

**Clemson University  
Clemson, South Carolina**

**MINUTES**

**of the Meeting of**

**CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Planters Inn Ballroom  
Charleston, South Carolina  
July 13, 2001**

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. 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, Allen P. Wood, Louis P. Batson, Jr., D. Leslie Tindal, W.G. DesChamps, Jr., and J. Thornton Kirby, Executive Secretary

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: President Jim Barker, Dori Helms, Neill Cameron, Scott Ludlow, Cathy Sams, Chris Przirembel, Ben Anderson, Debbie Jackson, Bobby Robinson, Thornton Kirby, Almeda Jacks, John Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT: Debbie Jackson, Byron Wiley, Jerry Beckley, Dave Fleming, Bruce Ransom, Pat Smart, Robin Denny, Brett Dalton, Gary Kirby, Lawton Smith, Robert Barkley, George Mateay, Gerald Vander Mey

MEDIA PRESENT: Jim Hammond of The Greenville News, Ian Berry of The Anderson Independent, Lane Filler of The Clemson Messenger, Ken Knelly of The State, Schuyler Kropf of The Charleston Post and Courier, Bruce Smith of The Associated Press, Robert Kittle and Anthony Cox of WSPA Spartanburg, Channel 7

**Item 1. Introductions**

Statement: Chairman Gressette called on Robin Denny to introduce guests from the media in attendance. Ms. Denny introduced the media guests listed above.

**Item 2. Approval of Minutes**

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

Action: There being no corrections, the minutes of the June 20, 2001 meeting were approved as submitted.

### **Item 3. Executive and Audit Committee**

**Statement:** Chairman Gressette reported that the Executive and Audit Committee had met earlier in the day with a quorum present. Mr. Gressette stated that the Committee heard updates on the following topics:

- Audit schedule for the coming year;
- Audit summaries from the previous six months;
- Access and Equity;
- Indoor air quality; and
- Athletic Compliance.

Chairman Gressette also stated that the Committee reaffirmed the University's general admissions policies, and he asked Thornton Kirby to present these policies briefly for approval by the full Board. Mr. Kirby summarized the general admissions policies, including the size of the freshman class (2600) and the geographic make-up of the class (65% in-state and 35% out-of-state). On behalf of the Executive and Audit Committee, Chairman Gressette made a motion to approve the general admissions policies, Mr. Kingsmore seconded, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

### **Item 4. Research Committee**

**Statement:** Chairman Gressette called upon Joe Swann for the report of the Research Committee. Mr. Swann reported that the Research Committee had welcomed and congratulated Chris Przirembel, the newly appointed Vice President for Research. Mr. Swann also reported that the Committee received preliminary numbers for sponsored research awards, noting that research awards have increased from \$69.1 million in 1999-2000 to \$87.7 million in 2000-2001. Mr. Swann also noted that research proposals totaling \$223 million were submitted in 1999-2000, while \$372 million worth of proposals were submitted in 2000-2001. He concluded the report of the Research Committee by commending the faculty for their outstanding efforts to increase sponsored research funding.

### **Item 5. Budget and Finance Committee**

**Statement:** Chairman Gressette called upon Smyth McKissick to convene the Budget and Finance Committee for the purpose of considering an action item. Mr. McKissick thanked the Chairman and convened the Budget and Finance Committee at 1:38 PM.

Following the meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee, Chairman Gressette reconvened the meeting of the full Board at 2:30 PM. He noted that two items on the agenda, a lease and a construction bid, would be deferred to a future meeting. He next called on Mr. McKissick for the report of the Budget and Finance Committee.

### A. Tuition

Statement: Mr. McKissick reported that the Budget and Finance Committee had received a report from President Barker concerning tuition, and he noted that all Trustees had heard the report and been given the opportunity to participate in the discussion.

Action: On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Mr. McKissick made a motion to approve the proposed Academic Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2001-2002 (Attachment 1), which would refund \$600 to in-state students by reducing tuition in the fall semester of 2001 from \$2,545 to \$1,945; retain tuition in the spring semester of 2002 at \$2,545; and leave tuition for out-of-state students unchanged; provided Clemson can be assured that tuition in the fall semester of 2002 will be no less than \$2,545. In the event the proviso is not met, tuition for the fall semester of 2001 shall remain \$2,545. Mr. McTeer seconded the motion, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

### B. Classified Staff Senate Report

Statement: Jerry Beckley presented the Classified Staff Senate report (Attachment 2) to the full Board, highlighting the recent name change from Classified Staff Commission to Classified Staff Senate. Mr. Beckley also reported that the recent Staff Senate golf tournament was a success, and as a result the scholarship support for children of classified staff members will be increased in the coming year. Chairman Gressette thanked Mr. Beckley for his report, and President Barker commended the Classified Staff Senate for their hard work to raise \$167,000 for a scholarship fund to benefit Clemson students.

## **Item 6. Report from Student Government**

Statement: Chairman Gressette called on Gary Kirby, Student Body President, for his report. Mr. Kirby thanked the Trustees for their support of quality education as demonstrated by their vote on tuition, and he advised that he would provide a more detailed report on Student Government activities at the next Board meeting.

## **Item 7. President's Report**

Statement: Chairman Gressette called on President Barker for his report.

### A. Campus Master Plan

Statement: President Barker advised the Trustees that important work is underway to plan for the future of the Clemson campus, and he introduced Gerald Vender Mey for a presentation on master planning efforts. Mr. Vander Mey introduced George Mateay, Campus Master Plan Consultant, who presented a detailed overview of the campus master planning process and answered questions from the Trustees. President Barker promised to keep the Board advised as work progresses.

### B. Progress Report Card

Statement: President Barker noted the importance of tracking Clemson's progress as we strive to become a Top 20 public university, and he shared a report card for the

University's 10-Year Goals (Attachment 3). President Barker also shared with the Board an article written by a current Clemson student describing the student's remarkable vision for this University.

**Item 8. Executive Session**

Statement: Chairman Gressette stated that the Board needed to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. He stated that no decisions would be made and no votes would be taken while the Board was in executive session. After a motion was made and properly seconded, the Board went into executive session at 3:22 PM. Guests were invited to wait outside the room.

**Item 9. Open Session**

Statement: Chairman Gressette reconvened the meeting in open session at 4:27 PM. He stated that no decisions were made and no votes were taken while the Board was in executive session. He stated that the business session of the Board meeting was concluded. Beginning at that point and for the next day and a half during its Annual Retreat, the Board would be hearing various reports concerning the University. He further stated that the Board would take no official action during the Retreat.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Thornton Kirby  
Executive Secretary to the  
Board of Trustees