

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**February 24, 2000
12:45 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the University of South Alabama Board of Trustees was duly convened at 12:50 p.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2000, in the Board Room of the Frederick P. Whiddon Administration Building by Mr. Jack R. Brunson, Chair Pro Tempore.

Members Present: Senator Pat Lindsey; Judge Herman Thomas; Dr. Steven Stokes; Messrs. Jack Brunson, Crum Foshee, Ken Kvalheim, and Mayer Mitchell; and Madam Bettye Maye.

Members Absent: Governor Don Siegelman; Judges Otha Lee Biggs and Charles Woods; Mayors Larry Langford and James Nix; Drs. Max McLaughlin and Ed Richardson; and Messrs. Don Langham and Larry Striplin.

University Administration: President Gordon Moulton; Drs. Dale Adams, Pat Covey, Robert Kreisberg, and Robert Shearer; Messrs. Wayne Davis and Steve Simmons; and Mesdames Gilda Hodges and Jean Tucker.

Guests: Drs. Debra Davis, David Hayhurst, Elise Labbe (Faculty Senate), Carl Moore, Dan Rogers, David Stearns, Judy Stout, and Richard Wood; Messrs. Keith Ayers, Bob Galbraith, Joe Gottfried, Warren Greene (Alumni Assn.), Larry Hardin, Tom Herbert, Bernie Justesen, Jeb Shell (SGA), and Al Yeager; and Madam Monica Curtis.

Press: Messrs. Bob Lowry and Courtland Richards (USA); Mesdames Deblina Chakraborty (Vanguard), Rhoda Pickett (Mobile Register), and Margaret Turner (Certified Court Reporter).

Chairman Brunson called the meeting to order. After the invocation by Dr. Adams, Mr. Brunson called for adoption of the revised agenda. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the agenda was unanimously adopted as amended.

Mr. Brunson called for approval of **ITEM 1**, the minutes of the December 2, 1999, meeting of the USA Board of Trustees. Ms. Maye moved approval. Dr. Stokes seconded and the minutes were adopted without opposition.

Concerning **ITEM 2**, a report of USA Board ad hoc committees, Dr. Shearer reported that the Committee to Develop Guidelines for Presidential Searches had gathered information from other universities and would meet on March 15. Judge Thomas said that, at its meeting on February 21, the Committee to Develop a Long-Range Planning Process had formed four subcommittees and

adopted a calendar for implementing an initial planning cycle. He called attention to materials prepared by Mr. Yeager as staff liaison to the Committee and asked the Board to adopt the timeline as presented. Additional appointments to the committee, as well as subcommittee membership structure, was briefly discussed.

President Moulton addressed **ITEM 3**, the President's Report, during which he introduced Dr. Robert Kreisberg, Interim Dean of the College of Medicine and Vice President for Medical Affairs. Mr. Tom Herbert, Director of Operations and Facilities, and a staff member for 25 years, was introduced. President Moulton thanked Mr. Bernie Justesen for his many years of service to the University. He called attention to the Governor's commitment to increase USA's budget for FY 2000-01 by 7.35 percent which includes an equity adjustment as well.

President Moulton highlighted recent events that brought numerous visitors to the campus, one means for stimulating increased enrollment, as well as notable achievements which had brought national recognition to the University. He spoke about graduation rates among traditional and non-traditional students. Mr. Larry Hardin, non-traditional student and graduate from the School of Computer and Information Sciences, expressed appreciation for the education he received.

Messrs. Brunson and Mitchell commented on the outstanding manner in which the public presentation by representatives of Carr Sports Associates, Inc., had been delivered. Mr. Mitchell recommended that President Moulton research and bring back to the Board, at its next meeting, recommended firms and costs for conducting a market analysis of football at USA. President Moulton estimated that, depending on the depth of an analysis, the cost of a study could range from \$25,000 to \$60,000. Dr. Stokes entered a motion that the President be authorized to contact city and county agencies for their joint support of conducting a market assessment of implementing football. Mr. Kvalheim seconded and the Board unanimously endorsed proceeding with a market study.

Mr. Brunson called for a report of Health Affairs items. President Moulton presented **ITEM 4** (refer to Appendix A for copies of all resolutions), a resolution to endorse the 4th quarter appointments and reappointments of USA Hospital physicians and allied health professionals as outlined in the credentials reports. Mr. Kvalheim moved approval. Ms. Maye seconded and **ITEM 4** was unanimously approved. The Board acknowledged receipt of **ITEM 5**, a report of the USA Hospitals' Combined Medical Staff and Administrative Meeting for the 4th quarter and the USA Hospitals' Medical Executive Reports for the 4th quarter, 1999.

Dr. Kreisberg was called upon to address **ITEM 6**, a resolution establishing the John L. and Alice Tanner Chair of Pulmonary Medicine. It further authorizes the President to fill the Chair and request that, effective immediately, the USA Foundation transfer five percent of the fund annually to finance the Chair. Dr. Kreisberg explained that the Tanner gift, recently valued at \$1,159,492, was intended to support research in lung disease and specifically emphysema. Responding to Dr. Stokes, he stated

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that a search committee for filling the Chair is in place and a candidate has been identified. Dr. Stokes encouraged the filling of other vacant Chairs in the College of Medicine in order to draw additional funding from the USA Foundation. Following the discussion, Ms. Maye moved approval. Mr. Mitchell seconded and the Board unanimously approved **ITEM 6**.

Dr. Kreisberg presented **ITEM 7**, a resolution that the Department of Comparative Medicine's first endowed chair be known as the Charles M. Baugh Professor of Comparative Medicine. He provided a brief description of comparative medicine. President Moulton affirmed that funding for the first chair was available. Mr. Mitchell moved approval. Dr. Stokes seconded and unanimous approval of **ITEM 7** was granted.

Mr. Brunson yielded to Mr. Kvalheim, Chair, Budget and Finance Committee, for a report of the joint meeting of the Budget and Finance and the Academic and Student Affairs Committees held on February 23. Mr. Kvalheim acknowledged receipt of **ITEM 8**, USA's Financial Statements for October, November, and December, 1999.

Mr. Kvalheim recommended Board approval of **ITEM 9**, a resolution authorizing the University administration to utilize funds from the Hospital's funded depreciation account in order to construct a facility at the intersection of Cox and Center Streets contingent upon execution of a satisfactory lease with Children's Rehabilitation Service. It approves, as well, awarding the contract to Lee L. Saad Construction Company for \$2,367,677. Mr. Mitchell moved approval. Ms. Maye seconded and **ITEM 9** was unanimously approved.

Mr. Kvalheim presented **ITEM 10**, a resolution awarding the contract for extending Walshwood Drive to Center Street for \$221,448 to James H. Adams & Son Construction Company. Further, it provides for widening the entrance at Springhill Avenue to three lanes. President Moulton commented on the significance of these improvements in terms of increased visibility to the public. Responding to Dr. Stokes, President Moulton and Mr. Mitchell spoke about efforts underway, in conjunction with the city and state, to improve access to the USA Medical Center. Judge Thomas moved approval. Mr. Mitchell seconded and **ITEM 10** received the Board's unanimous endorsement.

Dr. Moore was introduced to address **ITEM 10.A, RESOLUTIONS 1 AND 2**, which authorize renovation to the Mitchell College of Business in two phases in order to work around class schedules. **RESOLUTION 1** would allow the University administration to accept the low bid of \$700,200 submitted by Trademark Construction Company for Phase I renovation outside the classroom during the remainder of spring semester. **RESOLUTION 2** permits the administration to proceed with the bidding and awarding of the contract for Phase II for work within classrooms, providing that the contract does not exceed \$1.4 million as estimated by TAG. He added that it is necessary to begin now with Phase II to allow sufficient lead time as required to complete all projects by fall semester. Mr. Kvalheim moved approval. Mrs. Maye seconded and the Board granted unanimous approval of **ITEM 10.A, RESOLUTIONS 1 AND 2**. Mr. Kvalheim thanked Mr. Striplin for his generous gift of

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\$105,000 for the Mitchell College of Business renovation. Also mentioned were the grants received for this project received from the Brown Foundation for \$86,700 and the USA Foundation for \$1 million.

Mr. Mitchell and Dr. Moore provided a brief update on the Abraham Mitchell Scholars program. President Moulton noted that, as expected, the recent establishment of new scholarships at the University has fostered additional interest in the area of development.

Mr. Kvalheim introduced discussion of **ITEM 11**, a report of the progress to construct a baseball batting cage facility. President Moulton informed the Board that construction is progressing with the acceptance of a low bid of \$122,000 for a prefabricated building. The total cost is anticipated to be \$168,000; of this, approximately \$75,000 has been raised by supporters of USA baseball.

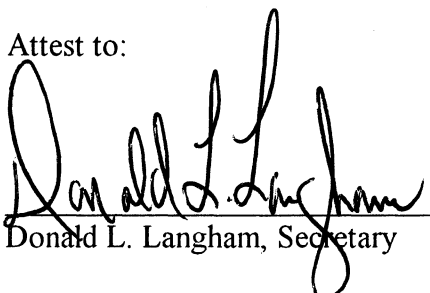
Mr. Kvalheim introduced **ITEM 12**, a resolution authorizing an increase in housing rates, effective with the 2000 fall semester, in order to generate funds for reconditioning and maintaining the residence halls to a more competitive, top-quality condition. Rates for residence halls would be raised by an overall eight percent, with rental rates for renovated houses in Hillsdale proposed at between \$430 per month (two-bedroom) to \$485 (three-bedroom). The increase would produce approximately \$200,000 in revenue in the coming year and would be another step toward improving the student experience on campus. While showing "before and after" photos of Hillsdale dwellings, Dr. Adams summarized the major improvements now taking place. He stated that all Hillsdale properties have new rental agreements that outline new policies for pets, inspections, and yard maintenance. Following discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved approval. Ms. Maye seconded and the Board granted unanimous approval of **ITEM 12**.

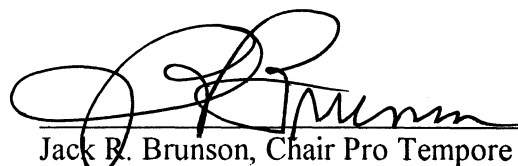
President Moulton requested that **ITEM 13**, a report of USA's involvement in tobacco litigation, be considered in an executive session. Ms. Maye moved accordingly. Dr. Stokes seconded and agreement was unanimous for convening an executive session.

Following the executive session and there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest to:


Donald L. Langham, Secretary


Jack R. Brunson, Chair Pro Tempore

1201

RESOLUTION**USA HOSPITALS
MEDICAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS
FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER 1999**

WHEREAS, the Medical Staff appointments and reappointments for the fourth quarter 1999 for the University of South Alabama Hospitals, are recommended for approval by the Combined Medical Executive Committee of the University of South Alabama Hospitals,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the appointments and reappointments be approved as submitted.

VOTE RECORD: ITEM 4

**Moved: MR. KVALHEIM
SECONDED: MS. MAYE**

ACTION: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

RESOLUTION**JOHN L. AND ALICE TANNER CHAIR
OF PULMONARY MEDICINE**

WHEREAS, a substantial gift was received by the University of South Alabama from the estate of Alice Carter Tanner in 1995 to support research into the cause of and cure for emphysema or for other medical or scientific research, and

WHEREAS, the University and the College of Medicine wish to recognize benefactors John L. Tanner and Alice Carter Tanner by establishing in their honor an endowed chair in the area of research in pulmonary medicine and related diseases, and

WHEREAS, the gift had an accumulated value at June 30, 1999, of \$1,159,492 according to information provided by the University of South Alabama Foundation, which holds the funds in trust, and

WHEREAS, there have been no disbursements by the Foundation in support of the purposes for which the Tanner gift was made to the University, and representatives of the donors' family have expressed a strong desire to see such purposes carried out expeditiously, and

WHEREAS, the College of Medicine, in accordance with appropriate selection policies and procedures, will identify and appoint a highly qualified individual to hold the chair,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the University of South Alabama approves the establishment of the John L. and Alice Tanner Chair of Pulmonary Medicine and authorizes the President of the University to proceed with filling the Chair and to request that beginning immediately, the USA Foundation transfer 5% of the fund annually to provide financial support for the Chair.

VOTE RECORD: ITEM 6

MOVED: MS. MAYE
SECONDED: MR. MITCHELL

ACTION: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

RESOLUTION**CHARLES M. BAUGH PROFESSOR OF COMPARATIVE MEDICINE**

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles M. Baugh, among his many other achievements during a long and extraordinarily distinguished career in the University of South Alabama College of Medicine, was responsible for guiding the development and establishment of the Department of Comparative Medicine, and

WHEREAS, the Chair and the Faculty of the Department of Comparative Medicine have recommended that the endowed chair in Comparative Medicine be named for Dr. Baugh in honor and recognition of his vision and leadership in developing the Department,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the University of South Alabama that the first endowed chair in the Department of Comparative Medicine shall henceforth be known as the "Charles M. Baugh Professor of Comparative Medicine."

1205

RESOLUTION**TO AWARD BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
PROPOSED BUILDING AT CORNER OF COX AND CENTER STREETS
ON THE CAMPUS OF USA CHILDREN'S AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL**

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, Children's Rehabilitation Service, and Early Intervention Divisions administers and provides rehabilitative services to the children of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Alabama Children's and Women's Hospital provides clinical and therapeutic services to the children of Alabama including the clients/patients of the Children's Rehabilitation Service both directly and through contract services to the Children's Rehabilitation Service; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Rehabilitation Service desires to relocate its existing facility in the City of Mobile to expand its administrative and clinical functions for said children; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Alabama Children's and Women's Hospital and the Children's Rehabilitation Service desire to coordinate and improve patient access to programs and services by relocating the Children's Rehabilitation Service to the campus of the University of South Alabama Children's and Women's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, there is real estate at the corner of Cox Street on the USA Children's & Women's Hospital campus that is suitable for the development of a facility to provide leased space for the Children's Rehabilitation Service; and

WHEREAS, DPF Architects, P.C., has developed plans acceptable to the Children's Rehabilitation Service and the University of South Alabama Children's and Women's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Rehabilitation Service has an interest in leasing said proposed facility from the University of South Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Alabama Board of Trustees, at its meeting of December 3, 1998, approved the University administration to bid the construction of the facility; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of South Alabama Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the University administration to utilize funds from the Hospital's funded depreciation account and to award the construction bid to the lowest acceptable bidder contingent upon execution of a satisfactory lease with Children's Rehabilitation Service.

2,307,677

RESOLUTION

TO AWARD BID FOR IMPROVEMENT OF WALSHWOOD DRIVE EXTENSION

WHEREAS, there presently is no direct entrance from Springhill Avenue to the University of South Alabama Children's and Women's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, such an entrance is needed to provide reasonable access for patients; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Alabama Foundation has conveyed its interest in the Walshwood subdivision to the University of South Alabama for the benefit of the USA Children's and Women's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, to provide access to the University of South Alabama Children's and Women's Hospital, Walshwood Drive will be extended to Center Street and widened at the Springhill Avenue entrance; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Alabama Board of Trustees, at its meeting of December 3, 1998, authorized the University administration to develop engineering specifications and to bid the extension of Walshwood Drive to Center Street and widen to three lanes the entrance of Walshwood Drive; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of South Alabama Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the University administration to award said bid to the lowest acceptable bidder.

Adams 221,448.⁰⁰

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RESOLUTION

AWARD CONTRACT FOR MITCHELL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS RENOVATION,
PHASE I

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the University of South Alabama has approved renovation of the Mitchell College of Business building, supported by a grant of \$1,000,000 from the University of South Alabama Foundation and a gift of \$100,000 from Mr. Larry Striplin, and

WHEREAS plans for Phase I of the renovation have been completed, and a low bid of \$700,220 was submitted by Trademark Construction Company,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the University administration to proceed with the awarding of the contract to Trademark Construction Company, with work to begin immediately thereafter.

RESOLUTION

BID AND AWARD CONTRACT FOR MITCHELL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
RENOVATION, PHASE II

WHEREAS the PHASE II portion of the renovation of the Mitchell College of Business must be completed during periods when classrooms can be vacated for extended periods of time, and

WHEREAS, the PHASE II project will require the purchase of a significant amount of furnishings and materials with long lead time purchasing requirements, and

WHEREAS, the PHASE II schedule requires bids to be announced in March 2000 and a contract awarded in April of 2000, and

WHEREAS, the work must begin in May 2000 in order to complete the classroom renovation for Fall 2000 classes, and

WHEREAS, the PHASE II project estimated cost is within the total budget prepared by the TAG Group,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the University of South Alabama authorizes the administration to proceed with the bidding and awarding of the contract for PHASE II of the renovation of the Mitchell College of Business with the provision that PHASE II contract would result in a total project cost (PHASE I and II) not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$1,400,000.

1209

RESOLUTION**RESIDENCE HALL & HILLSDALE HOUSING RATES - FALL 2000**

WHEREAS, the University of South Alabama provides housing in its residence halls for approximately 2,800 students at reasonable and competitive rates, and

WHEREAS, the housing rates for the residence halls of the University have not been increased since 1995, at which time there was an increase of less than 3% overall, and

WHEREAS, since 1995, the expenses in housing have increased substantially, especially in the areas of salaries, utilities, and renovations, and

WHEREAS, USA housing rates are below or near the bottom of rates at comparable institutions, and

WHEREAS, the renovations in the Hillsdale houses are considerable and renovated houses are now available for rent,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University administration is authorized to increase housing rates for the residence halls by 8% overall effective with the fall semester of 2000, based upon the attached schedule, and to increase the rent for renovated houses in Hillsdale ranging from \$430 per month for a two-bedroom to \$485 for a three-bedroom.