

## **President's Report**

### **Board of Trustees**

**July 15, 2013**

#### **I. Capital Projects**

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

This project reconfigures space for the Art Department and provides general meeting space for general campus use. It was bid on June 13, 2013 and J. F. Morgan, General Contractors, Inc. was the apparent low bidder. However, J. F. Morgan withdrew their bid due to an administrative error/omission in their bid. The next lowest bidder was Forsyth Building Company of Anniston, AL and was subsequently awarded the project. Work began on July 15 and should be completed by September 1.

##### **Dixon Hall Bus Pull-off Lane**

This project provides a safer zone for our second highest utilized campus bus stop. It was bid on June 13, 2013 and Hale Building Company of Anniston, AL was the low bidder. Work commenced on July 1, 2013 and should be completed in early August. This project will create a bus pull-off and help alleviate traffic congestion on Forney Avenue when the bus stops in front of Dixon Hall.

##### **Little River Canyon Pavilion**

Hale Building Company of Anniston, AL was the successful low bidder. Construction began in April and should be completed in late August 2013. The work is progressing very well except for rain delays.

##### **Salls Hall Emergency Chiller Replacement**

The 1988 chiller at Salls Hall failed on June 3, 2013. The chiller was successfully replaced and began operating on June 10, just seven days after the catastrophic failure. This success was largely due to the tremendous effort of Mr. Randy Whorton, Mechanical Engineer, and H&M Mechanical of Birmingham who installed the unit.

##### **Stephenson Hall Boiler Replacement**

Bids were opened on June 27. H&M Mechanical of Birmingham, AL was the low bidder with a cost of \$164,000. Project is scheduled to be completed in mid-September.

## **Stephenson Hall Wellness Center**

Substantial Completion occurred on February 13, 2012 and the Year End Inspection was held February 23, 2013. A final change order is still pending submission by the contractor, RFI. On April 1, 2013, the contractor requested a hearing before the Director of the State Building Commission concerning his claims for additional compensation. That hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2013.

## **Storm/Roof Damages of March 22, 2013**

Library - Repairs are complete. Final Inspection is scheduled for July 16, 9:00 a.m. The protective covered walkway was removed on June 28 by Hale Building Company.

Campus Inn Apartments – Prime Contracting of Odenville, AL is making progress on the construction of a pitched roof system. Metal roofing panels were installed on July 3. Project is anticipated to be completed by the end of July.

## **II. University Update**

### **Government Affairs**

In early June the Alabama Legislature passed the Education Trust Fund Budget. A copy of JSU's appropriation for Fiscal Year is located in Tab 4 of your binder marked "Attachment A" behind the President's Report. The University Operations and Maintenance Budget increased by 1.42% as did all other universities. JSU also received two new line items in its appropriation. First, \$250,000 for the Center for Applied Forensics which is our partnership with the Calhoun/Cleburne County Drug & Violent Crime Task Force and the second \$100,000 for sports injury prevention education. Other line items which had been funded last year and are in this year's budget are: Little River Canyon Field School, Film Initiative Program, and Alabama Scenic River Trail. JSU's total appropriation is \$35,958,784 and increase of 1.82%. This increase of \$642,982 will however not cover mandatory increased employer cost in the teacher retirement system which will be more than \$700,000.

### **Reaffirmation of Accreditation**

In order to keep you apprised of the status of our SACS COC reaffirmation of accreditation, I have asked Dr. Louise Clark, Chair and Dr. Alicia Simmons, Co-Chair of the SACS Compliance Certification Committee to give you a brief review of this reaffirmation process. Also Dr. Rebecca Turner serves as JSU Liaison to SACSCOC and Mrs. Gena Christopher and Mr. Mark Camp Co-Chairs of our QEP Committee are here to answer questions.

## **Board Requested Areas of Concentration**

At the October Board meeting the Board identified three areas of concentration for all of us to give special attention in 2013. They include:

1. Growing the enrollment, undergraduate and graduate in a continuing effort to get to the 10,000 student objective which includes,

- Retention of students
- Quantity e.g. increased numbers in head count and credit hour production
- Quality e.g. increased ACT score averages for new students

2. Expansion of on-line programs

- Set goals to increase the number of courses and
- Increase number of enrollments between 5-10 percent annually

3. External Funding

- Increase contracts and grants activities
- Increase outside revenues

Under Tab 4 in your packet is the Office of Admission Applied & Accepted Application Count for Freshman and Transfer Students “Attachment B.” These numbers reflect that the current Fall Semester application count is 88% of last year’s final count and 87% of the last five year average.

## **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 our new Dean of Nursing to introduce and a new accredited program to announce.

## **Athletics**

Mr. Warren Koegel, Director of Athletics has provided an update on our Spring Semester Sports which is in your binder. I will ask him to make a special introduction of JSU’s new women’s basketball coach at this time.

## **Information Technology**

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

### **Institutional Research and Assessment**

Dr. Alicia Simmons, Director of Institutional Research and Assessment has a special recognition for all units that have completed Program Review.

### **University Advancement**

Dr. Charles Lewis, Vice President for University Advancement will update you on activities with the JSU Foundation Inc. and the Advancement Division.

William A. Meehan

President