

**Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina**

MINUTES

of the Meeting of

**THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Madren Center Board Room
Clemson, South Carolina
Wednesday, June 20, 2001**

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Chairman Gressette noted that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM, with the following members present: Lawrence M. Gressette, Jr., presiding; Bill L. Amick, J.J. Britton, Leon J. Hendrix, Jr., Harold D. Kingsmore, Louis B. Lynn, Patricia H. McAbee, Leslie G. McCraw, E. Smyth McKissick, III, Thomas B. McTeer, Jr., William C. Smith, Jr., Joseph D. Swann (via teleconference), Allen P. Wood, W.G. DesChamps, Jr., and J. Thornton Kirby, Executive Secretary

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: President Jim Barker, Dori Helms, Neill Cameron, and Scott Ludlow, Cathy Sams, Chris Przirembel, Ben Anderson, Debbie Jackson, Bobby Robinson

OTHERS PRESENT: Byron Wiley, Tom Keinath, Jerry Trapnell, Mendal Bouknight, Jerry Beckley, Rob Lockard, Dave Fleming, Bruce Ransom, Marvin Carmichael, Joy Smith, Alan Godfrey, Peter Kent, Stassen Thompson

MEDIA PRESENT: Anna Simon, Lane Filler, Ian Berry, and Matt Nordin

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Item 1. Introductions

Statement: Chairman Gressette called on Cathy Sams to introduce any guests from the media in attendance. Ms. Sams introduced Anna Simon of the *Greenville News*, Ian Berry of the *Anderson Independent*, Lane Filler of the *Clemson Messenger*, Nick Nygro of Channel 4 News, and Matt Nordin of Channel 7 News

Item 2. Approval of Minutes

Statement: Chairman Gressette noted that the minutes of the April 20, 2001 meeting had been previously distributed, and he asked if there were any additions or corrections.

Action: There being no additions or corrections, the April 20, 2001 minutes were approved as submitted.

Item 3. Budget and Finance Committee

Chairman Gressette called on Mr. McKissick for the report of the Budget and Finance Committee, and Mr. McKissick reported that the Committee needed to convene for several business items. Chairman Gressette recessed the Board meeting at 9:05 AM, and Mr. McKissick convened the Budget and Finance Committee. Following the Committee's deliberations, Chairman Gressette reconvened the meeting of the full Board at 9:35 AM.

A. DCIT Lease

Statement: Mr. McKissick reported that the Committee recommends approval of a lease renewal by the Division of Information Technology at Eagles Landing in Seneca, South Carolina. The space has been leased since 1999, and funding comes from a grant sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. The Administration recommends renewal of the lease at the rate of \$10.25 per square feet, for a total of \$67,199. Total operating costs will be roughly \$22,225.

Action: Mr. McKissick made a motion to approve the lease renewal, Mr. Kingsmore seconded, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

B. Tuition Increase

Statement: Mr. McKissick reported that the Committee had heard a proposal by President Barker to increase tuition by \$750 per semester for all students at Clemson (Attachment 1), and he noted that all Trustees had participated in the discussion. Mr. McKissick also reported that the Committee had unanimously approved the proposed Academic Fee Schedule for 2001-2002 (Attachment 2).

Action: Mr. McKissick made a motion to approve a tuition increase of \$750 per semester for all students. Mr. McTeer seconded, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Item 4. Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

Statement: Chairman Gressette next advised that the Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Committee needed to consider an action item involving SCE&G. Mr. Gressette reported that both he and Trustee Bill Amick serve on the board of SCANA, the parent company of SCE&G. As such, both would recuse themselves from any deliberations in the matter. Chairman Gressette turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Bill Smith, who in turn called on Dr. Britton for the report of the ANR Committee. Dr. Britton convened the ANR Committee at 9:37 AM.

Chairman Britton advised the Board that SCE&G desires to provide natural gas service to North Crossing Subdivision in Columbia, a parcel contiguous to the Clemson University Sandhill REC property. To provide this service SCE&G has requested that Clemson grant a ten foot wide easement, for the purpose of a gas line, as generally shown on the attached drawing (Attachment 3), for a distance of 3,844 +/- feet. Dr. Thompson noted that approximately 3,744 feet are already under an easement to SCE&G, but the existing easement does not allow for a gas line. Dr. Thompson recommended granting the easement request for a nominal fee, provided the gas line is buried at a depth so as not to interfere with the operation of the Sandhill REC, and further provided that a processing fee of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) be charged to cover costs and personnel time to process this easement.

Action: Dr. Britton made a motion to approve the easement subject to the terms recommended by Dr. Thompson, Mr. McKissick seconded, and the vote of approval was unanimous. Trustees Gressette and Amick did not vote or otherwise participate in this matter.

Following the ANR Committee's deliberations, Vice Chairman Smith reconvened the meeting of the full Board at 9:42 AM.

Item 5. Executive Session

Statement: Chairman Gressette stated that the Board needed to go into executive session. He clarified that no decisions would be made and no votes would be taken while in executive session. Chairman Gressette requested the presence of all voting members of the Administrative Council to remain in the room and guests were invited to wait outside the room. Mr. Smith made a motion to go into executive session, Mr. McKissick seconded, and the vote of approval was unanimous. The Board went into executive session at 9:45 AM.

Item 6. Open Session

Statement: The meeting was reconvened in open session at 11:20 AM. Chairman Gressette reported that no decisions were made and no votes were taken while the Board was in executive session.

Item 7. Adjourn

Statement: There being no further business, Chairman Gressette adjourned the meeting at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Thornton Kirby
Executive Secretary to the
Board of Trustees