

**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  
Thursday, November 8, 2001**

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM with the following members present: Lawrence M. Gressette, Jr., presiding; Bill L. Amick, J. J. Britton, Louis B. Lynn, Patricia H. McAbee, Leslie G. McCraw, E. Smyth McKissick, III, William C. Smith, Jr., Joseph D. Swann, Allen P. Wood, W. G. DesChamps, Jr., and J. Thornton Kirby, Executive Secretary

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: President James F. Barker, Scott Ludlow, Dori Helms, and Cathy Sams

OTHERS PRESENT: Robin Denny

MEDIA PRESENT: Woody White, *Greenville News* and Lane Filler, *Clemson Messenger*

**Item 1. Introductions**

Statement: Chairman Gressette asked 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.

**Item 2. Budget & Finance Committee**

Statement: Chairman Gressette called on J.J. Britton to convene the Budget and Finance Committee for the purpose of considering two action items. Dr. Britton thanked the Chairman and convened the Budget and Finance Committee at 10:05 AM.

Following the meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee, Chairman Gressette reconvened the meeting of the full Board and called on Dr. Britton for the Committee's report.

**A. Fike Recreation Center—Renovation and Expansion**

Statement: Dr. Britton reported that the Budget & Finance Committee had considered two construction contracts, and he noted that all Trustees participating in the

teleconference had heard the explanation of the two items. He explained that the first action item concerned the renovation and expansion of Fike Recreation Center, and he presented the bid recommended by the Administration (Attachment 1).

Action: On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Dr. Britton made a motion to approve the construction bid for the renovation and expansion of Fike Recreation Center, and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the vote of approval was unanimous.

#### **B. Renovation of Football Field in Memorial Stadium**

Statement: Dr. Britton reported that the second action item concerned the renovation of the football field in Memorial Stadium, and he presented the bid recommended by the Administration (Attachment 2).

Action: On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Dr. Britton made a motion to approve the construction bid for the renovation of the football field in Memorial Stadium, and Mr. Wood seconded the motion. After a discussion of the project, the vote of approval was unanimous.

Following the vote, several Trustees asked Mr. Ludlow to report on Clemson's progress in attracting female-owned and minority-owned contractors to work on University construction projects, and Mr. Ludlow agreed to do so at the next Board meeting.

#### **Item 3. CURF Board Appointment**

Statement: Chairman Gressette reported that George Bullwinkle is rotating off the Board of Directors of the Clemson University Research Foundation (CURF), and he noted that a replacement must be appointed. Frank A. Landgraff, a patent attorney with Coca-Cola in Atlanta, has been nominated to replace Mr. Bullwinkle, and Chairman Gressette asked whether any Trustee wished to make an additional nomination. There being no nominations from the floor, Chairman Gressette advised that he would entertain a motion to elect Mr. Landgraff.

Action: Mr. McKissick made a motion to elect Frank A. Landgraff to the CURF Board of Directors, Ms. McAbee seconded, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

#### **Item 4. Approval of Honorary Degree**

Statement: Chairman Gressette called on Thornton Kirby to present an honorary degree candidate. Mr. Kirby reported that the Honorary Degree Selection Committee recently recommended that an honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree be presented to Ronald H. Coase at the December graduation ceremony, and the recommendation was forwarded to the Provost. Provost Helms concurred with the recommendation and forwarded it to President Barker, who also endorsed the committee's action. Mr. Kirby highlighted Professor Coase's credentials, and he advised that final approval for the honorary degree must come from the Board of Trustees.

Action: Dr. Britton made a motion to bestow upon Ronald H. Coase an honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree, Mr. Wood seconded, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

**Item 5. Adjourn**

Statement: There being no further business, Mr. Swann made a motion to adjourn and the vote of approval was unanimous. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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J. Thornton Kirby  
Executive Secretary to the  
Board of Trustees