

**Clemson University  
Clemson, South Carolina**

**MINUTES**

**CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Madren Center – Executive Board Room  
Clemson, South Carolina  
11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.  
Friday April 21, 2006**

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:23 A.M. with the following members present: Bill Hendrix, *Chair, presiding*, J.J. Britton, Lawrence Gressette, Tom Lynch, Louis Lynn, Patti McAbee, Les McCraw, Smyth McKissick, Tom McTeer, Bob Peeler, Bill Smith, Joe Swann, W.G. DesChamps, *Trustee Emeritus*, Doug Kingsmore, *Trustee Emeritus*, Allen Wood, *Trustee Emeritus*, and Chalmers Eugene Troutman III, *Executive Secretary*

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: James Barker, Neill Cameron, Marvin Carmichael, Steve Copeland, Gail DiSabatino, Bob Geolas, Dori Helms, Debbie Jackson, John Kelly, Angie Leidinger, Lawrence Nichols, Terry Don Phillips, Chris Przirembel, Cathy Sams, and Clay Steadman

OTHERS PRESENT: Katie Abole, Larry Allen, John Ballato, Katy Bayless, Lynn Boiter, Debbie Dalhouse, Alan Godfrey, Stephen Gosnell, Bob Green, Erecia Hepburn, Verna Howell, Thomas Kapp, Tom Keinath, Beth Kunkel, Connie Lee, Roger Liska, John Masslon, Ted Mauro, Amanda McDonald, Brian O'Rourke, Susan Polowczuk, Bruce Rafert, Kelly Sheldon, Pat Smart, Cathy Sturkie, Sean Tyan, Bob Wells, Larry Williams, Bruce Yandle, Caroline Yount.

MEDIA PRESENT: Allison Newton, Anna Simon, Larry Williams

**Item 1. Call to Order**

**Statement:** Mr. Hendrix, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:23 A.M.

**Item 2. Introduction**

**Statement:** Mr. Hendrix introduced members of the media: Anna Simon, *Greenville News*, Allison Newton, *Anderson Independent*, and Larry Williams, *Post & Courier*.

**Item 3. Approval of Minutes**

**Statement:** Mr. Hendrix noted that the minutes of the February 2, 2006, meeting and the March 6, 2006, teleconference had been previously distributed (Attachment A), and he asked if there were any additions or corrections.

Action: There being no changes, Mr. Gressette made a motion to approve the February 2, 2006, minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Item 4. Report of the Executive Secretary to the Board

Statement: Gene Troutman announced meeting dates for 2007 as follows: February 7-8, 2007; April 19-20, 2007; and July 12-15, 2007. He explained that the dates for the Fall meeting would be determined at a later date.

Item 5. Student Affairs Committee Report

Statement: Dr. Britton, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, reviewed several notable information items that had been presented to the committee, including the awards won by the 2005 TAPS yearbook, an update regarding the LeaderShape program and Alternative Spring Break, a report from the Michelin Career Center, and the status of the search for a new Chief of Police. Dr. Britton then called on students to present the following information items.

Information Item. Student Government Update. Katy Bayless, outgoing President of Student Government, gave the Student Government Executive Update (Attachment K) and introduced Stephen Gosnell, new Student Government President, and Amanda McDonald, new Student Government Vice-President. Chairman Hendrix thanked Ms. Bayless for her service and welcomed Mr. Gosnell and Ms. McDonald.

Information Item. Graduate Student Government Update. Erecia Hepburn, new President of the Graduate Student Government, presented the Graduate Student Government Report (Attachment L).

Information Item. Extramural Fellowship Candidates. Dr. Steve Wainscott introduced the following students who had won or been nominated for extramural scholarships and fellowships. Holly Nance, Zoology major from Central, SC, was nominated for a Fulbright Grant. Stephen Gosnell, Biological Sciences major from Landrum, SC, won the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, and Jonathan Ziska, Ceramic and Material Engineering major from Dover, DE, was also nominated for this scholarship. Caroline Yount, Physics major from Conover, NC, won the Dr. Robert H. Goddard Scholarship and the SC Space Consortium Grant. Christen Smith, Health Science major from Satellite Beach, FL, was a finalist for the Truman Scholarship. Katie Abole, Chemistry major from Irmo, SC, and Crystal Jackson, Computer Engineering major from Clemson, SC, won National Science Foundation fellowships. Lisa Fuller, Materials Engineering major from Taylors, SC, won honorable mention from the National Science Foundation. Sean Tynan, Genetics major from Signal Mountain, TN, was named a Duckenfield Scholar. The Board gave these students a standing ovation.

Item 6. Executive and Audit Committee Report

Statement: Mr. Hendrix, Chair of the Executive and Audit Committee, reported that the Committee considered certain contractual matters during executive session. He also reported that the Committee received the auditors' report and noted that there were no

alarming findings, no findings with which management disagrees, and no findings that won't be resolved within 6 months. Mr. Hendrix reiterated the Board's commitment to leading a culture of compliance at Clemson University and specifically asked to be notified immediately regarding any concerns.

Item 7. Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Report

Statement: Mr. McTeer, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, reported that the committee had met and had one action item to present to the Board.

Action: Farmer's Market: Mr. McTeer made a motion to extend the lease for the Farmers Market in Florence through 2016 at a price of \$25,000 per year with an option to purchase. The motion was seconded by Dr. Britton and passed unanimously.

Information Item. Budget. John Kelly, Vice President for Public Service and Agriculture, noted for the Board that the Budget had been reviewed during the Committee meeting and that he was glad to answer any questions or concerns. Mr. Hendrix noted for those in attendance that much of the substantive work of the Board occurs at the Committee level with significant interaction by members.

Item 8. Educational Policy Committee Report.

Statement: Mr. McCraw, Chair of the Educational Policy Committee, stated that the committee had met and wished to present recommendations on the following action items.

Action: New Degree Programs, Program Modification, and Centers and Institutes:

New Degree Programs: Mr. McCraw explained that the Educational Policy Committee recommended a proposed new degree program for a Masters of Education in Early Childhood Education (with an emphasis in math, science and technology) (Attachment B). He explained that the new program requires approval by the Commission on Higher Education, the University has adequate facilities, and it requires no new funding. Provost Helms noted that with the emphasis in math, science and technology, this degree program would not be duplicative.

Program Modification: Mr. McCraw explained that the Committee recommended modification of the degree program for the Masters of Education in Administration and Supervision (Attachment C). He noted that modification requires approval by the Commission on Higher Education, uses existing facilities and requires no new funding. Provost Helms noted that we already teach this degree but would like to modify the program to move 50% of the program off-campus. This course is requested by contract with school districts and is in high-demand because of the aging principal population.

Centers and Institutes: Mr. McCraw explained that the Committee recommended the creation of the Center for Improvement of Construction Management and

Processes (Attachment D). He noted that the center would require a facility but no new funding. He also noted that only internal approval is required. Provost Helms explained that Clemson's Construction Science Management program is in the Top 5 and this center will allow interaction with the construction industry through laboratory work and simulations by case study. Chairman Hendrix noted that this was a good example of the administration reallocating funds from programs with declining interest to those with growing interest so that no new funds are required.

Mr. McCraw explained that the Committee also recommended the creation of the Clemson Renaissance Center, with an emphasis area in leadership and entrepreneurship (Attachment E.). He noted that this required internal approval only. He also noted that, while new funds were required, these will come from private sources such as grant funding and program revenues.

After discussion, Mr. McCraw moved to approve the recommended new degree program, program modification and new centers. The motion was seconded by Mr. McKissick and passed unanimously.

Information Item. Faculty Senate Report. Connie Lee, outgoing President of the Faculty Senate, presented her report (Attachment F) and introduced incoming President, Beth Kunkel. Mr. McCraw thanked Dr. Lee for her good work and welcomed Dr. Kunkel.

Item 9. Finance and Facilities Committee Report.

Statement: Mr. Smith, Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, reported that the committee had three action items for the Board's consideration.

Action: Poole Agricultural Center – HVAC Renovations, Phase 2. Mr. Smith reported that the Committee recommended that the construction contract for the HVAC Renovations to Poole Agricultural Center, Phase 2, be awarded to Waldrop Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. of Spartanburg, S.C., pending the expiration of the protest period (Attachment G). He moved to approve the award. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Action: Lightsey Bridge Fire Sprinkler Retrofit – Renovation. Mr. Smith presented the Committee's recommendation that the construction contract for the fire sprinkler retrofit for Lightsey Bridge Housing be awarded to Gwinnett Sprinkler (Attachment H). He moved to approve the award. Mr. Lynn seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Action: Douthit Hills Resolution. The Committee recommended that the Douthit Hills housing complex be removed from the definition of "Facilities." Mr. Smith moved to approve, and Mr. Lynch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Information Item. Classified Staff Senate Report. Lynn Boiter, incoming President of the Classified Staff Senate, presented her report (Attachment J).

Item 10. Research Committee Report.

Statement: Mr. Swann called on Chris Przirembel, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, to summarize the following information items.

Information Item. Research Awards Report. Dr. Przirembel reported that the total number of research proposals submitted through the third quarter (1,115) outpaced those submitted through the third quarter last year (1,025). Similarly, research awards through the third quarter (\$66 Million) was more than this time last year (\$56 Million). In light of the number of faculty who have and who plan to retire, Dr. Przirembel reported that our faculty remain competitive and productive. Dr. Przirembel also noted that Tracy Arwood had been hired as Director of the Office of Research Compliance.

Information Item. CU-ICAR video. Bob Geolas, Director of CU-ICAR, introduced a video prepared by Neal Prince & Partners that gives an aerial view of the CU-ICAR campus.

Mr. Swann reiterated that the Committee was pleased that each college was setting research goals based on their history of success and the difficulty of the subject matter. He thanked Dr. Przirembel and Mr. Geolas for their reports.

Item 11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report.

Statement: Patti McAbee called on Neill Cameron to present the following action and information items to the Board.

Action: Naming of Outdoor Lab Road for Professor Charlie White. Mr. Cameron presented a request, approved by the naming committee and endorsed by the Administrative Council, to name the road at the Outdoor Lab for Professor Charlie White. Dr. Britton commented that he knows Professor White and praised him for his service to Clemson University. Dr. Britton moved to approve the request, and Mr. Lynch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Information Item. Marketing and Communications. Ms. McAbee noted that the Committee had received the Marketing and Communications Report from Cathy Sams and commented on the targeted strategy to raise Clemson University's national reputation.

Information Item. Conference Center and Inn. Ms. McAbee reported that the Committee had received a report from Jeff Martin on the Conference Center and Inn and focused on the role of the Conference Center and Martin Inn in helping Clemson University meet its Top 20 goals.

Mr. McCraw requested additional information regarding Clemson University's strategy for [www.clemson.edu](http://www.clemson.edu). Ms. McAbee explained that the target audience is blended and includes current and prospective faculty and students. Neill Cameron explained that the strategy was developed as a result of extensive surveys with users.

Item 12. President's Report.

Statement: President Barker recognized Tom Keinath and Joe Boykin, who are both retiring, for their exceptional service to the University. This recognition received a standing ovation from the Trustees and others in attendance. President Barker distributed his report card to the Trustees. He reviewed each of the University goals for 2011 and noted progress toward these goals as of 2005-2006 (Attachment M). President Barker gave a budget update and noted the encouraging work by the Senate Finance Committee. He stressed the direct link between state support and tuition and noted that, if the process went as expected, the Board could expect a lower tuition increase than in recent years. Finally, President Barker closed with his latest installment of Life in the President's home. He shared that the first time he heard of Clemson was from P.J. Burns, the father of his childhood best friend in Kingsport, TN. P.J. Burns passed away two weeks earlier, and President Barker was able to present a sword, that had been presented to him by Dean Cox, to Mr. Burns' grandson.

Item 13. Executive Session

Statement: Mr. Gressette moved to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swann. No action was taken while in Executive Session

Item 14. Adjourn

Statement: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chalmers Eugene Troutman III  
Executive Secretary to the  
Board of Trustees