Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Banquet Rooms 1 & 2
Hilton Hotel
Columbia, South Carolina
January 26, 2011
1:30 p.m.

Call to Order
After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Trustee Wilkins, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. with the following present:

Trustees: David Wilkins, Chairman, presiding; Bill Amick, J. J. Britton, Ronald Lee, Louis Lynn, Patti McAbee, Nicky McCarter, Smyth McKissick, Tom McTeer, Bill Smith, and Joe Swann

Trustees Emeriti: Fletcher Derrick 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 PSA and Economic Development; Dr. Gerald Sonnenfeld, Vice President for Research; Clayton D. Steadman, General Counsel; Brett Dalton, Chief Financial Officer; Angie Leidinger, Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees and Director of Governmental Affairs; 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; Marvin G. Carmichael, Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff; Catherine T. Sams, Chief Public Affairs Officer and Assistant to the President; and Leon Wiles, Chief Diversity Officer

Guests: Kim Wilkerson, Guest; Larry Allen, Dean, College of Health, Education and Human Development; Rick Goodstein, Interim Dean, College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities; Claude Lilly, Dean, College of Business and Behavioral Science; Tom Scott, Interim Dean, College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences; Windsor Sherrill, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees; Bill Surver, Faculty Senate President; Rose Ellen Davis-Gross, Staff Senate President; Ryan Duane, Undergraduate Student Government President; Matt Fowler, Graduate Student Government President; George Askew, PSA; Steve Meadows, PSA; Boyd Parr, PSA; Robin Denny, News Services; Dan Warner, Faculty Senate Vice President; Patty Warner, Guest; Doug Henry, CCIT; Jeannette Braine-Sperry, Office of the Board of Trustees; and Sally Gillespie, Office of the Board of Trustees

Media: Jim Hammond, GSA Business

Robin Denny introduced members of the media.

Approval of Minutes – October 15, 2010 and December 8, 2010
Trustee Smith moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2010 and December 8, 2010 meetings. Trustee Lynn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report from the Executive Secretary to the Board – Angie Leidinger

2012 Meeting Dates – Angie Leidinger presented the meeting dates for 2012. She noted the football schedule will determine the date of the fall meeting.

Compensation Committee Report – Joe Swann

Trustee Swann reported the Committee discussed and approved salary proposals from the Administration.

Educational Policy Committee Report – Smyth McKissick

Information Items:

Trustee McKissick referred to the previously distributed information items and asked for questions or comments. There were none.

Faculty Senate Report – Bill Surver thanked the administration for its openness and expressed the hope that free dialogue will continue. He reported on his involvement with the departmental visits and noted the willingness faculty members have to work on new ideas. The Faculty and Staff Senates are planning to build a Habitat for Humanity house in the spring. Dr. Surver reported there are several suggestions for changes to the Faculty Manual that are being reviewed by the Provost. The changes seek to update the manual to make it current. Faculty Senate Committees are working on reports and recommendations now. Dr. Surver thanked the Board for their support of faculty.

Dr. Surver introduced Dan Warner, President Elect of the Faculty Senate. He is leading a committee on lecturers, a growing component of teaching at Clemson.

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees Report – Windsor Sherrill discussed the MBA program and the newly created code of honor for the program. She spoke about the approach to engaging faculty and exposing them to Clemson culture.

Admissions Updates – Provost Helms reported acceptances will be mailed before February 14, 2011. Applications were up about 2% at the undergraduate level and up about 3% at the graduate level. Transfer applications increased by 7%.
Trustee Amick convened the Finance and Facilities Committee.

Finance and Facilities Committee Report – Bill Amick

Action Items:

Approval of Minutes – October 14, 2010 – Trustee Amick said if there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the October 14, 2010, meeting, they would be approved as submitted. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Concept Approval – CETL Repair & Refurbishment Project (Waste Management Building) – Brett Dalton said the Clemson Engineering Technology Lab was donated to Clemson and an endowment was provided as well for repairs and refurbishment. The proposed project will refurbish the facility’s mechanical systems to convert it to a General Purpose Research lab and restore reliability. Proposed work includes re-roofing, correcting window flashing problems, replacing the hydraulic cylinder in the elevator, replacing both cooling towers, replacing or repairing one chiller, replacing or repairing one boiler, and upgrading the keying and card access system. Funding for the project is provided by the WMX Technologies Clemson Technical Center Endowment Fund associated with the original gift.

Trustee McAbee asked if the building is worth the investment. Mr. Dalton said it is a significant facility worth the cost to refurbish. Mr. Dalton noted replacement value will be included when the Board is approached for final approval.

Trustee Smith moved to approve the concept of the CETL Repair & Refurbishment Project. Trustee McAbee seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Concept Approval – Indoor Football Practice Facility – Mr. Dalton presented the proposed 80,000 square foot indoor football practice facility. The proposed facility will house a full size synthetic turf football field and will feature a coaches tower, training room, video recording platforms, proper lighting, and suitable sound systems. The facility will serve the general public camps as well. It will be funded entirely from athletic funded revenues and private donations. Trustee Lynn asked about the A/E Fees. Mr. Dalton said they are estimated fees for design. At final approval, all fees will be fully disclosed.

Trustee Lynn moved to approve the concept of the Indoor Football Practice Facility. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee Wilkins adjourned the Finance and Facilities Committee.

Trustee Amick moved to approve the CETL Concept and the Indoor Football Practice Facility Concept. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Items:

Staff Senate Report – Rose Ellen Davis-Gross said the Policy and Welfare Committee is preparing a compensation survey to go to HR representatives at other institutions. The Activities Committee organized a food drive to service Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee Counties. The Scholarship Committee is looking for a new fundraising event in lieu of the golf tournament. She reported the Staff Development Plan is well
underway and thanked all staff members who were available during the snow storm at the beginning of the semester.

Quarterly Capital Project Status Report and Finance Division Update - Mr. Dalton referred to previously distributed written reports and asked for questions or comments. There were none.

Trustee Smith convened the Institutional Advancement Committee.

Institutional Advancement Committee Report – Bill Smith

Action Items:

Approval of Minutes – October 14, 2010 – Trustee Smith said if there were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 14, 2010, meeting, they would be approved as submitted. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Naming Request – The Clemson University Museum of Natural Sciences – Neill Cameron presented the request to create an umbrella name for natural science collections housed in various locations across campus to bring greater recognition to the collections and enhance development and grant activities. The Clemson University Museum of Natural Sciences would include existing plant, arthropod/insect, vertebrate and geology collections. The request would not impact the Bob and Betsy Campbell Museum of Natural History and does not conflict with the university’s gift agreement with the Campbells. Mr. Cameron noted no funds, facilities, or administrative support would be needed.

Trustee McCarter moved to approve the naming request. Trustee Swann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Naming Request – Architecture Facility – Mr. Cameron presented the naming request for the Architecture Facility. The request is to name the facility after a major donor. The donor and facility meet all guidelines and are on the pre-approved list. Once the gift agreement is fulfilled, a public announcement will be made in the future after consultation with the donor.

Trustee McCarter moved to approve the naming request. Trustee Swann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee Smith adjourned the Institutional Advancement Committee.

Trustee Smith moved to approve the two naming requests. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Item:

Trustee Smith noted several informational reports were previously distributed for review. He said the Foundation report was extremely positive.
Trustee McKissick provided an update on the Will to Lead Campaign. The goal is to raise $600 million by June 30, 2012. In December 2010, Clemson raised over $18 million. Since the campaign was announced, $29 million has been raised. He reported that over half of major gifts ($25,000 or more) have been from new donors.

**Student Affairs Committee Report – Nicky McCarter**

Gail DiSabatino provided the Student Affairs annual report for review.

**Information Items:**

Undergraduate Student Government Report – Ryan Duane provided an update. The student body was surveyed to determine whether or not there is enough student lounge space on campus. Of the students that responded, 82% believe there is not enough lounge space for students on campus. He reported that Student Government will be debating uses for about $80,000 of capital funds this year. He also spoke briefly about the sustainability efforts on campus, transit, and athletic ticketing.

Trustee Swann asked for a final report about alcohol initiatives once all strategies are implemented.

Graduate Student Government Report – Matt Fowler provided an update. He spoke about the Professional Enrichment Grant program, noting there was a 72% increase in applicants in the fall over the same time last year. More funds were set aside for the spring semester because applications are usually greater in the spring semester.

Trustee Lynn asked if Clemson is competitive for stipends and assistantships now. Mr. Fowler said no, but students understand the financial environment and are focusing on areas they can change now.

**President’s Report**

President Barker highlighted items on the report card.

President Barker spoke about the new governor’s higher education platform. He said she called presidents and chairs together to establish clear communication, expectations, and what she will be working on in higher education during her term.

**Executive Session**

Trustee Wilkins said it was necessary to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, contractual, economic development and/or legal matters. He said there would be no votes taken and no action taken while in Executive Session. The Board went into Executive Session at 2:53 p.m. and did not return to open session.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, Trustee Wilkins adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Angie Leidinger
Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Angie Leidinger  4/15/11
Approved  Date