

**President's Report
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 18, 2005**

Capital Projects

Ayers Hall Renovation

The Final Inspection for the building was conducted July 15. Punch list items remain and will be aggressively addressed by the contractor, Chorba Contracting. Moving operation will commence at the end of orientation on August 3, 2005.

McClellan Building 3181

Sewer line replacement for the facility has been completed. The Archeology wet lab renovation should be completed by the end of the month. The contractor has responded to the punch list items in an attempt to fully close out this project.

Library Interior Improvements

Hudak and Dawson Contracting have completed the project. We are awaiting close out documents on the overall project.

Field House Renovation

Hudak and Dawson Contracting is 99% completed with this project. We are awaiting close out documents and several punch list items.

Paul Snow Stadium - Artificial Turf

The underground infrastructure was completed on July 1. The artificial turf installation began on July 6 and the "green rug" is down with the in-lays in the process of being installed. Completion date for this project is July 23 with Pro Grass, LLC of Pittsburgh, PA.

Demolition of Steam Plant, Abercrombie and Luttrell Halls

The contractor, Taylor Corporation of Oxford, AL, has been very aggressive and successful in dismantling and removing Abercrombie Hall and the Central Steam Plant. Removal of three 20,000 gallon underground fuel storage tanks and concrete structure is all that remains of the Steam Plant. The backfill and land restoration efforts are dependent on the soil condition once the tanks are removed. Luttrell Hall is scheduled for demolition in mid August once the Psychology Department is located to Ayers Hall.

Roof Replacement 2002

Standard Roofing has not performed remediation efforts inside the gym nor corrected the roof leaks. The University attorney has been engaged to address this unresolved matter from a legal approach.

Little River Canyon Field School

Project design has been reviewed, revised and in final design stage with all concerned parties. Funding appropriations are aggressively being pursued by Pete Conroy's office for the entire project.

Chimney Peak Observatory

Dome size has been selected to help facilitate the final design of the lower structure for the observatory. Final design and contract documents are in final stages with the architect in order to bid this project.

University Activities

Fall 05 Application Count

The number of new student applications for Fall Semester 2005 is at an all time high. Last Wednesday's count of first time freshman and transfer student accepted applications was 3,262. This is 360 more than last year. Even our Georgia applications are up by 151 over last year.

Orientation sessions began last week and will continue through the first week in August. The first three freshman sessions are filled and others are expected to fill also.

Summer Term Enrollment

Although summer terms will not be complete until later in August our enrollment for our combined terms of summer appears to be down by approximately 200 students. Even though this is of concern to us and the cause is unclear, Dr. Turner and the deans have begun to work on next summer's schedule to increase enrollment.

Housing Report

The residence hall occupancy report indicates that four of our halls are 85% or greater filled for the fall semester and that an overall occupancy rate of 76% was reported at the end of June. University owned apartments have an occupancy rate of 93% and all university houses are 100% occupied.

Governmental Affairs

Since our last Board meeting the Alabama legislature completed an education budget that increased Jacksonville State University's 05-06 funding to \$34,362,309 an increase of \$3,919,104 or approximately 14%. This is the best higher education budget that we have seen in many years and we are grateful to Governor Riley for proposing an increase and to the Legislature for funding an even bigger one.

If the Education Trust fund continues to grow JSU may receive a "Contingent Appropriation" of \$451,014. If the ETF exceeds \$283,921,163.00 by \$13 million JSU and other institutions of higher education will receive additional funds as "Contingent Appropriations." If excess carry over funds are not enough to fund the entire \$13 million the amount available will be released pro-rata.

Academic Affairs

Economic Impact Study

The Center for Economic Development completed an Economic Impact of Jacksonville State University for 2005. Dr. William Fielding analyzed the results of spending by students, faculty, and staff along with expenditures of the University. CED staff member Mr. Willard Butterworth coordinated the entire project and Mr. Glenn Graham, Instructor in the CCBA, provided the compiled data taken from the surveys and reports. Based upon the data obtained, JSU is one of the top economic engines in Calhoun and Etowah Counties. Without the University, the total dollar impact of \$325 million and over 7,952 jobs would not exist. This impact would be felt in every sector of the local economy and points out the extreme significance and importance of the University. Of course, the study doesn't take into account many other contributions, considered non-economic, that the University has on the community, which enhances the quality of life for the entire region. These benefits are generally by-products of the University's education, research, and service. I will ask Dr. Rebecca Turner, vice president for academic and student affairs to introduce those who will be presenting this economic impact study.

Institutional Advancement

Mr. Joe Serviss, vice president for institutional advancement will provide a brief update of our capital campaign.

Athletics

Our Gamecocks finished the 2004-05 athletic season with an arm load of accomplishments. Six OVC Conference championships: Football, Men's Tennis, Women's Golf, Rifle, Softball, Baseball, and to top it off the OVC Women's All Sports Trophy. I ask Mr. Jim Fuller athletic director to provide additional details and news of our future games.