

# Clemson trustees set to meet today

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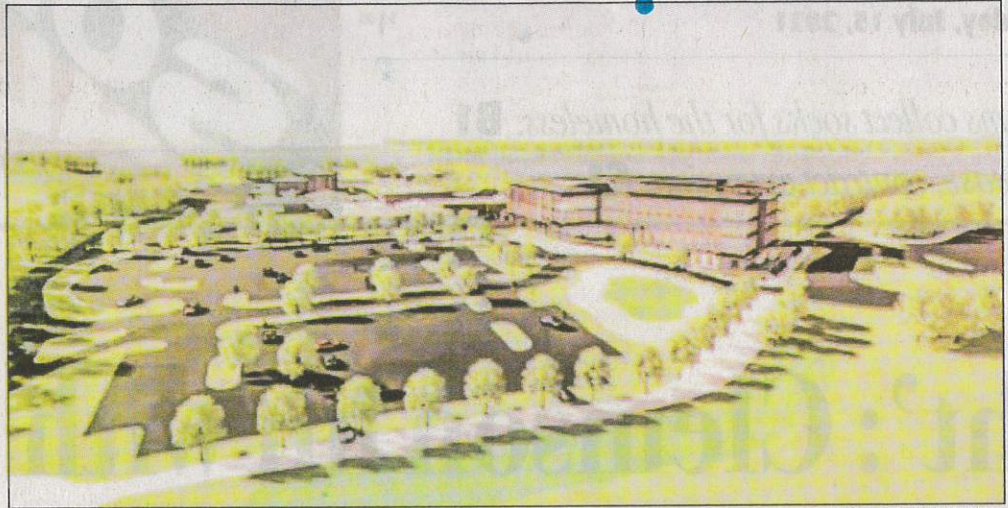
CLEMSON — The Clemson University Board of Trustees is set to begin meeting today and will consider approving a budget of more than \$1.5 billion and several capital projects.

The full board will convene at 9:30 a.m. in the Phyfer Auditorium at the school's College of Business building on Walter T. Cox Boulevard.

The trustees are set to give final approvals on projects including a \$21 million construction project, a \$45 million alumni center, \$60 million in Memorial Stadium renovations and a \$1.55 billion budget.

The board's finance and facilities committee gave approval last week on a \$21 million project financed with state institution bonds to demolish the University Union and Johnstone Hall, while moving several university departments elsewhere.

Executive vice president of finance and operations Tony Wagner said the purpose of the project is to create a safer environment for students in the middle of campus, while revitalizing the area with



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**This rendering provided by Clemson University shows the early design plans for a \$45 million alumni center built near the Madren Center and Walker Course.**

student-focused programs.

If approved, the project is estimated to be completed in summer 2023.

Plans for the alumni center complex to be built near the Madren Center and Walker Course received approval from the committee a week ago.

Design plans for the complex span more than 101,404 gross square feet and include the construction of a new pro shop, grill and outdoor patio space near the golf course. Nearly 2,000 square feet will be dedicated to the board of trustees, with 11,988 square feet dedicated to the

Michelin Career Center.

With final board approval, construction would begin next fall and finish in the winter of 2024, according to Wagner. Earlier this year, school officials said the complex would also house the Clemson University Foundation. It's expected to bring in 100,000 visitors annually.

A \$1.55 billion budget up for a final vote includes 2.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment raises for employees and frozen tuition and academic fees for the upcoming academic year.

"Enrollment remained strong throughout the

year and resulted in a growth in tuition revenues, even though the university froze tuition and fees last year, as we have for this coming year," chief financial officer Rick Petillo said.

Clemson also received \$71.2 million in federal and state stimulus funding last fiscal year. Petillo said on-campus residence halls hit 87 percent capacity and the \$22.4 million increase in gross tuition revenues can be traced back to in-person classes last fall and spring.