

# JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University held an Executive Committee Meeting in Jacksonville, Alabama on Friday, February 22, 2019.

Mr. William "Ronnie" Smith, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order in the Gold Room of Bibb Graves Hall at 9:00 am CST.

Roll call showed the following members of the Board of Trustees Executive Committee were:

#### **Committee Member Trustees Present:**

Mr. William 'Ronnie' Smith, Chairman

Mr. Clarence Daugette, III

Mr. Thomas Dedrick, Sr. (joined meeting via Teleconference.)

Mr. Randall E. Jones

Mr. Randy Y. Owen

(A legal quorum of the Executive Committee was present.)

## **Non-Committee Member Trustees Not Present:**

Mrs. Gale Saxon Main

Mr. Greg Brown (joined meeting via Teleconference.)

Mr. Rusty Fuller (joined meeting via Teleconference.)

Senator Vivian Figures

Mr. Tony Ingram (joined meeting via Teleconference.)

Governor Kay Ivey

**Guests Present:** 

Mr. Jim Brigham

Mr. Richard Cater

Mr. Skip Clark

Dr. Don Killingsworth

Dr. Tim King

Dr. Heidi Louisy

Dr. Charles Lewis

Mr. Greg Seitz

Dr. Christie Shelton

Mr. David Thompson

Dr. Rebecca Turner

Mr. Chuck Harwarth

**Counsel Present:** 

Mr. Sam Monk

Mr. Charlie Waldrep

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Smith asked that the minutes of the December 12, 2018, Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting be reviewed.

Mr. Clarence Daugette made a motion to approve the December 12, 2018, Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting minutes as written. Mr. Thomas Dedrick seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

# **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Randy Owen, Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee, stated that the Committee has one action item for the Board's consideration.

**Motion #1** - Recommends the approval of a Center for Cyber Education in the School of Education.

Coming from the Academic Affairs Committee, the motion did not require a second. After discussion among the Board, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Owen stated that he is very excited that JSU is on the forefront of cyber education. Mr. Jones expressed that he would like to invite Mr. Jim Simons, former assistant director of the CIA over cybersecurity to talk to the group.

Mr. Jones inquired about naming rights to the new Center for Cyber Education. He stated that when new centers are established on campus, there should be an opportunity for naming rights. President Beehler stated that this could be a possibility going forward.

# **ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Randall Jones, Chairman of the Advancement Committee, reported that the Committee had the following action item to bring before the Executive Committee.

**Motion #1** - To increase the Capital Campaign goal to \$55 million.

Coming from the Advancement Committee, the motion did not require a second. After discussion among the Board, the motion was approved unanimously.

#### ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Thomas Dedrick, Chairman of the Athletic Committee, submitted one action item for the Executive Committee's approval. He noted that Coach Bill Burgess will be inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. A reception honoring Coach Burgess will be Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., at the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

Mr. Dedrick, on behalf of the Athletic Committee, presented the following Resolution for the Board's consideration and made a motion that it be approved.

#### **RESOLUTION #587**

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and appropriate to recognize and pay tribute to individuals who, by achieving outstanding success, bring honor, glory and pride to Jacksonville State University; and

*WHEREAS*, Bill Burgess, was head coach at Jacksonville State University from 1985 until his retirement in 1996, and led the Gamecocks to the school's first-ever football National Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1985, Bill Burgess became the head football coach at Jacksonville State University and finished with the second-most wins in school history with a career record of 84-49-4; and

*WHEREAS*, Bill Burgess won five Gulf South Conference crowns and made five straight NCAA Division II national playoff appearances. The Birmingham, Alabama, native was a three-time GSC Coach of the Year selection and was named the 1992 NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year, after guiding the Gamecocks to the National Championship in JSU's final game as a Division II member; and

*WHEREAS*, Bill Burgess was inducted into the Jacksonville State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003, the Calhoun County Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005, the AHSAA Hall of Fame in 2007 and the NCAA Division II Football Hall of Fame in 2011; and

*WHEREAS*, on September 11, 2010, Jacksonville State University dedicated Burgess-Snow Field at JSU Stadium as the new "Home of the Gamecocks" in honor of Bill Burgess; and

*WHEREAS*, Bill Burgess becomes Jacksonville State University's ninth inductee into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame; and

*WHEREAS*, the achievements of Bill Burgess reflect immense credit upon Jacksonville State University and the entire State of Alabama, and he is truly deserving of special recognition;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the members of the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University express their congratulations to Bill Burgess on the distinct honor of being inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

Adopted this 28th day of January, 2019.

Mr. Thomas Dedrick, Sr., Interim Chairman

Jacksonville State University

Board of Trustees

Coming from the Athletic Committee, the motion did not require a second. After discussion among the Board, the motion was approved unanimously.

#### **BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Clarence Daugette, Chairman of the Building and Finance Committee, stated that President Beehler has been authorized to request proposals for bonds from underwriters.

Mr. Dedrick wanted to know where we stand with the process of getting RFP's and if it's begun, how many firms have received RFP's? President Beehler reported that there are three separate firms that have submitted proposals. The firms that have responded to the RFP's are *Piper Jaffray*, *Raymond James and Stifel*. Mr. Dedrick expressed that he should recuse himself from this decision due to his affiliation with Raymond James.

Mr. Brigham stated that he will be putting together an analysis to compare the three. He added that RFP's were made available to a wide number of institutions. Mr. Brigham stated that the deadline for responses has passed, however; will continue to accept proposals and include them in the final analysis. President Beehler, Mr. Brigham and Mr. Clark will review the proposals and select the best one by consensus and bring the selected bond proposal for presentation at the next Board of Trustees meeting in April.

Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to move forward as outlined. Mr. Thomas Dedrick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

# **JOINT AGREEMENT**

President Beehler stated that he has had several meetings with Dr. Martha Lavender, President of Gadsden State Community College (GSCC) regarding the termination of two long term leases between JSU and GSCC. He stated that JSU no longer has any use for the Ford Center in Gadsden and GSCC doesn't need the space occupied at McClellan. The proposal is to void both long term leases. President Beehler stated that there are alternate uses for the McClellan property. He expressed there are more needs for Forensics, Emergency Management, and Criminal Justice. Also, there is one outside group that would like to lease space at McClellan. Mr. Brigham concurred that it would be in the best interest of both institutions to void the two long term leases.

Mr. Jones expressed that JSU still has a strong relationship with GSCC and that this is an exchange of property only.

Chairman Smith stated that since there doesn't appear to be a sense of urgency to approve today, he would like to take the recommendation to terminate the two long term leases between JSU and GSCC to the full Board of Trustees in April. He expressed that JSU is in total support of the exchange.

Mr. Jones made a motion to endorse the action presented by Chairman Smith. Mr. Daugette seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Smith asked for a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session for approximately 45 minutes to discuss the good names of individuals or pending litigation.

President Beehler called roll for voting to approve the Executive Session. The following persons voted:

Chairman William R. Smith	YES
Mr. Greg Brown	YES
Mr. Clarence Daugette	YES
Mr. Thomas Dedrick	YES
Mr. Rusty Fuller	YES
Mr. Tony Ingram	YES
Mr. Randall Jones	YES
Mr. Randy Owen	YES

Chairman Smith reported a unanimous vote for the Executive Session and stated that the Board members would return for a public vote on any actionable items.

Upon returning from Executive Session Chairman Smith reported that there were two action items to report.

Mr. Dedrick stated that an opportunity had been presented for naming rights. The Committee recommends that President Beehler move forward with the naming rights opportunities for the three individuals that have been made known to the Executive Committee. President Beehler stated that the three naming rights related to the Baseball facility are: Bobby and Vicki Satterfield; David and Cindy Boatfield and Jan Case.

Motion #1 - Mr. Dedrick, on behalf of the Athletic Committee, presented the following Resolutions for the Executive Committee's consideration for approval.

#### **RESOLUTION #588**

*Whereas*, David and Cindy Boatfield have been committed supporters of Jacksonville State University; and,

*Whereas,* David is a 1983 graduate Jacksonville State University and Cindy is a 1982 graduate; and,

*Whereas,* David and Cindy Boatfield wish to honor Jim Skidmore who was the first full-time trainer for JSU athletics and worked for forty years in the Gamecock's Sports Medicine Department; and,

*Whereas*, David and Cindy Boatfield have made a generous outright gift of \$25,000 to Jacksonville State University for the *Deeply Rooted. Future Driven*. Campaign,

*Now, therefore be it resolved*, that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares that the training room in Jim Case Stadium be named the *Jim Skidmore Training Room*.

*Now, therefore be it further resolved,* that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its thanks and gratitude to David and Cindy for this generous gift to Jacksonville State University.

This Resolution presented the 22nd day of February, 2019.

Dr. John M. Beehler, Ph.D., CPA President, Jacksonville State University

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Thomas Dedrick, Sr. Interim Chairman

#### **RESOLUTION #589**

*Whereas*, Bobby and Vickie Satterfield have been loyal and committed supporters of Jacksonville State University; and,

*Whereas*, Bobby is a 1973 graduate Jacksonville State University and Bobby and Vickie host an annual event to recognize major donors to JSU Athletics; and,

*Whereas,* Bobby and Vickie Satterfield have made a generous outright gift of \$100,000 to Jacksonville State University for the Deeply Rooted. Future Driven. Campaign,

*Now, therefore be it resolved,* that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares that the team meeting room in Jim Case Stadium be named the Bobby and Vickie Satterfield Team Meeting Room.

*Now, therefore be it further resolved,* that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its thanks and gratitude to Bobby and Vickie for this generous gift to Jacksonville State University.

*This Resolution* presented the 22nd day of February 2019.

Dr. John M. Beehler, Ph.D., CPA President, Jacksonville State University

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Thomas Dedrick, Sr. Interim Chairman

#### **RESOLUTION #590**

*Whereas*, Dr. Jan Case has been a leader and mentor to students throughout her career as a faculty member in mathematics at Jacksonville State University; and,

*Whereas*, Dr. Jan Case has made a generous outright gift of \$25,000 to Jacksonville State University for the Deeply Rooted. Future Driven. Campaign to honor her parents, Don and Shirley Orton,

*Now, therefore be it resolved,* that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares that the team study room in Jim Case Stadium be named the Don and Shirley Orton Study Room.

*Now, therefore be it further resolved,* that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its thanks and gratitude to Dr. Jan Case for this generous gift to Jacksonville State University.

This Resolution presented the 22nd day of February 2019.

Dr. John M. Beehler, Ph.D., CPA President, Jacksonville State University Thomas Dedrick, Sr. Interim Chairman

Mr. Dedrick made a motion that the Executive Committee adopts the three Resolutions on naming rights. Mr. Owen seconded, and the Committee approved the motion unanimously.

Motion #2 - Mr. Daugette made a motion to accept the transfer of property between Momma Goldberg's and JSU. He presented the following Resolution for the Executive Committee's consideration and made a motion that they approved.

**RESOLUTION #591** 

# RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville State University Foundation, Inc., (JSUF) is currently the sole member of each of two Georgia limited liability companies that, as such, collectively own the business assets and real estate located at 208 Mountain Street NW, Jacksonville, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, the JSUF as sole member and as an act of said LLCs has agreed to transfer such business and real estate assets to Jacksonville State University (JSU); and,

**WHEREAS,** JSU's ownership of the entities and assets is in the best interest of the University.

**THEREFORE,** President John M. Beehler is authorized to accept the transfer to JSU of said entities and assets and to undertake such actions as may be necessary to dissolve the LLCs and consolidate the properties as capital assets of Jacksonville State University.

The President shall report the status of his actions at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Passed in open meeting of the Executive Committee on the 22nd day of February

2019

John M. Beehler, Ph.D., CPA

Secretary

Thomas Dedrick, Sr. Interim Chairman

Mr. Daugette made a motion that the Executive Committee adopt the Momma Goldberg's Resolution Mr. Dedrick seconded, and the Committee approved the motion unanimously.

# **CHAIRMAN SMITH'S COMMENTS**

Chairman Smith announced that he is resigning from the Board of Trustees effective February 28, 2019. He verbally expressed that he has truly enjoyed working with Presidents Beehler and Meehan as well as present and past Trustees. Chairman Smith stated that he would continue to be involved with the University informally.

Mr. Daugette, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, stated that it has been a pleasure working with Mr. Smith and that his involvement on the Board is much appreciated.

Mr. Jim Brigham proposed funding for renovations enabling the School of Health Professions and Wellness to move its entire nursing staff into the JSU-RMC Complex. The total project is \$2 million.

Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Daugette seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Smith declared the Executive Committee Meeting be adjourned at 11:30 am and stated that the next Board of Trustees meeting would be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Stadium Towers on April 16, 2019.

Secretary

Interim Chairman

Jacksonville State University

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