

**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Special Called Meeting
May 12, 2002
6 Glebe Street
10:30 a.m.

Members of the Board in attendance:

Mr. J. Philip Bell
Mrs. Charlotte L. Berry
Dr. L. Cherry Daniel
Dr. John F. Clark, III
Cheryl W. Hamilton, Esquire
Mrs. Anne L. Sheppard
Mr. Joseph F. Thompson, Jr.
Mr. Lawrence O. Thompson
J. David Watson, Esquire

Others attending the meeting: President Lee Higdon, Ms. Elizabeth Kassebaum, and Ms. Monica Scott

David Watson called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. A quorum was present.

President Higdon stated that the McAlister family has presented a signed agreement regarding their gift to the College, although he hasn't yet seen a copy of the trust agreement that we will verify as soon as we receive it.

Monica Scott reported that the College will require a four-foot variance on the height of the parking garage, and we are working with the neighborhoods on this matter. Previously the neighborhoods were concerned about garage use and the traffic departure pattern around 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – concerned about too much traffic. The users will be mostly residence hall students. They are meeting with Hernan Pena_ on Monday and the Town and Gown on Wednesday and the following week will have a larger meeting with the neighborhood re: wrap-up to the forum we had sometime ago.

President Higdon reported that we have 200 spaces on the present site and with the Kelly House we lost 90 spaces so with a new garage of 600 spaces, then we also lose 200 spaces after the K Lot and 25 spaces on the Business School Lot. Also perimeter parking is important, and this facility will be for students.

President Higdon reported that we will try a shuttle system around the Aquarium this semester. We are trying to think long term and push more parking away from the perimeter of the campus.

Garage

Laurie Thompson noted that the community will appreciate you using the Aquarium.

It was moved (Clark) and seconded (L. Thompson) to name the new dorm McAlister Hall with final action contingent on President Higdon.

All in favor.

President Higdon reported that the College's admit rate is the lowest ever at 60%. Usually it is 67%, and our yield is well into 40's. Currently, we have more deposits and more signed up for orientation. The new residence hall, College Lodge and Kelly House are all over subscribed.

President Higdon discussed out-of-state/in-state issues. Numbers are not in, but it may be 56-44 to 60-40. We've already shut down transfers. Next year will be brutal. Pre-registration for next fall is up 9%. Admissions should be great as far as selection. Charlotte Berry asked if more of them are out-of-state? President Higdon says not necessarily. As the selection goes up, there are whole populations that won't apply anymore. David Watson noted that the list of cross application schools was great.

It was moved (Bell) and seconded (Daniel) that the Board go into Executive Session.

It was moved (J. Thompson) and seconded (Berry) that the Board come out of Executive Session.

David Watson confirmed that there were no items to report from Executive Session.

It was moved (Clark) and seconded (Bell) that the meeting adjourn at 11:20 a.m.

Special meeting adjourned.

Executive Session:

Elizabeth Kassebaum distributed the draft memo re: College of Charleston Trustee Emeriti Policy from Laurie Thompson and Joe Thompson.

Laurie Thompson gave a report on the memo.

Joe Thompson reported that we must consider current emeritus members. This is very important and shouldn't be given as a matter of course – no offense to current Board members who are retiring. We must also define what they get.

Laurie Thompson noted that Clemson gives auto emeritus status after ten years.

Cherry Daniel noted that USC is a minimum of eight years.

President Higdon asked who is Emeritus? David Watson responded, Small, Berry, Stine.

Charlotte Berry noted that we should keep up with former Board members.

President Higdon asked “What did you hope to do today?”

Laurie Thompson responded “Get some direction.”

Cherry Daniel suggested we come back with a tighter proposal.

President Higdon noted that greater clarity is called for and we need to clarify what it means when we say “a board function.” We could work to clarify these areas and give a report at the July meeting, specifically, a list of things you are invited to attend.

Cheryl Hamilton asked about the term limit. Joe Thompson replied that Gordan Stine had 12 years. Laurie Thompson suggested maybe flex. David Watson suggested a simple majority. Joe Thompson noted that in the past it was majority.