

**Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina**

MINUTES

of the teleconference of

**THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
President's Conference Room, Sikes Hall
Clemson, South Carolina
Monday, December 20, 1999**

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. with the following members present: Lawrence M. Gressette, Jr., presiding; Bill L. Amick, J. J. Britton, Leon J. Hendrix, Jr., Louis B. Lynn, Patricia H. McAbee, Leslie G. McCraw, E. Smyth McKissick, III, Thomas B. McTeer, Jr., William C. Smith, Jr., Joseph D. Swann, and J. Thornton Kirby, Executive Secretary

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: President James F. Barker, Scott Ludlow, John Kelly, Ben Anderson, Neill Cameron, David Stalnaker, and Bobby Robinson

OTHERS PRESENT: James Wyche, Verna Howell, Bob Wells, and Jack McKenzie

MEDIA PRESENT: Anna Simon, *Greenville News* and Ian Berry, *Anderson Independent-Mail*

Item 1. Introductions

Statement: Chairman Gressette called on Executive Secretary Kirby to call the roll of Trustees participating by phone and to introduce guests in the room where the call was being initiated. After doing so, Mr. Kirby advised the Chairman that a quorum of the Board was present for the meeting.

Chairman Gressette called on Smyth McKissick for a report from the Budget and Finance Committee. Mr. McKissick advised the Chairman that the Committee had three items to consider before making its report, and he called on Scott Ludlow for explanation after convening a meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Item 2. Budget and Finance Committee Meeting

A. Amendment to Bond Resolution for Student Housing Projects

Statement: Mr. Ludlow reminded the members of the Budget and Finance Committee that the full Board had approved a Bond Resolution on April 16, 1999 to finance the construction of new residence halls on campus, and he advised that a technical amendment to the resolution has become necessary due to delays in the construction

schedule. Mr. Ludlow presented an amendatory resolution (Attachment 1) to change (1) the series designation of the bonds and (2) the dates of payment of interest on the bonds and related matters to authorize the issuance of these revenue bonds in December 1999 or any subsequent date depending upon market conditions and the need for funds.

Action: Mr. McTeer made a motion to approve the resolution, Mrs. McAbee seconded, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

B. Bid Approval for West Campus Student Housing Project

Statement: Mr. Ludlow presented a bid report indicating that bids have been received for the West Campus Student Housing Project (Attachment 2), and he advised that the low responsive and responsible bidder is Yeargin Construction, Inc. of Greenville. The base bid of \$7,560,000 is slightly over budget but within funds available for construction, and the administration requests authorization to award a construction contract in the amount of \$7,560,000 to Yeargin Construction, Inc.

Action: Mr. McTeer made a motion to authorize the awarding of a contract to Yeargin Construction, Inc., Mrs. McAbee seconded, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

C. Bid Approval for Agriculture Biotechnology/Molecular Biology Complex

Statement: Mr. Ludlow presented a bid report indicating that bids have been received for the Agriculture Biotechnology/Molecular Biology Complex (Attachment 3), and he advised that the low responsive and responsible bidder is Ellis Don Construction, Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia. The base bid of \$23,096,701 is under budget and within funds available for construction, and the administration requests authorization to award a construction contract in the amount of \$23,096,701 to Ellis Don Construction, Inc.

Action: Mrs. McAbee made a motion to authorize the awarding of a contract to Ellis Don Construction, Inc., Mr. McTeer seconded, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

There being no further business, Mr. McKissick adjourned the meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee at 10:10 A.M.

Item 3. Report of the Budget and Finance Committee

Statement: Chairman Gressette called on Mr. McKissick for his committee's report.

Action: Mr. McKissick made a motion to approve the amendatory bond resolution and the construction contract awards for the West Campus Student Housing Project and the Agriculture Biotechnology/Molecular Biology Complex as recommended by the committee, Dr. Britton seconded, and after discussion the vote of approval was unanimous.

Item 4. Academic Integrity Policy

Statement: Chairman Gressette called on Thornton Kirby for an explanation of the new undergraduate Academic Integrity Policy proposed by Student Government (Attachment 4). Mr. Kirby, who advised that he was filling in for Provost Rogers on this issue,

described the process through which the policy was developed. Mr. Kirby noted that the policy was driven by student input and had been approved by all appropriate groups, including Faculty Senate, Student Senate, Academic Council, and Administrative Council. Mr. Kirby concluded by introducing James Wyche, one of the architects of the policy from Student Government, to answer any questions. Dr. Britton commended Mr. Wyche on the proactive and positive role of Student Government, noting that the development of this policy speaks well of the entire institution.

Action: Mr. McCraw endorsed the policy as Chairman of the Educational Policy Committee and moved for its approval. Mr. McKissick seconded the motion, and the vote of approval was unanimous. James Wyche announced that he would leave the conference call, and he thanked the Trustees and Administration for their support of this important student initiative.

Item 5. Proposed Resolution on the Confederate Flag

Statement: Chairman Gressette advised that he felt it was appropriate for the Board to express publicly its position on the Confederate flag flying atop the State House, and he presented a resolution for consideration (Attachment 5).

Action: Dr. Lynn made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Mrs. McAbee seconded, and discussion ensued. Mr. McCraw noted that the resolution as proposed clearly addresses the notion of sovereignty, but it does not address the adverse impact of the flag controversy on Clemson University and therefore does not resonate with as many constituencies as it could. Mr. McCraw offered a substitute motion to amend the resolution by adding language to convey the Board's concern over the negative impact of the flag controversy on Clemson University, and Mrs. McAbee seconded the substitute motion. After a brief discussion, the Chairman called for a vote on the substitute motion, which was defeated. The Chairman then called for a vote on the original motion, which was unanimously approved.

Item 6. Adjourn

Statement: There being no further business, Mr. McKissick made a motion to adjourn, the motion was properly seconded, and the vote of approval was unanimous. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Thornton Kirby
Executive Secretary to the
Board of Trustees