

President's Report to the Board of Trustees

July 21, 2014

I. Capital Projects

Building 3181 at Fort McClellan Campus

Stephen Ward & Associates of Huntsville has submitted the building envelope assessment. The report revealed three key deficiencies: 1.) the facility has no vapor barrier; 2.) the foundation along GSCC requires waterproofing and subsurface drainage, and 3.) all exterior walls require caulking, sealing, and re-coating. Bids designed for corrective work were received July 10th. JSU and GSCC are reviewing the packages and will determine an appropriate course of action. All costs are being split 50-50 between JSU and GSCC.

Coliseum HVAC Phase II Improvements

A contract was awarded to Metro D Construction of Talladega for a construction cost of \$2,219,000. Construction is on schedule to be completed by August 15th. The project will provide a new heating and cooling HVAC system for the entire coliseum with the exception of the pool area.

Daugette Hall / Computer Center

Whorton Engineering designed a new HVAC system for a section of the Computer Center in Daugette Hall. Bids were opened on May 6th and a contract was awarded to Stateline Mechanical of Woodland, AL for \$143,500. The contractor has 75 calendar days to complete the project. Project is nearing 50% complete.

Logan Hall Re-Shingle Roof

Stephen Ward & Associates designed the project that was bid May 23rd and awarded to Mid-America Roofing of Russellville for \$38,895. The project commenced June 27th and was completed July 3rd. The project removed and replaced existing asphalt shingles, felt, and deteriorated roof decking.

Martin Hall Chiller Replacement

In order to replace the 200 ton chiller at Martin Hall (1 of 2 R123 refrigerant chillers remaining on campus) Whorton Engineering of Anniston is preparing design documents planned to bid late this fall after the cooling season has ended. Project costs are estimated \$175,000 and funding is provided by a 2007 PSCA bond issuance.

Softball Field Locker Room and Dugouts

This project, constructed by Hale Building Company and designed by Bill Whittaker, is complete. Final design and construction costs are \$488,706. The project included two sunken dugouts, locker room, shower room, washing facilities, and storage.

Stephenson Hall Wellness Center

Substantial Completion occurred on February 13, 2012 and the Year End Inspection was held February 23, 2013. On April 1, 2013, the contractor requested an arbitration hearing before the State Building Commission concerning his claims for additional compensation. That hearing was held Tuesday, September 10, 2013 and we are awaiting a final decision from the State Building Commission.

Theron Montgomery Building Chiller Replacement

In order to replace a 200 ton chiller at TMB (1 of 2 R123 refrigerant chillers remaining on campus) Whorton Engineering of Anniston is preparing design documents planned to bid late this fall after the cooling season has ended. Project costs are estimated at \$160,000 and funding is provided by a 2007 PSCA bond issuance.

II. University Update

A. Southern Association of Colleges and School Commission on Colleges

In June the University received the SACS COC Final Reaffirmation Report. As anticipated only two recommendations were received and have already been addressed. A final report confirming JSU's response and actions taken on these two recommendations will be submitted in early September. I want to again thank Dr. Louise Clark, Chair and Dr. Alicia Simmons, Co-Chair of the SACS Compliance Certification Committee, Ms. Gena Christopher and our QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) Committee, Dr. Rebecca Turner, Provost and JSU SACSCOC Liaison, and all JSU faculty, staff, and students who assisted in this process. It is a monumental accomplishment and all deserve credit. This is the best review in the last four cycles (forty years). We look forward to being reaffirmed in December 2014.

B. Student Health Center

Under Tab 4 in your binder you will find the comparison of Student Health Center visits from January-April 2013 to 2014. In one year the number of visits, the large majority of which are student visits, have increased by 57% (904 to 1,419) since Regional Medical Center has provided services. RMC has not provided a financial report but this is anticipated following the end of the academic year.

C. Fall Enrollment and Housing

Although fall semester 2014 enrollment will not be complete until the last week in August the indicators are positive for an increase in enrollment. A 4% increase in students for the fall, is anticipated. Orientation results are an excellent predictor of first-time freshmen headcounts. Current orientation results indicate that this population will increase 5%. Other segments of the population are more difficult to predict as behavior varies. Therefore, a more conservative 4% increase is anticipated.

The number of students who have attended and/or registered to attend an orientation session for fall 2014 is 1,129 through 10 orientation sessions. For those who attended orientation for fall 2013 at the same time the number was 1,073. The difference is 56, 5.2%, more students. This is a number that is dynamic and should only be increasing as orientation continues through July. History tells us that in excess of 95% of students who attend orientation enroll at JSU.

Earlier in July a “confirmation edit” was processed to determine how accepted student numbers for fall 2014 compare to fall 2013 even though the due date for payment is not until August 1st 2014. The edit determined that 117 more students in 2014 have registered and made payment arrangements than those in 2013 on the comparable date.

The \$12million i3 Federal grant received by JSU will pay scholarships for 500 dual enrollment students. JSU has hired three recruiters to concentrate on dual enrollment students with our CORE partner schools. Many of the 500 dual enrollment students receiving the i3 scholarship will be students who would have otherwise not attended JSU this year. These students have yet to register.

The Department of University Housing and Residence Life (UHRL) is projecting a fall 2014 occupancy rate of 95%. The official occupancy rate for fall 2013 resulted in 90% of available beds being occupied. UHRL is currently 90% occupied as of [July 14, 2014](#). 946 new applications have been received for fall 2014. With orientation sessions remaining there is confidence that the number of housing applications will exceed fall 2013. In addition, application counts were 186 during the latter part of July, 2013 and in August, 2013. If properly managed, a 95% occupancy rate is, therefore, projected. UHRL is also maintaining a waiting list of approximately 60 upper-class students seeking on-campus apartment accommodations.

Based on numbers of monthly applications from the beginning of the academic year to date, graduate applications are up 11% over this time last academic year. Seventy prospective students have begun but have not completed applications to JSU graduate programs. With almost one month to go before classes start, Graduate Studies anticipates an increase of approximately 60 enrolled graduate students (5% increase) compared with last year.

D. CORE Academy Report

Dr. Alicia Simmons, Executive Director, Planning & Research / Institute for Research & Collaboration has a presentation for you on the great success that we experienced at the CORE Academy earlier this summer. Dr. Tommy Bice, State Superintendent and member of this Board proudly stated in his keynote address, “Jacksonville State University has more partnerships with K-12 schools than any other university in Alabama and no one is doing what JSU is doing.”

E. Benefits of Internationalization of the Curriculum of Jacksonville State University: Developing Relationships with Chinese Universities

Under Tab 4 of your binder you will find a report from Dr. Ronnie Clayton, Glenn Huie Chair and Eminent Scholar, Professor of Finance at JSU. This has been a topic of concern that you have brought to my attention. JSU has been exchanging faculty and students since the early 1990’s. Dr. Clayton traced the impact of national, state, and local trends in relationships with China. On page nine of this report he states that over the last six years (between 2008 and 2014) with just thirty-one students attending JSU from China \$1,102,708 of tuition revenue was generated. This does not include books, board, and other expenditures which are conservatively estimated as a community economic impact benefit of \$3.3 million for these 31 students.

Academic Affairs and Student Affairs

Dr. Rebecca Turner, Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs has prepared her report in your binder under “Tab 4.” which you may read at your leisure. Dr. Turner has some new employees to introduce and make a brief comment about her report.

Athletics

Mr. Warren Koegel, Director of Athletics has introductions to make and will provide a brief update on Sports. His report is in your binder.

Business and Administrative Affairs

Mrs. Barker, acting vice president will be glad to respond to any questions about the budget.

Information Technology

Mr. Vinson Houston, Vice president for Information Technology has his report in the binder. He will be glad to respond to any questions.

University Advancement

Dr. Charles Lewis, Vice President for University Advancement indicates in his report that the overall capital campaign total in outright and planned gifts as of July 3rd was \$10,345,365 and in the first six months of 2014 over \$566,000 more has been raised than in 2013.

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