Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Executive Board Room
Madren Center
Clemson, South Carolina
October 17, 2008
1:30 PM

Call to Order

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Trustee Hendrix, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m. with the following present:

Trustees: Bill Hendrix, Chairman, presiding; Bill Amick, J. J. Britton, Louis Lynn, Patti McAbee, Nicky McCarter, Les McCraw, Smyth McKissick, Tom McTeer, Bob Peeler, Bill Smith, Joe Swann, and David Wilkins

Trustees Emeriti: Fletcher Derrick, Doug Kingsmore, and Allen Wood

Administrative Council: James F. Barker, President; Dr. Doris R. Helms, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Dr. John Kelly, Vice President for Public Service and Agriculture; Dr. Chris Przirembel, Vice President for Research and Economic Development; Clayton D. Steadman, General Counsel; Brett Dalton, Chief Financial Officer; Angie Leidinger, Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees and Director of Governmental Affairs; Bob Geolas, Executive Director of the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research; Jim Bottum, Vice Provost for Computing and Information Technology and Chief Information Officer; Dr. Debra B. Jackson, Assistant to the President and Associate Provost for Academic Affairs; Dr. Gail DiSabatino, Vice President for Student Affairs; Neill Cameron, Jr., Vice President for Advancement; Steve Copeland, Interim Chief Administrative Officer; Dr. Terry Don Phillips, Director of Athletics; Marvin G. Carmichael, Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff; Catherine T. Sams, Chief Public Affairs Officer and Assistant to the President; Lawrence Nichols, II, Chief Human Resource Officer; and Leon Wiles, Chief Diversity Officer

Guests: Jeremy Tolbert, Undergraduate Student Government; Natalie Deitch, Undergraduate Student Government; Brian Park, Undergraduate Student Government; Robin Denny, Clemson News Services; Alan Sams, Dean, CAFLS; Dave Crockett, Staff Senate President; John Ballato, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees; Bruce Rafert, Dean, Graduate School; Eric Giles, Undergraduate Student Senate; Ryan Fernandes, Graduate Student Government; Tammy Vaught, Graduate Student Government; Jason Schwier, Graduate Student Body President; Abby Daniel, Undergraduate Student Senate; Callie Boyd, Undergraduate Student Body President; JT Clark, Undergraduate Student Body Vice President; Monica Ryskamp, Undergraduate Student
Approval of Minutes

Chairman Hendrix said if there were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the July 18, 2008 meeting, they would be approved as submitted. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Report from Executive Secretary to the Board

ACC Governing Board Certification – Angie Leidinger reported on the annual request for signing the ACC Governing Board certification form which must be completed by the Chair of the Board and the President of the university in order that teams or individuals may be entered in an ACC Championship.

Approval of President’s Nominations to the University Committee – Ms. Leidinger presented to the Board for approval the President’s nominations to the University Committee for Naming of Facilities and Erecting Plaques, Monuments, Major Markers and Artwork.

Trustee Amick moved to accept the nominations for the committee. Trustee McCraw seconded the nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hendrix Remarks

Chairman Hendrix addressed the attendees. Due to budget issues, the upcoming February Quarterly Board of Trustees’ Meeting will be held in Clemson. Because this quarterly meeting is normally held in Columbia to allow the Trustees and Administration to also have the opportunity to meet with legislators, Chairman Hendrix has directed Ms. Leidinger to arrange for the Trustees to meet with legislators at another date.

Chairman Hendrix also asked for board members to provide feedback to him on the possibility of the Summer Quarterly and Retreat being held in Clemson.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Report

Trustee Peeler asked Stassen Thompson to provide information on the easement request.
Action Item:
SC E&G Easement at Sandhill Research & Education Center – Mr. Thompson explained that SC E&G requires an easement to install and maintain electrical lines for new service to the Sandhill Research and Education Center. The service line is for Clemson’s benefit.

Trustee Lynn moved to allow the easement. Trustee McTear seconded the motion. The motion to allow the easement was approved unanimously.

Compensation Committee Report

Trustee Swann reported that the Committee Charter was reviewed and no action was taken.

Educational Policy Committee Report

Trustee Smith explained the Committee’s concern over the current economic situation. He stated that all programs to be reviewed are either cost neutral or self-supporting. He called on Doris Helms to present action items to the Board.

Action Items:
New Degree Programs- Presented as information only. Held for future Board approval.
• BS, Environmental Science – Provost Helms presented a preliminary proposal only. The Committee approved in concept only, and asked the administration to prepare a full proposal, including funding, for the next board meeting.
• BS, Environmental Engineering – Provost Helms shared a preliminary proposal. The Committee approved in concept only, and asked the administration to prepare a full proposal, including funding, for the next board meeting.

New Centers and Institutes
• Clemson Institute for Human Factors and Ergonomics
• Osher Lifelong Learning
• Education & Research Satellite Center in Trace Elements for UNESCO

Provost Helms said that all the new centers will be cost neutral.

Trustee Peeler moved to approve the new centers and institutes. Trustee Wilkins seconded the motion. All new centers and institutes were approved unanimously.
Program Modifications

- BS, Health Science to add concentration in Cardiovascular Imaging Leadership – Provost Helms explained the benefit to adding a concentration in Cardiovascular Imaging Leadership to the BS in Health Science.

Trustee Amick moved to approve the modification. Trustee McCraw seconded the motion. The motion to add the requested concentration was approved unanimously.

- Change in CHE Approval Process – Information Only
  Provost Helms updated the Board on the changes in the CHE approval process.

Program Termination

- Master in Electronic Commerce – Provost Helms said there was a lack of interest in the program, as most students are taking this as part of the MBA Program. She said that no students would be affected by the termination, as no students are currently in the program.

  Trustee Swann moved to terminate the program. Trustee McAbee seconded the motion. The motion to terminate the Master in Electronic Commerce was approved unanimously.

New Certificate

- Certificate in Engineering & Science Education – Provost Helms explained the benefit of developing this certificate.

  Trustee Britton moved to approve the new certificate. Trustee McKissick seconded the motion. The certificate was approved unanimously.

Information Items:
Faculty Senate Report – Bryan Simmons provided an overview of items the Faculty Senate is working on, including post-tenure review process, the dual role of faculty as administrators, and assisting in developing cluster hire mechanisms. The Faculty Senate continues to work on the faculty satisfaction survey, and it will be spending time between now and February finding a replacement for the outgoing Faculty Representative to the Board, currently John Ballato. He thanked Dr. Ballato for his hard work in building a relationship with the Board.

Trustee McCraw inquired about the process for appointing a Faculty Representative to the Board. Dr. Simmons stated that the process was outlined in the Faculty Manual. There is a committee of the Faculty Senate that reviews nominations and applications for the position.
Faculty Representative Report – John Ballato gave his final report, as his term ends in December. He noted that the Faculty Representative to the Board has enjoyed frequent and honest communication with the Board. He hopes that those continue as the budget gets tighter. On behalf of the Board, Trustee Smith thanked Dr. Ballato for his three years of service. Chairman Hendrix also recognized Dr. Ballato’s contributions to the Board.

Admissions Update – Provost Helms highlighted items in the Admissions report. Clemson received the largest number of applications in history and the SAT score was one of the highest in the University’s history. Sixty-two percent of the freshman class is from in-state and thirty-eight percent from out-of-state. There was a twenty-four percent increase in total graduate applications over the previous year.

Chairman Hendrix asked how many students were accepted out of those applying. Provost Helms said there were about six thousand accepted. She noted that most of the transfer students and Bridge Program students are from South Carolina. Trustee Smith asked for additional information on the Bridge Program. Dr. Helms said that seventy-one percent of Bridge students have been successful in transferring to Clemson and with higher retention rates than traditional transfer students. Their GPAs are also as high as entry students.

Trustee Lynn pointed out that the percentage of African American students is still in single digits and noted a slight decrease from last year. Provost Helms attributed this to financial reasons, citing lack of need-based scholarships.

Finance and Facilities Committee Report

Trustee Amick called on Steve Copeland to present the action items to the Board.

Action Items:
Capital Project Final Approval
- Patwood Facility Upfit – Phase II – Mr. Copeland reviewed the proposed upfit, which is 21,000 leased square feet and is designed to take research directly from the lab into applications with patients. The total budget is $7 million and the source is research infrastructure bonds. Approval from the Board allows the administration to approve the remaining $3.5 million in bonds when appropriate. Trustee Smith moved to approve the Patwood Facility Upfit. Trustee McCarter seconded the motion. The Patwood Facility Upfit was approved unanimously.
Lease-Out Approval

- Patewood Facility – Mr. Copeland summarized the request to lease space in the Patewood Facility to Ziehm Imaging Inc. Trustee McTeer moved to approve the lease, contingent upon approval from the state and Greenville Hospital System. Trustee Britton seconded the motion. The lease was approved unanimously.

Resolution

- Approval of Request to Extend Leases – The leases on the Walker Course, James F. Martin Inn, and parking currently expire in 2019. The proposed lease extension would expire in 2069. Both the Finance and Facilities and Institutional Advancement Committees endorsed the proposal. Trustee Swann moved to request extension of the leases. Trustee McTeer seconded the motion. The motion to extend the leases was approved unanimously.

Information Items:
Permanent Improvement Project Update – Mr. Copeland referred to the report and said he would answer any questions.

Staff Senate Report – Dave Crockett reminded the Board of the contributions of the staff and pointed out that the Staff Senate is willing to serve as a resource during this difficult time.

Institutional Advancement Committee Report

Trustee McCraw reported that there has been more interest in Hopewell than ever before and stated that there is a plan to install fire sensors for safety and security.

Trustee McCraw highlighted Clemson’s national media coverage, commending Esin Gulari for her appointment to the National Science Board. He praised the Visitor’s Center for its tour guides and impressive numbers, citing an increase in visitors this year.

He reported that Alumni giving percentages are off slightly this year. He also recognized the large alumni meeting held in Washington that was very successful.

Trustee McCraw called on Harrison Trammell to discuss the Clemson Foundation. Mr. Trammell reminded the Board that the University endowment has a long-term horizon with a multi-generational focus. While it is certainly committed to today’s students, it also concerns itself with the well-being of future generations. There was a recent review of the investment processes by the Foundation Board, and its overall perspective was positive on results achieved.
Research Committee Report

Trustee McKissick presented the Research Committee Report.

Action Item:
Approval of Committee Name Change - From Research Committee to Research & Economic Development Committee – Trustee McKissick said the administration has a desire for the Committee to have a broader scope, thus the name change. He called on Chris Przirembel to explain the name change in more detail. Dr. Przirembel said that a subcommittee was established initially for just the CU-ICAR campus. However, there are so many different economic development initiatives it would not be feasible to have a separate subcommittee for each campus. The name change will give oversight for all the individual campuses.

Trustee McKissick moved to re-name the Research Committee to the Research and Economic Development Committee with the associated expansion of its charge to consider and recommend policies regarding the research and economic development activities of the University, which includes the research and economic development campuses. Trustee Amick seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Przirembel thanked the faculty and students who brought Clemson to the $150 million research goal. He noted that Clemson received its highest amount ever while the discretionary portion of federal funding diminishes. On behalf of the Committee, Trustee McKissick thanked everyone who contributed to the growth in research funding.

Student Affairs Committee Report

Action Item:
Appointment of Municipal Judges & Ministerial Recorders

Trustee McAbee moved to reappoint Judge Deborah R. Culler and Judge W. Richard Mattox as municipal judges and Teresa H. Daniel as the ministerial recorder for three year terms for each position. Trustee McCraw seconded the motion. The motion for the reappointments was approved unanimously.

Information Items:
Vice President’s Report – Trustee McAbee reported that the Committee heard from Gail DiSabatino on the Balanced Scorecard for Student Affairs which measures six strategic goals over the next five to ten years. In summary, Clemson students are engaged, satisfied, and successful. There has been a significant increase in freshmen to sophomore retention rates, student conduct violations have decreased, student alcohol violations have decreased by eleven percent, and there has been national recognition in living learning communities. Clemson was also recognized nationally as having the happiest students in the country.
Undergraduate Student Government Report – Callie Boyd presented an overview of fees being reviewed by the Undergraduate Student Government. She stated that Undergraduate Student Government wants input on all fees that students pay. She commented on individual fees.

Trustee Swann recommended that Undergraduate Student Government utilize the minutes of the Board meetings as an additional resource in reviewing fees. Trustee Britton requested objective information of what was expected of the transportation fee and why students were not pleased with the results.

Graduate Student Government Report – Jason Schwier presented the Graduate Student Government plans to review graduate student fees in the future. Additionally, he brought forth two points for consideration. First, he commended Student Affairs for their efforts to provide housing to graduate students. That continues to be a priority. Second, he noted that stipends are a primary concern for graduate students. He pointed out that graduate students had a stipend supplement that ran out and they have been forced to go back to base salaries without the supplement. Graduate Student Government understands that the budget is tight. Mr. Schwier asked the Board to be aware of the stipends available to students at Clemson’s peer institutions.

Trustee McAbee recognized students in attendance and shared student comments from the Student Affairs Committee meeting. She stressed the importance of student involvement and input. She encouraged students to attend the meetings whenever possible.

J.T. Clark distributed Solid Green key chains as a part of the Solid Green Clemson effort. He described some of the programs, which includes recycling, blood drives, and water and energy conservation. They want to add more bicycle routes and are working with an educational environment committee.

Executive and Audit Committee Report

Chairman Hendrix reported that Clay Steadman has worked on revising the Trustee manual. Chairman Hendrix appointed a committee to work with Mr. Steadman on finalizing revisions. He appointed Trustee McTeer as Chairman with Trustee Amick and Trustee Emeritus Gressette to serve on the committee.

President’s Report

President Barker began his report with an anecdote regarding “Life in the President’s Home.” He highlighted items on the President’s Report Card. He noted that Clemson has been thinking about efficiencies for several years and will use that skill to address the budget challenges in the future.
Executive Session

Chairman Hendrix said it was necessary to go into executive session to discuss personnel, contractual, economic development and/or legal matters and that no votes or action would be taken while in Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

At 4:53 p.m., the Board entered into executive session and returned to public session at 5:25 p.m. No action or votes were taken.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman Hendrix adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Reidinger
Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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Approved 2/16/09

Date