

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of **JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY** held its Winter meeting in Jacksonville, Alabama on **Monday, January 25, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. CDT.**

Mr. Jim Bennett, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order and asked that President John M. Beehler open the meeting with an invocation.

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

PRESENT:

Mr. Jim Bennett, Chairman
Mr. Clarence W. Daugeette, III
Mr. Thomas Dedrick
Senator Vivian Davis Figures
Mr. Randall Jones
Mrs. Gale Saxon Main
Mr. Ronnie Smith
Dr. Windon Edge, Faculty Senate President
Mr. Tyler Brown, Student Government Association

ABSENT:

Governor Robert Bentley
Mr. Jim Coxwell
Mr. Tony L. Ingram
Mr. Randy Owen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bennett asked that the minutes of the October 19, 2015 Board of Trustees Annual meeting and the December 5, 2015 Emergency meeting be reviewed.

Mr. Thomas Dedrick made a motion to approve the October 19, 2015 Board of Trustees Annual meeting minutes as written. Mr. Ronnie Smith seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Senator Vivian Figures made a motion to approve the December 5, 2015 Board of Trustees Emergency meeting minutes as written. Mr. Clarence Daugeette seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairman Bennett stated that he hoped everyone liked the new committee setup. He stated that he thought the new format for the Board meetings went well and allowed everyone to have greater participation in the process.

BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Ronnie Smith, Chair of the Building and Finance Committee, stated that the committee did not have any actionable items at this time; however, he stated that a copy of the 2014-15 Unaudited Annual Financial Report was placed in the binders for the Trustees to review. He stated that if anyone had any questions about the financial statements they could call him or Mr. Don Thacker, Interim Vice President for Administrative and Business Affairs and Interim Director of Internal Audit.

Mr. Smith told the Board that the bond refunding that was done in December 2015 netted the University a little over \$1.3 million dollars. The Building and Finance Committee has requested that the President move forward with another bond refunding that will net approximately \$1 million dollars. The funds that were gained from these refunding opportunities can only be used for capital projects. Mr. Smith asked that President Beehler and his staff set priorities for improvements that are needed on campus and begin to move forward on these projects.

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Randy Jones announced that a new Advancement Committee has been established. He will serve as Chair of the Committee, with Mr. Jim Coxwell serving as Vice Chair. Other members are Mr. Randy Owen, Ms. Gale Saxon Main, and Mr. Tony Ingram. He stated the following as the purpose of the Advancement Committee:

The Advancement Committee of the Board of Trustees at Jacksonville State University provides strategic input for the fundraising, marketing and communications, and alumni relations initiatives of the university. In so doing, the committee will:

- Review and approve the strategic initiatives and goals of the university advancement division.
- Review and recommend policy changes relating to the university advancement program when necessary.
- Monitor and measure the effectiveness of the university advancement programs.
- Assist in ensuring that programming and budgetary support is sufficient to advance the university's mission through the work of the university advancement division.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. Clarence Daugette, Vice Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, stated that there were no actionable items from the Committee at this time; however, the Committee met with several department heads and were brought up to date on what is going on at the University and within their individual departments. The Academic Affairs Committee was also introduced to the new Director of the International House, Chandni Khadka. Mr. Daugette welcomed Ms. Khadka to JSU.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Thomas Dedrick, Chair of the Athletic Committee, stated that the Athletic Committee met, but did not have any actionable items to bring before the Board. He thanked Mr. Jim Coxwell for his past leadership of the Athletic Committee and the continued support that he provides.

Mr. Dedrick recognized all JSU athletes for their academic success. He said he is extremely proud of the fact that our student athletes have a 3.1 GPA overall.

Chairman Bennett welcomed Dr. Pamela Beehler, JSU's First Lady, to the Board of Trustees meeting.

Chairman Bennett welcomed Dr. Windon Edge, President of the Faculty Senate, to the Board of Trustees meeting. Dr. Edge stated that in the last Faculty Senate meeting there was a report from the committee that is currently reviewing JSU's promotion and tenure policy and trying to clarify a few things within it. Dr. Edge thanked Dr. Cynthia Connor, Assistant Professor of Education, who is currently in the process of going through all Faculty Senate records dating back to the seventies and putting them in a searchable electronic form. Dr. Edge invited everyone to attend the Grand Opening of the College of Nursing's Simulation Lab at Brookstone on January 25th at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Bennett welcomed Mr. Tyler Brown, SGA President to the Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Brown stated that JSU will begin recycling plastic and mixed paper products in Meehan Hall, Bibb Graves Hall, Martin Hall, Theron Montgomery Building, Houston Cole Library, and Brewer Hall. The Office of Student Life distributed 1,689 tickets to the student body for the first playoff game which was held at JSU Stadium, 2,488 for the quarter-final game and 1,783 for the semi-final game for a total of 5,960 student tickets provided by the President's Office. He thanked President Beehler for providing these tickets to our students.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

- **Hammond Hall**
 - New HVAC, Art Gallery Modernization, Collaborative Classrooms etc.
 - Total Costs for improvements \$540,443
 - Project Is Complete
- **Pete Mathews Coliseum**
 - Flooring and Seating Replacement
 - First event was held on October 2nd (Volleyball)
 - Total Project Cost was \$2.3 million
- **McGee Hall Boiler Replacement**
 - Project completed
 - Total Costs are \$84,166
- **President's House Improvements**
 - Work almost completed. Projected move in - early February
 - Window Replacement, ADA Accessibility, and Modernization

- **Nursing Simulation Lab @ Brookstone**
 - A 10 year lease was executed with RMC
 - Construction completed with costs of \$468,940
 - A tour is offered to the Trustees at 4:00 pm today
 - Open House January 25th at 4:00 p.m.
- **Stephenson Hall: Gamecock Diner**
 - HVAC
 - Total Cost is \$116,500
 - Work will commence in January
- **Building 3181 – McClellan**
 - Boiler Replacement
 - Cost of the project is \$50,000, split 50/50 with GSCC
- **Self Hall**
 - Chiller Replacement
 - Salvaged from the sold McClellan Child Development Center
 - Project Cost of \$25,000

STUDENT AFFAIRS

- **Enrollment**
 - As of January 11, 2016 there are 4,424 admissions applications submitted for the Fall of 2016 (4,139 first time freshmen) and (295 transfer). This represents a 125% increase in first time freshmen applications and a 79% increase in transfer applications compared to the same date last year.
 - From September 2015 to December 2015, over 1,000 prospective students participated in a campus tour.
 - Dual enrollment for Spring 2016 is 468, a 68% increase in participation from Spring 2015.
- **University Registrar**
 - There were 530 graduates for Fall semester 2015.
- **University Housing**
 - The Spring 2016 total occupancy is 84.3% (Spring 2015 – 86%)
- **University Recreation**
 - University Recreation hosted the Calhoun County Basketball Tournament January 16-23rd and will host the Northeast Alabama Regional Basketball Tournament February 18-24th at Pete Mathews Coliseum.
 - With the addition of the weight room at Stephenson Hall, use of the facilities and participation in fitness programs continue to increase. A new recreation facility would enhance options for our students and aid in both recruitment and retention.
- **Center for Excellence for Veterans**
 - New grant funded center to be located in Doughty Hall.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- **Academic Enhancement and Tutoring**
 - Fall 2015 – record academic semester both in terms of number of students served and student success outcomes (overall: 14,225 appointments and 91.7% course pass rate and for athletes: 7,262 appointments and a 95.4% course pass rate)
- **Continuing Education**
 - The JSU Office of Continuing Education has developed the Certified Water Treatment Professional (CWTP) program. This certification program serves the workforce development needs of individuals, municipalities, and industry alike.
- **International House**
 - Ms. Chandni Khadka is the new Director for the International House and programs

- **College of Education**
 - On-2-JSU grant - \$450,000 for learning disabled students transitioning from high school to college.
- **Military Science**
 - Military science commissioned two new Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army.
- **JSU Gadsden**
 - 80 students have enrolled for the spring 2016 semester in the *FUSION!* program to assist students in the matriculation process from the community colleges to JSU. That is a 22.5% increase from the fall 2015 semester
 - Ralph Burke is working on building and enhancing relationships with our community colleges to promote the *FUSION!* Program and the Presidential Transfer Scholarship.
 - A reverse transfer agreement is being developed between JSU and GSCC.
- **Graduate Studies Roundtable**
 - Aimed at promoting discussion on how to re-invent and re-energize our graduate programs and increase enrollment.
- **Criminal Justice**
 - ADECA awarded a grant to Center for Applied Forensics for \$34,000.
- **Emergency Management**
 - Awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$389,381
- **Mathematical Computing and Information Sciences**
 - Awarded a grant by NSA for \$134,943
 - Awarded a grant by National Science Foundation for \$229,296
- **Music**
 - Dr. Ken Bodiford served as the Director of the US Army All-American Band that performed during the US Army All-American Bowl.
- **Nursing**
 - Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) granted reaccreditation of our BSN and MSN programs for 10 years.
 - On November 21st, the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care approved JSU's Letter of Intent to establish a BS degree in Respiratory Care.
- **Office of Teaching, Learning and Technology**
 - 12 faculty members from across campus completed their Online Instructor Certification which establishes their proficiency in delivering quality online courses.

RESEARCH, PLANNING AND COLLABORATION

- 2015 Fact Book is complete
- Awarded second \$12 million "Investing in Innovation" Validation Grant
 - Expands CORE to 10 Regional Universities and three additional states
 - Four Year Grant
 - 1.2 Million match/\$600k secured from JSU Foundation
 - Working with partners to raise the \$1.2 million match
 - 8 new staff members for Research, Planning and Collaboration

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

- Capital Campaign
 - Total gifts and pledges as of January 13, 2016 was approximately \$19,500,000
 - 2015 outright gifts - \$2,614,361 (2014 - \$2,990,211)
 - The number of donors for the 2015 calendar year was 4,367, an increase of 3% over that of 2014 and the number of gifts received in 2015 was 6,540, an increase of 6% over that of 2014.
- Marketing Services
 - New "Rick and Bubba" exclusive endorsement program

- JSU Foundation
 - New Board member Vickie Saxon, JSU alumnus and Sr. Vice President of Enterprise Resources for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Alabama
 - New Board President Ken Howell
- Alumni Relations
 - New online student mentoring program
 - New Alumni Boots on the Ground student recruiting program

ATHLETICS

- **Rifle**
 - Nationally-ranked JSU Rifle Team will compete in the OVC Rifle Championships in February.
- **Soccer**
 - The JSU soccer team earned a return trip to the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament in 2015, and for the first time in the program's history, hosted a first-round postseason tournament match. Senior Olivia Drapes was an All-OVC first team selection, while freshman Claire Petersen earned a spot on the All-OVC second team and All-Newcomer team. It marks the first time since 2008 that JSU has been represented on the All-OVC first team.
- **Beach Volleyball**
 - The Gamecocks have begun spring practice and will be preparing for their first season of Beach Volleyball in the coming weeks. JSU will use its Spring Break to travel to Charleston, S.C., for several matches and will then play matches at UAB in Birmingham to make up its first Beach Volleyball schedule.
- **Softball**
 - The Gamecock Softball team is gearing up for the 2016 season and will open things up on Feb. 7 with its annual Fan Day at 2 p.m. at University Field. The Gamecocks will host 12 home dates this season, starting with a visit from Alabama on Wednesday, March 2nd at 5 p.m.
- **Basketball**
 - The first basketball season in the newly renovated Pete Mathews Coliseum is well underway and the new facility is receiving rave reviews by players, coaches, fans, alums and opponents.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- **MyJSU**

Mobile app has been updated to include a financial aid module to allow students to quickly access key financial aid information, such as:

 - FAFSA Application
 - Financial Aid Requirement
 - Status Award Information
 - Satisfactory Academic Progress

HUMAN RESOURCES

- **Key searches are underway:**
 - Vice President for Administrative and Business Affairs
 - Vice President for Enrollment Management
 - Chief Diversity Officer
 - Director of Internal Audit and Risk Management

Excellent pool of highly qualified candidates have been secured for each search.

Executive Session

Chairman Bennett asked for a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session for approximately thirty minutes to discuss the good names of individuals and/or pending

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

Chairman Jim Bennett, Yes
 Mr. Clarence W. Daugette, Yes
 Mr. Thomas Dedrick, Yes
 Senator Vivian Davis Figures, Yes
 Mr. Randy Jones, Yes
 Mrs. Gale Saxon Main, Yes
 Mr. Ronnie Smith, Yes

Chairman Bennett 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 Bennett reported that the Board had two actionable items to consider.

Mr. Clarence Daugette made a motion that Chairman Jim Bennett be reelected to serve another term as President Pro Tempore of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Thomas Dedrick seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

President Beehler presented the following Resolution for the Board's consideration:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Jacksonville State University initiated a comprehensive Capital Campaign in April 2013 for the purpose of securing support for programs across the University; and,

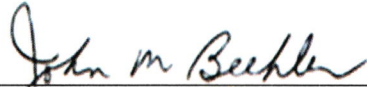
Whereas, NobleBank & Trust and William Ronald "Ronnie" Smith have partnered to make a generous commitment of \$50,000 to the College of Commerce and Business Administration for the purpose of creating a 21st century learning-centered classroom; and

Whereas, Mr. Smith provides exemplary leadership and vision to the university through his service on the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees and various other members of the Board of Directors at NobleBank & Trust have provided volunteer leadership to the university and the JSU Foundation over the years,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares that a suitable classroom in the College of Commerce and Business Administration be designated in honor of NobleBank & Trust and Ronnie Smith.

Now therefore be it further resolved that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its thanks and gratitude to NobleBank & Trust and Ronnie Smith for their generosity to Jacksonville State University and to the College of Commerce and Business Administration.

This Resolution presented the 25th day of January, 2016.



Dr. John M. Beehler, President
Jacksonville State University



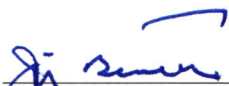
Jim Bennett, Chairman
Board of Trustees

Ms. Gale Saxon Main made a motion that the Resolution be approved by acclamation. The motion was approved unanimously by the Board of Trustees.

There being no further business, Chairman Bennett declared that the meeting was adjourned and stated that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees would be held at the Houston Cole Library on April 18, 2016.



Secretary



President Pro Tempore