



**JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of **JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY** was held in Jacksonville, Alabama on **Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. CST.**

Mr. William “Ronnie” Smith, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order and offered the invocation.

Chairman Smith welcomed Dr. Pam Beehler, JSU’s First Lady, to the Board of Trustees meeting.

Chairman Smith opened the meeting by commenting on the devastation caused by the tornado on March 19, 2018, to the University. The trustees had an opportunity to tour the campus to see the damage caused by the storm. Chairman Smith expressed his appreciation to the administration, faculty, staff, and students for their terrific support, great attitudes and all that was accomplished in the aftermath of the tornado.

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

PRESENT:

Mr. William ‘Ronnie’ Smith, Chairman
 Mr. Greg Brown
 Mr. Clarence Daugeette, III
 Mr. Thomas Dedrick, Sr.
 Senator Vivian Davis Figures
 Mr. Rusty Fuller
 Mr. Tony Ingram
 Mr. Randall E. Jones
 Mrs. Gale Saxon Main
 Mr. Randy Y. Owen
 Mr. Ranger Rumrill, Student Government Association
 Ms. Sarah C. Miles, Faculty Senate President

ABSENT:

Governor Kay Ivey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Smith asked that the minutes of the January 23, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting be reviewed.

Mr. Tony Ingram made a motion to approve January 23, 2018, Board of Trustees meeting minutes with one correction to include Mr. Tony Ingram as present at roll call during the January Board meeting. Mr. Clarence Daugette, III seconded the motion, and the Board adopted the minutes as amended.

Chairman Smith welcomed Ms. Sarah C. Miles, Faculty Senate President to the Board of Trustees meeting. Ms. Miles thanked the Board for allowing her the opportunity to participate in the Board of Trustees meetings and for allowing her the privilege to be a part of this learning experience. She stated that this would be her last Board meeting as Faculty Senate President and that her successor Dr. Patrick McGrail, will take over as Faculty Senate President beginning with the July Board of Trustees meeting.

Chairman Smith thanked Ms. Miles for her service and wished her well in future endeavors.

Chairman Smith recognized Mr. Ranger Rumrill, Student Government Association President. Mr. Rumrill stated that this will be his last Board of Trustees meeting as SGA President and that the newly elected SGA President will be presented at the July Board meeting. He stated that SGA elections were underway, and a new SGA president and executive officers will be elected. Elections were delayed due to the tornado and procedures were put in place to ensure that displaced students could participate in campaigning and the elections. 1500 to 2000 students participated in the last election.

Chairman Smith thanked Mr. Rumrill and the other SGA officers for outstanding leadership during the past year.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. Randy Owen, Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee, stated that the Committee had a great meeting, but did not have any action items for review. Mr. Owen emphasized the importance of academics and spoke highly of the quality of the faculty. He thanked the professors for continuing to teach and encourage students, while dealing personally with the storm, as well.

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Randall Jones, Chairman of the Advancement Committee, reported that they had a terrific meeting and that there were no action items from the committee at this time.

Mr. Jones shared that many people want to help in the recovery effort. The Advancement Committee is working on developing/implementing a plan that will involve alumni and supporters, to help the University continue to grow and flourish. The Advancement Committee

will meet next week to discuss how to implement this plan.

Chairman Smith reminded the group that since things will not be normal again for several years at JSU (enrollment), it is a good time to let others know how they can be a part of the recovery effort.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Thomas Dedrick, Chairman of the Athletic Committee, reported that they had an excellent meeting and were given an update on various activities in regard to the Athletic Department. He indicated that there were no action items and then reported on the progress of the Baseball Stadium. The weather has caused delays; however, everything is anticipated to be completed by June 30, 2018. He noted that the committee composed a priority list to get those facilities back up and running so that the impact is not felt next season.

BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clarence Dauge, Chairman of the Building and Finance Committee reported that the committee has several action items to consider.

Motion #1

The Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees authorizes the President to undertake such actions and to engage such professionals, companies and firms as may be necessary to evaluate the condition of Merrill Hall and to make recommendations supported with findings as to the feasibility of reconstructing Merrill Hall on site or recommending the razing and replacing of the same. Any recommendations to raze and replace the current structure should also include initial design concepts and cost estimates.

All actions taken or proposed shall be in full compliance with or consideration of Act 2017-380 of the Alabama Legislature.

It is further directed that this matter be placed on the formal agenda for the July meeting of the Board of trustees for further review, consideration, and action.

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

Chairman Smith commented on the devastation to Merrill Hall and encouraged progression toward a final resolution in its rebuilding effort. He reminded the Board that insurance issues and the potential for opportunities for federal dollars would need to be addressed and resolved. Chairman Smith stated that flexibility should be given to the administration to move forward with the progress of Merrill Hall.

Motion # 2

Adopt and accept the External Auditors Report for Jacksonville State University FY 2017.

Mr. Daugette stated that minor discrepancies were noted which is normal and had been addressed. The University is looking at the possibility of hiring an internal auditor. Chairman Smith stated that JSU has take a different approach for external audits and look beyond the State of Alabama to provide this service.

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

Motion #3

Adopt and accept a recommendation from the Building and Finance Committee for a \$15 million unsecured Line of Credit from Regions Bank.

Regions Bank will provide JSU a 24-month Line-of-Credit (LOC) should we have working capital needs related to the March 19, 2018, tornadoes. The LOC intends to mitigate potential cash flow needs due to the timing of reimbursements from insurance. Expectations are that the LOC will not be renewed at maturity unless there are pending cash flow needs related to the storms.

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

Motion #4

Adopt and accept FY19 Tuition and Fees.

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has the authority to approve tuition and fees, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees recognizes the increasingly important role that revenue from tuition and fees plays in ensuring educational excellence and innovation, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining access to and affordability of its high-quality programs:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approves the student tuition and fees as presented.

The Board of Trustees approved a tuition and fee increase of 5% for FY2019. Mr. Jones stated that there was no increase in tuition for fall 2017. JSU was one of only two institutions in the state that did not have a tuition increase. The increase will be for undergraduates only.

Senator Figures challenged the University to make every effort to help students with tuition hardships. She stated that the students don't always know how to and where to ask for help.

Chairman Smith shared that he was proud that the audit report showed that JSU scholarships deferred tuition costs for many students.

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

Motion #5

Adopt and accept the FY2019 Operating Budget.

Whereas, the State of Alabama, through its legislative and executive branches, has Appropriated \$39,973,732 in Education Trust Fund monies for the fiscal year 2019 to Jacksonville State University for the pursuit of its mission and in support of our goals and objectives;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves FY2019 annual budgets as presented.

Chairman Smith thanked the State of Alabama and the legislative body for the increase in the budget.

Chairman Smith made the motion to adopt the budget.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Beehler gave the following report to the Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- **Reverse Transfer**
 - JSU is **one of 3 universities** reporting **reverse transfer** information to Alabama Community Colleges through the National Student Clearinghouse. It is expected that this program will **increase degree completions** for students at both community colleges and universities.
- **Social Work**
 - The Social Work Department hosted its **37th Annual JSU Social Work Conference** on March 2nd at the Houston Cole Library. There were approximately **150 attendees** from **social service agencies** around the state as well as **50 students** from JSU and other local schools.

- **Center for Applied Forensics**
 - CFAF and the Department of Criminal Justice held the **Medicolegal Death Investigation Academy**. Attendees included **coroners from around the state** as well as other law enforcement officials.
- **Biology**
 - **Taylor Pack** won the **best undergraduate presentation** in the **School of Science** at the JSU Student Symposium. This qualified her to make an oral presentation at the **Association of Southeastern Biologists Annual Meeting** in Myrtle Beach where she won the **Frank G. Brooks** award for District II (3rd place overall).
- **Houston Cole Library**
 - Education Librarian **Laurie Heathcock** was nominated for and won the **Alabama Library Association Humanitarian Award**.
- **Rick Bragg**
 - On **April 25, 2018 at 5:00 pm**, JSU will host hometown author **Rick Bragg** as he debuts his latest book, ***The Best Cook In The World: Tales from My Momma's Table***. This very personal book includes **seventy-four** mouthwatering **Bragg family recipes** for classic southern dishes passed down through generations.
- **Department of Nursing**
 - JSU **successfully** completed a **Substantive Change Visit** for the **Doctorate in Nursing Practice from SACSCOC**, February, 20-22 with **no recommendations**. This result allowed us to have **an expedited vote of approval** by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees in June rather than waiting until December.
- **Emergency Management**
 - In early April, *College Choice* www.collegechoice.net recognized JSU's landmark – first in the State Emergency Management degree in three ways: **#3 Best Masters in Emergency Management, #5 Best Online Master's; and #9 Most Affordable Online Master's**.
- **Criminal Justice**
 - The Criminal Justice Department in collaboration with the Calhoun County District Attorney and the JSU Center for Applied Forensics began implementation of the new **Center for Law Enforcement Best Practices**. The center provides **education, training, and services** for law enforcement and social service agencies.
- **Graduate Studies**
 - **Improved the Graduate School Application Process**.
 - **Graduate Studies** had **recruiting tables** at the annual **Graduation and Career Fair** on March 1, 2018, with **special waivers of application fee** that day if a student applied to Graduate School. **208 applications** were received that day.
- **Fast Start Academy**
 - The **2018 Fast Start Academy** summer bridge program has **57 confirmed** students and is expected to be at **maximum capacity** of 75 by May.
- **Drama**
 - JSU **Drama students** competed at the **Region IV Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival** held in February at Georgia Southwestern University. Congratulations to **Junior Rebecca Weaver** for receiving **second place** for **Dramaturgy** and **Junior Cheyenne Oliver** for making the **finals** for **Stage Management**.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

- **New Employees in Student Affairs**
 - **Jennifer Argo** is JSU's new **Title IX Coordinator**.
 - **Dr. Emily Messer** is the new **Associate VP for Enrollment Management** and will begin May 1.
- **Title IX**
 - **Jennifer Argo** attended **ATIXA Civil Rights Investigator Training** in March and **received certification**.
- **Office of Residence Life**

- JSU has been selected as the **host site** for the **Alabama Association of Housing Officers Conference** in 2018.
- **International House/International Programs**
 - **Jason Mallet** is the new **International House and Study Abroad Coordinator**
- **Dean of Students Office**
 - In February, the **JSU Panhellenic Council** was **honored** by the **National Panhellenic Council for Academic Excellence** – an award given to fraternity and sorority communities which have an all-sorority average that is higher than the all-women average on campus.
 - The **JSU Interfraternity Council** received **three awards** at the Southeastern Interfraternity Council Conference.
 - In 2017, **JSU fraternities and sororities donated \$146,237** to charitable organizations and **volunteered 16,107 hours** within the community.
 - **Keaton Glass** is the **inaugural Coordinator of First and Second Year Experience**
- **Veteran Services**
 - More than **480 student visits** to the **Veterans Center**
 - Average GPA for **student veterans** in the 2016 – 2017 Academic Year
 - Undergraduate – 2.85
 - Graduate – 3.67
 - Average GPA for **military dependents** in the 2016 – 2017 Academic Year
 - Undergraduate – 2.75
 - Graduate – 3.61
 - **Retention rate of 95% for student veterans** who used Veterans Center resources in the 2016 – 2017 Academic Year
 - **Retention rate of 98% for military dependents** who used Veterans Center resources in the 2016 – 2017 Academic Year
- **Undergraduate Admissions**
 - Scholarship presentations will begin soon with the desire to have alumni assistance.
 - Scheduling a faculty/staff Call Night to reassure prospective students that JSU is the right choice.

	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018
Prospective Students	18,855	21,742	26,307
Applications Started	5,755	9,282	9,247
Applications Submitted	5,653	6,657	6,407
Admitted Students	1,854	2,343	3,214

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

- **Baseball Complex**
 - **Morris Building** of Oxford is progressing with the project.
 - **Schedule** has been **impacted by inclement weather**, (including March 19 tornado) **snowfall, and below seasonal temperatures**.
 - **Completion date is set for June 30.**
- **Fitness and Wellness Center**
 - The **Topping Off Ceremony** was held on Tuesday, April 10th. This **symbolic event** celebrates a **milestone of construction**, as the **last large steel beam** was put in place at the top of the facility. Approximately **125 workers and officials** from our partners in the construction process were present.
 - A **climbing wall** vendor, **Eldorado**, based in Boulder, Colorado, was selected and the design of the climbing wall has **been approved** by the **JSU/JSUF implementation team**. Construction on the climbing wall will begin in September.
- **Rowe Hall**
 - Replacement of all **original HVAC fan coil units** is underway. Project is scheduled to be **completed by mid-summer**.
- **Stone Center**
 - Several **air handlers** are scheduled to be **replaced** at an estimated project cost of \$100,000.

- **Houston Cole Library**
 - Replaced all **3,000 light fixtures** with **LED technology**. Project will be completed in the **summer**.
- **Hammond Hall**
 - Replacement of the **original windows (1943)** is scheduled for **summer 2018** with a project **estimation of \$200,000**.
- **Brewer Hall**
 - **Project Completion – classroom modernizations** are complete
- **Kenamer Hall**
 - **Project Completion – a new HVAC system** has been installed in the gymnasium
- **Pete Mathews Coliseum**
 - **Modernization**
 - **Improvements to Men's Basketball coach's offices, player's lounge, men's locker rooms, and visitor's locker rooms** are **complete**. Plans are underway for a new training room and ticket office.
 - **Third Floor Athletics Offices**
 - **Significant renovations** are underway **modernizing** and converting the **third floor** of the **Coliseum** so that it will be ready to receive the **athletic department and coaches** from Kenamer Hall. **Project delayed**.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- **Successful Black History Month**
 - **Black History Month Celebration Banquet** was held on **Tuesday, February 27, 2018**, with **248 faculty, staff, and students** in attendance. At the banquet, **Tracy Broom, Vinson Houston, Cleo Lemon, Sandra Suddard and Earl Warren** were recognized as some of JSU's Hidden Figures.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

- **2018 Legislative Session**
 - **Successful** for JSU
 - JSU's **O&M Budget** was **\$38,123,732** an increase of **\$1,614,840** or **4.42%**.
 - **Line items** were **fully-funded for 2018**
 - Center for Manufacturing Support - **\$700,000**
 - Center for Applied Forensics - **\$500,000**
 - Little River Canyon Field School - **\$300,000**
 - Center for Law Enforcement Best Practices - **\$250,000**

AUXILIARY SERVICES

- **University Housing**
 - Housing applications for the fall semester have started to arrive. The comparison of **reapplications** of current Housing residents is **963 in 2018** versus 968 in 2017. New applications through March total **446 for 2018** versus 444 for 2017.
- **Sodexo Food Service**
 - JSU has negotiated with **Sodexo** for an **investment** of approximately **\$2 million** to be used for **remodeling the TMB food court**, upgrade the **Gamecock Diner**, and for various equipment upgrades. The **improvements** will **include new food selections, an outdoor patio, and expanded seating capacity**.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

- **University Development**
 - **Outright gifts and commitments** to the Foundation and university from January 1, 2018, to April 9, 2018, totaled **\$600,544** compared to **\$330,738** during the same period in 2017, an **82% increase**.

- The **number of donors** during the same time period was **1,237** compared to **1,106** in 2017, a **12% increase**.
 - As of **April 9, 2018**, **gifts and commitments** to the **Deeply Rooted. Future Driven Campaign** totaled **\$30,256,015**.
 - The inaugural **Annual Fund Red Tie event** was held on February 2, 2018. Over **\$16,000** was **raised for scholarships**.
 - The **2018 Founders Day Luncheon** was held on March 9, 2018, with over **160 in attendance**, including **45 students**.
- **Alumni Association**
 - Currently, we have **300 alumni volunteers** in the **“Boots on the Ground”** program ready to attend college fairs, present at scholarship days and write letters to future Gamecocks in their regional areas.
 - Held a **Black Alumni Chapter** luncheon and meeting on February 10, 2018, that included **training for the “Boots on the Ground”** program and interaction with current **JSU minority student leaders**.
 - The **alumni mentoring program** is continuing to be a **strong asset** to our students. We currently are **matching up to 40 of our student leaders with alumni mentors**. There are approximately **50 alumni volunteers** for this program.
 - **Marketing and Communications**
 - A completed **survey** with external agency **measuring awareness and perception of JSU among current and prospective students** and key personnel. This survey was used to inform the new **“You Just Know” campaign**.
 - The **web team** created a **university-wide Web Policy** that addresses **ADA compliance** and is working with Beacon technology to roll out a **new JSU website design in summer 2018**.
 - The **Public Relations team** created a **university-wide Social Media Policy**.
 - The **Spring Issue** of the **GEM** is currently being redesigned to include the **impact of the tornado and JSU’s response** to the natural disaster.

ATHLETICS

- **Baseball**
 - JSU (18-14 record) posted its third consecutive win over Alabama with a 4-0 decision on April 3rd at Sewell-Thomas Stadium. The blanking of the Crimson Tide was JSU’s fifth shutout of the season and the first over UA since 1974.
- **Football**
 - JSU is wrapping up its 2018 spring practice schedule and recently released its 2018 schedule, which will open in Montgomery against North Carolina A&T on August 25th in the Guardian Credit Union FCS Kickoff on ESPN.
 - Justin Lea was recently named the 2017-18 winner of the Male Eagle Owl Award for the top Senior Athlete in his class at JSU, the 11th football player to win the award and the fourth in a row.
- **Men’s Basketball**
 - JSU ended the year with 23 wins, breaking last season’s record of 20 for most wins in a single Division I season. It is the first time in JSU’s Division I history the Gamecocks have won at least 20 games in back-to-back seasons.
- **Soccer**
 - Kayla Thompson was named the 2017-18 winner of the Female Eagle Owl Award for the top senior athlete in her class. Thompson is a two sports athlete who also competes in Track and Field
- **Softball**
 - JSU is off to an 11-1 start in league play and has now won 54 of its last 55 regular season OVC games. Counting the last two OVC Tournaments, JSU has won 62 of its last 65 league games.

- **Volleyball**
 - The Gamecocks were awarded the **OVC Team Sportsmanship Award**, marking the **first time** the volleyball program has received the honor.
- **Women's Basketball**
 - Head **Coach Rick Pietri**, in his fifth year at JSU, now sits **second** on the school's **all-time wins list** with **75 victories**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Smith presented a statement from Mr. Sam Monk, University Council, who certified the Executive Session necessary to discuss the good names of individuals or pending litigation and controversies not currently being litigated, but likely to be litigated if the Board takes a proposed course of action. Chairman Smith asked for a roll call vote to enter Executive Session for approximately one hour.

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 Daugeette, Yes
 Mr. Thomas Dedrick, Yes
 Senator Vivian Davis Figures, Yes
 Mr. Rusty Fuller, Yes
 Mr. Tony L. Ingram, Yes
 Mr. Randall Jones, Yes
 Mrs. Gale Saxon Main, 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 the Board had two action items to consider.

Motion #1

Mr. Clarence Daugeette, Chair of the Building and Finance Committee presented and recommended the following Resolution for approval by the Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION 580

WHEREAS, Jacksonville State University has initiated a comprehensive Capital Campaign for the purpose of securing support for programs across the University; and,

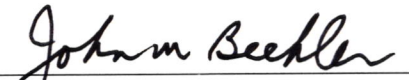
WHEREAS, Milford and Beth Morgan have made a generous contribution of \$65,000 to the School of Business and Industry for the purpose of creating a 21st century learning-centered classroom; and

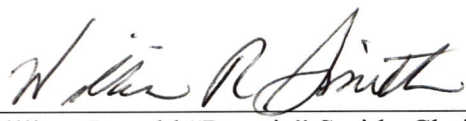
WHEREAS, Milford Morgan is a graduate of the School of Business and Industry where he serves on the School of Business and Industry Advisory Board and Beth Morgan is a graduate of the School of Education and a long-time educator.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares that classroom 218 in the School of Business and Industry be designated in honor of Milford and Beth Morgan.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its thanks and gratitude to Milford and Beth Morgan for their generosity to Jacksonville State University and to the School of Business and Industry.

This Resolution presented on the 23rd day of January 2018.


 Dr. John M. Beehler, President
 Jacksonville State University


 William Ronald "Ronnie" Smith, Chairman
 Board of Trustees

Mrs. Gale Main made a motion that the Board accepts by acclamation Resolution 581 naming Room 218 in Merrill Hall in the School of Business and Industry in the Morgan's honor. Chairman Smith seconded the motion, and the Board of Trustees approved it unanimously.

Motion # 2

Mr. Clarence Dauge, Chair of the Building and Finance Committee presented and recommended the following Resolution for approval by the Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION 581

WHEREAS, Jacksonville State University has initiated a comprehensive Capital Campaign for the purpose of securing support for programs across the University; and,

WHEREAS, Ken and Jenny Howell have made a generous contribution of \$65,000 to the School of Business and Industry for the purpose of creating a 21st century learning-centered classroom; and

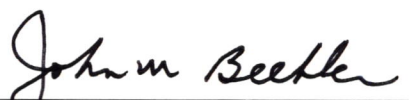
WHEREAS, Ken and Jenny Howell are co-chairs of the *Deeply Rooted. Future Driven.* Campaign and have been significant supporters of the scholarship program over the years, in addition to numerous gifts to programs across the university; and


WHEREAS, Ken Howell is an active member of the JSU Foundation, serving as its president since 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares that classroom 104 in the School of Business and Industry be designated in honor of Ken and Jenny Howell.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its thanks and gratitude to Ken and Jenny Howell for their generosity to Jacksonville State University and to the School of Business and Industry.

This Resolution presented on the 23rd day of January 2018.


 Dr. John M. Beehler, President
 Jacksonville State University


 William Ronald "Ronnie" Smith, Chairman
 Board of Trustees

Chairman Smith made a motion that the Board approves the Resolution. It was seconded, and the Board of Trustees approved the motion unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Smith declared that the meeting was adjourned and stated that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on April 17, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. on the 5th Floor of Meehan Hall.


Secretary


President Pro Tempore