

Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES
Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Teleconference/Web
April 3, 2024
9:00 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 McCarter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following present:

Committee Members: Nicky McCarter, *Chair*; Louis Lynn, *Vice Chair*; David Dukes, Patti McAbee, Bob Peeler, and Bill Smith; and J.J. Britton, *Emeritus*

Trustees: Cheri Phyfer-Kubu and Kim Wilkerson

Trustees Emeriti: Allen Wood

Administration: James P. Clements, *President*; Max Allen, *Vice President and Chief of Staff*; April Purvis, *Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees*; Chip Hood, *General Counsel and Special Advisor to the Board of Trustees*; Greg Yarrow, *Interim Dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences*

Guests: Steve Cole, *PSA Regulatory Services*; Jon Clayton, *CCIT*; Scott Smith, *CCIT*; Beth Crocker, *Office of the General Counsel*

Media: Caitlin Herrington, *Post and Courier*

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 Peeler moved to approve the February 1, 2024 meeting minutes. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Overview of CAFLS, Update of PSA/CAFLS Merger

Dean Yarrow provided an overview of the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Life Sciences (CAFLS) and an update of the merger of Public Services and Agriculture (PSA) and the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Life Sciences. He provided an overview of the organization structure, noting five (5) academic departments, Clemson Cooperative Extension in all 46 counties, the Clemson Experiment Station, Livestock and Poultry Health, Regulatory Services, and seven (7) special units including centers, institutes, and museum.

CU Elevate - #1 Student Experience

Dean Yarrow provided an update regarding strategic goals tied to Clemson Elevate, focusing on the Number 1 Student Experience. He highlighted the experiential learning program, which affords opportunities for hands-on experience to CAFLS students.

General Updates

Dean Yarrow provided general updates regarding graduate and undergraduate enrollment in CAFLS, funding, and the CAFLS Dean Search. He also noted the close relationship with the College of Veterinary Medicine and mentioned the potential for joint faculty.

Adjournment

There no being no further business, Trustee McCarter adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April S. Purvis
April Purvis
Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

<u>April S. Purvis</u>	<u>07/18/24</u>
Approved	Date Approved