

President's Report to the Board of Trustees

April 21, 2014

I. Capital Projects

Anders Hall (Round House) Phase II/Hammond Hall Restrooms

This project, constructed by Forsyth Building Company and designed by Whorton Engineering, is complete. The total cost, including construction and design, is \$207,173. The project added needed ADA compliant restroom facilities for both Hammond Hall and Anders Roundhouse.

Building 3181 at Fort McClellan Campus

Stephen Ward & Associates of Huntsville is performing a building envelope (roof, perimeter walls, foundation, and slab) assessment and the report is due this month. The report is expected to highlight at least two deficiencies: water intrusion along the foundation of the GSCC portion of the facility and water intrusion through the entire exterior perimeter block walls. If the report is consistent with the Physical Plant's assessment, corrective work will be performed during the summer of 2014 and is forecasted to cost \$179,850. JSU and GSCC will share the cost equally.

Coliseum HVAC Improvements

A contract was awarded to Metro D Construction of Talladega for a construction cost of \$2,219,000 plus design fees. Construction will commence on May 5th and 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 is designing a new HVAC system for a section of the Computer Center in Daugette Hall. The design is 90% complete and we expect to receive bids in 4 weeks. Construction of the project is planned for summer 2014 with total costs of \$92,819.

Softball Field Locker Room and Dugouts

This project, constructed by Hale Building Company and designed by Bill Whittaker, is substantially complete, and the facilities were open for the first home softball game. Only minor punch list items remain. 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.

II. University Update

A. Southern Association of Colleges and School Commission on Colleges

On April 7, the Dr. Nuria Cuevas, SACS COC's staff liaison for JSU and the On-Site visiting team arrived on campus in preparation of our reaffirmation of accreditation. Dr. Louise Clark, Chair and Dr. Alicia Simmons, Co-Chair of the SACS Compliance Certification Committee will give you a brief review of our reaffirmation visit. Ms. Gena Christopher and our QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) Committee did an excellent job in presenting our plan. During the visit our reaffirmation team members, members of the Board were interviewed and questioned about the self-study, the QEP, and the reaffirmation process. We want you to thank all for the best review we have had in the last four cycles (forty years). We look forward to being reaffirmed in December 2014.

B. Legislative Affairs – Budget FY 2015

The legislature passed the education budget this session with an increase of .7% (\$245,768) for JSU's operations and maintenance above last year. We are grateful and appreciate this increase and other increases in line items which were attached to our budget.

Unfortunately the legislature chose to break its usual and customary practice of including higher education institutions in its funding for the employer portion of PEEHIP (Public Education Employees Health Insurance Program) when it funded the full cost for Alabama's public schools and community colleges. This cost will be \$702,000 to JSU for the next fiscal year. Therefore JSU will begin the year with \$456,232 less than last year.

We have begun the process of reviewing alternate health plans and the associated cost both for employer and employee.

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 6." which you may read at your leisure. We have a special presentation on our new forensic science initiative that Dr. Turner will introduce and I know you will enjoy.

Athletics

Mr. Warren Koegel, Director of Athletics will provide a brief update on our Spring Semester Sports which is in your binder.

Business and Administrative Affairs

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

Information Technology

Mr. Vinson Houston, Vice president for Information Technology will give you a follow-up report on activities on campus.

University Advancement

Dr. Charles Lewis, Vice President for University Advancement will update you on activities with the JSU Foundation Inc. and the Advancement Division. But before he speaks I ask that each of you mark your calendar for February 24th and plan to attend Founder's Day at JSU.

William A. Meehan

President