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of the meeting of

THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Clemson House, Clemson, SC

Friday, September 20, 1991

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. with the following present: Bill Amick, Chairman, presiding, J. J. Britton, W. G. DesChamps, Lawrence Gressette, Doug Kingsmore, Louis Lynn, Tom McTeer, Buck Mickel, Bill Neely, Phil Prince, Joe Swann, Fletcher Derrick, Les Tindal, Jim Self, Allen Wood, Hugh Clausen, Secretary.

Members of the administration present: President Lennon, Milt Wise, David Maxwell, Gary Ransdell, David Larson, Jay Gogue, Nick Lomax, Ben Anderson.

Others present: Jim Barker, Charles Jennett, Ryan Amacher, B. J. Skelton, Almeda Jacks, Francis Canavan, Joy Smith, John Luedeman, Cathy Sams, Bob Gilliland, Mark Wright, Mike Faires, Jim Hannah, D. C. Coston, Stassen Thompson, John Newton, Mike Hughey, Richard Cowden, Kay Shaw, Tom Keinath, Margaret Pridgen, Don Golightly, Frank Parker, Clyde Frank.

The Chairman asked that Cathy Sams introduce the media present: Jenny Munro (Greenville News)

Dr. Lennon introduced Frank Parker, Westinghouse/Savannah River Distinguished Scientist, who is with Environmental Systems Engineering. Dr. Clyde Frank, Director of Technology Development, Environmental Restoration and Waste Management, US Department of Energy, was also introduced. Both gentlemen expressed excitement about the opportunities available to Clemson University through partnerships.

Stassen Thompson, Jim Barker, D. C. Coston and Joy Smith made presentations with respect to the Strategic Plan and Leadership Development programs at Clemson University. The Chairman commended the group for the excellent presentations and stated that he is proud of the efforts being made in these areas.
The agenda was altered to accommodate those involved in another important meeting. Mr. Prince was asked to present the Student Affairs Committee report. Mr. Lomax introduced Greg Horton, Student Body President.

Mr. Horton reported that two major concerns are on the minds of students: 1) the number of students involved in large classes; and 2) the lack of interaction between faculty and students.

Mr. Lomax reported that the housing overflow has been reduced and that the ECAC is progressing. Allen Wood will head up the campaign to raise funds for the facility.

Proposed duties for the Student Affairs Committee were mailed to the full Board earlier. The Committee recommends approval of the duties as submitted. (Attachment A)

Mr. Mickel moved that the Board approve the proposed duties of the Student Affairs Committee as submitted. Mr. Kingsmore seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Neely presented the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee report.

Proposed duties of the ANR Committee were distributed to the Board earlier. The Committee recommends approval of these duties as presented. (Attachment B)

Mr. DesChamps moved that the duties be approved as presented. Dr. Britton seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mickel presented the Audit Committee report.

Proposed duties of the Audit Committee were distributed to the full Board earlier. The Committee recommends approval of these duties as presented. (Attachment C)

Mr. Mickel moved that the proposed duties of the Audit Committee be approved as submitted. Mr. Gressette seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mickel presented the Internal Auditing Division Charter for consideration. The Audit Committee recommends adoption of the charter as presented. (Attachment D)

Mr. Gressette moved that the Internal Auditing Division Charter be approved as submitted. Mr. Kingsmore seconded and the vote was unanimous.

An audit schedule (Attachment E) was presented by the Internal Auditing Division for information.

Mr. Gressette presented the Budget and Finance Committee report.
A proposal for the concept of a new central steam plant (power plant) was presented to the Budget and Finance Committee at the last meeting. Several questions were raised with respect to the proposal and it was agreed that the concept of a new central steam plant would be approved pending full response to these questions. The questions were answered to the satisfaction of the Committee. (Attachment F)

Mr. Gressette stated that the concept of the power plant is very complex and that the Administration should give careful consideration to all aspects of the proposal. The Secretary of the Board to notify Board will make appropriate notifications should there become a situation whereby a conflict of interest could involve Board members.

Mr. McTeer moved that the concept of a new central steam plant be adopted as presented. Mr. Mickel seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The Budget and Finance Committee recommends adoption of a bond resolution providing for the issuance and sale of student and faculty housing revenue bonds, to be designated Series M, in the principal amount of not exceeding $16 million for the construction of Johnstone Hall. (Attachment G) A correction was made on page 7 of the document whereby the date in paragraph one, line 10 was changed to June 1. This was a typographical error only.

Mr. Prince moved to adopt the recommendation with respect to the bond resolution as presented. Mr. Mickel seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Proposed duties of the Budget and Finance Committee were distributed to the full Board earlier. The Committee recommends approval of the proposed duties as submitted. (Attachment H)

Mr. Mickel moved that the proposed duties of the Budget and Finance Committee be approved as presented. Mr. Swann seconded and the vote was unanimous.

A document with respect to Board delegated authority to the Administration was reviewed and amended at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting. The Committee recommends Board approval of this revised document. (Attachment I)

Mr. Gressette moved that the document with respect to Board delegated authority be approved as presented. Mr. Mickel seconded and the vote was unanimous.

A proposed fee schedule for German and Italian MBA programs was presented. (Attachment J)
Mr. Gressette moved that the proposed fee schedule be approved. Mr. Swann seconded and the vote was unanimous.

A computer aided design show was presented for information.

Dr. Britton presented the Educational Policy Committee report.

Proposed duties of the Educational Policy Committee were distributed to the Board earlier. The EPC recommends approval of the proposed Committee duties as presented. (Attachment K)

Dr. Britton moved that the proposed duties of the Educational Policy Committee be approved as submitted. Dr. Lynn seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Jay Gogue reviewed a proposed computer software policy. (Attachment L) The EPC recommends adoption of the proposed policy.

Dr. Britton moved that the proposed Computer Software Policy be approved as submitted. Mr. Gressette seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Dean B. J. Skelton gave an admissions report. The freshman class for 1991 totals 2,475. Sixty-eight percent are in-state students. Ten percent of the freshman class are minorities. The average SAT this year is 1028 as compared to 1035 last year. The entire student enrollment totals 16,944. The AP program at Clemson University is very successful. Clemson is ranked 38th in the nation in total credits and 34th in candidates. Transfers this year totaled 771. Approximately 60 percent of the freshman class receive financial aid. Clemson is now realizing a 67 percent graduation rate.

Mr. Prince presented the Institutional Advancement Committee report. The Campaign for Clemson is moving rapidly with over $72.1 million raised toward the $78 million goal. Over $52 million has already been received.

Gary Ransdell presented Board policy recommendations for related organizations. (Attachment M) The Committee recommends approval of these policies.

Mr. Mickel moved that the policies be adopted as presented. Mr. Gressette seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Proposed duties of the Institutional Advancement Committee were provided to the Board in advance. The Committee recommends approval of these duties to the Board. (Attachment N)

Mr. Prince moved that the proposed duties of the Institutional Advancement Committee be approved as submitted. Dr. Britton seconded and the vote was unanimous.
Dr. Ransdell reviewed a gift report and unrestricted endowment report which was submitted for information. Spending policies for discretionary monies and a new list for the Board of Visitors was also provided for information. Dr. Ransdell reported that the legislature is expected to re-convene in special session next week and it is believed that the bond bill will be on the agenda.

The Secretary presented the following mail ballots for ratification:

1) Raw Water Distribution Line Easement - July 3, 1991. Approval to accept an easement from the Corps of Engineers to install and maintain a raw water distribution line and pumping unit on Hartwell Lake.


3) Requirements for Cervidae Entering South Carolina - August 5, 1991. The Board approved regulations which would restrict the movement of untested animals.

4) Student Cafe Construction - August 7, 1991. Approval was given by Trustees to award a contract to Yeargin Enterprises, Inc. of Greenville, S. C. in the amount of $555,555.00

5) Bid for Lewis Road Property - September 3, 1991. The Board approved: (a) acceptance of the bid in the amount of $33,511.00 from R. G. & T. E. Churchfield for the property located at 107 Lewis Road in Clemson, contingent upon the sale of the bidder’s primary residence within six months from the date that the contract is signed by the seller; and (b) granting authorization for the Chairman of the Board to execute the purchase contract and all other documents necessary to consummate this transaction.

Mr. Wood moved that the mail ballots listed above be ratified as a package. Mr. Kingsmore seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Dr. Gogue reported on research awards and expenditures. New awards for 1990-91 totaled $39.7 million as compared to $32.2 million last year. Expenditures totaled $80.1 million last year and increased to $90 million in 1990-91. Dr. Gogue commended the faculty for the 1500 proposals entered into competition this year. The collaboration among all faculty across the university attributed to this success. The College of Education has done an
outstanding job with 45 proposals being submitted in 1990-91 as compared to 22 in FY 89-90.

Bill Fisk reported that the cutting edge seed money contributed to the great success of the Work Place Literacy program. The proposal was submitted for national competition, it was ranked ninth and received a $240,000 award.

The Chairman announced that only one nomination was received for the Vice Chairman seat. Dr. J. J. Britton was nominated for this office. The floor was opened for nominations. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Mr. Mickel moved that the floor be closed for nominations. Mr. Swann seconded.

Mr. Swann moved that Dr. J. J. Britton be accepted as Vice Chairman by acclamation. Mr. McTeer seconded.

The Chairman congratulated Dr. Britton.

The President stated that the Administration is working closely with students to gather input to solve problems. Class size seems to be a critical issue and the Administration pledges its support to try to solve this problem. The tight budget situation will force us all to be creative in solving campus problems.

Ryan Amacher reported that the Provost search is two-thirds complete. There were 199 applicants for the position and this was narrowed to 30 last month. The group has further narrowed the candidates to six and arrangements are now being made to bring them to campus for interviews.

Mr. Neely commended Dean Jim Barker on his quick response to the audit report concerning Lee Hall.

The Chairman thanked the President for his leadership in strategic planning for the university and pledged the Board's support to the President and this effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh J. Clausen, Secretary
of the Board of Trustees