



**JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees of **JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY** held its Fall meeting in Jacksonville, Alabama on **Monday, October 17 at 1:00 p.m. CDT.**

Mr. Thomas Dedrick, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order and asked that President John Beehler open the meeting with an invocation.

Vice Chairman Dedrick welcomed Dr. Pam Beehler, JSU's First Lady, to the Board of Trustees meeting.

Chairman Smith recognized Jesslyn Sharp, SGA President and Dr. Pitt Harding, Faculty Senate President and thanked them for their participation at this meeting

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

**PRESENT:**

Mr. Ronnie Smith, Chairman  
Mr. Thomas Dedrick, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Greg Brown  
Mr. Clarence Daugette  
Senator Vivian Davis Figures  
Mr. Tony L. Ingram  
Mr. Randy Jones  
Mrs. Gale Saxon Main  
Mr. Randy Owen  
Jesslyn Sharp, Student Government Association  
Dr. Pitt Harding, Faculty Senate President

**ABSENT:**

Governor Robert Bentley

Senator Figures requested a moment of silence and a prayer in memory of Chairman Jim Bennett.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Dedrick asked for a review of the minutes of the July 18, 2016 Board of Trustees Spring.

**Mr. Clarence Daugette made a motion to approve the July 18, 2016 Board of Trustees Annual Meeting minutes as written. Mr. Tony Ingram seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the minutes.**

Vice Chairman Dedrick stated the Board would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session. **Ms. Gale Saxon Main made a motion to approve and enter into Executive Session. Mr. Clarence Daugette seconded the motion and the Board approved it unanimously.**

### **Executive Session I**

Vice Chairman Dedrick asked for a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes.

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

Vice Chair Thomas Dedrick, Yes  
 Mr. Greg Brown, Yes  
 Mr. Clarence Daugette, Yes  
 Senator Vivian Davis Figures, Yes  
 Mr. Tony L. Ingram, Yes  
 Mr. Randy Jones, Yes  
 Mrs. Gale Saxon Main, Yes  
 Mr. Randy Owen, Yes  
 Mr. Ronnie Smith, Yes

Vice Chairman Dedrick reported the Board members would return from Executive Session for a public vote on any actionable items.

Vice Chairman Dedrick brought the meeting to order and asked for nomination(s) to elect a Chair for the JSU Board of Trustees. **Mr. Randy Jones nominated Mr. William “Ronnie” Smith, Ms. Gale Saxon-Main moved that we accept him by acclamation. Senator Vivian Figures seconded the motion which as approved unanimously by acclamation.** Mr. Dedrick congratulated Chairman Smith and presented the gavel to him so the Board could proceed with the business meeting under his leadership.

Chairman Smith thanked his fellow Trustees for their expertise, unique qualities, and commitment. He said the role of the Trustee is important and JSU is making progress in offering the best education possible for our students.

Chairman Smith presented a resolution changing the By-Laws to allow the BOT to have the authority and flexibility to change meeting dates during the year, except for the Annual Meeting in October held on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday of the month. Legislative action would be

required to change the October meeting date.

**Mr. Daugette made a motion to adopt the change to the By-Laws, Vice Chairman Dedrick seconded the motion and the Board approved it unanimously.**

### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 573**

#### **RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS OF JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Article VI of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees as contained in the "Manual of the Board of Trustees 2015-2016," the following amendments are adopted.

Article II, Section 2 shall be amended to read in substance as follows:

##### **Section 2 – Quarterly Meetings**

In addition to its annual meeting, the Board shall hold quarterly meetings in January, April and July of each fiscal year on such day and date as may be determined by the Board and announced at the annual meeting. Any quarterly meeting date or place may be thereafter changed by the Board at any regular session held prior to the meeting to be changed. A meeting in progress may be recessed to be concluded at a later date on motion and approval of the Board.

Article III, Section 2 shall be amended to read in substance as follows:

##### **Section 2 – President Pro Tempore and Vice-Chair**

The Board shall elect at its annual meeting one of its members to serve as President Pro Tempore, who will serve until the next annual meeting of the Board. The President Pro Tempore shall fulfill the role of Chair and shall preside as such at all Board meetings in the absence of the Board President, and shall call special meetings of the Board upon the conditions set forth herein. Further, the President Pro Tempore shall serve as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Board and shall appoint such committees as may be authorized by the Board or as the President Pro Tempore may deem desirable, fill vacancies which may occur on such committees, and take all other actions normally taken by the President or presiding officer of a Board of similar kind. As Chair, the President Pro Tempore has the same rights and privileges as all other Trustees have, including the right to make motions, speak in debate and vote on all questions.

The Board shall at the time of the election of the President Pro Tempore shall also elect a Vice-Chair to preside as interim Chair at any meeting in which both the President and President Pro Tempore are absent for any reason and to continue to serve in such capacity between Board meetings during times when the President Pro Tempore is unavailable to illness, disability, death or absence from the State of Alabama. When serving in such interim role, the Vice Chair shall have the same powers, duties and responsibilities as the President Pro Tempore.

Passed unanimously at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees at Jacksonville State University on the 17th day of October 2016.



William "Ronnie" Smith  
President Pro Tempore and Chairman

ATTEST:



John M. Beehler, Ph.D., CPA  
President and Board Secretary

Chairman Smith requested a motion to adopt a resolution to create the position of Vice Chair. **Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt and accept the resolution, Senator Figures seconded the motion and the Board approved it unanimously.**

Chairman Smith requested nominations for the position of Vice Chair. **Mr. Daugette nominated Mr. Thomas Dedrick and Senator Figures seconded the nomination. Having no further nominations, the Board approved Mr. Dedrick unanimously by acclamation.**

Chairman Smith made a motion to approve the resolution accepting all acts of Mr. Thomas Dedrick as acting Vice Chair. **Coming from Chairman Smith, the motion did not require a second. After discussion, the Board approved the motion unanimously.**

#### RESOLUTION# 570

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

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Dedrick, Sr., a regular member of the Board of Trustees, was selected to serve in the capacity of Vice Chair during the illness, disability and following the death of James Bennett, now the Board of Trustees in regular annual meeting does hereby ratify and confirm any and all acts of the Vice Chair undertaken on behalf of Jacksonville State University to the same extent as having been performed by the President Pro Tempore – Chairman acting in his capacity as such.

This is the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.



William "Ronnie" Smith  
President Pro Tempore and Chair

ATTEST:



John M. Beehler, Ph.D., CPA  
President and Board Secretary

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Ronnie Smith, Chair of the Building and Finance Committee has one (1) action item.

#### Motion #1

Adopt and accept the Reimbursement Resolution to preserve the university's ability to reimburse itself out of the proceeds of a bond issue for expenditures made on a project prior to completing the bond issue. This simply preserves the ability to utilize tax-exempt debt, it does not create any obligation to do so.

**Coming from the Building & Finance Committee the Motion did not require a second. After discussion, the Board approved it unanimously.**

### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 574**

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Trustee (herein called the "Board") of JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY (herein called the "University") as follows:

#### Section 1. Findings and Determinations.

(a) The University has been and will be making certain capital expenditures for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating and equipping certain capital improvements, including without limitation educational facilities, student housing facilities and a student recreation center (the "Authorized Purpose"), and reasonably expects that additional capital expenditures for the Authorized Purpose will be necessary.

(b) The Board reasonably expects to be reimbursed for capital expenditures made for the Authorized Purpose in an approximate amount of at least \$3,000,000 from the proceeds of an issue of tax-exempt Bonds to be issued in 2017 or thereafter (the "Bonds") to be subsequently issued by the University, which Bonds, when issued, shall be special limited obligations of the University, payable solely from, and are secured by a pledge of, the tuition and fees paid by students enrolled at the University, as more fully described in an Authorizing Resolution of the University to be adopted approving the issuance of the Bonds.

(c) The Board anticipates that there will be no funds from sources other than proceeds of the Bonds nor will any such funds be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the University to finance such capital expenditures for the Authorized Purpose, other than moneys needed in addition to the proceeds of the Bonds.

Section 2. The Board is making this declaration of official intent pursuant to Section 1.103-8(a) (5) and Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Regulations (collectively, the "Reimbursement Regulations").

Section 3. The Board hereby declares its intent to issue the Bonds and use the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds for the Authorized Purpose, as well as other legal purposes for which the University may expend such funds and proceeds.

Section 4. Capital expenditures for the Authorized Purpose made by the University before the issuance of the Bonds from any legally available source of funds of or to the University shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of the Bonds to the extent permitted by the Reimbursement Regulations.

Section 5. All resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded and repealed, but only to the extent of any such conflict. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Board of Trustees of JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY, a public corporation and instrumentality of the State of Alabama, hereby certify that the attached page constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of excerpts from all those portions of the minutes of a special public meeting of the Board of Trustees of said University held on October 17, 2016, pertaining to the matters therein set out, as the same appear in the records of said University.

WITNESS my signature as said Secretary, under the seal of said University, this 17th day of October, 2016 This the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.



William "Ronnie" Smith  
Chairman

Attest:



John M. Beehler, Ph.D., CPA  
Board Secretary

#### **ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Randy Jones, Chair of the Advancement Committee, stated that the committee did not have any actionable items and they had a productive meeting.

#### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Randy Owen, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, stated that the committee had one actionable item.

They recommend the creation of a Center for Best Practices in Law Enforcement in the Department of Criminal Justice, School of Human Services and Social Sciences. The Center is for training, consultation and research for the law enforcement community.

#### **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

Vice Chairman Dedrick, Chair of the Athletic Committee has one (1) actionable item. He moved for approval of the OVC Governing Board Certification designating the President with the right to manage the Athletic Department. As this motion came from a committee, no second is necessary. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chairman Dedrick commended Mr. Seitz and the Athletic Department for the work they are doing for JSU. In addition, he pointed out the new Baseball Stadium will be an exceptional addition to the JSU campus.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

- **Two Founding Deans named for new Schools in the Academic Affairs Division**
  - Dr. Maureen Newton, School of Human Services and Social Sciences
  - Dr. Tim Lindblom, School of Science.
- **School of Business and Industry**
  - JSU hosted the Northeast Economic Activity Zone Exposition (NEAZ) at Little River Canyon on August 16<sup>th</sup>. There were 85 attendees along with Congressman Aderholt and several state legislators.
  - Governor Robert Bentley has awarded JSU a \$52,000 grant to study the feasibility of expanding the university's Little River Canyon Center in hopes of increasing tourism and educational opportunities in northeast Alabama.
- **School of Education**
  - In July, the Family and Consumer Sciences Department hosted the first JSU Culinary Invitational. High School students from Albertville, Boaz, and Talladega showed their culinary skills as they competed for top honors.
- **School of Health Professions and Wellness**
  - NCLEX pass rate for the summer cohort of traditional students is 93.55%. In comparison, the national pass rates are currently at 83.94% while the state pass rate is 84.78%.
  - A new high-fidelity pediatric simulator has been installed and joins the "sim-family." PedisSim, a reproduction of a six-year old child, supports a wide range of clinical interventions and offers risk-free practice for pediatric clinical care.
- **School of Human Services and Social Sciences**
  - The ROTC program is on track to commission 14 Army officers this next year. It received over \$400K in ROTC scholarships from the Army this year.
  - ACHE approved the new Master in Social Work program.
- **School of Science**
  - Drs. Mark Meade and Chris Murdoch in the Department of Biology were awarded \$57,000 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Alabama Department of Natural Resources in July to study the occurrence of threatened and endangered species in the Coosa and Cahaba river systems.
  - The Department of Physical and Earth Sciences area of Chemistry has received the American Chemical Society's (ACS) approval to grant certificates to qualifying graduates who meet stringent requirements
- **Vice Provost**
  - JSU undergraduate students who have earned 96 credit hours will begin to receive a series of emails that encourage them to consider a graduate degree from JSU.
  - Re-imagining the First Year Initiative kicked off this fall semester in partnership with 43 other AASCU universities. The first step is re-engineering first year English classes with our first Faculty Fellow Mr. Rodney Bailey.
  - Our First Annual Academic Leadership Academy began this fall semester to provide leadership development for JSU deans and department heads. The initial focus is on positive academic leadership and change leadership.

### **ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT**

- **Admissions**
  - The Admissions Office is excited to have another record setting average ACT score for first-time freshman enrolled for the fall 2016 semester (23.2) and the average high school GPA was 3.42.
  - Enrollment is up for the first time in six years and it increased along all dimensions. The number of first-time freshman increased 25%, first-time transfer

students increased 20%, and dual enrollment students increased more than 23% from 2015 to 2016. Total graduate student enrollment was also up by 2.3%.

- **Student Financial Services**

- Dr. Renita Taylor Thompson was hired as the new director of student financial services.
- Ms. Ashante Stone was hired as the new Associate Director of Scholarships.

#### **Title IV Disbursements 2016/17 vs. 2015/16**

##### **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) received (unduplicated)**

- **2015-2016:** 10,626 as of 09/23/2015
- **2016-2017:** 11,259 as of 09/23/2016

<b>Funds Type</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
Pell Grants	\$ 5,985,915	\$ 6,225,221
Federal Student Loans	\$ 16,601,249	\$ 16,789,259
Parent Plus Loans	\$ 1,398,227	\$ 1,337,496
Graduate Plus Loans	\$ 77,237	\$ 58,515
Federal Work Study		
Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)	\$ 76,409	\$ 104,225
TEACH Grant	\$ 22,503	\$ 15,378
Alternative/Private Education Loans	\$ 1,144,432	\$ 1,090,878
Alabama State Grant		\$ 5,750
Other State Grants/Scholarships	\$ 35,034	\$ 6,339
Institutional Scholarships	\$ 10,501,986	\$ 9,050,196
Foundation Scholarships	\$ 151,937	\$ 233,569
Outside Agency Scholarships	\$ 481,903	\$ 378,087
Logan Walker Loan	\$ 12,000	\$ 23,250
<b>Sum for all Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 36,488,832</b>	<b>\$ 35,318,163</b>

- **JSU Merit Scholarship Policy Revision**

- Scholarships are no longer awarded generically by ACT student groupings. Instead, they will be awarded based on individual student need and/or merit.
- Each student's individual situation will be analyzed to determine need/merit and the amount awarded.
- Our scholarship philosophy and spending has been adjusted to improve recruitment (including diversity/quality), progression, AND retention.
- Scholarships will be awarded to in-state, out of state, and international students who fit merit or need qualifications.
- All scholarships now include both a GPA and a test score requirement to determine eligibility.
- All scholarships are based on total dollars (i.e. tuition discount) and not credit hours.
- All scholarships require 30 hours' completion per each academic year (Fall, Spring, Summer) and are awarded for 8 semesters (FTF) or 4 semesters (FTT). This supports progression and graduation within 4 years/ 2 years.
- Scholarships will be restricted by budget/number.
- Eliminated the previous system of many categories/names for scholarships and combined funds into New Student Merit Scholarships.
- Total non-athletic scholarships will be approximately \$11M in tuition discounts (\$6.9M for continuing students, \$3.5M for new students, and a total of \$600K available for continuing student merit, student gap funding and graduate assistantships.
- Athletic Scholarships remain at between \$5M and \$6M.

- **Transfer Pathway Program**
  - Dr. Jean Pugliese assumed the role of Executive Director of the Transfer Pathway Program and is responsible for enhancing transfer processes, researching successful community college transfer models, and developing and maintaining strong relationships with community colleges statewide.
- **Registrar's Office**
  - Instituted mandatory Family & Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) policy training for all employees (staff, faculty, and students) who have access to protected student data.
  - 361 students received their academic degrees on August 5, 2016.
  - The Registrar's Office, SGA, Student Life, Athletics, and the Canterbury Club raised \$1,025 for the Baton Rouge Relief.
- **Academic Enhancement**
  - The new **drop-in tutoring centers** have been successful. Since the beginning of the semester, the centers have been bustling with well over 1,600 students taking advantage of the new flexible approach allowing them to see a tutor as needed without having to schedule an appointment.
    - Martin Hall/Sciences - 305 visits
    - Ayers Hall/Math - 220 visits
    - Merrill Hall/Business - 60 visits
    - ACE Hall/Combined – 1,015 visits
  - Increased both retention and graduation rates over the prior year. First year retention rate was 78% (up 4%) and six-year graduation rate was 36% (up 5%).
  - The JSU Chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars achieved Certified Gold Star Status nationally.
- **Career Services**
  - Career Services hosted a Fall Career, Co-op & Internship Fair on October 5<sup>th</sup>. There was a 10% increase in the number of companies registered.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

- **Center of Excellence for Veterans**
  - Local Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter brought their Mobile Service Office to campus to assist student veterans with filing disability claims to the VA.
  - Hosting the Veterans Day Ceremony at Pete Mathews Coliseum on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. At 1:30 pm will be the opening of the U.S. Department of Education Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success.
- **Student Life**
  - 97% of the students who attended orientation are currently enrolled at JSU, which is at an all-time high.
  - The Fraternity and Sorority Community continues to see growth in numbers with over 850 total active members participating in fraternity and sorority life.
- **University Housing**
  - In conjunction with Capital Planning and Facilities, the Department of University Housing and Residence life was able to provide housing in Sparkman and Daugette halls to meet student demand. Both buildings received renovations to house 38 residents in Daugette and 23 in Sparkman.
- **Disability Support Services**
  - DSS hosted the annual Deaf College Prep Program in partnership with the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services and AIDB. Thirteen deaf and hard of hearing students participated in the week long program designed to prepare them for success in the post-secondary setting.

- **Student Government Association (SGA)**
  - Participated in the national campaign “It’s On Us” to stop sexual assault on college campuses.
  - Participated with the JSU Police Department in multiple events (“Cookout with the Cops” and “Chill with the Cops”) to improve relations between the police and students through a “community policing” approach.

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT**

- **Curtiss Hall: Emergency Chiller Replacement**
  - Project Cost \$147,000
  - Project Complete
- **Gamecock Diner: HVAC Replacement**
  - Project Cost \$116,500
  - Project Complete
- **Baseball Complex**
  - Project Cost \$7.4 million
  - \$4 million has already been raised
  - Design Phase
- **Marching Southerner’s Practice Field**
  - Bids accepted on October 13<sup>th</sup>
  - New artificial turf, new lighting, and ornamental fencing
  - Construction will require 8 weeks
- **Bibb Graves Hall: Restroom Accessibility Improvements**
  - Women’s and Men’s Restrooms on the main level are to be updated and modernized to meet ADA requirements. One restroom will be gender neutral.
  - Project Cost \$80,000
  - Work is scheduled to begin prior to this meeting and last 6 weeks
- **Houston Cole Library: Two Air Handlers**
  - Project Costs are estimated at \$494,000
  - Equipment will arrive the first week of November
- **Tennis Court Improvements**
  - Project Cost is \$162,000
  - Work is scheduled to begin prior to this meeting and will take two months
- **Computer Center**
  - Project Cost is \$48,669
  - Replacing two identical Leibert Units which have reached the end of their useful lives.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- **Partnership with Barnes and Noble**
  - Designed to create an on-line athletic store committed to filling the requests of alumni, faculty, students, fans and staff. This will give fans more selection of goods and should result in a substantial increase in sales and revenue.
- **Partnership with Calhoun County 911**
  - Designed to reduce response time for emergencies with less duplication of efforts, greater efficiency and less potential liability for negligence.

- **JSU Fleet Operations**
  - Previously decentralized operations will now become centralized for greater efficiency and control.
- **Brailsford & Dunlavey Partnership**
  - Constituted to plan and implement a new Student Recreation Center including the potential use of a Public-Private Partnership (P3).

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

- **AVAYA IP Office Telephone System**
  - Completed installation of this system including installation of new telephone handsets campus-wide.
- **Technology Support Center**
  - As part of the Quality Enhancement Plan under the SACSCOC reaffirmation process, distributed over 700 iPads to JSU students enrolled in pre-selected faculty mentor classes.
- **Technology Profile Enhancements**
  - Redesign of two technology enhanced classrooms – Merrill Hall
  - Server in Applied Forensics Lab
  - Deployment of AirWatch mobile device management
  - Roll out of a Persistence Dashboard for student retention.

## **RESEARCH AND PLANNING**

- **Sponsored Programs**
  - In 2016, 50 Grant Awards totaling \$18,368,820 (\$910,205 Indirect)
    - Federal Agencies (62%) - \$12,123,768 (\$564,843)
    - State Agencies (36%) - \$5,929,576 (\$326,068)
    - Regional Agencies (1%) - \$204, 530 (\$5,953)
    - Other (1%) - \$110,946 (\$13,341)
- **Office of Institutional Research and Assessment**
  - Administered JSU Strategic Plan Survey to JSU faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community members.
  - 2016 Fact Book is complete
  - Held the fourth CORE Academy under the i3 grant.

## **UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT**

- **Capital Campaign**
  - Total gifts as of October 5, 2016 were approximately \$23,000,000
  - Total gifts and pledges to date in 2016 are \$2,119,772 compared to \$1,283,720 at this point in 2015, a 65% increase.
  - Ralph Burke has joined the University Advancement team as Associate Director of Corporate, Foundation and Community Relations.
  - Plans are currently underway to go public with the capital campaign by spring 2017.
- **2016 Outstanding Alumni of the Year**
  - Alumnus of the Year - Marc Angle '82
  - Alumna of the Year - Ms. Heather Marshall '99
  - Military Alumnus of the Year - Col. Todd Key '87
  - Young alum of the Year - Mr. Warren Sarrell '10
  - Faculty/Staff of the Year - Dr. Christie Shelton '96/'02
  - Chapter of the Year - Student Alumni Association (SAA)

## **ATHLETIC**

- **NCAA Division I Football Committee**
  - Athletic Director Greg Seitz begins a four-year term on this prestigious NCAA committee which is responsible for the playoff selections, seeding, and structure of the NCAA Division I Football Championship. The committee meets twice a year, including the playoff selection weekend each November where it sets the bracket, determines the Top 8 national seeds and selects the at-large teams in the 24-team Championship.
- **New Medical Provider for Athletics**
  - The Gamecocks and one of the premier providers of Sports Medicine in the nation have joined forces again, with Andrews Sports Medicine becoming the official care provider for all of Gamecock Athletics.
- **Student-Athlete Academic Awards**
  - JSU Athletics placed a total of 116 student-athletes on the OVC Honor Roll. Football, men's and women's golf and women's tennis won the OVC team academic achievement awards.
- **Football**
  - Ranked #3/#4 in STATS and Coaches Poll, respectively
  - 2017 Gamecocks opener vs. Chattanooga will be played in Montgomery's Cramton Bowl and aired live August 26<sup>th</sup> on ESPN as the network's FCS Kickoff Game.
  - Two former Gamecock Football players are currently active on NFL rosters, with Troymaine Pope on the Jets 53-man active roster and Chris Landrum, Sr., on the Chargers practice squad. T.J. Heath is currently among the Canadian Football League's interceptions leaders as a member of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. The Blue Bombers recently announced that they will be inducting former JSU quarterback Dieter Brock into their Ring of Honor.
- **Volleyball**
  - Very young team currently tied for 1<sup>st</sup> in the OVC conference standings.

## **JSU/JSU FOUNDATION AGREEMENT.**

Mr. Clarence Daugette stated that, the International Foundation Funds are managed by the Jacksonville State University Foundation, Inc., so as a matter of principal, I as a Trustee, cannot vote on this matter and will have to abstain myself from this matter.

President Beehler pointed out the Jacksonville State University Foundation Board approved the Agreement between Jacksonville State University and Jacksonville State University Foundation, Inc. and recommended the Trustees approve this agreement as well. **Mr. Tony Ingram made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Mr. Thomas Dedrick seconded the motion, and the Board approved it unanimously.**

Chairman Smith indicated that he would entertain a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session. **Vice Chairman Thomas Dedrick made a motion to approve and enter into Executive Session. Mr. Tony Ingram seconded the motion and the Board approved it unanimously.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION II**

Chairman Smith asked for a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session for approximately 30 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 Ronnie Smith, Yes  
 Mr. Thomas Dedrick, Vice Chair, Yes  
 Mr. Greg Brown, Yes  
 Mr. Clarence Daugette, Yes  
 Senator Vivian Davis Figures, Yes  
 Mr. Tony L. Ingram, Yes  
 Mr. Randy Jones, Yes  
 Mrs. Gale Saxon Main, Yes  
 Mr. Randy Owen, Yes

Upon returning from Executive Session Chairman Smith reported that the Board would discuss two actionable items.

Chairman Smith requested a motion to give the JSU Eastwood School property to the City of Jacksonville by quitclaim deed.

**Senator Vivian Figures made a motion to approve the Eastwood School Property Resolution as written. Mr. Tony Ingram seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion unanimously.**

### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 571**

#### **RESOLUTION**

Jacksonville State University  
 Board of Trustees  
 October 17, 2016 Annual Meeting

WHEREAS, Jacksonville State University has exercised possession, dominion and control and held out to the world without challenge or objection ownership of the following described property, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the east line of Vann Street 332 feet south of the southeast corner of the intersection of Vann Street and Eighth Avenue, run thence south 1030 feet, thence east 535 feet, thence north 1030 feet, thence west 535 feet to the point of beginning, said tract containing 12.5 acres, more or less, and being part of Lot 50, according to the map of the new plan of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, situated in Section 13, Township 14, Range 8, Jacksonville, Calhoun County, Alabama, said property being formerly known as the Eastwood School and being the same property as that described in Deed Book 465, Page 468-468, Office of the Probate Judge of Calhoun County, Alabama.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that formal record title in and to said property remains vested in the State of Alabama thereby creating a gap in the chain of title with all legal and practical problems attendant thereto; and,

WHEREAS, said property is surplus to the needs of the University and, as situated, represents a liability and expense to the University; and,

WHEREAS, Jacksonville State University will have no need to utilize this property in the future, the same being remote to the university campus; and,


WHEREAS, The City of Jacksonville has expressed a desire to utilize the property as an athletic field and to consider allowing a local historical group to preserve the landmark school.

NOW, THEREFORE, the foregoing considered, the Board of Trustees in regular meeting hereby authorizes the President acting on behalf of the institution and its Board of Trustees to execute and deliver to the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, an appropriate deed conveying the University's right, title and interest, to the extent it may have, in and to the "Eastwood School property" as hereinabove described to the City of Jacksonville, Alabama.

This the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.

  
 William "Ronnie" Smith  
 Chairman

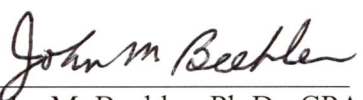
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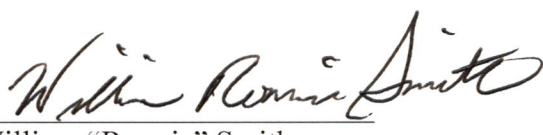
  
 John M. Beehler, Ph.D., CPA  
 Board Secretary

Vice Chair Thomas Dedrick stated that Mr. Jim Bennett served JSU with dignity and honor for many years and loved JSU and the Marching Southerners. Therefore, he requested naming the new Marching Southerners Practice Field the "Jim Bennett Marching Southerners Practice Field" or something of that nature. Ms. Gale Saxon Main seconded the motion and the Board approved it unanimously.

Chairman Smith and the Board performed President John M. Boehlert's annual performance review. President Beehler provided the Board with a long list of accomplishments from the past sixteen (16) months. The Board gave President Beehler a very satisfactory rating on his review allowing three (3) additional years on his contract.

Chairman Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion made by Senator Vivian Figures and seconded by Mr. Thomas Dedrick and the Board approved the motion unanimously.

  
 John M. Beehler, Ph.D., CPA  
 Secretary

  
 William "Ronnie" Smith  
 President Pro Tempore/Chairman