Minutes

Graduate Student Senate Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Student Senate Chambers
Attendees: Senators and general public

A. Call to Order—
   a. Meeting begins at 8:04

B. Call of the Roll

C. Special Guest – Jodi Cox from Grad 360 and Brittany Neely from the Career Center Graduate Programs.

Slides will be attached.

D. Executive Reports- President Miles Maynard, Vice President Kaitlyn Samons, Chief of Staff William Everroad, Pro-Tempore John Porter III
   a. President, Miles Maynard
      -Welcome back Senators. I hope everyone had a good and safe Fall Break.
      - 3MT is coming up soon so I hope you have signed up.
      - Our Facebook Page is now fully up and running!
         ○ We had technical difficulties getting access but please follow us!
      - University wide BOT (Board of Trustees) meetings were last week, Kaitlyn presented the GSG Update.
      - TO CLARIFY, Clemson University is not paying for the $68,000,000 of renovations to Memorial Stadium. IPTAY and the Athletic Department are funding its entirety.
      - I am going to touch on the Transportation & Facilities toes here and inform you of some updates happening to the university over the next couple years from the BOT. Information collected from Riley Morningstar’s Twitter Page (Reporter from Upstate Today SC).
1. Widening of Perimeter Road: est. Aug 2022 *see images at the bottom of Meeting Minutes*
2. Football Stadium Renovations est. completion Aug 2021. Phase 1 has been approved which includes the funding for the designs (initial design). The phase 2 should be in Spring.
   a. Addition of premium seating areas and club spaces
   b. More ADA Accessibility
   c. Fan Experience upgrades with a new video board, sound system, and
LED lighting
d. Parking lot enhancement to C1
e. Football Locker Room Renovations
3. Demolition and Relocation of Johnstone and Union est. TBD it has passed through BOT into the design phase. Not found anywhere, but this is in design phase.
4. Alumni Park passed through BOT and approved for fundraising.
5. Clemson is requesting $40,000,000 from the state. The article I am going to read is directly from a Greenville News article by Zoe Nicholson.

- Trying to make it a four-lane from a two-lane and adding a bike lane. Area from 76 on.
- Public renovations: proposed scoreboard will be the green one (there were talks of moving it to baseball, but this did not pass due to costs).
- Adding in tunnel to West End Zone. Cutting down walls and giving more room to athletic training (behind the hill).
- They will do more military recognition on the left side of the hill. On the other side will probably be more photos.
- On the “Tiger Walk” they are adding a pathway and more grass for decor.
- Johnstone and Union renovation is to put in a new grass area.
- They also want to add in another new grass plot, too, near Enterprise.
- Alumni Park over by Hendrix. Clemson is donating 1.3 mil, but the other 40 mil will be donations.

Donation:
1. “Angie Leidinger, VP of External Affairs and Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees, said the university is asking $42.3 million from the state in Education and General funds.

2. If included in Governor McMaster's December budget, about $10 million of that number will go towards keeping tuition from increasing.

3. In Public Service and Agriculture monies, Clemson is asking for $12.3 million from the state. The university wants to use a third of that to build graduate student housing at Clemson Research Extension Centers across the state.

4. The university's external affairs team is involved in a number of bills on the federal and state levels, including the Institution of Higher Education Enterprise Act, which would raise the threshold for state approval on capital projects from $1 million to $5 million.

5. Leidinger said the University of South Carolina is one of their partners on this state legislation”.

6. *all images for Clemson construction at bottom of Meeting Minutes*
b. Vice President Kaitlyn Samons
- GIS Day Reminder *See “Good of the Senate” for further details.
- Remember to keep pushing 3MT.
- I would like feedback on how we currently appoint/elect officials.
- BOT Meeting Notes on Discord.
- Met with Jim Spencer with 3MT.
- GTG Meeting Occurred at 5:00 pm, today.
  
  c. Pro-Tempore, John Porter III

Get off pink in Discord. Make sure to be a good senator.

A lot of people signed up for Senator training but have yet to complete it! Please change this.

Let me know if your cohorts are unwilling to send more senators so I do not have to keep going to people and getting told “no”.

  d. Chief-of-Staff, William Everroad

E. Internal Committee Reports
  
  a. Communications
  
  b. Graduate Travel Grants
     ● Keep passing on the information about GTG!
     ● Went to Student Faculty!
     ● Email us with questions about anything, but especially if you have anything on the website!
  
  c. Research Initiatives
     1. Sign up for 3MT, you can win $50 for 3 minutes, that's like $1000/per hour rate
     2. 3MT prelims update
     3. Date/time and location set
     4. Attend your college prelims!
     5. 3MT support from GRAD360
     6. Info session on October 18th
     7. Half-day boot camp on October 27th
     8. Sustainability Update (Summit in March).
     9. CUSG sustainability fee change
     10. Sustainability org for grad students ($5.00 opt-out) there is a link to this bill, and they are meeting with the BOT in February.

  d. Finance Director- Amir Malek (amaleka@g.clemson.edu)
  
  e. Activities- Laura Huff (llhuff@g.clemson.edu) and Murwan Siddig
Activities has had 3 events since our last meeting! Sustainability Clean Up Day, a football tailgate, and our second Trivia Night at Charleston Sports Pub.

Due to a (now resolved) issue, we were unable to promote these events via our email listserv. This proves how important it is to follow us on all of our social media platforms! Please share this information with others in your program as well.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ClemsonGraduateStudents/
Twitter: https://twitter.com/ClemsonGSG
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/clemsongsg/

Our next event is the 3MT Bootcamp tomorrow (Friday, Oct. 18th) for all individuals competing in 3MT. Activities is supporting Research Initiatives by helping with these events as well as providing their refreshments.

As a result of the poll we asked you all to fill out at the last senate meeting, we will be having a GSG Halloween Party on October 31st. More details to come, but we definitely be having themed food as well as a pumpkin carving contest! Make sure to start planning your costume for the evening now!

f. Rules and Procedures- Grant A. Allard (gallard@g.clemson.edu) and Sarah Beadle (sbeadle@g.clemson.edu)

a. G.R. # 2020-02R A Resolution to Express the Senate’s Support of Effort to Combine By-Laws Documents

b. Legislation G.B. 2020-05B- A Bill to Approve Allocation of Funds

F. External Committee Reports

a. University Services and Affairs- update- Miles Maynard (mcmayna@g.clemson.edu)

1. Michael Horan stepped down due to Medical Issues and I have assumed the position
2. So far, we have a great committee of 4 members including myself so S/O to Hayley Hoover, Cal Bedenbaugh, and Travis Roberts for joining. If anyone else is interested, please send me an email mcmayna@g.clemson.edu.
3. The Book Fund got set up so please apply for that if you suffer from a financial hardship.
   a. The link is https://t.co/NKfpRP27d2?amp=1

The Graduate Student Book Fund was established to provide financial aid for the purchase of textbooks for graduate students. Six students will be awarded $575.00, 3 at the master's level and 3 at the doctoral level. The review process is conducted by a selection committee of the Division of Student Affairs staff. The Office of Student Financial Aid administers the award based on the recommendations of the selection committee. Award decisions are not subject to appeal.

Eligibility:

- Students pursuing a graduate degree at the master's and doctoral level in all Clemson University colleges are eligible.
- Recipients may not be a full-time Clemson employee currently using the Employee Tuition Assistance Program.
- Must have at least a 3.5 GPA at the end of Fall 2019.
- Documented participation in at least two Grad360 Events.
Application Instructions:
· Complete application below by November 15, 2019 at midnight.
· Have one recommendation letter completed by an individual who can assess your academic or professional qualifications. The recommendation letter should be emailed to deonteb@clemson.edu.
· If you have questions, please feel free to contact DeOnte Brown, Interim Associate Dean of Students at deonteb@clemson.edu.

4. Currently working on a Master sheet that provides direct links to all services provided to a Graduate student at Clemson University. Once that is completed then we will put it into categories and hopefully be able to upload this to the GSG Website.
5. Work to see if we can find a way to identify assistantships for future students and how to contact their respective parties.
6. Lastly promote university service accomplishments and announce to students new opportunities.

7. If you are interested in replacing Michael Horan as Director of University Services email gsg@g.clemson.edu

8. Large section classes? At Graduate Level?

b. Diversity and Inclusion- Emmanuel Adjei (eadjei@g.clemson.edu)
   ● We need senators! Please!
   ● Jerad Green meeting tomorrow about Graduate Level Latino Fraternity.
   ● Black History Month meeting.
   ● Joined a subcommittee on Trends in International Enrollments of the Council of Global Engagements.

c. Graduate Academic Affairs

d. Parking and Facilities
   ● Met with Dan and we finally got the game day parking passes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
   ● Spoke about possibility of separating graduates and undergraduates in the parking lots. Possibility. Not probability.

e. Health and Human Services (rsomers@g.clemson.edu)
   - We are trying to utilize the therapist online app, TAO. You can self sign-up, or be referred. This can be done on an app or through online services.
   - Follow the link to access mental health services: http://www.clemson.edu/campus-life/healthy-campus/mental-health/index.html
   - List of fees
   - Flu shots being offered at Redfern, self-report your vaccine to beat the GameCocks.
   - Met with director of Administrative Services about Greenville Students. Said she needs to get concrete evidence about parking in these facilities.
   - Vision and Dental coverage, Vicky said there is still no update except for two cleanings a year. Receiving contradictory evidence.
   - next semester Redfern will travel to Greenville for immunization.
**Description** | **Amount ($)**
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Graduate Assistant Fee | $665.00
Matriculation Fee | $5.00
Campus Recreation Fee | $90.00
Graduate Library Fee | $119.00
International Student Fee | $100.00
Technology Fee-Grad Assistant | $119.00
Grad Out-of-State Academic Portion | $5,467.00
Graduate Career Center Fee | $2.00
Grad In-State Academic Fee | $4,938.00
Transit Fee | $40.00
Health Fee | $182.00
Student Insurance | $922.87
Grad Activity Fee | $20.00
Off Campus Housing Transit Fee | $17.00
Software License Fee | $21.00
**TOTAL** | **$12,707.87**

f. Graduate Campus Life- Emily Knight (ewknigh@g.clemson.edu)

- Academic Bullying
  a) we will be finishing our definition of academic bullying and hope to have the campaign going late fall/early spring semester.

- Fee Transparency/Reallocation
  a) We are going to be fighting for transparency and the potential reallocation of fees.
  b) This reallocation also begins our fight, in collaboration with Health and Human Services, to help Redfern.

- Improving Mental Health Services
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  b) Also begins our fight, in collaboration with Health and Human Services, to help Redfern.
  c) We will be focusing on improving the care for mental health on our campus and we have some fantastic ideas to do this.

- Coupon Book
  a) We are going to also be looking into/beginning the fight for a minimum stipend.
We have a lot of data from other universities that we will be looking into for this.
b) We will also be putting together a coupon book for things that may be hard for graduate students to pay for. An example of what we will be trying to get coupons for are things like oil changes and toiletries.

-Canned Food Drive

a) we plan on bringing awareness to the Paw Pantry for
b) graduate students through a canned food drive. Penske Truck Leasing in Greenville has said that
c) they would be interested in partnering with us on this canned food drive as well.

-Questions? Email Emily Knight at ewknigh@Clemson.edu

● Hi, everyone!
● So sorry I couldn’t be there tonight, but it is conference season in my field. I am really excited about what my committee has planned. First, we will be finishing our definition of academic bullying and hope to have the campaign going late fall/early spring semester. Next, we are going to be fighting for transparency and the potential reallocation of fees. This reallocation also begins our fight, in collaboration with Health and Human Services, to help Redfern. We will be focusing on improving the care for mental health on our campus and we have some fantastic ideas to do this. We are going to also be looking into/beginning the fight for a minimum stipend. We have a lot of data from other universities that we will be looking into for this. We will also be putting together a coupon book for things that may be hard for graduate students to pay for. An example what we will be trying to get coupons for are things like oil changes and toiletries. Along these same lines, we plan on bringing awareness to the Paw Pantry for graduate students through a canned food drive. Penske Truck Leasing in Greenville has said that they would be interested in partnering with us on this canned food drive as well.

● Don’t hesitate to shoot me an email if there are any questions.
● Have a fun rest of the senate meeting!

G. Old Business
H. New Business

G.R. # 2020-02R A Resolution to Express the Senate’s Support of Effort to Combine By-Laws Documents
Friendly amendment to change whereas to include election proceedings.
46 pass
1 fail

Legislation G.B. 2020-05B- A Bill to Approve Allocation of Funds
47 pass
0 fail

I. Other Announcements and Open Remarks
a. Committee Sign-Ups Google Form:  
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdooEL4v0x8cqBxzdACTnau-O7O0CYmxu4tej9LGjbd82bew/viewform?usp=sf_link

b. ALL SENATORS MUST SERVE ON AT LEAST ONE COMMITTEE

J. Good of the Senate

11. Adjournment –

12. Senate Secretary Katherine Allen: If you have events that you would like to share with the Graduate Student community, I WILL ADD THEM TO THE MEETING AGENDAS! Please email me at
kallen5@g.clemson.edu with what you would like to include, and it will be placed in this section. During the meeting, you can give more details and answer any questions. Items received by Tuesday at 8 pm will be included in the agenda that will be distributed on Wednesday. Other items will be included in the meeting minutes.
Changes to Perimeter Road
EXISTING VIDEO BOARD:
65' x 28' = 1,820 SF

VIDEO BOARD COMPS:
WAKE FOREST
90' x 20' = 1,800 SF

VIRGINIA TECH
105' x 45' = 4,725 SF

SOUTH CAROLINA
124' x 57' = 7,148 SF

MIAMI
137' x 50' = 6,850 SF

AVBURN
190' x 57' = 10,830 SF

CLEMSON PROPOSED
126' x 57' = 7,166 SF
HONORING ALL CLEMSON ALUMNI WHO HAVE MADE
THE SUPREME SACRIFICE IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY
DEDICATED 1942

NEARLY 5X BIGGER OPENING;
Opening is 180' width x 20' height
Future State – Core Campus

Possible Future State – Johnstone / Union Complex

Johnstone / Union Complex
Post Demolition
University Planning & Design Office
**PARK NOTES**

- Overall Park area is approximately 20 acres.
- Initial project scope of the three main areas comprises approximately 5.5 acres.
- 3100 linear feet of creek runs full length of the park.
- Part of the creek is a boundary line marking the original property line of the land bequeathed in the Clemson Will.
- Creek restoration is planned as separate and concurrent project.
- ~1.5 miles – shared use paths for bikes and pedestrians.
- ~0.5 miles – pedestrian trails.
BACKGROUND

Communal experiences in outdoor spaces have long been central to the essence of Clemson. The endeavor to carry forth that theme led to the vision for Alumni Park, a new campus destination in the Lightsey Bridge/Hunnicutt Creek corridor that will provide meaningful student outdoor space, important multimodal campus connections, and a place of inurnment for alumni and their spouses.

For many years, University alumni have expressed their desire to have a final resting place on campus. As an important component of the larger park project, the niche garden will fulfill that desire.

As a separate, but concurrent initiative, the University is implementing a phased restoration of the stream channel and banks of Hunnicutt Creek. The creek’s restoration will progress independent of the park project. Initiating the park project concurrently will serve to enhance the creek restoration efforts.

The selected location aligns with the concept supported by the Board of Trustees by following the principles below.

- Refrain from focusing on land identified for future mission-critical development
- Complement and build on existing land uses
- Contribute to planned improvement initiatives of the campus while giving greater consideration to improving areas in need

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is located between the Hendrix Student Center and Lightsey Bridge student housing at the pedestrian bridge crossing the north branch of Hunnicutt Creek. The initial project area is approximately 5.5 acres. Project scope includes the three following areas.

- Entry Plaza – includes new ADA accessible sidewalks, area lighting, site furniture, landscape, steps and outdoor gathering space for special events.
- Overlook Plaza – includes new pedestrian plaza, retaining walls, site furniture, area lighting, Wi-Fi network and ADA accessible multi-modal pathways.
- Niche Garden – includes boulder retaining walls with integrated niche spaces (interment vaults for cremated remains) for eligible recipients, walking paths and site furniture, and area lighting.

SCHEDULE

Fall 2019: BOT update and endorsement
Fundraising to begin once endorsed
Niche reservations to begin at later date