



**JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees of **JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY** held its Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Alabama, on **Tuesday, October 20, 2020, commencing at 9:00 am. CDT.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Presiding Chair Jones called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of several members from the JSU community that passed away this year. Trustee Brown open the meeting with an invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

The Chairman directed Dr. Killingsworth, Secretary to the Board, to call the roll. The following members were present:

Chairman Randall E. Jones  
Mr. Greg Brown  
Mr. Clarence Daugette, III  
Senator Vivian Davis Figures  
Mr. Rusty Fuller  
Mr. Tony L. Ingram  
Mr. Drew Linn  
Mr. Randy Y. Owen  
Mrs. Gale Saxon Main  
Mr. Anthony Smoke

There was a quorum represented for conducting business. Absent was Ex officio member Governor Kay Ivey. Others present included University faculty, staff and students, members of the public, and media representatives.

Chairman Jones welcomed Mrs. Kristi Killingsworth, First Lady of JSU, to the Board of Trustees meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2020, Board of Trustees meeting.

**Chairman Jones called for a vote: with all in favor; the minutes were approved. The Board was unanimously in favor of adopting the minutes as presented.**

The Chairman introduced Mr. Drew Linn as the newly appointed trustee. Mr. Linn has attended several virtual meetings; however, this is his first in-person meeting. He will serve as a Representative of the Seventh Congressional District.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Trustee Owen, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, stated that the Committee recommends several action items for Board approval.

**Motion #1** Approval of an English Language Institute (ELI) Pilot Program for one year.

**Coming from the Academic Affairs Committee, the motion did not require a second and was unanimously approved.**

**Motion #2** Approval of six new programs in the School of Education. Mathematics Specialist Graduate Program; Middle-Level English Arts Baccalaureate Program; Middle-Level General Science Baccalaureate Program; Middle-Level General Social Studies Baccalaureate Program; Middle-Level Mathematics Baccalaureate Program; and Computer Science Education Baccalaureate Program.

**Coming from the Academic Affairs Committee, the motion did not require a second and was unanimously approved.**

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Mr. Jerod Sharp, SGA President, reported on various activities surrounding Homecoming Week and upcoming events. He acknowledged the winners of the 2020 Homecoming Court.

**FACULTY SENATE REPORT**

Dr. Russell Hammack announced that the fall semester is off to an excellent start for faculty. However, there is some concern among a few faculty members regarding the spread of COVID-19 around campus. He stated that with the safety measures implemented, many feel safe to teach on campus with students in the classrooms.

In August, the SGA presented the Faculty Senate with a resolution and historical evidence concerning Governor Bibb Graves. After consideration, the Faculty Senate voted to

support the SGA resolution regarding Bibb Graves Hall's renaming with a unanimous consent decree.

This academic year, the Faculty Senate will create a faculty resource guide. The purpose of this resource guide is to provide information and resources to incoming faculty.

Every academic year, the Faculty Senate President position ends, and the new Faculty Senate President is selected. Dr. Hammack stated that he would like to provide leadership consistency by seeking good counsel from past Faculty Senate Presidents, creating a Council of Past Presidents Committee. The Committee will consist of volunteers whose purpose will be to provide the new Faculty Senate President with guidance and advice. He noted that more than 15 former Senate Presidents of the Faculty are still employed at JSU.

#### **ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

Trustee Main, Chair of the Advancement Committee, stated that the Board must approve the contractual agreement between Jacksonville State University and the Jacksonville State University Foundation, Inc. (JSU/JSU Foundation, Inc.) annually, although there are no changes other than the effective date.

**Coming from the Advancement Committee, the motion did not require a second and was unanimously approved.**

#### **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

Mr. Tony Ingram, Chair of the Athletic Committee, stated that the Athletic Committee had a great meeting with one action item for approval.

The Athletic Committee reviewed the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Governing Board Certification Form for the Board's approval and stated that there are no changes since last year. This approval is an annual OVC requirement.

**Coming from the Athletic Committee, the motion did not require a second. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion.**

#### **BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Trustee Smoke, Chair of the Building and Finance Committee, recommends two action items for the Board's approval.

**Motion # 1** Adoption of Final FY21 Budget

**Coming from the Building and Finance Committee, the motion did not require a second. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion.**

**Motion #2** Resolution to authorize the university's president to explore selling or leasing the Educational Broadband Spectrum "EBS" (FCC License WCN747).

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUTHORIZING THE  
PRESIDENT OF JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY TO ENTER INTO  
AN AGREEMENT TO SELL OR LEASE FCC LICENSE WCN747**

WHEREAS, Jacksonville State University ("JSU") holds FCC License WCN 747 (the "License"), which provides JSU with the exclusive rights over certain channels in the educational broad band spectrum ("EBS");

WHEREAS, JSU has used the License for certain purposes during the time that it has held the license, but JSU does not have a current need for the License in order to fulfill its educational mission, nor does it reasonably appear that the allocated frequencies and geographical area licensed to JSU's exclusive use will have any institutional utility in the foreseeable future;

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2019 the FCC adopted new rules removing eligibility restrictions making EBS spectrum licenses freely transferrable to commercial parties;

WHEREAS, these changes greatly expand the economic value available to licensees which have retained control over their EBS spectrum license;

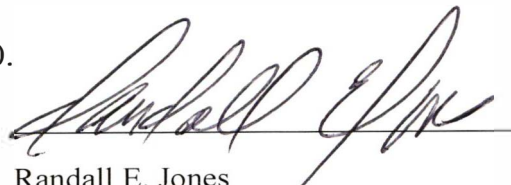
WHEREAS, JSU has retained an independent appraiser to value the License;

WHEREAS, JSU has retained a nationally recognized consultant to assist in marketing the sale or lease of the License;

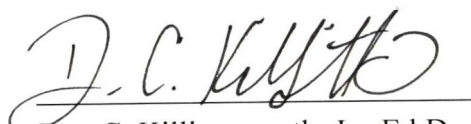
WHEREAS, the financial considerations are such that the value to JSU of a potential sale or lease adequately support a sale or lease of the License provided that the President believes that such a transaction would be in the best interest of JSU,

THEREFORE, President Don C. Killingsworth Jr. is authorized to enter into an agreement to sell or lease the License on such terms as the President deems to be in the best interest of JSU. The President shall report the status of his actions at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Resolved this the 20th day of October 2020.

  
Randall E. Jones  
President *Pro Tempore* and Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Don C. Killingsworth, Jr., Ed.D.  
Secretary

**Coming from the Building and Finance Committee, the motion did not require a second. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion.**

**AUDIT, RISK AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

Trustee Brown, Chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, made a motion to the Board to accept the Audited Financial Statements of JSU for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

**Coming from the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, the motion did not require a second. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Killingsworth introduced Dr. Jeff Ryan as Chief of Program Operations. He will supervise the University Police Department, Marketing and Communications, Safety and Leadership Academy in his new role. Dr. Ryan will continue to lead the COVID-19 Task Force.

President Killingsworth's report includes highlights from students for their work and significant accomplishments.

The Bio design Course was launched in spring 2020. The course is team taught by Allison McElroy, Teje Sult and Dr. Jimmy Triplett. Students that are enrolled in this course were invited to participate in the international Bio design Challenge. Bio design Challenge is an education program and competition that is shaping the first generation of scientific innovators.

JSU is the only University in the Southern US chosen to participate in the competition. The students created three concepts for the competition. 1. The Atlas Project. 2. The Ocean's Eating Robot, and 3. Vital Skin. Vital Skin was selected as the winning concept to compete in the competition. A video was shown to explain the Vital Skin concept in detail.

The Bio-design Course is offered every spring.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Jones presented a statement from Mr. Charlie Waldrep, Board Attorney, who certified the Executive Session necessary to discuss individuals' good names, or pending litigation and controversies not currently being litigated, but likely to be litigated if the Board takes a proposed course of action.

Chairman Jones asked for a motion to enter an Executive Session for approximately one hour. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was approved unanimously.

The Chairman called for a Roll Call vote. President Killingsworth called roll for voting to approve the executive session. The following persons voted:

Chairman Randall E. Jones	Yes
Mr. Greg Brown	Yes
Mr. Clarence Daugette, III	Yes
Senator Vivian Davis Figures	Yes
Mr. Rusty Fuller	Yes



Mr. Tony L. Ingram	Yes
Mr. Randy Y. Owen	Yes
Mr. Drew Linn	Yes
Mrs. Gale Saxon Main	Yes
Mr. Anthony Smoke	Yes

**Chairman Jones 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, and with all Trustees present, Chairman Jones reported that the Board had several action items for approval.

**NAMING OPPORTUNITY**

**Trustee Smoke made a motion to adopt the Resolution naming the Jacksonville State University Band Tower at Bennet Field the Deleath Rives Tower. It was properly seconded and by unanimous vote, all were in favor, and none opposed.**

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, The Marching Southerners of Jacksonville State University have been defining the future of marching bands for over SIXTY YEARS with class and excellence, and

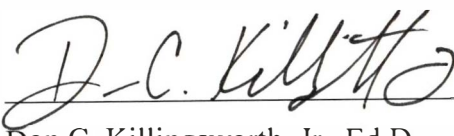
WHEREAS, Mr. Deleath Rives was a charter member of The Marching Southerners and went on to become a leader and mentor to students throughout his career as a staff member at Jacksonville State University and as a band director in various schools across Alabama, and

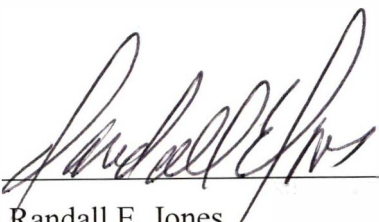
WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Deleath Rives have made a generous outright gift of \$48,700 to Jacksonville State University for the Deeply Rooted. Future Driven. Campaign to honor The Marching Southerners,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares that the band tower at Bennett Field be named the Deleath Rives Tower,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its thanks and gratitude to the late Deleath Rives and his wife, Gloria, for this generous gift to The Marching Southerners of Jacksonville State University.

This Resolution presented the 21st day of October 2020.

  
Don C. Killingsworth, Jr., Ed.D  
President, Jacksonville State University

  
Randall E. Jones  
President *Pro Tempore* of the  
Board of Trustees and Chairman of  
the Executive Committee

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021

Trustee Fuller made a motion to re-elect Randall E. Jones as Chair and Senator Vivian D. Figures as the Vice-Chair of the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees. Trustee Main seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Chairman Jones made a motion to accept the JSU Organizational Chart as submitted by President Killingsworth. Trustee Ingram seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved it.

## 2021 MEETING DATES

Chairman Jones presented a draft of the 2021 Board meeting dates beginning January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Other proposed meeting dates were:

April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

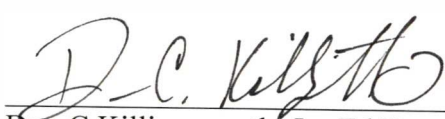
**Chairman Jones called for a motion to approve the proposed 2021 meeting dates as presented. Trustees Daugette seconded the motion, and the Board was unanimously in favor of adopting the “two-date” meeting dates.**

## OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Jones expressed that the Advancement Committee would conduct further study on the Resolution presented by the SGA. Trustee Figures stated that she appreciates the SGA's research to rename some of the buildings on campus named after individuals who supported segregation. She emphasized that the renaming would take time and that it will be done according to the laws in place.

The Board approved to name the President's Office located in Bibb Graves Hall to **“The Dr. Clarence William Daugette, Sr., Presidential Suite”**. Dr. Daugette, Sr., served as President of the University from 1899 to 1942. Chairman Jones thanked Mr. Clarence W. Daugette, III, for the generous donation.

There was no further business to come before the Board. Presiding Chair Jones declared that the meeting was adjourned and stated that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 9:00 am on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of Stadium Towers.



Don C Killingsworth, Jr., Ed.D  
President  
Jacksonville State University



Mr. Randall E. Jones  
Chairman  
Board of Trustees