

December 2, 1996

Clemson University  
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES

of the Teleconference

**THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**President's Conference Room, 201 Sikes Hall**  
**Clemson University, Clemson, SC**  
**Monday, December 2, 1996**

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M. with the following members present: Lawrence M. Gressette, Jr., presiding; Bill L. Amick, Louis P. Batson, Jr., J. J. Britton, Louis Lynn, Leslie McCraw, Thomas McTeer, William C. Smith, Jr., Joseph Swann, Allen Wood, W. G. DesChamps, Buck Mickel and Ben W. Anderson, Acting Secretary

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: President Curris, Steffen Rogers, Gary Ransdell, John Kelly and Scott Ludlow

MEDIA PRESENT: None

Chairman Gressette announced that the purpose of the Teleconference was to act on two items which will first be considered by the Budget and Finance Committee of the Board. He turned the meeting over to Thomas McTeer, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, who called that Committee to order.

Item 1. Visitors Center Construction Contract Award

Statement: Gary Ransdell recommended approval to award a construction contract to Durham-Greene, Inc. of Easley, South Carolina for the above-named project. The contract amount is \$500,747.00. The project will be totally funded by private moneys. The Class of '44 has donated \$546,000, and a gift in kind in the amount of \$7,700 will be donated by the contractor. Construction is to begin immediately with completion projected for September 1997. The facility will be named the Class of 1944 Visitors Center. This name has been approved by the Special Advisory Committee on Names. Construction is to begin immediately with completion projected for September 1997.

Action: Dr. Britton made a motion to award the construction contract, Mr. McCraw seconded and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Item 2. S. C. Botanical Garden Visitor's Center and Museum - Gift

Statement: Dr. Ransdell recommended that it be authorized to accept the above-referenced gift, which is being given through the Clemson University Foundation. The gift has an estimated value of \$921,300.00. Final acceptance of these facilities is contingent upon obtaining State approval. The project is located within the South Carolina Botanical Garden on the Clemson University Campus. The project proposes constructing two buildings in close proximity and of similar architecture. One building will be constructed as a Southern Living Magazine plan house and will later become The Garden's Visitors Center. The other building will house the Geology Museum.

The facility that will house the Geology Museum will be called the Bob and Betsy Campbell Museum of Natural History and Geological Collection. This structure is a second location for the Bob and Betsy Campbell Museum currently located in the former Kinard Annex Building. The new facility will house the University's geological collection currently located in Brackett Hall, as well as Bob Campbell's geological collection which is to be received later this year. The Special Advisory Committee on Names has approved the name for this facility.

Mr. Robert Hanson has provided a principal cash gift for the Southern Living House. Following a year of public tours, the Southern Living House will be converted to the Hanson Visitors Center for the Botanical Gardens. The Special Advisory Committee on Names has approved the name.

Action: Mr. Batson made a motion to authorize acceptance of the gift, Dr. Britton seconded and the vote of approval was unanimous.

At this point, Mr. McTeer announced the conclusion of the Budget and Finance Committee meeting. Chairman Gressette reconvened the full Board. The following action was taken:

Item 1. Visitors Center Construction Contract Award

Action: Mr. McTeer made a motion on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee to award a construction contract for the project to Durham-Greene, Inc. of Easley, Mr. Amick seconded and the vote of approval was unanimous.

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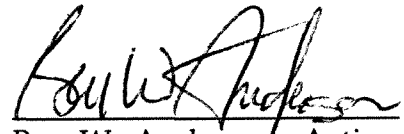
Action: Mr. McTeer made a motion on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee to authorize the Administration to accept the above named gift, Mr. Wood seconded and the vote of approval was unanimous.

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Statement: The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ben W. Anderson".

Ben W. Anderson, Acting  
Executive Secretary to the  
Board of Trustees