



# STAFF SENATE FULL SENATE MEETING

## MEETING MINUTES

**LOCATION:** McKissick Theater, Hendrix Center

**DATE:** January 11, 2024

**ATTENDEES:** Jake Anderson (President), Jeff Anthony (Vice President), Christy Babb (Treasurer), Ryan Real (Secretary), Melinda Fischer (Past President), Alisha Maw, Arthur Alvarez, Beth Newton, Brad Owens, Bradley Elliott, Brian Davidson, Brittney Calwile, Casey Wallace, Colby Lanham, Cora Allard, Donna Jervis, Elizabeth Bennett, Eric Pernotto, Haley Cox, James Gowan, Jamie Martin, Jennifer Blyden, Jordy Kirr, Joy Patton, Kevin Allmond, Kristen Lawson, Kristi Baker, Kyle Young, Levi Roach, Marjorie Campbell, Matthew Burns, Michael Atkins, Michael Lewis, Rebecca Harkless, Rob Seay, Ross Phillips, Sandi Priddy, Sara Dawson, Stacey Miller, Steve Fullerton, Vicki Perry, Wendi Mattson, Winston Holton

**TIME:** 2:30 pm

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### I. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

### II. CALL TO ORDER

President Jake Anderson called the meeting of the Staff Senate to order at 2:32 p.m.

### III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the December meeting were approved as distributed.

### IV. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

- a. Otis Pickett, Clemson University Historian
  - i. "How Does Our Past Help Shape Our Identity as We Move into the Future?" (see presentation)
- b. Tony Wagner, Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations
  - i. Thank you to Facilities staff for their quick response during the January 9 storms, 4.5 inches of rain in four hours
  - ii. Budget going to S.C. Legislature in January
- c. Tessa Byer - Clemson University Ombuds
  - i. Upcoming trainings in March and April

- ii. “You are more than one thing—don’t put yourself in a box.”

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Treasurer – Christy Babb
  - i. Budget Update
    - 1. Vending       \$13,521
    - 2. Operating     \$3,217
- b. Activities (Vicki Perry, Jake Grove)
  - i. Degree Attainment Lunch - January 17
  - ii. Advising appreciation
  - iii. Blood Drive February 14th
- c. Advancement (Victoria Chapman, Melinda Fischer)
  - i. Fundraising update
    - 1. \$14,786 raised
    - 2. Cards will go on sale March 1
- d. Communications (Cora Allard-Keese, Ryan Real)
  - i. Upcoming newsletter (February)
  - ii. LinkedIn Group
- e. Inclusive Excellence (Alisha Maw, Jamie Martin)
  - i. Discuss long term plan for reviewing metrics
- f. Membership (Beth Newton, Kristi Baker)
  - i. Bylaws update
    - 1. Membership Committee moved to approve the update to the bylaws. The motion passed by majority vote.
  - ii. Appendix A - first reading
- g. Welfare (Jeff Anthony, Stacey Miller)
  - i. FY24 compensation general increase
  - ii. CAFLS Merger – Town Hall
    - 1. Great discussion
  - iii. Wellness Initiative
    - 1. Mary Erin Morrissey shared in Teams, contact her for more info
  - iv. SC Staff Assembly Research

## **VI. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:**

- a. Accessibility Commission – Ross Phillips
- b. Accident Review Board – Christy Babb, Jeff Anthony
- c. Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board – Jeff Anthony

- d. Asian, Pacific Islander, Desi-American Commission – Jake Grove
- e. Bookstore Advisory Committee – Jamie Martin
- f. Campus Rec Advisory Board – Ross Phillips / Rob Seay
- g. Commission on the Black Experience – Brittney Calwile
- h. Commission on Latino Affairs – Sara Dawson
- i. Commission on Women – Mary Erin Morrissey
- j. Committee on Committees – Jake Anderson / Jeff Anthony / Ryan Real
- k. CompStat 360 – Jeff Anthony
- l. LGBTQ+ Commission – Arthur Alvarez
- m. Library Advisory Board – Colby Lanham
- n. Ombuds Committee – Melinda Fischer / Jake Anderson / Jeff Anthony
- o. Parking Review Board – Matthew Burns
- p. Veterans Commission – Bradley Elliott

## **VII. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

- a. Officer Elections—email going out soon
- b. Senator absences
- c. Battle of the Senates highlight
- d. Military-Connected Services and Supports Committee volunteer (Brad Elliott)
- e. Upcoming meeting locations
  - i. February - CUICAR
  - ii. March - McKissick Theatre (Hendrix Student Center)
  - iii. April - Awards Lunch at Madren Center
- f. February 8 CU-ICAR trip details
  - i. Reminder to RSVP by next Wednesday, January 17

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

President Jake Anderson adjourned the meeting of the Staff Senate at 4:08 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: (Ryan Real)

Minutes approved as corrected: Feb. 8, 2024

# Staff Senate Meeting

January 11, 2024



**Otis Pickett, Ph.D**  
**Clemson University Historian**

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# Clemson University Historian

Otis W. Pickett, Ph.D.



How Does Our Past Help Shape Our Identity  
as We Move into the Future?

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## History of University Historian's Office

Dr. Jerome V. Reel : 1964-2002. Official in 2002 when Reel becomes Clemson University Historian.

Dr. Paul Anderson: 2019-2022. Moves the position under Provost, connects with a variety of schools and departments. Historic Properties come under the office of University Historian.

Dr. Otis Pickett: 2022- present. University Historian reports to Dean of Libraries and is housed in the Libraries with the Department of Historic Properties.



Fort Hill  
EST. 1850





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# Thomas Green Clemson

Born in Philadelphia in 1807

Attends the Royal School of Mines and Sorbonne in Paris

Marries Anna Maria Calhoun

Advocated for Chemistry and Scientific Approach to  
Agriculture

Charges d'Affairs to Belgium

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# James Bostic, III

Operations Manager -  
[bostici@clemson.edu](mailto:bostici@clemson.edu)

James is a 2005 graduate of Clemson, was on the staff of Senator Johnny Isakson, Senator from Georgia. Award Winning Real Estate Agent from Franklin, Tennessee

Father is Dr. James Bostic, Sr. who was the first African American at Clemson to earn a Ph.D. and first African American on the Board of Trustees. Mother is Edie Bostic and earned her M.Ed. at Clemson.

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## Anna Maria Calhoun Clemson

Born in Abbeville District. Attended  
Female Academy in Edgefield

Brightest of all of the Calhoun Children

Marries Thomas Green Clemson in  
1838

Friends with Maria Simkins and Arthur  
Simkins as well as friends and family in  
Edgefield, 1842-1844

Wanted land to be used for a college

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## Susan Clemson Richardson

Lived on 4th Street in Aiken

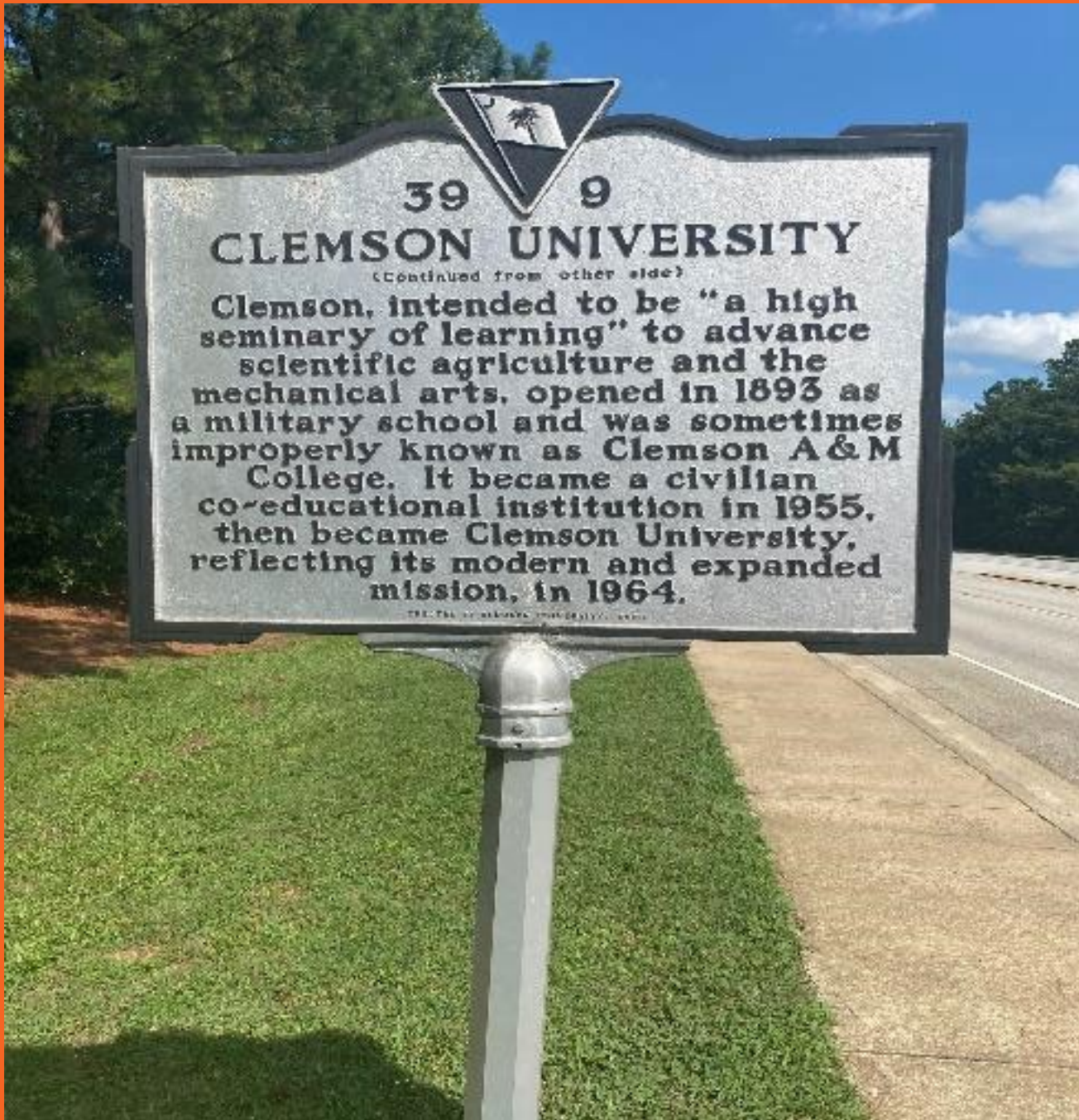
Listed on the 1900 and 1910  
census

Formerly Enslaved by the  
Clemson's at Canebrake

Member of Pleasant Hill Baptist  
Church in 1871

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A High Seminary

What does  
that mean?



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## Vision For Clemson Historian

Clemson University's history is incredibly unique and the historic properties are distinct spaces that most institutions do not possess. Clemson History is also unique in its establishment, governance and institutional narrative.

Historic properties will play a much more central role in how we tell our story. It connects us to broad historical narratives about the country, region and peoples. You can also tell the story of America through the lens of Clemson.

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# Visitors from Across the U.S.







## Pickens Family Reunion at Hopewell

Members of the Pickens family who were descendants of enslaved African Americans recently had a family reunion at Hopewell. I was honored to be present and to participate.

Historic Properties at Clemson will play a major role in working with descendant communities and will be an important bridge in how we begin to heal national racial divides. I want Clemson History and Historic Properties to be known for how we bring healing and reconciliation.





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## Cousin Pickett

Thomas  
Pickett...a new  
member of the  
Pickens family.

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## Clemson History Museum

Clemson History is more than any one person, office, department or school can manage. My vision is to see it democratized. It lives in families, in generations, and spans centuries, continents and ethnicities. It is global. However, Clemson History is also intensely local, communal, regional, and a part of South Carolina.

WE need to be the ones telling our story and we should be controlling the way it's told. A centrally placed museum on campus that consolidates the university's story in one place but also serves as a center for alumni activity. Clemson's Front Porch

The Will, The Uniform, The Second Rock, The Carriage....

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EXIT

BANKERS BOX

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## Clemson History.....“A Family Conversation”

I am the first Clemson Alum (B.A. History '03) and the first South Carolinian in the institution's history to be the University Historian. I have a unique vantage point from which to see Clemson, from which to teach about Clemson and from which to help Clemson navigate our history. I am one of many members of my family to be in the Clemson family.

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# A Family Story





E. MCGOUGAN  
N. C.

*...ful woman can be heard  
all of duty."*

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Secretary, Literary Circle,  
Caroline Literary Society;  
Secretary, Horry County Club;  
Junior Class Football, '17; Y.  
Cak; Wearer of '18; Junior  
Electrical Club, '18; Street  
Club.

ALBERT HAYNE McMEEKIN  
MONTICELLO, S. C.

*"Care to eat roffen with a nail, no doubt,  
And every grin, so merry, draws me out."*

ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Editorial, *Stamps*; Senior Private,  
Senior Baseball, '16; Secretary, Fairchild County Club,  
Secretary-Treasurer, and President, Hays Literary  
Society; Faculty Baseball, '17; Class Baseball, '17;  
Senior Privates Club.

son in the fall of 1914  
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barked in "Crip's" came  
ctrical Engineering, and  
ake a second Steinmetz,  
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in feeding his face with  
lac" came from N. C.,  
S. C. and especially in  
to smashing hearts, wo  
girl who gets him will  
prize—love and assured  
somewhat ambitious in  
ary lines, and hence he  
and finally budged a  
not be said of his abil-  
g of him in the future.

**T**HIS, kind friends, is "Mack," who came to us  
while yet a small boy. He soon won the respect  
of both his professors and class mates by his great  
ability in the class-room and the ease with which  
he makes friends. "Mack" places his friends above  
everything else, even military honors. This ac-  
counts for his being in the Democratic Class (Se-  
nior Privates), which, in turn, accounts for his  
being one of the most popular fellows in our class.  
He swears there is no girl living that he cares for,  
but we all know better. His good looks and win-  
ning ways command the admiration of the fair sex,  
especially one little girl, at the mention of whose  
name he blushes with foolish pleasure. "Mack"  
is not only a loyal Clemsonite, but is also a loyal  
Tiger on the baseball field. His good eye and  
trusty "stick" have turned quite a few games in our  
favor. We all feel sure that "Mack" will suc-  
ceed in any line of work that he chooses to follow.



*Café con Leche*

# LATINO VOICES IN CLEMSON



**OTIS WESTBROOK  
PICKETT SR**

UNIVERSITY HISTORIAN



**APRIL 17, 2023**

4:30 PM

Barnes Center, Main Campus

Organized by



[REGISTRATION HERE](#)



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*Educación en la Universidad*

*Clemson:*

**The Latino Experience at Clemson  
University, 1915-2023.**

Otis W. Pickett, Ph.D.

University Historian, Clemson University

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# Lets pass through together.....

Alums coming back to campus

Email me: [opicket@clemson.edu](mailto:opicket@clemson.edu)

Go golf carting with the University Historian

- 2 Hour Class with a professional historian
- Your personal historian at your disposal
- Bookstore
- Exchange 55 - Clemson Ice Cream
- Why Should You Take This Tour?



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## Disseminating Clemson History

Clemson History Class - HISTORY 1000

Creating Clemson History Alumni Groups

Golf Cart Tours

Writing/Publishing/Speaking

Meeting with Student/Alumni/Faculty and Staff Groups

Showing Up Where Clemson People Are

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## Engaging the Public

Disseminating New Scholarship

Teaching Students - History of Education and Clemson History Course. Providing tours of campus.

Building Trusting Relationships with Community Partners and Statewide Stakeholders. Upstate History Museum.

Forming Coalitions Across the Region and Nation Building on our Reputation. Universities Studying Slavery.

Fellowship.....Passing Through. Official Song of the Clemson University Historian's Office.

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**Tessa Byer**

**Clemson University Ombuds**

OMBUDS UPDATE

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY  
OMBUDS OFFICE

# UPCOMING TRAININGS:

Emotional Intelligence at Work

Date: March 15, 2024, 9:00 to 12:00

Location: Virtual Only

Cultivating Resilience: How to Overcome Life's Setbacks

Date: April 26, 2024, 9:00 to 11:00

Location: University Facilities Center, 280 Seneca Creek Rd, Room A-251

Open to faculty, staff, and students

Register on Tiger Training Today!

You are more than one  
thing.

# Things I have thought about myself or been told about myself



Not crafty/creative



Shy and introverted



Not athletic



A follower, not a leader

# Don't put yourself in a box!

I can:

Be unable to draw anything.

Be a terrible team sports player.

Need alone time.

Follow when appropriate.

Create things and demonstrate creativity in my work.

Be a runner.

Love people and personal interactions.

Lead when necessary.

AND

# QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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# Staff Senate

## Committee Reports

# Staff Senate

## President's Report





An aerial photograph of a university campus. In the center is a large, calm pond surrounded by lush green trees. A wide, paved walkway curves around the pond, and it is filled with many people walking. In the background, there are several multi-story brick buildings. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is bright and active.

# Staff Senate

Next Meeting:

February 8, 2023 at

**1:00pm**

**TD Gallery at CUICAR**