

Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Executive Board Room
Madren Center
Clemson, South Carolina
February 5, 2016
1:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Notification as required by the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act was given at least twenty-four hours before the meeting by posting the notice and agenda on the bulletin board at the Office of the Board of Trustees, 300B Sikes Hall, Clemson University and on the Clemson University Board of Trustees website. Additionally notice of, and the agenda for, the meeting was sent via email to the distribution list maintained by the Office of Media Relations which includes approximately 80 reporters and editors at the major daily newspapers, television and radio stations in S.C.

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Trustee McKissick, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:44 p.m. with the following present:

Trustees: Smyth McKissick, *Chairman, presiding*; David Dukes, Bill Hendrix, Ronald Lee (via phone), Louis Lynn, Patti McAbee, Nicky McCarter, Bob Peeler, Mark Richardson (via phone), Bill Smith (via phone), Joe Swann, Kim Wilkerson, and David Wilkins

Trustees Emeriti: J.J. Britton, Fletcher Derrick, Doug Kingsmore, Tom McTeer, and Allen Wood

Administration: James P. Clements, *President*; George Askew, *Vice President for Public Service and Agriculture and Dean, College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences*; Robert H. Jones, *Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*; Chip Hood, *General Counsel*; Angie Leidinger, *Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees and Director of Governmental Affairs*; Larry Dooley, *Interim Vice President for Research*; Brett Dalton, *Vice President for Finance and Operations*; Neill Cameron, *Vice President for Advancement*; Cathy Sams, *Chief Affairs Officer and Assistant to the President*; Max Allen, *Chief of Staff and Interim Chief Diversity Officer*; Almeda Jacks, *Vice President for Student Affairs*; Michelle Piekutowski, *Chief Human Resources Officer*; Dan Radakovich, *Director of Athletics*; Michele Cauley, *Development*; Tanju Karanfil, *Vice President for Research*; and Brian O'Rourke, *Development*

Guests: Rick Goodstein, *Dean, College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities*; Maggie Farrell, *Dean of Libraries*; Bobby McCormick, *Interim Dean, College of Business and Behavioral Science*; George Petersen, *Dean, School of Education*; Brett Wright, *Interim Dean, College of Health, Education and Human Development*; John Griffin, *Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies*; Jason Osborne, *Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School*; Cathy Tillet, *Internal Audit*; Thompson Mefford, *Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees*; Shannon Kay, *Undergraduate Student Government*

President; Guneet Bedi, Graduate Student Government President; James McCubbin, Faculty Senate President; Doug Hallenbeck, Student Affairs; Doug Henry, CCIT; Leland Miller, CUPD; Jackie Todd, Media Relations; Tina White, Staff Senate President; Frances Kennedy, Associate Provost for Academic Finance and Operations; Ellen Granberg, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs; Didier Rousseliere, Global Engagement; Kathleen Costello, Graduate School; Boyd Parr, PSA; Monica Patterson, Faculty Senate Office; Harrison Trammell, Foundation; Jeremy King, Presidential Fellow; Angela Nixon, Public Affairs; Amy Goodin, Controller's Office; Chuck Knepfle, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management; Janelle Chiasera, ACE Fellow; Matt Bundrick, Creative Services; Robin Denny, Media Relations; Jim Bostic, Guest; Johnson Link, Student Affairs; George Smith, Student Affairs; Sharon Nagy, Global Engagement; Hannah Provost, Faculty Senate; Allison McCants, Student; Katherine Dively, Finance and Operations; Katherine Abrames, Student; Kayla Wilson, Student; and Sally Mauldin, Office of the Board of Trustees

Media: Mike Eads, *Anderson Independent*; Ron Barnette, *Greenville News*; and Derek Dellinger, *Fox News*

Cathy Sams introduced members of the media.

Approval of Minutes – October 9, 2015 & January 14, 2016

Trustee Dukes moved to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2015, and January 14, 2016, meetings. Trustee Wilkerson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Report of the Clemson History Task Force – David Wilkins

Trustee Wilkins moved to approve the recommendations from the Task Force on the History of Clemson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report from the Executive Secretary to the Board – Angie Leidinger

Ethics Filing Reminder – Angie Leidinger noted information needed for filing would be distributed to Trustees soon.

Woodland Cemetery Policy – Ms. Leidinger said the Chairman would be appointing a Trustee to assist with the mandatory review of policy this fall.

Board Meeting Dates – Ms. Leidinger reviewed upcoming Board meeting dates.

Board of Visitors Reminder – Ms. Leidinger noted it is time for Trustees to submit nominations for the Board of Visitors.

President's Report

President Clements provided an update on his activities since the last meeting. He presented a video highlighting upcoming plans for Clemson Forward.

President Clements introduced Kayla Wilson, a student who is part of an effort to make diabetes testing more efficient and affordable in underdeveloped countries.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Report – Nicky McCarter

Trustee McCarter called on George Askew to summarize information items.

Compensation Committee Report – Bill Hendrix

Trustee Hendrix asked Michelle Piekutowski to summarize actions taken by the Committee.

Action Item:

Review, Discussion and Approval of Presidential Compensation – Trustee Hendrix moved to approve the addition of a deferred compensation plan to the President's Employment Agreement. The motion was approved unanimously.

Educational Policy Committee Report – Kim Wilkerson

Trustee Wilkerson called on Bob Jones to present the Committee's action items as a composite motion.

Action Items:

Program Modification: Add new 100% online distance education delivery site for PhD in Recreational Therapy – Provost Jones presented the proposed program modification. The purpose of the modification is to provide an alternate delivery of the PhD in Recreational Therapy. This is one of the leading PhDs in the country in this curricular area and providing the degree online will allow us to address the dearth of faculty in recreational therapy and offer rigorous, comprehensive doctoral training in an online format. This modification is central and supportive of the University's larger interest in offering more online and graduate programs.

Change the Names of the Communication Studies Department and Communications Studies BA Program to the Communication Department and Communication BA – Provost Jones presented the proposed name changes. The proposed name changes are consistent with national disciplinary trends in the communication field. Departments of Communication Studies are typically housed within arts and humanities focused academic colleges, while Departments of Communication are commonly associated with academic colleges that possess a behavioral and social science focus. In concert with Clemson's approved academic reorganization, the Department of Communication Studies proposes a name change consistent with its move

to the new College of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences. The department's faculty unanimously support the proposed name changes.

Change the Name of the Nutrition and Dietetics Concentration within the Food Science BS Program to the Nutrition Concentration – Provost Jones presented the proposed name change. As a result of the nutrition field expanding over the past several decades, the current concentration name does not fully reflect the diversity of careers within this discipline. Currently the concentration name Nutrition and Dietetics gives the impression the curriculum is limited to the dietetics career choice. The concentration name of Nutrition will better encompass the different career opportunities within the nutrition field and the options available in the curriculum. As the degree name has changed to Food Science and Human Nutrition, the names for both concentrations will be enhanced in their alignment with the proposed name change – Food Science and Technology; and Nutrition.

Center closing: Economic Research on the Family – Provost Jones presented the proposal to close the center. The Center of Economic Research on the Family is not associated with any degree program or concentration, and plans for building the Center did not come to fruition for a variety of reasons, most importantly changes in faculty personnel and the concomitant changes in faculty interest that accompanied them.

Materials Science and Engineering PhD and MS Concentration Closures – Provost Jones presented the request to close three concentrations in the MS and PhD degrees in Materials Science and Engineering – Metals and Ceramics, Polymers, Polymer and Fiber Science. In April 2015, the faculty of Materials Science and Engineering approved the removal of three concentrations from the MS and PhD degrees. This change was driven by many factors including changes in the needs of students and employers, changes in the research and development foci within the field, and changes in funding priorities. The faculty believes that removal of these concentrations is more in tune with the contemporary educational and research focus of the Department and the field. Further, the broader degree has the flexibility for conforming to future developments in the field.

Trustee Wilkerson moved to approve the proposed action items. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Items:

Faculty Senate Report – Jim McCubbin provided an update.

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees Report – Thompson Mefford provided an update.

Admissions Update – Provost Jones provided an update.

Finance and Facilities Committee Report – Bill Smith

Action Item:

State Institution Bond Action Regarding the ATEC Building – Trustee Smith moved to rescind the previously granted approval. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Item:

Staff Senate Report – Tina White provided an update.

Institutional Advancement Committee – David Wilkins

Action Item:

Namings – Trustee Wilkins moved to approve the naming of the new addition of the rebuilt Littlejohn Coliseum be named the Swann Pavilion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee Wilkins summarized information items discussed during the committee meeting.

Research and Economic Development Committee Report – Joe Swann

Trustee Swann summarized information items discussed during the committee meeting. He thanked Larry Dooley for his great career and service to Clemson.

Student Affairs Committee Report – Patti McAbee

Trustee McAbee summarized information items discussed during the Committee meeting.

Information Items:

Undergraduate Student Government Report – Shannon Kay provided an update.

Graduate Student Government Report – Guneet Bedi provided an update.

Executive and Audit Committee Report – Smyth McKissick

Chairman McKissick summarized information items discussed during the Committee meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman McKissick adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Leidinger

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Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Angie Leidinger
Approved

4/13/16
Date