

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
HELD AT  
Atlanta Georgia  
March 8, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, in the Board Room, 270 Washington St., S.W. The Chair of the Board, Regent Willis J. Potts, Jr., called the meeting to order at approximately 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2011. Present, in addition to Chair Potts, were Vice Chair Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III, and Regents Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr., Frederick E. Cooper, Robert F. Hatcher, Jr., C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., James R. Jolly, Donald M. Leebern, Jr., William H. NeSmith, Jr., Doreen Stiles Poitevint, Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., Richard L. Tucker, Larry Walker, and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regents Larry R. Ellis, Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr., W. Mansfield Jennings, Jr., and Wanda Yancey Rodwell were excused.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Regent Doreen Stiles Poitevint.

**SAFETY BRIEFING**

The safety briefing was given by Chief Bruce Holmes.

**ATTENDANCE REPORT**

The attendance report was given by the Secretary to the Board Burns Newsome.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting held on February 8-9, 2011, were unanimously approved.

**SPECIAL GUEST: SPEAKER DAVID RALSTON**

Chairman Potts introduced to the Board Representative David Ralston, Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives. Speaker Ralston, who is a graduate of both North Georgia College & State University and the University of Georgia, discussed pending legislation of concern to the Board of Regents and expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the members of the Board for their good work on behalf of higher education and the State of Georgia.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: STUDENT SUCCESS & FACULTY DEVELOPMENT**

Vice Chair Poitevint called the meeting to order and introduced Dr. Linda Noble, Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Affairs. Dr. Noble explained that a critical factor in student success is the role of faculty in the classroom and in student academic mentoring. When a positive connection is forged between a faculty member and a student the faculty member is better positioned to identify obstacles that can prevent students from achieving their learning potential. All faculty can benefit from institutional programs that allow them to learn classroom strategies and pedagogical approaches to strengthen their teaching performance.

Dr. Noble introduced Dr. Donna C. Llewellyn and Dr. Matthew Baker of the Georgia Institute of Technology. Drs. Llewellyn and Baker each gave presentations on the importance of supporting and furthering faculty development and excellence in teaching. Copies of Drs. Llewellyn's and Baker's presentations are on file and available for inspection in the Board's Office of Academic Affairs.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Senior Vice Chancellor Thomas Daniel gave the Board an update on pending legislation of interest to the Board of Regents. A copy of Mr. Daniel's presentation is on file and available for inspection in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **EXECUTIVE AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

The Executive and Compensation Committee met on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at approximately 8:30 a.m. in room 7019. Present, in addition to Chair Potts, were Vice Chair Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III, and Regents Robert F. Hatcher, Jr., James R. Jolly, Donald M. Leebern, Jr., and Richard L. Tucker. Regents W. Mansfield Jennings, Jr., and Wanda Yancey Rodwell were excused. Also present were Chancellor Erroll B. Davis, Jr., and members of his staff.

At approximately 8:40 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, Chair Willis J. Potts, Jr., called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into executive session. Those Regents are as listed above. The Chancellor and members of his senior staff also were present. In accordance with H.B. 278, Section 3 (amending O.C.G.A. 50-14-4), an affidavit regarding this executive session is on file in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

Chair Potts reconvened the committee in its regular session at approximately 8:50 a.m. and announced that no actions were taken during executive session.

After discussion, the committee voted unanimously to place before the Board for consideration a proposal to amend Bylaw IV.2 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents to provide for the election of the Board's Chair and Vice-Chair at the Board's November monthly meeting rather than at the June monthly meeting. This would allow the Board's officers to serve on a calendar-year basis and to align the Board's officer service terms with the appointment terms of the members of the Board. No further action was taken on this item other than to place it before the full Board for consideration at a future Board meeting.

The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 a.m.

### **COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

The Committee on Academic Affairs met on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at approximately 10:40 a.m. in room 7007. Committee members in attendance were Chair William H. NeSmith, Jr., Vice Chair Donald M. Leebern, Jr., and Regents Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr., C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., Larry Walker, and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regents W. Mansfield Jennings, Jr., and Wanda Yancey Rodwell were excused. The Chief Academic Officer & Executive Vice Chancellor, Susan Herbst, and other System Office staff and institutional representatives also were in attendance. Chair NeSmith reported to the Board that the committee reviewed 17 items, 16 of which required action. With motion properly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the Board approved and authorized the following:

1. **Establishment of a Bachelor of Science with a major in Biology (with a secondary teacher certification track), Gainesville State College**

The Board approved the request of President Martha T. Nesbitt that Gainesville State College be authorized to establish a Bachelor of Science with a major in Biology (with a secondary teacher certification track), effective March 8, 2011.

2. **Establishment of a Bachelor of Science with a major in Biology (with a secondary teacher certification track), Middle Georgia College**

The Board approved the request of President Michael W. Stoy that Middle Georgia College be authorized to establish a Bachelor of Science with a major in Biology (with a secondary teacher certification track), effective March 8, 2011.

3. **Establishment of a Bachelor of Science with a major in Mathematics (with a secondary teacher certification track), College of Coastal Georgia**

The Board approved the request of President Valerie Hepburn that the College of Coastal Georgia be authorized to establish a Bachelor of Science with a major in Mathematics (with a secondary teacher certification track), effective March 8, 2011.

4. **Establishment of a Bachelor of Science with a major in Psychology, College of Coastal Georgia**

The Board approved the request of President Valerie Hepburn that the College of Coastal Georgia be authorized to establish a Bachelor of Science with a major in Psychology, effective March 8, 2011.

5. **Establishment of a Master of Science in Architecture, Southern Polytechnic State University**

The Board approved the request of President Lisa Rossbacher that Southern Polytechnic State University be authorized to establish a Master of Science in Architecture, effective March 8, 2011.

6. **Establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health, Georgia State University**

The Board approved the request of President Mark P. Becker that Georgia State University be authorized to establish a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health, effective March 8, 2011.

7. **Establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy with a major in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, University of Georgia**

The Board approved the request of President Michael F. Adams that the University of Georgia be authorized to establish a Doctor of Philosophy with a major in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, effective March 8, 2011.

8. **Establishment of a Master of Biomanufacturing and Bioprocessing, University of Georgia**

The Board approved the request of President Michael F. Adams that the University of Georgia be authorized to establish a Master of Biomanufacturing and Bioprocessing, effective March 8, 2011.

9. **Substantive Change of the Master of Science with a major in Counseling to a Master of Science with a major in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, North Georgia College & State University**

The Board approved the request of President David L. Potter that North Georgia College & State University be authorized to substantively change its existing Master of Science with a major in Counseling to a Master of Science with a major in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, effective March 8, 2011.

10. **Termination of the Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Birth to Five Teacher Preparation, University of West Georgia**

The Board approved the request of President Beheruz N. Sethna that the University of West Georgia be authorized to terminate the Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Birth to Five Teacher Preparation, effective March 8, 2011.

11. **Termination of the Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing with a major in Industrial Management, Georgia Southern University**

The Board approved the request of President Brooks A. Keel that Georgia Southern University be authorized to terminate the Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing with a major in Industrial Management, effective December 31, 2011.

12. **Establishment of the Frank Brown Distinguished Chair in Servant Leadership, Columbus State University**

The Board approved the request of President Timothy S. Mescon that Columbus State University be authorized to establish the Frank Brown Distinguished Chair in Servant Leadership, effective March 8, 2011.

13. **Establishment of The Colonel Richard R. Hallock Distinguished University Chair in Military History, Columbus State University**

The Board approved the request of President Timothy S. Mescon that Columbus State University be authorized to establish The Colonel Richard R. Hallock Distinguished University Chair in Military History, effective March 8, 2011.

14. **Advancement of the William H. Brooks, M.D. Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Georgia Health Sciences University**

The Board approved the request of President Ricardo Azziz that the Georgia Health Sciences University be authorized to advance the William H. Brooks, M.D. Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology to the William H. Brooks, M.D. Distinguished Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology, effective March 8, 2011.

15. **Establishment of the Arch Professorship in World Languages and Cultures, University of Georgia**

The Board approved the request of President Michael F. Adams that the University of Georgia be authorized to establish the Arch Professorship in World Languages and Cultures, effective March 8, 2011.

**16. Advancement of the Lambdin Kay Distinguished Professorship for the Peabody Awards, University of Georgia**

The Board approved the request of President Michael F. Adams that the University of Georgia be authorized to advance the designation of the Lambdin Kay Distinguished Professorship for the Peabody Awards to the Lambdin Kay Chair for the Peabody Awards, effective March 8, 2011.

**17. Named Faculty Positions**

The administrative and academic appointments were reviewed by the Chair of the Committee on Academic Affairs.

The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55 a.m.

**COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL AUDIT**

The Committee on Internal Audit met on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at approximately 10:05 a.m. in Room 5158. Committee members in attendance were Chair Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., Vice Chair Robert F. Hatcher, Jr., and Regents Frederick E. Cooper, James R. Jolly, Doreen Stiles Poitevint, and Richard L. Tucker. Regents Larry R. Ellis and Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr., were excused. Chair Stelling reported to the Board that the Committee reviewed two items, neither of which required Board action. With motion properly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the Board accepted the following:

**1. Information Item: Shared Auditor Update**

Chief Audit Officer & Associate Vice Chancellor Mr. John Fuchko updated the committee on a plan to expand University System of Georgia and institutional internal audit coverage through a shared auditor model. To date, four institutions have developed a shared auditor approach. Clayton State University and Atlanta Metropolitan College partnered to develop the first shared auditor position. Dalton State College and Georgia Highlands College recently partnered to develop the second shared auditor position. Clayton State University President Dr. Tim Hynes and Atlanta Metropolitan College President Dr. Gary McGaha updated the committee on the progress of shared auditor position shared by their two institutions.

**2. Information Item: Institutional Auditor Update – Georgia Institute of Technology**

Mr. Phil Hurd, chief auditor for the Georgia Institute of Technology, provided the committee with an overview of the internal audit function at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Copies of the presentations are on file and available for inspection in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

### **COMMITTEE ON HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND EDUCATION**

The Committee on Health Professions and Education met on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at approximately 11:00 a.m. in room 7007. Committee members in attendance were Chair Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr., Vice Chair C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., and Regents Donald M. Leebern, Jr., William H. NeSmith, Jr., Larry Walker, and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regents W. Mansfield Jennings, Jr., and Wanda Yancey Rodwell were excused. System Office staff and institutional representatives also were in attendance. Chair Bernard reported to the Board that the Committee reviewed three items, one of which required action. With motion properly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the Board approved and authorized the following:

**1. Information Item: Task Force Timelines**

The committee reviewed the timelines for the work of its task forces to ensure timely completion of the task force work.

**2. Information Item: Task Force Reports**

The leadership from the Nursing, APRN, and Physician Assistant Task Forces provided an update to the committee on the progress of each task force.

**3. Baccalaureate Nursing Programs**

The committee determined that institutions with existing, pre-licensure nursing programs offered only at the associate degree level should be invited to submit proposals to transition their programs to the baccalaureate level (BSN). This includes programs that have been restricted to offering only associate degree programs. In all cases, programs wishing to advance their programs to the BSN will need to follow normal protocols with the Board's Office of Academic Affairs.

The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

The Committee on Finance & Business Operations met on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at approximately 11:00 a.m. in room 7007. Committee members in attendance were Chair Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III, and Regents Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr., C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., Donald M. Leebern, Jr., William H. NeSmith, Jr., Larry Walker, and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regents W. Mansfield Jennings, Jr., and Wanda Yancey Rodwell were excused. Chair Willis J. Potts, Jr., and Chancellor Erroll B. Davis, Jr., as well as members of the Chancellor's staff, also were present. Chair Tarbutton reported to the

Board that the committee reviewed one item which did not require Board action. With motion properly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the Board accepted the following:

**1. Fiscal Year 2010 Operating and Capital Budgets**

Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs Usha Ramachandran presented the committee with information on the Fiscal Year 2010 annual financial statements for the University System of Georgia.

The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

**COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND LAW**

The Committee on Organization and Law met on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at approximately 9:30 a.m. in room 7007. Committee members in attendance were Chair Larry Walker, and Regents Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr., C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., Donald M. Leebern, Jr., William H. NeSmith, Jr., and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regents W. Mansfield Jennings, Jr., and Wanda Yancey Rodwell were excused. Chancellor Erroll B. Davis, Jr., and members of his staff, also were present. With motion properly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the Board approved and authorized the following:

**1. Applications for Review**

At approximately 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, Chair Larry Walker called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, the academic records of students, and litigation matters. With motion properly made and variously seconded, the committee members who were present voted unanimously to go into executive session. Those Regents are as listed above.

Chair Walker reconvened the committee meeting in its regular session at approximately 10:30 a.m. and announced that the committee, while in executive session, determined that in the matters of Student Application No. 2124 at the University of Georgia, Application No. 2117 at the University of Georgia, and Application No. 2091 at the University of West Georgia, as well as Application No. 2115 at Fort Valley State University, the applications for review were denied.

The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 10:35 a.m.

**COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES**

The Committee on Real Estate & Facilities met on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at approximately 9:40 a.m. in Room 5158. Committee members in attendance were Chair James R. Jolly, Vice Chair Frederick E. Cooper, and Regents Robert F. Hatcher, Jr., Doreen Stiles Poitevint, Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., and Richard L. Tucker. Regents Larry R. Ellis and Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr., were excused. Chair Jolly reported to the Board that the committee reviewed 10 items, 8 of which required Board action.



With motion properly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the Board approved and authorized the following:

**1. Authorization of Project, Project No. BR-40-1101, Bone Marrow Transplant Suite Expansion/Renovations, MCG Health Inc.**

The Board authorized Project No. BR-40-1101, Bone Marrow Transplant Suite Expansion/Renovations, MCG Health Inc., (“MCGHI”) with a total project budget of \$6,017,138, to be funded by MCGHI.

Approximately 10,600 square feet of the 5th floor located in the Talmadge Building will be renovated to facilitate the immediate and future needs of the Bone Marrow Transplant (“BMT”) Program. A 6-Bed BMT Pod with a dedicated HVAC system will be created in the West Pod area. Additionally, a new Nurse Station and Nursing Unit Support Spaces will be created in the Core Area. The 6-Bed BMT East Pod will have architectural finishes replaced.

The estimated construction cost for this project is \$2,862,000. There is an additional estimated cost of \$1,500,000 for specialized medical equipment.

**2. Authorization of Project Budget Modification, Project No. BR-71-1101, Arts Building, University of West Georgia**

The Board modified the budget of Project No. BR-71-1101, Arts Building, University of West Georgia, (“UWG”), to increase the total project budget from \$2,700,000 to \$3,500,000.

The Arts Building project, approved by the Board in November, 2010, is in design. The project scope was increased from a 20,000 square foot (“sf”) facility to 24,000 sf facility following detailed programming verification and plan layout of spaces by the design professional in accordance with applicable codes.

The Stated Cost Limitation will increase from \$2,000,000 to \$3,100,000.

Funding of this cost increase will be from UWG institutional funds.

	<u>November 2010</u>	<u>Now</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$2,700,000	\$3,500,000
Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation):	\$2,000,000	\$3,100,000

**3. Authorization of Project Budget Modification, Project No. BR-66-1001, Physical Plant Administrative Building, Georgia Southern University**

The Board modified the budget of Project No. BR-66-1001, Physical Plant Administrative Building, Georgia Southern University (“GSOU”), to increase the total project budget from \$2,687,000 to \$3,279,000.

The Physical Plant Administrative Building project was approved by the Board in March, 2010. The budget was modified in June, 2010. The project is in construction. This increase in the project budget will address unsuitable soils and site utility problems that were encountered during the early phases of construction. The Stated Cost Limitation will increase from \$2,130,625 to \$2,670,625.

Funding of this project (including the cost increase of \$592,000) will be from GSOU institutional funds.

	<u>June 2010</u>	<u>Now</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$2,687,000	\$3,279,000
Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation):	\$2,130,625	\$2,670,625

**4. Authorization of Project, Project No. BR-70-1103, Renovation of Ashley Hall, Valdosta State University**

The Board authorized Project No. BR-70-1103, Renovation of Ashley Hall, Valdosta State University (“VSU”), with a total project budget of \$7.1 million, to be funded from VSU institutional funds.

The project will be implemented in two distinct phases. The south wing will be renovated during the first phase. The central rotunda and north wing will be renovated during the second phase.

A hazardous materials survey is in the process of being conducted and will provide recommendations for the proper management and disposal of all hazardous materials during the renovation process to ensure compliance with environmental regulations. Also, a historic structures assessment is in process to insure consultation with the Georgia Historic Preservation Division is complete prior to the start of design and construction.

The estimated construction cost for this project is \$5,500,000.

**5. Appointment of Design Professional Firm, Project No. BR-66-1101, Brannen Hall Renovation, Georgia Southern University**

The Board appointed the first-named design professional firm listed below for the identified project and authorized the execution of a contract with the identified firm. Should it not be possible to execute a contract with the top-ranked firm, staff will then attempt to execute a contract with the other listed firms in rank order.

Following public advertisement, a qualifications-based selection process was held in accordance with Board of Regents procedures. The following recommendation was accepted by the Board:

**BR-66-1101, Brannen Hall Renovation, Georgia Southern University**

This project was authorized by the Board in January, 2011. Constructed in 1963 as a women’s dormitory, Brannen Hall has been identified as a building worthy of long term preservation and investment. Located adjacent to the Sweetheart Circle at Georgia Southern University (“GSOU”), this is one of the few remaining original dormitories. The approximately 30,000 square foot, three-story Brannen Hall will be renovated for office, small laboratories, and support space for the GSOU Department of Psychology, the GSOU Office of Research and Graduate Studies and the GSOU Office of Strategic Research.

The project will be funded from GSOU institutional funds.

Total Project Cost: \$8,324,000  
Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation): \$6,480,000

Number of firms that applied for this commission: 29

Recommended firms in rank order:

- 1) Palmer Architects, Inc., Statesboro
- 2) Cogdell & Mendrala Architects, P.C., Savannah
- 3) Dunwody/Beeland, Architects, Inc., Macon
- 3) Greenline Architecture, P.C., Savannah

**6. Naming of the Thomas O. Marshall, Jr. Pavilion, Georgia Southwestern State University**

The Board approved the naming of the newly completed dining and classroom facility adjacent to the Marshall Center at Georgia Southwestern State University the “Thomas O. Marshall, Jr. Pavilion,” in recognition of the late Georgia Supreme Court Justice Thomas O. Marshall, Jr.

**7. Policy Revisions, Policy Manual, Section 9.9.4**

The Board approved a revision to *The Policy Manual*, Section 9.9.4, Easements, effective March 8, 2011.

<i>Current Policy</i>	<i>Revised Policy</i>
Policy 9.9.4 Easements	Policy 9.9.4 Easements
The USG chief facilities officer or	9.9.4 EASEMENTS

his/her designee shall approve the execution and delivery of easements or revocable license agreements or permits for the installation of electrical power lines, cables, and duct banks; gas lines; domestic water lines, sanitary and storm sewers; communications lines; steam, hot water and chilled water mains; and other such utilities and appurtenances to the above, across Regents' property to buildings and improvements at the various USG institutions, by any entity and/or by private or public utility companies, and provided in each case a license agreement shall contain the following paragraph:

*"This agreement does not confer upon the Licensee any rights, title, estate or interest in said licensed premises, nor does this license agreement confer upon the Licensee a license coupled with an interest or an easement. This agreement merely gives to the Licensee, and to the Licensee only, a revocable personal privilege, it being expressly understood and agreed by Licensee that regardless of any and all improvements and investments made, expenses and harm incurred or encountered by Licensee, this agreement may be revoked and terminated by Licensor, either in toto or pro tanto, upon thirty (30) days written notice to*

The Chancellor, the Chancellor's designee and the USG chief facilities officer or his/her designee is authorized to declare, without further approval of the Board, that real property is no longer advantageously useful to any USG institution but only to the extent and for the purpose of granting a non-exclusive easement and ~~shall~~may approve, without further approval of the Board, the execution and delivery of non-exclusive easements or revocable license agreements or permits for the installation of electrical power lines, cables, and duct banks; gas lines; domestic water lines, sanitary and storm sewers; communications lines; steam, hot water and chilled water mains; and other such utilities and appurtenances to the utilities, above, across, or under Regents' property to the extent necessary to serve or for the benefit of the buildings and improvements at the various USG institutions, by any entity and/or by private or public utility companies, and provided in each case a license agreement shall contain the following paragraph:

~~"This agreement does not confer upon the Licensee any rights, title, estate or interest in said licensed premises, nor does this license agreement confer upon the Licensee a license~~

*Licensee. After expiration of such thirty (30) day period, this license agreement shall stand as revoked and*

~~*coupled with an interest or an easement. This agreement merely gives to the Licensee, and to the Licensee only, a revocable personal*~~

terminated.”

(BoR Minutes, 1972-73, p. 504)

~~privilege, it being expressly understood and agreed by Licensee that regardless of any and all improvements and investments made, expenses and harm incurred or encountered by Licensee, this agreement may be revoked and terminated by Licensor, either in toto or pro tanto, upon thirty (30) days written notice to Licensee. After expiration of such thirty (30) day period, this license agreement shall stand as revoked and terminated.”~~

**8. Information Item: Appointment of Design Professional Firm and Appointment of Construction Management Firm, Project No. BR-10-1103 Health Sciences Campus Renovations, University of Georgia**

Project No. BR-10-1103, Health Sciences Campus Renovations, University of Georgia was approved by the Board in February, 2011. The Board also authorized one time delegated authority for the Vice Chancellor for Facilities, in consultation with the Chairman of the Real Estate and Facilities Committee, to authorize the priority ranking of the qualifications-based selections process of design professional firms and construction management firms for the project, and authorized the execution of contracts with the identified firms.

The appointment of the design professional firm and the construction management firm by this one time delegated authority are:

Number of Design Professional firms that applied for this commission: 23

Design Professional firms in rank order:

- 1) Cooper Carry, Inc., Atlanta
- 2) Surber Barber Choate & Hertlein Architects, P.C., Atlanta
- 3) HKS, Inc., Atlanta

Number of Construction Management firms that applied for this commission: 24

Construction Management firms in rank order:

- 1) Garbutt/Christman, Augusta
- 2) Hardin Construction Company, LLC, Atlanta
- 3) R.W. Allen, LLC, Augusta

**9. Information Item: Annual Report on Contracting**

The Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities, Sharon Brittain, gave a report on facilities design and construction related contracting and qualifications-based selections. A copy of Ms. Brittain's presentation is on file and available for inspection in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

**10. Change in Name, Gift of Real Property, Ground Leases and Rental Agreement, Student Housing, Macon State College**

The Board authorized the change in name of the donor of the gift of approximately 239.11 acres of real property located at 5091 Ivey Drive, Macon approved by the Board in January 2011 from Macon State College Real Estate Foundation, LLC to Macon State College Foundation Real Estate, LLC.

The Board also authorized the change in name of the Landlord for the rental agreement for 336 student housing beds approved by the Board in January 2011 from Macon State College Real Estate Foundation, LLC to Macon State College Foundation Real Estate, LLC.

All remaining actions and understandings contained in the January 2011 Board action remain the same.

The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 10:09 a.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Vice Chancellor Lynn Weisenbach provided an update on the Board's Seamless Education Initiative. She stated that the USG continues to work with the Department of Education and the Technical College System of Georgia to ensure that the state's students can enjoy a smooth and seamless education as they transition through and between the state's systems of education.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

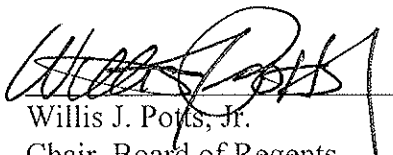
Regent Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr., updated the Board on fundraising successes by the University System of Georgia Foundation, Inc., and reminded Board members of the Foundations annual gala, to be held on March 26, 2011, at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

The Secretary to the Board noted the passing of former Regent Carolyn D. Yancey as well as the passing of former Presidents John Owen and Ward B. Pafford, of North Georgia College & State University and the University of West Georgia, respectively.

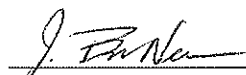
The Secretary to the Board announced that the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 19-20, 2009, in Atlanta.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2011.



Willis J. Potts, Jr.  
Chair, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia



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J. Burns Newsome  
Secretary of the Board