

University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee

9:30 a.m. Friday, June 19, 2026
In Person, Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center
and By Microsoft Teams

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. USC Columbia

A. Approval of Tenure and Promotion – Fall 2025 Cycle

1. Promotion to Professor
 - College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management
 - Armen Shaomian, Sport and Entertainment Management
2. Tenure at Associate Professor
 - Floyd School of Medicine
 - Aaron Jasnow, Pharmacology, Physiology and Neuroscience
3. Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor
 - a. McCausland College of Arts and Sciences
 1. Chelsea Fisher, Anthropology
 2. Ian Adams, Criminology and Criminal Justice
 3. Hunter Boehme, Criminology and Criminal Justice
 4. Brent Klein, Criminology and Criminal Justice
 5. Besim Dragovic, Earth, Ocean and Environment
 6. Robert Dean Hardy, Earth, Ocean and Environment
 7. Erin Meyer-Gutbrod, Earth, Ocean and Environment
 8. Claire Jiménez, English Language and Literature

9. Samuel Bagg, Political Science
 10. Robert Kubinec, Political Science
 11. Nada Goodrum, Psychology
 12. Brian Levy, Sociology
- b. Darla Moore School of Business
1. Joseph Johnson, Accounting
 2. Jessica Brown, Economics
 3. Sungsik Park, Marketing
- c. Molinaroli College of Engineering and Computing
1. Monirosadat (Sanaz) Sadati, Chemical Engineering
 2. Nader Taheri-Qazvini, Biomedical Engineering
 3. Christian O'Reilly, Computer Science and Engineering
 4. Ramtin Zand, Computer Science and Engineering
 5. Alphan Şahin, Electrical Engineering
 6. Andrew Gross, Mechanical Engineering
- d. College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management
- Yongjin Hwang, Sport and Entertainment Management
- e. College of Information and Communications
1. Rachel Williams, Information Science
 2. Jabari Evans, Journalism and Mass Communications
- f. Floyd School of Medicine
1. Fiona Hollis, Pharmacology, Physiology and Neuroscience
 2. Joseph McQuail, Pharmacology, Physiology and Neuroscience
 3. Forrest Lowe, Neurology
- g. School of Music
1. Hassan Anderson
 2. Rachel Calloway
 3. Alexandria Carrico
 4. Amanda Schlegel
 5. Nicholas Susi

h. College of Nursing

1. Michael Wirth, Biobehavioral Health and Nursing Science
2. Pamela Wright, Biobehavioral Health and Nursing Science

i. Arnold School of Public Health

1. Elizabeth Adams, Exercise Science
2. Leila Larson, Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior
3. Nabil Natafqi, Health Services Policy and Management

j. College of Social Work

- John Doering-White

4. Tenure as Librarian

- Daniela Currò

B. Approval of New Hires with Tenure

1. Louis Awad, hire with tenure at the rank of Professor in the Department of Exercise Science, Arnold School of Public Health
2. Koray Cosguner, hire with tenure at the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Marketing, Darla Moore School of Business
3. Christopher Culbertson, hire with tenure at the rank of Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, McCausland College of Arts and Sciences
4. Jamie Dwyer, hire with tenure at the rank of Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Floyd School of Medicine
5. Souvick Ghosh, hire with tenure at the rank of Associate Professor in the School of Information Science, College of Information and Communications
6. Alex Greer, hire with tenure at the rank of Professor in the Department of Geography, McCausland College of Arts and Sciences
7. Qiwei Li, hire with tenure at the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Arnold School of Public Health
8. Tyler Ray, hire with tenure at the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Molinaroli College of Engineering and Computing

9. Kim Tieu, hire with tenure at the rank of Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, McCausland College of Arts and Sciences
10. Lovoria Williams, hire with tenure at the rank of Professor in the Department of Biobehavioral Health and Nursing Science, School of Nursing

C. Approval of Honorary Academic Titles

1. College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management
 - Dr. Charlie Partlow, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, May 15, 2026
2. College of Nursing
 - Dr. Karen McDonnell, Professor Emerita, August 15, 2026
3. Darla Moore School of Business
 - Dr. Janice Bass, Distinguished Professor Emerita, May 15, 2026
4. Joseph F. Rice School of Law
 - Dr. Kevin Brown, Mitchell Willoughby Professor of Law Emeritus, May 15, 2026
5. McCausland College of Arts and Sciences
 - a. Dr. April Langley, Professor Emerita, January 1, 2026
 - b. Dr. Gregory Carbone, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, May 15, 2026
 - c. Dr. Patricia Sullivan, William Arthur Fairey II Professor of History Emerita, May 15, 2026
 - d. Dr. Francisco Sanchez, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, May 15, 2026

D. Approval of New Programs

1. B.S., Industrial Design
2. M.S., Earth and Environmental Science
3. Ph.D., Earth and Environmental Science

E. Approval of New Certificate

- Post-master's certificate, School Library Studies

F. Approval of Program Modifications

1. B.A., Liberal Studies
2. B.A., Organizational Leadership
3. B.A., Early Childhood Education
4. B.A., Elementary Education
5. B.A., Special Education
6. B.S., Middle Level Education
7. B.S.P.E., Physical Education
8. Ph.D., Library and Information Science
9. D.M.A., Music (merge D.M.A., Music Composition and D.M.A., Music Performance)

G. Approval of Combination Degrees

1. Professional M.B.A. and D.N.P., Executive Healthcare Leadership
2. Professional M.B.A. and D.N.P., Clinical Expert

H. Approval of 100% Online Delivery

1. Post-baccalaureate Certificate, Drug and Addiction Studies
2. Post-baccalaureate Certificate, Social and Behavioral Health with Military Members, Veterans, and Military Families
3. Post-baccalaureate Certificate, Trauma- Informed Practice
4. M.E., Aerospace Engineering
5. M.S., Aerospace Engineering
6. M.E., Civil Engineering
7. M.S., Civil Engineering
8. Ph.D., Civil Engineering
9. M.S., Mechanical Engineering
10. M.E., Mechanical Engineering
11. Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering
12. M.S., Nuclear Engineering
13. M.E., Nuclear Engineering
14. Ph.D., Nuclear Engineering

I. Approval of Program Terminations

1. Certificate, Applied Statistics
2. M.A.S., Applied Statistics

J. Approval of Revisions to the USC Columbia Faculty Manual

III. USC Aiken

A. Approval of Tenure and Promotions

1. Promotion to Professor
 - a. Bethany Fralick, Department of Computer Science, Engineering, & Mathematics
 - b. DeAnna Gore, Department of Sociology
 - c. Eric Carlson, Department of English and Writing
 - d. Mary Gaffney, School of Nursing
 - e. Nicholas Marshall, Department of Chemistry and Physics
 - f. Virginia Shervette, Department of Biological, Environmental and Earth Sciences
2. Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor
 - a. Brianne Coulombe, Department of Psychology
 - b. Bridget Cho, Department of Psychology
 - c. Michelle Rasheed, School of Education

B. Approval of New Program

- M.A., Emerging Media

C. Approval of New Certificates

1. Undergraduate Certificate, Digital and AI Marketing
2. Undergraduate Certificate, Paralegal Studies

D. Approval of Name Change

- M.Ed., Educator Leadership to M.Ed., Teacher Leadership

IV. USC Beaufort

A. Approval of Tenure and Promotions

1. Promotion to Professor
 - a. Diana Gill, Department of Public Health
 - b. Lauren Hoffer, Department of English
 - c. Najmah Thomas, Department of Human Services
 - d. Volkan Sevim, Department of Mathematics

2. Tenure at Associate Professor
 - a. Ashley Shroyer, School of Nursing
 - b. Melody Reibel, School of Nursing
 3. Tenure and Promotion to Associated Professor
 - a. Carmen Brown Farrell, Department of Psychology
 - b. Jo Kuehn, School of Nursing
 - c. Morgin Jones Williams, Department of Mathematics
 - d. William John Thrasher, Department of Computational Science
- B. Approval of Honorary Academic Titles
1. College of Public Health and Human Services
 - Dr. Robert G. LeFavi, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, May 15, 2026
 2. College of Arts and Interdisciplinary Studies
 - Dr. Ellen Malphrus, Distinguished Professor Emerita, May 15, 2026
- V. USC Upstate
- A. Approval of Tenure and Promotions
1. Promotion to Professor
 - a. Benjamin Montgomery, Department of Natural Science and Engineering
 - b. Griffin Woodworth, Department of Fine Arts and Communication Studies
 - c. Karen Lounsbury, Department of Education
 - d. Laura Rikard, Department of Fine Arts and Communication Studies
 - e. Rebecca Mueller, Department of Education
 - f. Renu Pariyadath, Department of Fine Arts and Communication Studies
 - g. Stacy Burr, Department of Education
 - h. Tracey Woodard, Department of Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Women’s Studies
 - i. Uma Gupta, Department of Management, Entrepreneurship, and Marketing
 - j. Yin-Chi Liao, Department of Management, Entrepreneurship, and Marketing

2. Promotion to Associate Professor

–Xiao Tang, Department of Economics, Finance, and Accounting

B. Approval of New Program

– B.S., Environmental Engineering

C. Approval of Program Modifications

1. M.S., Exercise and Sport Science
2. M.S., Informatics to M.S., Information Technology

VI. Palmetto College

A. Approval of Tenure and Promotions – 2025-2026

– Promotion to Professor

a. University of South Carolina Lancaster

– Brittany Taylor-Driggers, Art

b. University of South Carolina Union

– Emily Schafer, Psychology

B. Approval of Revisions to the Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Manual

VII. Report from the College of Information and Communications

VIII. Report from the School of Music

IX. Other Matters

X. Adjournment