; Housing Development Program - Phase 2; Ceramic Engineering Research Center; New Central Energy Facility and University Office Building. Included in Mr. Wright's report were the following construction change orders: New Student Housing - Lightsey Bridge Apartments; Johnstone Hall Renovations, Performing Arts Center and Brackett Hall Renovation - Phase I.

Informational Item 2. - Deferred Maintenance Projects
Statement: Mr. Wright presented a report which summarized those major and deferred maintenance projects that were defined as "permanent improvements" during the 1990-1993 time frame. In all, 44 projects representing an investment of over $14.0 million were presented.
Informational Item 3. - Financial Report  
**Statement:** This item was deferred because the printer did not have the copies ready for presentation.

**Item 8. Educational Policy Committee - Dr. Britton**

**Action Item A. - Addition to The Constitution of the Faculty of Clemson University**  
**Statement:** Charles Jennett stated that the Faculty of Clemson University requests approval of a new item for inclusion in the Constitution which pertains to the addition of the Finance Committee as a permanent standing committee. The purpose of the Finance Committee will be to investigate and report to the Faculty Senate relevant financial matters of the University. At its meeting on March 4, 1993, the Educational Policy Committee approved recommending approval of the Faculty's request to the full Board.

**Action Item B. - Amendment to The Constitution of the Faculty of Clemson University**  
**Statement:** Dr. Jennett stated that the Faculty of Clemson University requests approval to amend the Constitution (Attachment 1). The amendment relates to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and the Grievance Board. At its meeting on March 4, 1993, the Educational Policy Committee approved recommending approval of the amendment to the full Board.

**Action on Items A and B**  
Dr. Britton moved that the Board approve the recommendation of the Educational Policy Committee to approve both Action Items A and B. Mr. McTeer seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**Informational Item A - CHE Consultants' Evaluation of Programs in Architecture, Planning and Construction**  
**Statement:** Jerry Reel stated that the undergraduate and graduate programs in architecture, landscape architecture and planning and construction were evaluated by CHE in conjunction with the accreditation visit by the National Architectural Accrediting Board. All programs were evaluated very positively. The program leading to the Master's in Architecture was judged to be exemplary and was awarded a Commendation for Excellence by CHE.

**Informational Item B - CHE Consultants' Evaluation of Academic Libraries in South Carolina's Institutions of Public Higher Education**  
**Statement:** Dr. Reel reported that a CHE evaluation team reviewed the library resources of the thirty-three campuses of public higher education in the State. The consultants recommended that the Commission and the institutions adopt a vision of all the State's libraries in higher education as interdependent members
of a whole. They further recommended the establishment of a statewide forum of all the institutional librarians to implement the vision. The report singled out Clemson University as one of a very few land-grant institutions whose library collection is insufficient to permit its membership in the Association of Research Libraries. Dr. Reel stated that this fact has to do with lack of space in the present facility and budget constraints.

**Action Item C. - Revision of the Trustees Manual**

**Statement:** Dr. Britton stated that the Chairman of the Board has charged the Educational Policy Committee with revising the *Trustees Manual*. A draft of the proposed revision was sent to all Trustees for review. Dr. Britton stated that one addition to Chapter VIII of the draft was proposed to the Committee. At its meeting on March 4, 1993, the Educational Policy committee unanimously voted to recommend approval of the draft revision, as amended by the Committee, to the full Board.

**Action:** Dr. Britton recommended that the full Board approve the recommendation of the Educational Policy Committee to approve the draft and the proposed addition to Chapter VIII. Mr. Kingsmore seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**Item 9. - Research Update - Jay Gogue**

**Statement:** Dr. Gogue reported that the number of research awards are ahead of this time last year. He credited the Faculty with securing these awards in a highly competitive market.

**Informational Item A. - V.A.S.T**

**Statement:** Ed Hill, Director Clemson Apparel Research Center, and Jack Peck, Professor of Computer Science, showed a videotape on Voice Assisted Sewing Technology (V.A.S.T.). The initial funding for the research was $5,000 from industry for the Apparel Research Center to develop a prototype to control sewing machines without use of the foot pedel. Once the prototype was developed, an additional $155,000 was received from the Department of Defense for the project. Mr. Don Frazier, an employee at the Apparel Research Center who has benefited from the use of V.A.S.T., was introduced to the Trustees.

**Informational Item B. - Greenville Hospital System/Clemson University Cooperative**

**Statement:** Dr. Dave Gangemi, Director of the Greenville Hospital/Clemson University Research and Education Agreement, stated that his first year's goal as Director is to establish the program's visibility and to obtain national recognition.
Item 10. Report from the President
Statement: President Lennon reported that Clemson University personnel had recently been invited to spend two days with a major international company to review and provide input on that company's strategic plan. Discussions regarding a partnership between that company and the University were held during this time. Dr. Lennon stated that Clemson University has earned the respect of major industry and governmental agencies and is considered a part of American technology.

Item 11. Ratification of Mail Ballot

Johnstone Hall Renovations, Phase I Change Order. March 1, 1993
Approval was given to award a change order to McCrory Construction Company in the amount of $300,000 for a fire protection sprinkler system.

Action: Mr. Batson made a motion to ratify the mail ballot, Dr. Britton seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Item 12. Adjournment
Statement: Mr. Kingsmore made a motion to adjourn, Mr. DesChamps seconded and the vote was unanimous. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Manning N. Lomax
 Secretary of the Board of Trustees