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After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Batson at 10:05 a.m. with the following present: Louis P. Batson, Jr., Chairman, presiding; Bill Amick, J. J. Britton, Fletcher Derrick, W. G. DesChamps, Jr., Lawrence Gressette, Louis Lynn, Buck Mickel, Allen Wood, and Hugh J. Clausen, Secretary.

Members of the Administration Present: David Maxwell, Jay Gogue, Gary Ransdell, Milt Wise

Others Present: Almeda Jacks, Wanda Hill, John Newton, Richard Gray, Francis Canavan, Harry Durham, Jim Daniels, Bill Thompson, Paul Gable, Jeff Martin, Mike Heintze

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

Almeda Jacks introduced the new Student Body President and Vice President, Derrick Pierce and Amy Newell, respectively.

Chairman Batson introduced Mr. Bill Neely who is a newly elected member of the Board of Trustees. Jack Chapman, President of the Board of Visitors, and Ryan White, President of the Alumni Association, were also introduced.

Mr. DesChamps moved that the minutes of the January 26, 1990 Board meeting be approved. Dr. Britton seconded.

The Chairman announced that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 21, 1990.

The Secretary presented the audit report.

Mr. Bill Amick was asked to present the Student Affairs Committee report.
Almeda Jacks announced that Dr. Peter Perhac has left Clemson to accept a position at Rutgers University. Mr. Jeff Martin has been named Acting Director of Housing until a replacement is found.

Mr. Martin reviewed factors resulting in a request for a 7.8 percent housing rental increase. It is mandated by state law that student housing be self-supporting. When costs outweigh the revenues, as will be the case in 1990-91, an increase in housing rates is unavoidable. Salary increases, brought on by a projected three percent pay increase for classified employees, and a federal increase in the minimum wage, will have a great impact on the housing budget. Also, increases in utility costs and facilities maintenance are expected to rise by six and five percent, respectively. Emergency lighting will cost $60,000 and elevator modifications (mandated by the state), at a cost of $110,000, will also significantly impact the budget. Other increases, such as security, insurance and administrative charges, will absorb the remaining projected increases. Cost containment efforts which have been implemented were reviewed. If the increase is implemented, students will realize a $40-$60.00 per semester, per student rise in housing rental rates. This is very close to the fair market value of other housing facilities.

Mr. Amick moved that the recommended 7.8 percent increase in housing rental rates be approved. Mr. DesChamps seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Dr. Mike Heintze presented an admissions update. The goal of reducing the 1990 freshman class by approximately 250 students will be met. A nine percent decrease in applications was noted this year at Clemson. Most other colleges and universities have realized even greater declines. A 17 percent increase over last year was noted in transfer applications. Four hundred students have been recognized as candidates under the Clemson Scholars Program. Applications received under this program for 1990 by race totaled 160 blacks and 132 other.

Ms. Almeda Jacks commended all students for their excellent cooperation during the measles crisis. Student leadership was outstanding and resulted in the overall success of the inoculation program.

Mr. DesChamps was asked to present the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee report. Mr. DesChamps stated that the Committee did not have a quarterly meeting, but that an update on ANR programs and budgetary activities would be given.

Paul Gable stated that the $15.9 million PSA budget originally submitted was cut to $8.5 million in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo. An increase of $490,000 has been recommended by the Budget and Control Board, but this will only cover mandated salary increases. After further cuts, the PSA budget outlook at
this point totals $5.4 million. All new money must be used for salary increases and new programs.

Mr. DesChamps asked how much timber was lost due to Hurricane Hugo. Milt Wise stated that the value has been estimated in excess of $200 million.

Jim Daniels reported on federal initiatives in the ANR area. Items on the federal agenda include programs such as: peach tree short life, alternative cropping system, vegetable research facility, pest control alternatives for South Carolina fruit and vegetable production, Africanized bee, gypsy moth, witchweed, pesticide use and ground water.

Milt Wise reported on other activities within the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Lawrence Gressette was asked to present the Budget and Finance Committee report.

Richard Gray reviewed impact statements on both education and general and PSA budgets.

Wanda Hill reviewed a proposed investment policy (Attachment A) which is necessary to comply with a request from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for a formal policy.

Mr. Gressette moved that the investment policy be adopted. Mr. Buck Mickel seconded and the vote was unanimous.

John Newton reviewed a proposed Board resolution (Attachment B) authorizing the issuance of a student and faculty housing revenue note (not to exceed $1.2 million) and related documents with respect to asbestos abatement in Lever Hall. Now that the work is complete, it is necessary to convert the construction loan to permanent financing.

Mr. Gressette moved that the resolution be adopted. Mr. Amick seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The Chairman asked that Mr. Gressette present the Institutional Advancement Committee report.

The Institutional Advancement Committee recommends adopting the Centennial Flag and Coat of Arms as official symbols of Clemson University.

Mr. Gressette moved that the above recommendation be adopted. Dr. Derrick seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Jack Chapman, Chairman of the Board of Visitors (BOV), presented a report from the Board. Mr. Chapman stated that in the four years he has been a member of the Board, the University
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has progressed significantly. The Fall meeting of the BOV is scheduled for November 1-3, 1990.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Chapman for the excellent report and asked that the Board of Trustees be kept abreast of BOV activities.

Jay Gogue introduced Dr. Charlie Watt who is the new Associate Vice President for Research.

The Secretary read an Earth Day resolution proposed for Board adoption. (Attachment C)

Dr. Derrick moved that the Earth Day resolution be adopted. Mr. Amick seconded and the vote was unanimous.

At this point, President Lennon joined the meeting by conference call from Kansas City. Dr. Lennon is participating in the NCAA hearings with respect to Clemson’s response to rules violations.

The President thanked all the Board committees for their hard work. Cost containment is a major issue - the Budget and Finance Committee will keep the Board informed of the budget process as it moves forward into the new fiscal year.

Chairman Batson expressed the Board’s complete confidence in the President and the members of his staff in Kansas City. Mr. Batson also stated that the President and his administration are to be commended for their efforts in maintaining quality at Clemson University.

Mr. Allen Wood stated that the presentation made by President Lennon on April 18th at the BOV dinner was outstanding. It was also noted that students complimented the President on the inspiring manner in which he encouraged student involvement in the legislative process for formula funding.

The Secretary presented the following mail ballots for ratification.

1) Jordan Hall Renovations - 01/30/90. Awarding a contract in the amount of $215,234 to Greenbrier Construction Co., Inc.

2) Southern Bell Easement Request - 01/31/90. Granting of easement to upgrade services at the Pee Dee Farmers’ Market.

3) Bowen Hall Renovations - 01/31/90. Awarding a contract to South General Construction Company in the amount of $204,536 to remodel restrooms.
4) Lease Renewal between Clemson University and MGT Properties - 01/31/90. 
Three year lease renewal to MGT Properties in the annual amount of $2,767.44.

5) Academic Learning Center - 02/06/90. 
Awarding of contract to Marsh/Bell Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of $2,072,306.00.

6) Lease between Karen Pence Realty and the Institute of Wildlife and Environmental Toxicology, CU - 02/07/90. 
Lease approval for property in Inman, SC for laboratory and office space for TIWET.

7) Sale of Head Football Coach's House - 03/01/90. 
Approval for expenditures up to $10,000 for costs involved in the sale.

8) Honorary Degrees - 03/05/90. 
Approval to award honorary doctor of laws degrees to Elizabeth Dole and William S. Lee at the May 11, 1990 commencement.

9) Bell South Lease - 03/06/90. 
Approval of a lease for a parcel of land at the Sandhill Research and Education Center.

10) Lease to Cooper Sand and Gravel - 03/13/90. 
Approval of a three-year lease on Eighteen Mile Creek for the sum of $1.00.

11) Exempt Leases - 03/19/90. (Attachment D) 
Approval of a revision of the Resolution Delegating Responsibility and Authority to the V. P. for Business and Finance. The revision exempts certain leases.

12) Regulations for the Clemson Experimental Forest - 03/20/90. 
Approval of regulations for public use of the Clemson Experimental Forest.

13) Lease from the Department of the Army in Oconee and Anderson Counties - 04/02/90. 
Renewal of lease for forestry teaching, research and extension programs.

14) Lease between Clemson University and the Corps of Engineers (J R Cooper YMCA Recreation Area) - 04/06/90. 
Approval of a 25 year extension on this lease.

It should be noted that Mr. Tom McTeer did not participate in the mail ballot voting on items 13 and 14. Mr. McTeer was absent from the office for several days due to illness.
Mr. Mickel moved for ratification of the mail ballots listed above. Dr. Britton seconded and the vote was unanimous.

At 11:40 a.m. the Chairman entertained a motion for the Board to enter into executive session to discuss contractual matters concerning research activities. It was stated that no votes or actions would be taken during executive session. Since there is no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman will entertain a motion to adjourn upon reconvening in open session.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 11:56 a.m. and the Chairman confirmed that no votes nor actions were taken during executive session. The Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn.

Mr. DesChamps moved that the meeting be adjourned and Dr. Britton seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Hugh J. Clausen
Secretary of the Board of Trustees