

MINUTES  
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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees met in the President's Conference Room on Friday, August 26, 1977, commencing at 10 a.m.

There were present: Messrs. L. W. Brannan, Jr., Ernest G. Cleverdon, Arthur Cook, Aubrey Green, Gillis Griffin and President Whiddon. Members of the Budget Council present were Drs. A. J. Donovan and Howard M. Phillips, Messrs. Doyle Dilliard, John Compton and Wm. Pipas. Mr. Gordon Moulton and Mrs. Nancy Seibt were also present.

Mr. Cleverdon stated that the purpose of the meeting was to approve the 1977-78 Operating and Maintenance budget of the University for presentation to the Board on September 15, 1977. He stated that the budget for the College of Medicine and the University Hospital was not completed but would be ready for presentation on September 15, 1977.

Dr. Whiddon then asked Dr. Howard Phillips to bring individually into the meeting the deans of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business and Management Studies, Education, and Engineering and the deans of Student Personnel, Graduate Studies, and Continuing Education for five minute presentations on their respective areas.

In Dean Mosley's presentation, he pointed out that in 1968, the College of Business and Management Studies had 17 faculty members and that at the present time, there are 29 faculty members, 6 of these added with the acquisition of the Department of Economics which was transferred from the College of Arts and Sciences 2 years ago. He said students increased from 925 to 1350, or 47 percent, compared with 35 percent in faculty members. Since 1970, the MBA program, courses for nurses, minors in Arts and Sciences and Business and leisure services in the College of Education were initiated. He added that with they type of pressure, it is not possible to meet standards of the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. He said at the present time, standards are being met by bringing in faculty from Arts and Sciences and while previously the College was able to serve the business community with part-time faculty, these were dropped from 15 to 5 in the spring of 1977 because of the need to cover classes with full-time faculty in order to meet AACSB standards. He said employment of Dr. Leon Meggison as Research Professor in Management would greatly assist in moving the College from a good business college to an excellent one. Dr. Meggison, he said, would like to return to Mobile and has indicated that he would accept a position at \$23,000.00 for the academic year.

Dr. Whiddon recommended that the Board give authority to add this position to the 1977-78 budget and to recruit Dr. Meggison for appointment as of January 1, 1978. Upon the motion of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Cook, it was unanimously approved.

In Dr. Rodriguez's presentation, he pointed out that the College of Engineering is not yet accredited and while this was not a serious problem 10 years ago, it is one today. He stated that in the past 2 years, the states of Kentucky, Ohio and Missouri passed laws that an engineer could not practice there without a degree from an accredited institution. Several other states recently passed the same legislation and approximately 15 to 20 more have it under consideration. He stressed the need for 3 additional faculty members to meet accreditation needs.

After discussion and upon the motion of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Green, it was unanimously approved that since the Executive Committee is impressed with the great need in the College of Engineering and in response to the request, instruct the President to put on the agenda of the next few board meetings as priority consideration the need for an additional \$75,000.00 for the College of Engineering to complete accreditation and when funds become available, to approve them for that College.

The discussion resumed on the proposed budget and Dr. Whiddon recommended the approval of the main campus operating and maintenance budget for \$18,623,499, Allied Health for \$592,300, School of Nursing for \$563,046 and the Vice President for Health Affairs for \$1,582,478, totaling \$21,361,323. Upon the motion of Mr. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Griffin, the budget totaling \$21,362,323 for the O&M, main campus, Allied Health, School of Nursing and Vice President for Health Affairs was unanimously approved to recommend to the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Green stated that it was most helpful to have presentations by the deans; that it gave meaning to the statistics discussed. He then referred to the long range planning of the University, stating that he and President Whiddon had discussed this many times. He felt that the need of every institution such as this one is to have something nationally known on which the people can focus their attention; that is, something for which the institution is particularly outstanding. He added that he would like to see the deans of each college have unadvertised goals that they are going to have excellence in all areas of their responsibility but superiority in one outstanding thing as an objective. He felt that out of all of this would evolve one thing for which the institution may become recognized throughout the country and the world of academe as outstanding and unique. He said in the University's long range planning, he would like for the deans in each

of these areas to consider this type of approach and that the Administration consider the overall approach and furnish inspiration to the deans that they concentrate on excellent in all areas and superiority in one specific area. Mr. Cleverdon and Dr. Whiddon agreed that this would be passed on the deans.

Dr. Whiddon recommended that the University proceed in planning and securing bids for 5 additional residence halls made possible by the recent subsidized loan, and upon the motion of Mr. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Cook, it was unanimously approved to recommend the construction of 5 additional residence halls to the Board of Trustees.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 1 P.M. for lunch and a brief tour.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Chairman, Executive Committee  
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

  
Secretary, Executive Committee  
Board of Trustees