

Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES
Student Affairs Committee
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Executive Board Room
Madren Center
Clemson, SC
April 4, 2024
10:15 a.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 located on the ground floor public entrance of 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 McAbee called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. with the following present:

Committee Members: Patti McAbee, *Chair*; Joe Swann, *Vice Chair*; David Dukes, Bob Peeler, Cheri Phyfer-Kubu, Mark Richardson, and J.J. Britton, *Emeritus*

Trustees: Nikki Haley, Ronnie Lee, Louis Lynn, Nicky McCarter, Smyth McKissick, Bill Smith, and Kim Wilkerson

Trustees Emeriti: David Wilkins and Allen Wood (via web)

Administration: James P. Clements, *President*; Tony Wagner, *Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations*; Max Allen, *Vice President and Chief of Staff*; April Purvis, *Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees*; Robert Donato, *Chief Strategy Officer*; Robert H. Jones, *Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*; Chip Hood, *General Counsel and Special Advisor to the Board of Trustees*; Lisa Knox, *Associate Vice President and Executive Director for Office of Institutional Excellence*; Chris Miller, *Vice President for Student Affairs*; Felicia Benton-Johnson, *Vice President for Diversity and Inclusive Excellence*; Greg Yarrow, *Interim Dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences*; Angie Leidinger, *Senior Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Advisor to the Board of Trustees*; Rick Petillo, *Chief Financial Officer*; Tracy Arwood, *Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer*; Brian O'Rourke,

Vice President of Advancement; Julio Hernandez, Assistant to the President for Community Engagement and Outreach; and Graham Neff, Director of Athletics

Guests: Jon Clayton, *CCIT*; Danielle Arrington, *Office of the Board of Trustees*; Emily DaBruzzi, *Military and Veteran Engagement*; Kimberly Poole, *Student Affairs*; Kristin Walker-Donnelly, *Student Affairs*; Jermaine Johnson, *Office of the General Counsel*; Lisa Bona, *Student Affairs*; Philip Sikes, *Marketing and Communications*; Lesslie Pekarek, *Redfern Health Center*; and Brian Powell, *Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees*

Media: Caitlin Herrington, *Post and Courier*; Representatives from *The Tiger* and *The Seneca Journal*

April Purvis called roll of the committee. She noted a quorum was present.

Max Allen introduced media in attendance.

Approval of Minutes of February 1, 2024

Trustee Phyfer-Kubu moved to approve the February 1, 2024 meeting minutes. Trustee Richardson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vice President of Student Affairs Update

Chris Miller provided an update. He highlighted Clemson Day at the State House and recognized the first cornerstone gift to Student Affairs of \$2.5M.

Military and Veteran Engagement Update

Emily DaBruzzi, Director of Military and Veteran Engagement, presented. Emily shared the recent designation of Top 10 Military Friendly School from VIQTORY. She provided an overview of the pathway to this recognition, which included strengthened data collection and increased physical space on campus for Military and Veteran Engagement.

Student Support and Wellbeing

Dr. Kimberly Poole, Assistant Vice President and Associate Dean of Students, presented. She highlighted the impact of student support and wellbeing on the overall student experience. She noted the resources provided to students, including the Office of Advocacy and Success, the CARE Network and Student Health Services.

Service Aspect of the Student Experience

Kristin Walker-Donnelly, Director of Assessment, presented. She noted department-level metrics used to assess student reach, support, and engagement. She highlighted ways data is used to support Clemson Elevate, particularly related to delivering the number one student experience.

Executive Session

Trustee McAbee stated it was necessary to enter executive session to receive legal advice related to free speech. She noted no votes or action would be taken while in executive session and the committee would not reconvene in public session.

Trustee Richardson moved to enter executive session. Trustee Swann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The committee entered executive session at 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Trustee McAbee adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April S. Purvis

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Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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Approved

07/18/24

Date Approved