

MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Alabama was held Thursday, December 3, 1964, in the Conference Room of the Administration Building, Mobile, Alabama, commencing at 3:00 P.M.

There were present: Chairman, Mr. Ernest G. Cleverdon, Rep. Mylan Engel, Senators L. W. Brannan, Jr., W. Ray Lolley, Neil Metcalf, and President Frederick P. Whiddon.

Mr. Ernest G. Cleverdon, Chairman, called the meeting to order, and asked President Whiddon to begin his report.

President Whiddon gave the following explanation of the State Commission:

The State Board of Education plus a small advisory group constitute the State Commission in Alabama. Since the State Commission is responsible for making allocations, it is of primary importance that it be made aware of the necessity of physical facilities for the University of South Alabama. He suggested that it may be in order for the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Alabama to pass a resolution asking the State Commission to give the University of South Alabama top priority in these allocations. Sen. Lolley moved that a resolution be passed asking for such priority. Sen. Metcalf seconded the resolution, and it was passed unanimously.

Senator Lolley inquired about the status of the second classroom building, which is now in the planning stages. It was reported that the plans were progressing very nicely. Sen. Lolley stated that it would be necessary to carry the preliminary plans to the State Building Commission and secure approval there. He further offered to meet the President in Montgomery in order to assist in getting the plans approved at the earliest possible time. President Whiddon agreed to secure the plans immediately and make an appointment in Montgomery for such a purpose.

Next on the agenda President Whiddon submitted a bill proposed by the Alabama Committee for Better Schools entitled "A Commission on Education". (A copy of this bill is attached to the minutes.) The contents of this bill were discussed at some length, and the outcome was one of complete non-committal. The consensus of opinion was that of grave doubt regarding value and practicality of such a bill.

Sen. Brannan inquired about the tuition which the University of South Alabama charges, noting that the tuition was set after checking with the institutions in the immediate area of the University of South Alabama. Sen. Brannan observed that tuition at the University of Alabama and Auburn University was raised shortly after the tuition was set at the University of South Alabama. Sen. Metcalf suggested that another survey be made of the institutions in the immediate area to determine the current tuition charge.

The next order of business was presented by the President with reference to the type of air conditioning to be used in the new building. It was the opinion of the Committee that gas air conditioning should be used, because electrical air

conditioning had been used in the first structure, which was approximately 50% larger than the structure to be built. Because the overall cost is no more, and because it is of paramount importance that the institution be extremely careful about good will in the community; and that it not be accused of a bias. Mr. Cleverdon pointed out some of the difficulties experienced with the present building regarding the controversy over the electrical versus the gas air conditioning. It was noted that a firm decision is essential on a matter of this kind. Otherwise, pressures exerted are time consuming and delaying. It was further pointed out that it would be at excessive costs to have two sets of specifications prepared in order to offer an alternate bid for both systems. This, too, would bring about delay of the building, which must be completed if at all possible by the beginning of the fall quarter of 1965. It was unanimously agreed that it would be gas air conditioning, and that it was and is a firm decision.

Rep. Engel asked Sen. Metcalf about the procedures for writing the educational budget for the next biennium, and when the preliminary work on this should be done. Sen. Metcalf pointed out that the Governor's budget is prepared by his office, and is submitted by his office to the Legislature for approval. Sen. Metcalf stated again that it was essential that the Governor's Office be made aware of the needs of the University of South Alabama. At this point, President Whiddon stated that the Council of Presidents have a meeting on December 11th for the purpose of submitting their budgets and presenting a unified program to the Legislature. He further stated that he did not have the budget for the next biennium completed at the present time, and doubted that he would have it completed by December 11th. He stated, however, that the minimum amount needed in order to accommodate 2,000 students during the biennium, would be \$2,250,000.00 for the first year of the biennium; \$2,500,000.00 for the second year of the biennium. Sen. Lolley stated that if this figure is submitted, it would be cut to some degree. He further suggested that there may be some worthwhile and essential expenditures, which would be highly desirable for the institution if the funds can be secured, and he suggested that these amounts be added. Not in the sense of padding the requests, but in the sense of asking for something that is a legitimate need, but, which if cut out, would not be detrimental to the program of the University of South Alabama. The figure of \$2,500,000.00 for the first year of the biennium; \$2,750,000.00 for the second year of the biennium was agreed on.

Mr. Cleverdon discussed the essential needs for a School of Commerce, a School of Engineering, and a School of Nursing at the present time, as well as a strong School of Education. President Whiddon noted that the Department of Education is very strong and is already rendering valuable service to the public schools in our area. He also gave a report on the School of Nursing, which is developing very well in that key positions in biology and chemistry have been filled, and the needs of the diploma schools at the Mobile General Hospital and the Mobile Infirmary School of Nursing are being adequately met. All of the required subjects are being offered for the diploma schools at the present time. He stated that he was not prepared to make a recommendation for the position of the Dean of the School of Nursing.

President Whiddon stated that if, for some reason, the State of Alabama did not appropriate funds requested, it simply would not be possible to take the large volume of students, and neither would it be possible to develop the schools that are essential to the Mobile area and South Alabama. If the appropriation is cut below what is requested, the program will have to be cut according to the funds available. He emphasized that a realistic approach is absolutely necessary. He further stated that another type of school, such as a teachers college or some

similar operation would be more economical than a university which attempts to meet some of the needs of a complex metropolitan and geographical area. Mr. Cleverdon stated that he felt the School of Commerce and a School of General Engineering, as well as Nursing and Education are essential in the immediate future for the University of South Alabama to adequately serve the area. In fact, he stated, these schools are needed at present. The Executive Committee expressed agreement that the institution should proceed with the development of these programs.

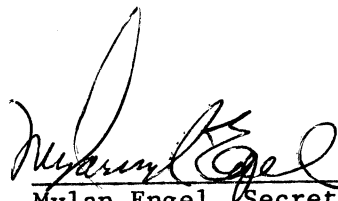
At this point, Rep. Engel asked about the financing of the next building, which is being planned. President Whiddon stated that Dr. Caldwell has been giving a great deal of attention to the financing of the building, and has discovered that, in all probability, the institution will be able to secure a Federal Grant of \$200,000; a loan from the Federal Government of \$250,000 at 3 3/4% interest, which would leave a balance of \$150,000 which must be financed from non-Federal funds.

At which time, Sen. Brannan asked about the \$250,000 that could be secured from the Federal Government. He asked first what security or collateral would be required, and how it must be repaid. President Whiddon stated that he did not know whether security would be required or not. (After the Executive Committee meeting, President Whiddon learned that no definite information on the type of security required is available at present.) Probably only a general obligation of the institution would be adequate. This is the kind of security requested for the NDEA loans. President Whiddon promised a memorandum on this just as quickly as the accurate information can be secured.


Rep. Engel stated that it was very helpful for the institution to be able to secure the financing for \$450,000 of the \$600,000 required for the new building. It was noted that previously the Executive Committee, as well as the Board, had expressed great concern over the obligation of tuition income for the purpose of capital improvements.

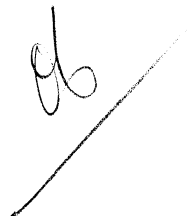
Chairman Cleverdon briefly summarized the meeting, after which meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:


Mylan Engel, Secretary

ATTEST:


Ernest G. Cleverdon
Chairman



RESOLUTION FOR FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

BANK DEPOSITORY

At a regular/special meeting of the Executive Committee of the University of South Alabama held in the city of Mobile, Alabama on May 15, 1965, pursuant to due notice, at which a quorum of the Board was present, on motion, duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

"RESOLVED: That The Merchants National Bank of Mobile be designated as a depository of this corporation and any two of the following designated individuals:

Mr. Ernest G. Cleverdon, Chairman, Executive Committee
Dr. Frederick P. Whiddon, President, University of South Alabama

of this corporation are hereby authorized, on behalf of this corporation, and in its name, to sign checks or other orders for the payment of money from funds at any time standing to the credit of this corporation in the Merchants National Bank of Mobile, Mobile, Alabama."

"RESOLVED FURTHER: That The Merchants National Bank of Mobile, Mobile, Alabama, be and is hereby authorized to honor, receive, certify, and pay all checks or orders for payment of money, signed in accordance with the foregoing resolution, including, without limitation, checks and other orders drawn or endorsed to the order of any person signing the same or tendered for cashing, or in payment of the individual obligation of such person, or for deposit to his/their personal account/s and said bank shall not be required, or be under any obligation to inquire as to circumstances of the issuance, or use of any instrument signed in accordance with the foregoing resolution, or the application or disposition of such instrument, or the proceeds thereof."

"RESOLVED FURTHER: That said Bank be and it is hereby authorized to honor and to pay all checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money drawn by this corporation, including those drawn to the individual order of any person or persons whose names appear thereon as signed or signers thereof against the payroll account, when bearing or purporting to bear the facsimile signature(s) of any two of the following persons, to-wit:

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and the said Bank shall be entitled to honor and to charge this corporation for all such checks, drafts or other orders, for the payment of money, regardless of by whom or by what means the actual or purported facsimile signature(s) thereon may have been affixed thereto if such signature(s) resemble the facsimile specimen(s) from time to time filed with the Bank, by the Secretary or other officer of this corporation; and this corporation agrees and will release said bank from liability on account of payment by it of any such checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, and does hereby agree to save said bank harmless from loss incurred by it as a result thereof."

"RESOLVED FURTHER: That said Bank be furnished with certified copy of this resolution and be hereby authorized to deal with the hereinabove named individuals under such authority unless and until it be expressly notified in writing to the contrary by this Corporation, and shall in writing acknowledge receipt of such notification; and said Bank shall at all times be protected in recognizing as such