



**JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees of **JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY** held its Summer meeting in Jacksonville, Alabama on **Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. CDT.**

Mr. William “Ronnie” Smith, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order and asked that Trustee Greg Brown open the meeting with an invocation.

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

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

PRESENT:

Mr. William ‘Ronnie’ Smith, Chairman
 Mr. Greg Brown
 Mr. Clarence Daugeette
 Mr. Thomas Dedrick
 Senator Vivian Davis Figures
 Mr. Rusty Fuller
 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
 Mr. Tony L. Ingram

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Smith asked that the minutes of the May 1, 2017 Board of Trustees Summer meeting be reviewed.

Mr. Clarence Daugeette made a motion to approve the May 1, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting minutes as written. Senator Vivian D. Figures seconded the motion and

the minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairman Smith welcomed Mr. Ranger Rumrill, SGA President to the meeting. Mr. Rumrill stated that the SGA has many activities planned for the fall semester and he looks forward to the incoming freshmen arriving on campus.

Chairman Smith recognized Dr. Pitt Harding, outgoing Faculty Senate President, and thanked him for his service on the Board during the past year. In addition, he introduced Ms. Sarah C. Miles, incoming Faculty Senate President and welcomed her to the first Board of Trustees meeting and expressed gratitude to her for taking the position of leadership.

Chairman Smith mentioned that the new format for the Trustees Committee meetings was implemented and that he is very appreciative of all who participated. He recognized, and thanked David Thompson for the positive work that is taking place on the campus.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. Randy Owen, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, stated the Academic Affairs Committee had a very informative meeting, but did not have any action items to bring before the Board.

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Randy Jones, Chair of the Advancement Committee, stated the Advancement Committee had no action items for review. He recognized the staff for their efforts in what they are doing.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Thomas Dedrick, Chair of the Athletic Committee, stated that the Athletic Committee had a great meeting, but did not have any action items at this time. He acknowledged the Athletic department for its success and gave an update on the new athletic facilities. Mr. Dedrick stated that all projects are on schedule.

BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clarence Dauge, Chair of the Building and Finance Committee presented the following two motions on behalf of the Building and Finance Committee for the Board's review and approval. Mr. Dauge declared that tuition would remain the same; however, various course fees will be adjusted.

Motion #1 - Adoption of 2017-2018 Tuition & 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.

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

Motion #2 Adoption of the FY18 Budget

Whereas, the State of Alabama, through its legislative and executive branches, has appropriated \$38,358,892, in state education trust fund monies for the fiscal year 2018 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 FY2018 annual budgets as presented.

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

Mr. Clarence Daugette presented the following Resolution for the Board's review and made a motion that it be approved:

RESOLUTION 577

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS **JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY** **July Meeting 2017**

WHEREAS, although implicit in the Board of Trustees' delegation of authority to the President to control access to and the use of the buildings, grounds, and facilities of Jacksonville State University; and,

WHEREAS, the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has advised that best practices would be for the Board of Trustees to delegate to the President the specific authority to control the places, times and conditions under which alcoholic beverages may be dispensed on Jacksonville State University property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University, in regular session duly called, by this Resolution hereby reaffirms the delegation of its powers and authority of control over the property, grounds, and facilities of the University to the President to include, without reservation or limitation of that plenary authority previously granted, the places, times and conditions under which alcoholic beverages may be dispensed on the grounds, on the property, and within any facilities owned or under the control of Jacksonville State University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President in his corporate capacity and on behalf of the Board of Trustees may consent to licensing by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverages Control Board of such persons or entities as may be reasonable, prudent and necessary for the legal sale or dispensing of alcoholic beverages for consideration on university property, within its facilities, or at university or university-sponsored events.

Coming from the Building & Finance Committee the motion did not require a second. After discussion, the Resolution was approved unanimously.

Chairman Smith stated that he would like for the Building and Finance Committee to accept the responsibility for the audit function of the university.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- **Dr. Rebecca Turner, Provost/VPAA**, was elected as **Chair, Committee of University Chief Academic Officers, Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE), 2017-2018.**
- On May 9, 2017, more than 100 JSU Faculty were recognized for scholarship, teaching, and service at the annual **Faculty Awards Program.**
- **Accreditations**
 - The National Association of Schools of Theater (NAST) reaffirmed the accreditation of our **Drama** program for ten years, until 2025.
 - The Accreditation Council of Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) voted to continue accreditation of the **Dietetics** program until 2023.
 - The National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) granted continuing accreditation to the Department of **Art** and its academic programs, including the Master of Fine Arts.
 - At its June 2017 meeting, the Commission on Accrediting for Respiratory Care (CoArc) voted to confer provisional accreditation to the new BS degree in **Respiratory Therapy**

School of Arts and Humanities

- **Music**
 - In March, **Eryn Oft**, Faculty member in the Department of Music, was able to facilitate, through the use of social media, the donation and repair of an expensive bassoon that she helped gift to the students of the Atlanta Music Project, creating a partnership between the developing young musicians and JSU. Excellent community engagement!
- **History and Foreign Language**
 - **Dr. Donald Prudlo** marked a decade of success in taking JSU students on an annual trip to Rome where they are instructed on various themes in Roman and World History. He is a renowned scholar on Catholic history providing analysis and commentary for Vatican Radio on key issues.
 - **Dr. George Lauderbaugh's** History of Ecuador (2012) was so well received that the U.S. Embassy in Ecuador sponsored its translation into Spanish so that it could be distributed there as a tool for furthering of US-Ecuadorian relations.

School of Business and Industry

- **Merrill Hall**
 - The new **Finance Lab** is complete and ready for classes to begin in fall 2017. It includes cutting edge technology and access to state-of-the-art financial software. The Stock Tickers are running in the Finance Lab and in the lobby of Merrill Hall where new furniture has been installed for students.
 - **10 classrooms** in the Merrill Hall annex have been **renovated** with enhanced technology, furniture and atmosphere.
- **Finance, Economics, and Accounting**
 - During the 2017 tax season, 14 JSU **accounting majors** worked at **tax preparation** sites in Anniston, Jacksonville and Gadsden to help prepare more than 370 tax returns for working families – helping them obtain more than

\$725,000 in tax refunds and saving families \$150,000 in commercial tax preparation fees.

- **Alabama Power Robotics Education Center**
 - **JSU's Robotics Team** finished in **1st place at the national robotics competition** for the Association for Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE).
 - The department collaborated with Computer Science in an **NSF grant** that established a **Critical Infrastructures Security Lab facility** to support research for security issues in control systems.
- **Communications**
 - The **Communications Program** ranks among 119 Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC) programs in the nation that are **accredited** by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC), and is one of only four such programs in Alabama.

School of Education

- **Autism Conference**
 - The **first annual Autism Conference** was very successful drawing 100 participants from local area schools including classroom teachers, collaborative educators, special education coordinators, and JSU teacher candidates. The second conference is in the planning stages for early November 2017.
 - A **long-term goal** exists to create the **JSU Center for Autism**. This center would provide ongoing education, professional development, and resources for autism awareness in our community as well as across the state of Alabama.

School of Health Professions and Wellness

- **Department of Nursing**
 - 68 **students** have been admitted to the **new Doctor of Nursing Practice** program tracks for this fall.
 - The School of Health Professions and Wellness houses the **Medical Reserve Corps** (MRC) for Calhoun-Cleburne counties. Through this entity, automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are being placed in strategic locations throughout campus.
- **Respiratory Therapy**
 - Construction has begun on our **RT Skills Lab**, with an expected August 1 completion date. It is located next to the Nursing Simulation Lab in the Brookstone Building. A grant from the Stringfellow Health Fund Grant for over \$69K will help cover the costs of the lab equipment.
 - Admission letters have been mailed for the **first cohort of 24 Respiratory Therapy** students starting fall 2017. The first cohort of students has an average ACT of 23 and an average GPA of 3.41.

School of Human Services and Social Sciences

- **Criminal Justice**
 - The **Center for Applied Forensics** (CFAF) has assisted in investigating numerous cases across six counties in Northeast Alabama. CFAF provides necessary crime scene support to underfunded police departments and sheriffs offices. Through its partnerships, the CFAF has received almost \$100,000 to support the consultation and technical support provided to regional partners.
 - The Criminal Justice Department collaborates each summer with the Etowah County Sheriff's Office to put on a **Student Leadership Academy**. Faculty provided instruction to honors students from all over Etowah County in the Leadership Academy.
 - Four students have completed degree requirements for the **Doctor of Science in Emergency Management** and nine have completed qualifying exams and are working on dissertation proposals. 55 students are enrolled.
 - Two formal agreements with the **Center for Domestic Preparedness** (DHS/FEMA) enable us to give free JSU credit for select CDP courses and enables our doctoral students to be research associates within the CDP.
- **Department of Psychology**
 - JSU is the only university in Alabama with an accredited **master's program in behavioral analysis**.

- Graduates of our **master's program in psychology** have a **100% job placement rate** with an average starting salary of over \$50,000.
- **Department of Sociology and Social Work**
 - The JSU **undergraduate social work program** is one of the largest in the state, with over 1,300 graduates and approximately 250 majors. It is one of the top ten undergraduate majors at JSU.
- **Department of Military Science**
 - New Professor, **Major Cory Roberts**, replacing Col. David Wood who retired.

School of Science

- **Mathematics & Computer Information Sciences**
 - There is a **99% job placement rate** for all Computer Science and Computer Information Sciences graduates.
 - JSU has **reaffirmed its prestigious designation** as a **National Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education** by the Department of Homeland Security and the National Security Agency (DHS-NSA) through 2021.
- **Graduate Studies**
 - Graduate Studies has a **renewed emphasis on marketing our programs** and has streamlined its application and admission review processes, with dedicated personnel, systems, and resources to provide for timely responses to prospective students. JSU offers **international-friendly programs** that keep students in compliance throughout the process of applying, enrolling and persisting.
- **Learning Services**
 - The second year of the **Fast Start Academy** began on June 19 and this year's enrollment is **at a maximum capacity** of 71 students (up 48% from last year).
- **Honors Program**
 - Under the leadership of director, Dr. Lori Owens, the Honors Program has grown to **over 600 students** taking honors classes across many disciplines.
- **Sponsored Programs**
 - The Coordinator of Proposal Development, in conjunction with Information Technology, facilitated the successful selection and implementation of **Evisions' grants management system, Cayuse 424®**. This system will allow for seamless submission of grants to external agencies along with providing mechanized award and post-award functionality. JSU will be one of three universities piloting a new, modified version of Cayuse SP® specifically designed for smaller, regional institutions.
- **International Programs**
 - As part of an increased focus on international recruitment, JSU initiated **international field recruitment in India and Nepal** this spring. The purpose of the field recruitment is to increase brand identity of Jacksonville State University in other parts of the world.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

- **Office of Admissions**
 - Recruitment efforts have resulted in a **27% increase in first year student applications** over this time last year and a **19% increase in accepted first year students**.
- **Transfer Pathways Program**
 - Signing ceremony for **two new memorandums of understanding** at Northeast Community College and Southern Union State Community College.
 - Development of a **state-wide memorandum of understanding** with the Alabama Community College System for **Nursing**.
 - As of June 2017, JSU has an 80% acceptance rate regarding the **Presidential Transfer Scholarship**. This is an **increase of 30%** over last year.
- **Student Leaders Excel!**
 - SGA Officers, Freshman Forum, and Go! Leaders all had **enhanced GPAs** compared to the prior year at 3.46, 3.31, and 3.58, respectively. **Engagement leads to success!**
- **Disability Support Services**

- Hosted a **College Prep Program** for college bound students who are **deaf and hard of hearing** this summer in partnership with the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services and Lakeshore.
- **Center of Excellence for Veteran Students**
 - Over **200 students** have utilized the space and services at the Veterans Center since January 2017.
 - The Veterans Center has provided **ten students with VA Work Study jobs** and experience.
- **Dean of Students Office**
 - The Dean of Students Office is planning a **back to school party** for Second Year Students in order to kick off the new year and the **new Second Year Experience Program**. The goal is to **reach Second Year Students** who may not have been actively engaged on campus their first year. We hope to connect these students to campus organizations in an effort to **increase retention rates from the second year to third year**.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Provided **campus-wide surveillance** and camera upgrades for increased security of students, faculty, staff, and visitors.
- Began implementation of **TimeClock Plus** electronic system for enhancing efficiency of payroll submissions.
- Developed the first **Work Flow** to set up a third-party account used for applying payments to student accounts.
- Expanded **ACH vendor payments** to increase efficiency and reduce number of paper checks.
- Added the **“Estimated Cost Calculator”** to the Student Accounts Tuition & Fees web page for the first time to assist parents with an estimated cost of attendance. This is a process improvement and customer service enhancement.
- **Information Technology**
 - Installation of the state-of-the-art **Palo Alto Firewalls** to achieve 99.98% network uptime.
 - Completed the bid process and awarded the primary **Internet bid** to M2 Connections and the secondary Internet bid to CableOne. The primary **Internet speed will increase** from 1.5 Gbps to 5 Gbps (333% increase in bandwidth). The secondary Internet connection will increase from 250 Mbps to 2 Gbps (800% increase in bandwidth).
 - Replaced two **HVAC units** supporting IT equipment across campus.

Capital Projects Report

- **Marching Southerner’s Practice Field**
 - Phase 1 is complete with the construction of artificial turf, fencing, and lighting for the new practice facility for the Marching Southerners.
 - Phase II will include restrooms, storage, band tower, and scoreboard and is scheduled to be completed in November 2017.
 - **Dedication** of the **James “Jim” Bennett field** is tentatively scheduled for **November 4th**.
- **Stone Center upgrades**
 - Modernization of **the auditorium lobby and entrance** is scheduled to be completed in October 2017.
 - Replacement of **theatrical lighting** and adding **emergency lighting to auditorium** is scheduled to be completed in December 2017.
- **Mason Hall**
 - Renovations in Room 102 has been completed. This room is now a **recording capable room**, with additional technology (TV Display, Apple TV) to assist with teaching and personal instruction.
 - Created a **recording studio** in Room 121A with installation of a new iMac computer and new audio recording equipment to assist faculty to teach and record in the studio versus securing studio time offsite to do any recordings at significant costs to their department.

- **Salls Hall**
 - Installation of a **new generator** for **UPD for emergency command center** is scheduled to be completed by August 2017.
- **Stephenson Hall**
 - Upgrades to Stephenson Hall **classrooms 205 & 220**. Upgraded technology, added LED lights, new ceiling tiles, paint, and carpet squares to allow for Kinesiology to move into the classrooms beginning spring 2018.
- **Brewer Hall**
 - Renovate the **auditorium and two classrooms**. Each will receive new, stand-alone HVAC systems, seating, ceiling tiles, LED lights, paint, and flooring and is scheduled to be completed by January 2018.
 - Rooms 141, 228, and 328 will receive **IT upgrades** in the form of projectors, computers, whiteboards, and new furniture.
- **Rowe Hall**
 - **HVAC upgrades** that include a new cooling tower and replace all fan coil units. Scheduled to be completed by December 2017.
- **Martin Hall**
 - **Replace shingle roof** - scheduled to be completed by September 2017.
 - Upgrading two classrooms (203 & 250) by September 2017.
- **McGee Hall**
 - Two new **sterilizers** and a **steam generator** have been ordered.
- **Houston Cole Library**
 - Replace all 2,500 **light fixtures** with LED and modern fixtures.
 - **11th Floor Modernization, which will include upgrading all, finishes and furniture in meeting rooms on the 11th floor.**
- **Athletics**
 - Construction of the **new Baseball complex** is scheduled to be completed by February 2018.
 - **New scoreboards** for all fields will be completed by December 2017.
 - **New Men's Locker room, coaches offices, and training rooms** scheduled to be completed by September 2017.
 - Creating **Athletic offices** for the 3rd floor in preparation for Athletic administration to move to **Pete Mathews Coliseum**.
 - Renovations to the **ATI Training Room** should be completed by December 2017.
- **Sparkman Hall**
 - Renovations to the interior including **new HVAC and remodel of rooms** is scheduled to be completed by August 2017.
- **Daugette Hall**
 - Renovations to interior including **new HVAC system**, addition of an **elevator**, and ADA accessibility improvements is scheduled to be completed by September 2017.
- **Meehan Hall**
 - **Painting** of the interior residence hall to be completed by August 2017.
 - A planned **pedestrian bridge across** the creek in the parking lot is scheduled to be completed by December 2017.
- **International House**
 - Installation of new **ceramic showers** is scheduled to be completed by August 2017.
- **Logan and Patterson Halls**
 - **New dehumidification equipment** is scheduled to be installed next summer and will be completed by August 2018.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- **Talent Acquisition Administration**
 - In final stages of moving **from PeopleAdmin to PageUp software**.
- **Personnel Records Management**
 - **Records scanning project** – ensures safeguard of historical information by electronically maintaining records.
- **Diversity and Inclusion**
 - New Diversity and Inclusion **Strategic Planning Committee** to establish a plan.

- Regularly scheduled **events** on campus to build understanding of **diversity and inclusivity** issues with an eye toward building tolerance and respect for other people and ideas that may be different.
- **Enhance Human Capital Initiative**
 - **New employee recognition program** with **two categories** of Employees of the Month and Employees of the Year: **Professional and Support Staff**.
 - Enhanced **new employee orientation**.
 - Enhanced **training and development programs**.

AUXILIARY SERVICES

- **Bookstore Remodel**
 - The university bookstore has received a fresh facelift. The remodel is a result of **Barnes & Noble's commitment to invest \$250,000** in our location.
- **Beverage & Vending Rights Proposal**
 - Negotiations with **Coca-Cola United** have been completed and a contract signed. The total contract value to JSU, over the next ten years, is \$4,745,140, approximately three times the value of the previous contract signed with Pepsi in 2008.
 - **Key components of the contract** include \$1,000,000 for Athletic Facilities Improvements, \$1.6 million dollars in estimated commissions, and \$750,000 for Campus Sponsorship Rights.
- **University Housing**
 - As of July 1, the **overall occupancy** for the fall semester **is at 91%**. Of the 1,878 beds that we have available, 1,702 are occupied for fall and 176 vacancies remain.
 - **All apartments are 100% full** and Meehan, Sparkman, Curtiss, Daugette, Fitzpatrick, and Logan residence halls are full. Rooms remain available in Crow, Dixon, and Patterson residence halls and the International House.
 - **Housing applications** for new students continue to come in. We have granted **436 exemptions to in-coming freshmen** to the live-on campus requirement.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

- **2017-2021 Strategic Plan** has been finalized and teams will meet soon to begin implementation of the plan.
- Initiative Chairs will **report on progress** in implementing the plan **quarterly** with a summary report provided to the President.
- A **kick-off video** on the new Strategic Plan is being developed in collaboration with Marketing & Communications to be shown at the Faculty and Staff Convocation in August.
- A **Strategic Plan publication** is being developed for dissemination to external constituents.
- **Kudos** to the campus community for all their hard work and collaboration in developing our new Strategic Plan. It was a **true team effort!**

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

- **Capital Campaign**
 - The **overall capital campaign total** in outright, in-kind and planned gifts as of April 17, 2017, was approximately **\$27,000,000**. The total amount of **outright gifts and pledges** to the JSU Foundation for 2017 as of July 11 was \$869,314 compared to a total of \$732,308 for the same period in 2016, a **19% increase**.
 - We recently hired **Amy Schavey** as our **Annual Fund Coordinator** and are currently completing the hiring process for another major gift officer to assist in fundraising for the School of Science and the School of Human Services and Social Work.
 - Established a **new Annual Fund Committee of Volunteers** to help enhance our annual fund efforts. Public kick-off to announce the new Annual Fund Program is slated for August 21, 2017.

- New partnership with **MobileCause** to bring **crowdsource funding** to JSU.
- **Alumni Affairs**
 - The **National Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumni of the Year** have been selected and will be recognized on Homecoming day. The 2017 award winners are:
 - Alumnus of the Year – **Mr. Wayne Rowe**, Chief Executive Officer of Quality of Life Health Services
 - Alumna of the Year – **Dr. Collen M. Schmitt**, Gastroenterologist and President of the Galen Medical Group
 - Young Alum of the Year – **Mrs. Laura Lundy Wheale**, Actress and Attorney
 - Military Alum of the Year – **Col. Michael Martel**, US Army Special Operations Command G6
 - Outstanding Faculty/Staff Member of the Year – **Mr. Terry Casey**, Dean of Students
 - Alumni Chapter of the Year – **Omega Psi Phi Alumni Chapter**.
- **Athletic Marketing and Promotions**
 - **America's First Federal Credit Union** increased their sponsorship this year by joining our gold sponsors for the athletic golf tournament in August.
 - **AlaTrust Credit Union** also increased their sponsorship this year and have confirmed they remain the game day button sponsor during the 2017 football season.
 - **Football fan day** is scheduled for Saturday, August 19 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- **JSU Foundation**
 - Partnership with JSU for the **new Fitness & Wellness Center** is moving the P3 project along on schedule. **Groundbreaking** scheduled for **September 23, 2017**.
- **Corporate, Foundation and Community Relations**
 - The regional **tours of our 11 county region** by the President and his regional stewardship team have progressed well with two counties left to visit (Blount and Marshall). **JSU has been very well received.**
 - **Counties visited** to date include St. Clair, Randolph, Clay, Calhoun, Cleburne, Etowah, DeKalb, Talladega, and Cherokee. Since the last Board meeting the following **counties and companies** were **visited**:
 - Etowah
 - Goodyear, Inteva, Prince Metals, Keystone Foods
 - DeKalb
 - Zkano Socks, Heil, RTI, Oggun tractor
 - Talladega
 - Honda, MGA Research, Alabama Specialty Products, Heritage Plastics, Imerys, Blue Bell Creameries
 - Cherokee
 - KTH, American Apparel, Centre-Piedmont-Cherokee Airport

ATHLETICS

- **JSU Student-Athletes**
 - Posted an **overall 3.10 GPA!**
- **Football**
 - Season tickets for the 2017 season went on sale in mid-April. The Gamecocks' upcoming slate features **five home games** and an **opener in Montgomery** against rival Chattanooga. **The Guardian Credit Union FCS Kickoff**, which will be played in the recently renovated Cramton Bowl, will be televised on ESPN at 5:30 p.m.
 - JSU was once again **picked to win the OVC** by both the league's coaches and the media. **Nationally ranked pre-season as high as sixth.**
- **Soccer**

- The Gamecocks, led by fifth-year head coach Neil Macdonald will begin the **18-match campaign** against in-state rival Alabama on Friday, August 18. The **Soccer Field** will have a **new enlarged, high-tech scoreboard**.
- **Volleyball**
 - Traveled to **Costa Rica** this summer on a **goodwill tour** with exhibition matches and youth training. The team raised funds from private sources for the trip.
- **Softball**
 - The **Gamecock Softball Team** continued its recent dominance of the OVC winning its **sixth OVC regular season title** and its **sixth OVC Tournament title**. JSU posted a 15-1 conference record to win its second-straight regular season crown and its third in four years.
 - JSU finished the season with a 41-12 record after earning its **eighth appearance in the NCAA Tournament**.
 - **Coach Jana McGinnis** was named **OVC Coach of the Year** for the OVC-record 6th time.
- **Golf**
 - **JSU's men's golf team** came back after being eight strokes down to ECU with one round to go to win the **OVC Golf Tournament Championship** and move on the NCAA Regionals.
 - **Coach James Hobbs** was named **OVC Coach of the Year** for the fifth time.

NEWS

- JSU hosted its **first annual JAMfest** (Jacksonville Arts and Music Festival) showcasing JSU's music, arts, drama and culture with 12 musical acts, demonstrations of how to create various forms of art and many local artists selling their works. It was a great day and all enjoyed the festivities.
- **Jim Brigham** has assumed the dual role as **Chief Audit Executive and Chief Operations & Strategy Officer** where he oversees Auditing & Risk Management, Environmental Health and Safety, Auxiliary Services, Student Financial Services, Institutional Effectiveness and Institutional Research and Analytics.
- **JSU's President** received two awards:
 - **Anniston Star's Power 20 Honoree**
 - **CUPA-HR's national Chief Executive HR Champion Award**.
 - Recognizing that what makes an institution great are its people, this award honors a higher education president or chancellor who has demonstrated significant support for the institution's HR function.

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 Dauge, 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 there were no action items to report.

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 October 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. on the 11th Floor of the Houston Cole Library.


Secretary


President Pro Tempore