

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of **JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY** held its Spring meeting in Jacksonville, Alabama on **Monday, April 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. CDT.**

Mr. Jim Bennett, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order and asked that Dr. William Meehan open the meeting with an invocation.

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

PRESENT:

Mr. Jim Bennett, Chairman
Mr. Jim Coxwell
Mr. Clarence W. Daugette, III
Mr. Thomas Dedrick
Senator Vivian Davis Figures
Mr. Randall Jones
Mrs. Gale Saxon Main
Mr. Ronnie Smith
Dr. Melanie Wallace, Faculty Senate President
Mr. Brett Johnson, Student Government Association

ABSENT:

Governor Robert Bentley
Dr. Thomas Bice
Mr. Randy Owen

Chairman Bennett welcomed Mrs. Beth Meehan, First Lady of JSU, to the Board of Trustees meeting. He stated that Mrs. Meehan has been a most gracious First Lady and the Board appreciates all she has done for the University.

Chairman Bennett welcomed Mr. Brett Johnson to the Board of Trustees meeting and stated that this would be Mr. Johnson's last meeting. Newly elected SGA President, Mr. Tyler Brown, will take over as the SGA representative on the Board beginning with the July Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Johnson stated that it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with the Board and thanked them for allowing the students to have a voice on the Board in the decisions that are made.

Mr. Smith stated that it has been a pleasure to have worked with Mr. Johnson on the Board and on the Presidential Search and Screening Advisory Committee. He stated that Mr. Johnson has represented the students well and is a fine young man and a great example of the kind of students JSU produces. Senator Figures stated that she also

appreciates Mr. Johnson and the job he has done on the Board and said that she knows he is going to go on and continue to do great things in the future.

Chairman Bennett welcomed Dr. Melanie Wallace, Faculty Senate President, to the Board of Trustees meeting and stated this is also Dr. Wallace's last meeting. She will be replaced by Dr. Windon Edge, who will represent the faculty beginning with the July Board meeting. Dr. Wallace stated that it has been an honor and privilege to serve with the Board this year. She stated that she did not expect to be serving on the committee to replace Dr. Meehan during her tenure, but the Presidential Search has been front and center on the Faculty Senate agenda. Mr. Smith stated that Dr. Wallace has done an excellent job representing the faculty during this process. On behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee, Mr. Daugelette thanked Dr. Wallace for her service and stated that it has been a pleasure to have worked with her.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bennett asked that the minutes of the January 26, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting be reviewed.

Mr. Randy Jones made a motion to approve the Board of Trustees minutes as written. Mr. Clarence Daugelette seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Mr. Bennett stated that this is Dr. Meehan's sixty-fourth meeting with the Board and his last meeting before he retires. He thanked him for his years of service to the Board and to JSU. He stated that Dr. Meehan has been a great President and has made a major difference in the University and will be missed by all.

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH AND SCREENING COMMITTEE

Mr. Ronnie Smith, Chairman of the Presidential Search and Screening Committee, stated that he would like to show his appreciation for everyone involved in helping bring the three finalists to campus over the last week and a half. He stated that he appreciates the reception that the faculty, staff and students of the University gave to Dr. Carl Stockton, Dr. John Beehler and Dr. Randy Hanna during their visits here. He said the goal of the Search and Screening Committee was to deliver to the Trustees quality candidates that would cause them to have a difficult decision to make and he feels that the Committee has accomplished this goal. He hopes that within the next few weeks the Board will be able to make a decision, conduct negotiations with the candidate they select and make a public announcement of who the new President will be.

Senator Figures stated that she appreciates Mr. Smith's leadership on the Presidential Search and Screening Committee and said that he did an awesome job. She stated that everything went very smoothly and Mr. Smith did a great job and took a lot of his time to coordinate everything and make sure everyone was included in the decision

making process. She appreciates the time he devoted to this search and to a great outcome.

Mr. Smith thanked Senator Figures for her kind remarks and stated that it has been a great experience to see how hiring is done from a collegiate standpoint. He said it has been a collective decision and that shared governance is important. He hopes that everyone will share the enthusiasm for the new President who will eventually be named. He also stated that the Search and Screening Committee has been a terrific group to work with. They have put in a lot of time and effort and have been very representative of their own groups and departments and have helped to reach the conclusion to bring the three candidates to campus.

Mr. Bennett stated this has been an excellent committee and a smooth operation from the start. He stated that he appreciates the time the Committee has put toward this search and he feels the work the Committee has done will produce a new President who will fit in well with the University. He stated that everyone who served on the Committee should be commended for their efforts.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Jim Coxwell, Chairman of the Athletic Committee, presented the following Resolution for the Board's consideration:

RESOLUTION 566

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM SAND VOLLEYBALL RECOMENDATION

Whereas, the NCAA recently approved Women's Sand Volleyball as an emerging sport and will pay Division I Colleges and Universities to offer the sport; and

Whereas, the NCAA approved Sand Volleyball as a new NCAA National Championship Sport; and

Whereas, Jacksonville State head volleyball coach Terry Gamble has agreed to coach and offer this spring sport with existing coaching staff and current scholarships; and

Whereas, the University already has an existing sand volleyball court on campus that will allow the team to train and practice; and

Whereas, the addition of Sand Volleyball will enhance Jacksonville State Volleyball and Title IX sports at the University with no anticipated extra costs, and the University will actually profit several thousand dollars by adding this emerging sport; therefore

The Athletic Committee recommends this Board of Trustees give the President permission to begin Women's Sand Volleyball at Jacksonville State University for two seasons, beginning in 2016 and again 2017, after which the sport would be evaluated and a determination whether or not to continue with Women's Sand Volleyball would be made.

**Coming from the Athletic Committee the motion did not require a second.
After discussion from the Board the Motion was passed unanimously.**

Mr. Coxwell stated that the Athletic Committee had reviewed the proposed colors for seating in the Pete Mathews Coliseum and would like to make a Motion that the checkerboard pattern with red, white and black seat colors be used.

**Coming from the Athletic Committee the Motion did not require a second.
After discussion from the Board, the Motion was passed unanimously.**

Mr. Coxwell stated that the Athletic Committee would like to make a Motion that former JSU student, Danny Willett, be presented with a Resolution during an upcoming Fall football game honoring him for being the first JSU Golfer to play in the Master's Golf Tournament.

**Coming from the Athletic Committee the Motion did not require a second.
After discussion from the Board, the Motion was passed unanimously.**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. Clarence Daugette, on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee, stated that the Committee did not have any action items; however, Dr. Turner distributed a card promoting the new math remediation process at JSU. He asked Dr. Turner to explain the new program. She stated that we are moving to an individual paced model as opposed to a course-based model. The program is called EdReady and is an individual paced model of remediation that is primarily online. Students will be able to work at their own pace and will only have to repeat what they have not already mastered, not a whole course. It will save the students time and money and we hope it will make a difference in their progression to graduation.

BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Ronnie Smith, Chairman of the Building and Finance Committee, presented the following resolutions on behalf of the Building and Finance Committee:

RESOLUTION 564

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees is committed to keep tuition at its lowest possible cost while maintaining the highest quality education for our student body; and

WHEREAS, current tuition and fees at Jacksonville State University are 3.3% below the state median as reported by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, the Senate's proposed Education Trust Fund allocation to Jacksonville State University being considered by the Legislature reflects an Operations and Maintenance allocation for FY 2015-16 of \$35,428,476 that is .25% above the allocation for FY 2014-15 of \$35,340,125;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Trustees sets the following tuition and residence costs beginning with the fall semester 2015:

Undergraduate Student:

- 1) Undergraduate tuition will be charged at the rate of \$300 per credit hour for in-state students

- 2) Undergraduate tuition for out-of-state students will be two times the in-state rate or \$600 per credit hour
- 3) Dual Enrollment tuition will be charged at one half of the undergraduate rate

Graduate /Doctoral Students:

- 4) Graduate tuition (including doctoral program) will be charged at the rate of \$371 per credit hour for in-state students
- 5) Graduate tuition (including doctoral program) for out-of-state students will be two times the in-state rate or \$742 per credit hour

Distance Learning:

- 6) Distance Learning undergraduate tuition will be charged at the rate of \$362 per credit hour
- 7) Distance Learning graduate tuition will be charged at the rate of \$461 per credit hour

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board of Trustees authorizes the implementation of a Nursing Fee of \$200 per semester to be charged to nursing majors for the required five semesters after they have been accepted to the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that meal plan prices for the 2015-2016 academic year be charged at the rate of \$1,350 plus tax per semester.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fall and spring per semester rates to residential housing shall be as follows:

<u>Apartments</u>	<u>FY2016</u>
Campus Inn	
Efficiency	\$1,979
1 Bedroom	\$2,545
College	\$2,428
Colonial Arms	\$2,428
Jax	\$2,428
Pannell	
Efficiency	\$2,305
1 Bedroom	\$2,428
Studio	\$2,305
Penn House	\$2,428
Stadium Housing	
Efficiency	\$2,956
4 Bedroom Pod	\$2,499
4 Bedroom Concourse	\$2,499
<u>Residence Halls</u>	
Crow	\$1,867
Curtiss	\$1,867
Daugette	\$1,867
Dixon	\$1,867
Fitzpatrick	\$1,867
Logan	\$2,210
Patterson	\$2,210
<u>Specialty Halls</u>	
International House	\$1,428
Leadership House/Women	\$2,478
Pi Kappa Phi House	\$2,384
Sigma Phi Epsilon House	\$2,384

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED should the Education Trust Fund allocation for FY 2015-16 be more or less than the currently proposed Operations and Maintenance allocation, then this Board of Trustees authorizes a change in tuition necessary to offset the change in the Education Trust Fund allocation to include increased cost for Teachers Retirement System contributions and Jacksonville State University's portion of PEEHIP.

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

RESOLUTION 565

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining the infrastructure of the campus to support the delivery of quality educational programs and support services to the citizens of the State of Alabama and surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees are committed to the enhancement of the campus community and recognize the importance of the campus community experience to the growth of Jacksonville State University.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President to proceed with Phase II of modifications to Pete Mathews Coliseum to include flooring and seating. The anticipated total cost of the project is \$2,236,688. Project costs will be paid partially from the refunding of the Series 2008 bonds in 2014 and partially from other internal funding.

Coming from the Building and Finance Committee the motion did not require a second. After discussion among the Board, the Motion was approved by a vote of 7-1.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I. Capital Projects

Building 3181 at Fort McClellan Campus

Dr. Meehan reported that Hale Building Company of Anniston has completed Phases I (under slab vapor barrier), II (below grade waterproofing), and Phase III (above grade waterproofing). All costs are being split 50-50 between JSU and GSCC and total project costs are \$312,978.

Hammond Hall: HVAC, Art Gallery, Waterproofing

Dr. Meehan stated that improvements to Hammond Hall are planned for the summer 2015. These include replacing air handlers and HVAC in approximately 60% of the facility, cosmetically improving the art gallery, and waterproofing a portion of the foundation. Total costs are projected at \$240,000.

Logan Hall Chiller Replacement

Dr. Meehan told the Board that Jake Marshall of Birmingham has completed the chiller replacement in Logan Hall. Total costs are \$211,182.

Martin Hall Chiller Replacement

Dr. Meehan stated that Jake Marshall of Birmingham has completed the chiller replacement in Martin Hall. Total costs are \$120,625.59

Pete Mathew Coliseum: Flooring & Seating Replacement

Dr. Meehan stated that Design consultant, Infinity Architecture out of Montgomery, accepted bids March 17th. The project has been awarded to Morris Building Company of Anniston for \$2,079,000 with total projected costs of \$2.27 million. Construction is planned for summer of 2015.

Outdoor Track Re-surfacing

Dr. Meehan reported to the Board that Lower Brothers, Inc. of Birmingham has completed re-surfacing the outdoor running track. Totals costs are \$60,000.

Salls Hall: ADA Ramp

Dr. Meehan stated that Design consultant, Christian and Associates of Anniston, and contractor, Hale Building Company of Anniston, are constructing an ADA assessable ramp for the main entrance of Salls Hall. Inclement weather and cold temperatures delayed the project temporarily. Costs are projected at \$50,000 and should be completed by April 30th.

Stephenson Hall Wellness Center

Dr. Meehan reported that substantial completion of the Stephenson Hall Wellness Center occurred February 13, 2012 and the Year End Inspection was held February 23, 2013. On April 1, 2013, the contractor requested an arbitration hearing before the State Building Commission concerning his claims for additional compensation. That hearing was held Tuesday, September 10, 2013 and we are awaiting a final decision from the State Building Commission.

Theron Montgomery Building Chiller Replacement

Dr. Meehan stated that Pettus Services of Rogersville has completed the chiller replacement in the Theron Montgomery Building. Total costs are \$198,286.20.

University Development

Dr. Meehan reported to the Board that the property at 504 Pelham Road (between Waffle House & Wesley Foundation) has been purchased and renovated. The University Development office has relocated to the facility. The cost of purchasing the property plus the improvement costs were \$285,000.

II. University Update

Academic Affairs and Student Affairs

Dr. Meehan recognized Dr. Rebecca Turner, Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, and asked Dr. Turner to make some brief comments about her division. Her complete report was placed in the Trustees binder under Tab 4.

Dr. Turner showed the Board a video of the Masters of Fine Arts program which is a new graduate program in the Art Department. She stated that this program is a one-of-a-kind program in the State of Alabama and is a terminal degree program in Art. The video is an example of targeted marketing that is being created for some of our academic programs that need more advertisement, especially at the graduate level where we have unique programs like Emergency Management, Masters of Fine Arts, and graduate programs in Nursing. Mr. Tim Garner and Ms. Shannon Crutchfield played the video which was produced by the Department of Marketing and Communications.

Dr. Turner stated that there are seven hundred, ninety seven applicants for Spring Commencement. Dr. Meehan said that Vonda Barbour White, former SGA President, was returning to campus to be the Commencement speaker. He noted that sixteen of the graduates have a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Athletics

Dr. Meehan recognized Mr. Greg Seitz, Interim Director of Athletics, and asked him to provide a brief update on Athletics. He stated that Mr. Seitz' complete report was placed in the Trustees binder under Tab 4. On behalf of the Athletic Department, Mr. Seitz thanked the Board for the investment they made in the Pete Mathews Coliseum project. Mr. Seitz said that the coaches and staff members consider this a tremendous asset and on behalf of all of them he wanted to say thank you to the Board.

Mr. Seitz stated that the Rifle Team has won its ninth OVC Championship and advanced to the NCAA Championships for the fourteenth time, where they finished third. Coach Ron Frost was named OVC Coach of the Year.

Mr. Seitz told the Board that Tennis Coach Steve Bailey has announced his retirement after serving for thirty-five years at JSU. He has won twenty conference championships and has been named Coach of the Year seven times. The process to find a new Tennis Coach will begin next month.

Mr. Seitz stated that he is proud of former JSU golfer, Danny Willett, who played in the Master's Golf Championship this week. JSU Golf Championships will be played this week. The Men's team will be in Muscle Shoals and the Women will play in Huntsville. Senior Tomasz Anderson is ranked thirty-third in the country.

Mr. Seitz stated that student athletes are heavily involved in community service projects like United Cerebral Palsy, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Big Oak Ranch, United Way, and Wounded Warriors. He played a video for the Board which showed a community service project conducted by the Football team at Rainbow Omega in Eastaboga.

Information Technology

Dr. Meehan recognized Mr. Vinson Houston, Vice President for Information Technology, and asked him to make brief comments about his division. He stated that Mr. Houston's full report was placed in the Trustees binder under Tab 4. Mr. Houston stated that in anticipation of the Ipad rollout that will start this fall to selected classes, the Information Technology Department has been very active in expanding wireless network on campus. They have installed upwards of two hundred additional new access points on campus and in classrooms.

Planning, Research and Collaboration

Dr. Meehan recognized Dr. Alicia Simmons, Vice President for Planning, Research and Collaboration, and asked that she provide a brief report of activities in her division. Her full report was placed in the Trustees binder under Tab 4. Dr. Simmons gave an update of what we have been doing with the grant money that has been received because of the Collaborative Regional Education Initiative (CORE) program. She stated that the three goals of the CORE program are to increase college and student readiness based on improving 21st century skills; to expand methodologies and technologies in the classroom; and to create sustainable support for system-wide change management. The program began with eighteen school systems in the state of Alabama and we have since been able to add eight additional school systems in the state to the program due to a \$32,000.00 grant received by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. This will allow us to add an additional thirty teachers to the CORE Academy that will be held in June. Classroom support, including educational technology assistance, is available to the teachers who are involved in CORE.

Our Dual Enrollment program is continuing to expand because of five hundred scholarships that were provided by the i3 grant for dual enrollment students last fall. Another two hundred fifty scholarships will be provided this fall and another two hundred fifty in the spring of 2016.

The National Study will begin in 2016 with six regional universities who will be working with us through CORE and expanding the CORE model throughout the country. This study will continue for two years.

Our Federal Project Officer from the U. S. Department of Education attended a workshop on campus in March. In addition, a Distinguished Scholar from Apple also presented at the workshop.

Dr. Simmons invited the Board to the CORE Academy which will be held on JSU's campus June 2-4, 2015. She stated we already have two hundred, eighty eight people registered for the CORE Academy. Leading up to the CORE Academy Apple will be holding a workshop in the Houston Cole Library on June 1st for distinguished schools that are affiliated with Apple.

Dr. Meehan thanked Dr. Simmons and her staff for the work they have done on the CORE program and stated that the Alabama Legislature has recognized the importance of the program and added a \$100,000 line item to the budget in support of the program for this year.

University Advancement

Dr. Meehan recognized Dr. Charles Lewis, Vice President for University Advancement, and asked that he give a report on his division's activities. Dr. Lewis' full report was placed in the Trustees binder under Tab 4. He stated that we are closing in on

\$15 million in the Capital Campaign. He thanked the Board for helping make the Development House on Pelham Road a reality. Our alumni survey has just gone out to over 20,000 alumni email addresses. This information will be used to make enhancements in the Alumni program over the next few years.

Executive Session

Dr. Meehan presented a statement from Mr. Sam Monk, University Counsel, who certified the Executive Session necessary to discuss pending litigation and controversies not currently being litigated, but likely to be litigated if the Board takes a proposed course of action.

Dr. Meehan called roll for voting to approve the Executive Session. The following persons voted:

Chairman Jim Bennett, Aye
 Mr. Jim Coxwell, Aye
 Mr. Clarence W. Daugette, Aye
 Mr. Thomas Dedrick, Aye
 Senator Vivian Davis Figures, Aye
 Mrs. Gale Main, Aye
 Mr. Randall Jones, Aye
 Mr. Ronnie Smith, Aye

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 stated that the Board had evaluated the professional competencies of the three Presidential candidates and feel that all are very well qualified. Additional vetting will be forthcoming and a special Board of Trustees meeting will be called within approximately the next two weeks. At this time a formal vote of the Board will be taken publicly of the candidate that has been selected.

Chairman Bennett presented the following resolution for approval by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLUTION 567

WHEREAS, Dr. William A. Meehan has had a long-term association with Jacksonville State University that began when he enrolled as a first time freshman in 1968. He completed the Bachelor of Science in Biology in 1972 and began a career in education that same year. He earned the Masters of Science degree in Biology at Jacksonville State University in December of 1976 and returned in January 1977 to serve as an instructor in the Department of Biology. He completed a Doctorate of Education in the field of higher education administration from the University of Alabama in 1999; and,

WHEREAS, since 1977 Dr. Meehan has served in numerous administrative and teaching positions at the University. Among these are Coordinator of the Medical Technology Program, Director of Academic Advisement, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Associate Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs and Acting Vice President for Institutional Advancement. He has served as President of Jacksonville State University and as Secretary of the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees since July of 1999; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. William A. Meehan has served as a goodwill and brand ambassador for Jacksonville State University, not only in the State of Alabama and the nation, but abroad; and,

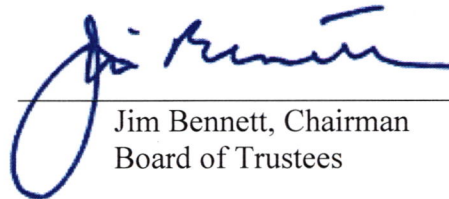
WHEREAS, Dr. William A. Meehan represented Jacksonville State University on numerous local, state and national boards such as the OVC and the NCAA; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. William A. Meehan was recognized for his leadership in the community with many awards, including both the Anniston Star and Jacksonville News Citizen of the Year, Delta Chi Fraternity's National Alumnus of the Year, Educator of the Year by the Calhoun County Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, the Open Door Award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce's W. Roy Crow Leadership Award, the Association of Public Safety Communication Officials' Outstanding Achievement Award, and the Greater Alabama Council of the Boys Scouts of America's Silver Beaver Award.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Trustees and the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its thanks and gratitude to **Dr. William A. Meehan** for his many years of service and dedication to Jacksonville State University.

NOW THEREFORE BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University recommends the Jacksonville State University Stadium Tower be named the "**William A. Meehan Hall**" in honor of his years of dedication, service and support of Jacksonville State University.

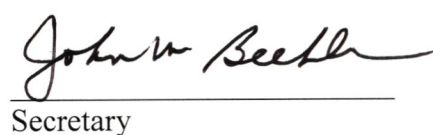
THIS RESOLUTION presented this 20th day of April, 2015.



Jim Bennett, Chairman
Board of Trustees

Mrs. Gale Main made a motion that the Board accept by acclamation Resolution 567 naming the housing section of the JSU Stadium Tower *William A. Meehan Hall* in honor of Dr. Meehan. Senator Vivian Figures seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by the Board.

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 July 20, 2015.



Secretary



President Pro Tempore