

**Clemson University  
Clemson, South Carolina**

**MINUTES**

**of the Teleconference of**

**THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
President's Conference Room  
Clemson University  
Clemson, South Carolina  
Thursday, April 11, 2002**

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:05 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, Leslie G. McCraw, E. Smyth McKissick, III, Thomas B. McTeer, Jr., W.G. DesChamps, Jr., and J. Thornton Kirby, Executive Secretary

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: President Barker, Scott Ludlow, Chris Przirembel, Almeda Jacks, Lawrence Nichols, Cathy Sams, and Marvin Carmichael

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Wells, Mike Keeshen, Teresa Hopkins, Renee Roux, and Janice Kleck

MEDIA PRESENT: Anna Simon, *Greenville News*, Jean Scott, *Anderson Independent*, Lane Filler, *Seneca Messenger*, Ken Tysiac, *The State*, and Jeff Stensland, *The State*

**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 and Finance Committee**

**Statement:** Chairman Gressette called upon Bill Hendrix to convene the Budget and Finance Committee for the purpose of considering several action items. Mr. Hendrix thanked the Chairman and convened the Budget and Finance Committee at 10:07 AM.

Following the meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee, Chairman Gressette reconvened the meeting of the full Board at 10:36 AM.

#### A. Indoor Track Facility and Littlejohn Roof Replacement Project

Statement: Mr. Hendrix reported that the Committee had approved two facilities projects, including a bid award for the Indoor Track Facility (Attachment 1) and a change order for replacement of the roof of Littlejohn Coliseum (Attachment 2). Mr. Hendrix noted that the change order for the Littlejohn roof project will be financed with student fee-supported bond revenues, and he reported that the Committee had revised the bond resolution approved in January for the Fike Renovation project in order to increase the amount of bonds that can be issued (Attachment 3). Mr. Hendrix noted that all Trustees present for the Board's teleconference had heard the deliberations.

Action: On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Mr. Hendrix made a motion: (1) to authorize the Administration to award a construction contract, pending expiration of the protest period, in the amount of \$3,560,000 to Melloul Blamey Construction, Ltd. of Greenville, South Carolina; and (2) to increase the maximum limit of the bond resolution approved in January from \$14,295,000 to \$22,295,000 and to authorize the Administration to execute a change order with Beers/Skanska as recommended by the State Engineer, provided the cost of the change order will not exceed \$7,000,000. Mr. Kingsmore seconded, and Chairman Gressette called for discussion. No further questions were asked, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Mr. Hendrix thanked Chairman Gressette and reported that the Committee had no further business to report.

#### Item 3. Research Committee

Statement: Chairman Gressette called on Bill Amick for the report of the Research Committee, and Mr. Amick reported that the Committee had held its quarterly meeting on April 10, 2002 in connection with the Graduate Research Forum on campus. Mr. Amick advised that the Committee had authorized the Administration to proceed with a lease of research space, and he asked Chris Przirembel to explain the details of the lease. Dr. Przirembel referred to a summary of the University's plan (Attachment 4) to lease two new research buildings that will be constructed by the South Carolina Research Alliance (SCRA), and he offered the following highlights.

The two buildings, one of which will house offices and the other of which will house laboratories, are needed to address Clemson's dire shortage of research space. The facilities will be dedicated to research in photonic materials and nano materials, and they are expected to be substantially completed by June 1, 2003. Although no lease document has been drafted, the University must obtain state approvals based on a maximum lease cost in order to keep the project on its expedited timetable. The maximum fixed annual lease cost will not exceed \$1.83 million, and the term of the lease will be 20 years. As owner of the buildings, SCRA will receive a 1% administrative fee that is included in the annual lease cost, and SCRA will be responsible for long-term capital maintenance and infrastructure. As lessee, Clemson will be responsible for routine maintenance and repair. Dr. Przirembel reported that \$470,000 has been budgeted for annual maintenance expenditures, with a 3% annual inflationary factor. Dr. Przirembel concluded by

reiterating that this approach will substantially reduce construction time for the new buildings, and he offered to answer questions from the Trustees concerning the project.

Action: There being no questions, Mr. Amick made a motion to authorize the Administration to proceed with the negotiation of a lease of new research space in two buildings to be constructed by the South Carolina Research Authority (SCRA), provided the annual lease price does not exceed \$1.83 million. Mr. Kingsmore seconded, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Item 4. Adjourn

Statement: There being no further business, Mr. McCraw made a motion to adjourn and the vote of approval was unanimous. Chairman Gressette adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Thornton Kirby  
Executive Secretary to the  
Board of Trustees