Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES
of the meeting of

THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Holmes Ballroom, Clemson House
Clemson, South Carolina
Saturday, September 12, 1992

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with the following members present: Bill L. Amick, presiding; Louis P. Batson, Jr., J. J. Britton, W. G. DesChamps, Lawrence Gressette, Doug Kingsmore, Louis Lynn, Thomas McTeer, Buck Mickel, Philip Prince, Joseph Swann, Allen Wood, Paul Quattlebaum, D. Leslie Tindal and Manning N. Lomax, Secretary

Administration Present: Max Lennon, Jay Gogue, Almeda Jacks, Charles Jennett, Gary Ransdell, Milton Wise and Ben Anderson

Others Present: Jason Elliott, Edgar McGee, Francis Canavan, Jack Wilson, Mark Wright, Wade Green, Cathy Coleman, Margaret Pridgen, Jim Daniels, Bill Baron, Roger Patterson, Jeff Martin, Richard Heller, Don Golightly and Sandy Woodward (University News Services).

Media Present: Blair Stokes, The Tiger, and Mike Brassfield, Anderson Independent Mail

Item 1. Minutes
Statement: The minutes of the July 10, 1992 Board Meeting were distributed previously to the Trustees.

Action: Approved

Item 2. Dates of Future Board Meetings
Statement: The Secretary announced that the next meeting of the Board will be on January 29, 1993.

Item 3. Student Affairs Committee - Mr. Prince
Informational Item 1
Statement: Almeda Jacks announced that the opening of school went well. Some overflow housing was used initially with occupancy at 101%. After no-shows are accounted for, occupancy is expected to be around 99% for Fall semester. She stated that the University should be proud of its student leaders this year. They are committed and have a lot to offer as they have many meaningful programs underway.

Informational Item 2 - Student Government Report
Statement: Jason Elliott, President of Student Government, reported that Kenya Welch, a Clemson University student, spoke before Congress on the needs of minority university students. Mr. Elliott stated that Student Government is dedicated to correcting minority problems on campus. He reported that students are getting involved at both the campus and state levels in helping to solve the current budget crisis. Student groups are meeting with University administrators to discuss the budget process. Student Government representatives are meeting with students from other colleges and universities in the State to form an association to lobby in Columbia for increased funds for higher education.

Item 4. Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Report - Dr. Lynn
Statement: Chairman Bill Amick stated that the Board of Trustees was saddened at the death of Fellow Trustee Bill Neely. The Secretary will prepare a Resolution for Mr. Neely, and it will be presented to Mrs. Neely.

The Chairman announced that he has appointed Dr. Louis Lynn to replace Mr. Neely as Chairman of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and Mr. W. G. DesChamps will serve as Vice Chairman.

Informational Item
Statement: Milton Wise distributed a draft of the Agriculture and Natural Resources 1991-92 Annual Report. He announced that a dedication ceremony was held on September 11, 1992 for the Sonoco Packaging Science Laboratory. Dr. J. J. Britton presented the welcoming remarks at the ceremony.
Item 5. Audit Committee Report - Mr. Mickel

Action Item: Resolution regarding Audit Committee Charter

Statement: Nick Lomax presented a recommendation from the Audit Committee to approve a Resolution (Attachment 1) to amend the Audit Committee Charter that was approved by the Board of Trustees on September 20, 1991. The amended Charter would include review of the University’s Tort Liability Insurance in that committee’s responsibilities.

Action: Mr. Mickel made a motion that the Resolution be adopted, Mr. Batson seconded and the Board unanimously approved.

Informational Item - Audit Schedule

Statement: Nick Lomax presented a tentative list of audits which will be conducted by the Internal Auditing Department during FY 1992-93.

Item 6. Budget and Finance Committee Report - Mr. Gressette

Action Item: Resolution regarding Property Owned by Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Edwards

Statement: Mr. Gressette presented a recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee to approve the Resolution (Attachment 2) which states that Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Edwards desire to bequeath the property located at 220 Wyatt Avenue, Clemson, SC to the University. The Resolution further states that the Board of Trustees desires to acquire the property to be used as the residence of the President of Clemson University or for some other comparable purpose.

Action: Mr. Gressette moved that the Resolution be approved, Mr. Mickel seconded and the vote was unanimous. Chairman Amick publicly thanked President Emeritus and Mrs. Edwards for their generous gift and for their commitment to the University’s future.

Informational Item - Permanent Improvement Projects

Statement: Jack Wilson presented an update on current projects. Mark Wright gave a slide presentation which depicted changes that have occurred on campus since the University began its permanent improvement plan in the Fall of 1987.

Item 7. Educational Policy Committee Report - Dr. Britton

Informational Item - CHE Evaluation of Programs in the
College of Architecture

Statement: Charles Jennett informed the Trustees that a Commission on Higher Education evaluation team has reviewed the programs in architecture, landscape architecture and planning and construction. The consultants rated all programs very highly and recommended that they be continued. The M.A. program in architecture was commended for its excellence. The consultants did state that the facilities in architecture are inadequate, and they recommended that the college recruit more minority students and female faculty.

Item 8. Institutional Advancement Committee Report - Mr. Batson

Informational Item - Year-end Reports

Statement: Mr. Prince, Chairman of the Executive Committee for The Campaign for Clemson, reported that the total campaign gifts and pledges raised was $101,146,367. He also reported an additional $16,400,000 in deferred gifts including wills and insurance policies. He thanked all who were involved in this most successful campaign. Mr. Prince commended Debbie DuBose and the alumni staff for the "Campaign Victory Celebration" which was held in August.

Gary Ransdell reported on the 1991-92 year-end gift totals to Clemson University and to the CU Foundation. A total of $17,174,116 in private gifts was received for academic purposes during the year. This is an increase of 6.42% over the previous year. The return on the Foundation’s managed endowment pool for FY 91-92 was 24%, and the average five year return is 14%. The year end balance in the University’s unrestricted endowment was $4,706,371.74.

Informational Item - Legislative Agenda

Statement: Dr. Ransdell reported that Francis Canavan, Associate Vice President for Public Affairs, has tendered his resignation to accept a position with the NCAA in Kansas City. He expressed appreciation to Francis for his contributions to the University and wished him well.

Wade Green, Director of Public Affairs in Columbia, presented the legislative report. He stated that the legislative agenda for 1993 will include formula funding, regulatory relief, personnel, sponsored programs, auxiliaries, accounting/disbursements, facilities, the Appropriations Bill, and provisos which are applicable to Clemson University. Other issues that will be dealt with
are the Agricultural Experiment Station, the Livestock Poultry Health Division, Equine Infectious Anemia, the asbestos issue and the Clemson license tag.

Item 9. - Report from the VP for Research

Informational Item - 1991-92 Closeout of Research and Sponsored Programs

Statement: Jay Gogue reported that 1991-92 expenditures for research and sponsored programs totaled $103,576,634. This is a 21.7% increase over the previous year. This total ranks Clemson among the top 100 universities in the nation which are involved in research.

Item 10 - IPTAY Report - Edgar McGee

Statement: Mr. McGee stated that those attending the Spring Clemson Club meetings have a very positive attitude toward the University. He attributed this to the leadership of the Administration. Mr. McGee indicated that IPTAY donors have pledged $5,964,000 to academic scholarships for athletes. Fund-raising is up 30% over last year. Training sessions for IPTAY representatives are planned for the coming year.

Item 11 - Ratification of Mail Ballots - Secretary

Action: The following mail ballots were ratified:

(1) Old Pee Dee Station Sale - June 25, 1992. The Board approved the recommendation of the Administration to offer for sale the Gregg Tract which is the 46 acre parcel on the North side of US 52 at the Old Pee Dee Station in Florence, SC in accordance with University procedures approved by the SC Budget and Control Board. The Board approved a minimum bid price of $576,000. Proceeds from the sale will be placed in an endowment and the income from the endowment will be used to support programs in the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

(2) Honorary Degree Candidate for August 8, 1992 Graduation - July 14, 1992. The Board approved awarding an honorary doctoral degree to Trustee Emeritus James C. Self.

(3) Change Order - Johnstone Hall Renovation - Phase I - August 4, 1992. The Board approved Change Order Number Five for the project in the amount of $497,851.00.
(4) Lease Amendment between Ray Carter and the CU Department of Fertilizer and Pesticide Control - August 5, 1992. The Board approved the lease amendment which will bring the total area leased to 1492 square feet. The annual rent will be $16,382.16 for 1992-93 and $16,412.00 for 1993-94.

(5) Employment of University Magistrate - August 13, 1992 - Approval was given to reappoint Lewis Merck as the University Magistrate through December 31, 1992.

Item 12. President’s Report

Statement: The President reported the following:

(1) Freshman enrollment for 1992-93 is 2,480. Graduate enrollment, which will be completed by the end of September, is expected to be approximately 4,500. Total enrollment for this year is expected to be approximately 17,500, which is the largest enrollment in the history of the University.

(2) The Administration is reviewing options to deal with the budget crisis. He is recommending a proposal to state government for offering incentives to some faculty members for early retirement. This would be a more desirable solution to reduce the work force than furloughing employees.

(3) During the coming year, all colleges in the University will be involved in strategic planning and all areas will be focusing on assessment of productivity.

Item 13. Adjournment

Statement: The meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Manning N. Lomax
Secretary of the Board of Trustees