

MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees was held Friday, May 19, 1989, in the office of the University Attorney, commencing at 3:45 p.m.

There were present: Messrs. Otha Lee Biggs, Arthur Tonsmeire, Jr., Charles Woods and Mrs. Earl Goodwin. University personnel in attendance: Ms. Maxey Roberts, Messrs. Wayne Davis, Doyle Dillard and Jerold Meadows, Director of the Internal Audit Department. Dr. Frederick P. Whiddon attended a portion of the conference call.

Absent: Messrs. Aubrey D. Green and Mayer Mitchell.

Ms. Roberts explained that the meeting has been called at the request of the President of the University, Dr. Whiddon, who desires that the Executive Committee be apprised of certain allegations that have been made related to misuse of University equipment, labor and materials.

In the absence of Mr. Green, the meeting was chaired by Judge Otha Biggs, who requested that Mr. Wayne Davis, University Comptroller, present information regarding these allegations.

Mr. Davis explained that certain statements appeared in the Mobile newspaper which indicate that affidavits have been filed by former and current employees of the University and which cite incidents whereby University employees, while on University time and using University equipment and materials, performed work at a motel and a summer home owned by the President of the University. Mr. Davis stated that an initial investigation of the allegations has been made by himself and by Mr. Jerold Meadows, Director of the University's Internal Audit Department, and it has been determined there is no merit to the allegations. He noted that the University's external auditor, Arthur Young and Company, will perform a further investigation to validate the University's internal audit. A copy of the Report of Findings of the Internal Audit Department of the University, read to the members of the Executive Committee, is attached to the minutes as Addendum No. 1.

Ms. Roberts stated that the Trustees will be contacted following this conference call and advised of the allegations and the contents of the Report of Findings by the Internal Audit Department, and a copy of the Report will be forwarded to the members of the Board of Trustees.

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Discussion followed regarding media interest in the allegations and Report of Findings, and it was agreed that inquiries from the media will be referred to University Offices of Public Relations and Finance and Business Affairs.

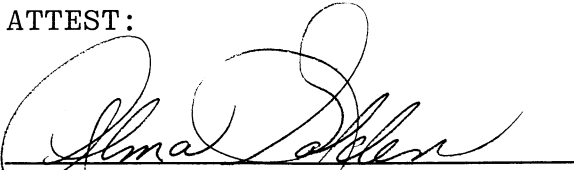
It was the consensus of those present that the record so indicate that the Executive Committee has been informed of the allegations and the Report of Findings and that the Executive Committee finds no merit in the alleged charges.


At the request of the Committee members, Dr. Whiddon joined the conference call. The Executive Committee expressed its confidence that the matter is being handled properly and that President Whiddon's credibility is unquestionable.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

ATTEST:


Alma Golden
Recording Secretary


Otha Lee Biggs
Acting Chairman