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Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee

December 18, 2018

The Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met at 9:25 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, in the Alumni Center's C. Edward Floyd Boardroom.

Members present were: Ms. Leah B. Moody, Chair; Mr. Mark W. Buyck Jr.; Mr. Thomas C. Cofield; Mr. Robert F. Dozier; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Ms. Rose Buyck Newton; Mr. John C. von Lehe Jr., Board Chairman; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley, Board Vice Chairman; and Mr. A.C. "Bubba" Fennell III who participated by phone.

Other Board members present were: Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. Miles Loadholt; Dr. C. Dorn Smith III; Mr. Eugene P. Warr Jr.; Mr. Thad H. Westbrook; Mr. Mack I. Whittle Jr.; Mr. Charles H. Williams; and Mr. Toney J. Lister who participate by phone.

Also present were: Faculty Senate Chair Marco Valtorta; Student Government President Taylor Wright; Faculty Liaison Committee member Bethany Bell; and the Board's Strategic Advisor David Seaton

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary J. Cantey Heath Jr.; General Counsel Walter "Terry" H. Parham; Chief Operating Officer Edward L. Walton; Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis Pruitt; Chief Audit Executive Pam Doran; Chief Advancement Officer and Senior Advisor to the President Paula Harper Bethea; Chief Information Officer Doug Foster; Chief Communications Officer Wes Hickman; Athletics Director Ray Tanner; Vice President for Human Resources Caroline Agardy; Vice President for Facilities and Transportation Derrick Huggins; Vice President for Research Prakash Nagarkatti; Assistant to the President for System Affairs Eddie King; Associate Provost for Academic Programs Tena B. Crews; Palmetto College Chancellor Susan Elkins; USC Aiken Chancellor Sandra Jordan; USC Beaufort Chancellor Al Panu; USC Upstate Chancellor Brendan Kelly; Associate Vice President for Administration and Finance and Medical Business Affairs Jeffrey L. Perkins III; Executive Director for the Office of Economic Engagement William D. "Bill" Kirkland; Executive Director for Strategic Initiatives Jack Claypoole; University Architect Derek Gruner; University Treasurer Pat Lardner;

College of Arts and Sciences Dean Lacy Ford; College of Education Dean Jon Pedersen; USC Beaufort Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Eric Skipper; USC Lancaster Dean Walter Collins III; College of Nursing Associate Dean for Academics Kristen Starnes-Ott; College of Social Work Assistant Dean of Curriculum and Assessment Melissa Freedman; School of Medicine Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education Frank Spinale; School of Medicine Masters in Nurse Anesthesia Program Director Kevin LeBlanc; School of Medicine Masters in Nurse Anesthesia Assistant Program Director Catherine Gutshall; Arnold School of Public Health Chair for Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Daniela Friedman; School of Library and Information Science Interim Director Dick Kawooya; South Carolina Center for Children's Books & Literacy Executive Director Christine Shelek; Dean of Extended University Chris Nesmith; Assistant Professor of History, USC Lancaster, Ernest Jenkins; University Technology Services Production Manager Matt Warthen; and Board staff members Debra Allen and Ina Wilson.

I. Call to Order

Chair Moody called the meeting to order. She stated notice of the meeting had been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda and supporting materials had been circulated; and a quorum was present to conduct business. Mr. Hickman said Mr. Lucas Daprile with *The State* newspaper was in attendance.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Moody stated there were personnel matters dealing with honorary academic titles, appointments with tenure, mid-year tenure and promotion recommendations as well as honorary degree nominations appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. Mr. Cofield moved to enter Executive Session and Mr. Buyck seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

The following individuals were invited to remain: Trustees, President Pastides, Secretary Heath, members of the President's Executive Council, Ms. Doran, Dr. Crews, Dr. Valtorta, Mr. Wright, Mr. Seaton and Faculty Liaison Members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. Ad Hoc Committee on Honorary Degrees

— Policy Update: BTRU 2.01 Honorary Degree Policy

Chair Moody stated the proposed policy update required action by the committee and called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of this update to the University's Honorary Degree Policy (BTRU 2.01). Mr. Cofield so moved and Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. USC Columbia

Chair Moody called on Associate Provost for Academic Programs Tena Crews to present the USC Columbia agenda items.

A. New Programs

1. Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), School of Medicine Columbia

Dr. Crews said due to changes in national accreditation standards, the Nurse Anesthesia master's degree program must convert to a doctoral level program. The modified/new degree will be a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) with emphasis in Nurse Anesthesia. All Nurse Anesthesia programs must make this conversion by 2022 and the School of Medicine is being very proactive in this effort. There is a teach out plan in place for the current master's degree students, she noted. Enrollment in the new program is expected to be robust at around 20 and the expected start date is May 2020.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the proposed new program, Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in the School of Medicine Columbia, as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal. Mr. Dozier so moved and Ms. Newton seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

2. Nursing Informatics Certificate, College of Nursing

Dr. Crews explained the College of Nursing's health care partners within South Carolina requested the University offer this graduate certificate program. Nursing informatics is no longer an emerging specialty, but rather one of the most needed skill sets within the nursing and health professions, she said. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) has identified informatics as one of the key competencies in nursing education. The program is intended to serve the needs within the State of South Carolina; however, with it being offered online it could have a much wider reach.

The College of Nursing currently has an approved master's degree in Nursing Informatics; therefore, the same faculty will be teaching the courses needed for the certificate program with no additional resources required. Enrollment is estimated at 10 students per year beginning in Fall 2019.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the proposed new Nursing Informatics Certificate in the College of Nursing, as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal. Mr. Hubbard so moved and Mr. Cofield seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. New Dual Degree Programs

- BS in Hospitality Management – National Economic University (NEU), Vietnam; and BS in Hospitality Management – College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management (HRSM)

The proposed program will allow students to earn both a BS in Hospitality Management from NEU and a BS in Hospitality Management from the College of HRSM. Students will complete two years at the home institution and two years at the University of South Carolina. This is an academically viable program as NEU will send four to five undergraduate students per year who will pay non-resident tuition and the program has the capacity to enroll these students in current classes using existing faculty and facilities. All University policies for admission, procedures and standards will be followed. The program will serve as a pipeline to the master's and Ph.D. program in Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism. President Pastides added Vietnam is currently not equipped to handle the boom in the country's tourism industry and needs to catch up very quickly to accommodate the over 10 million tourists visiting each year.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the new dual degree program agreement in the College of HRSM with NEU, as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal. Mr. Cofield so moved and Dr. Floyd seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. Program Modification – College of Education

- Adding a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education concentration to the Doctorate in Education (EdD) in Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Crews said the College of Education is proposing the addition of a STEM Education concentration to the EdD Curriculum and Instruction program. The EdD Curriculum and Instruction is a highly sought-after, online degree program that currently has two concentrations:

Curriculum Studies and Educational Technology. This third concentration in STEM Education will continue to drive enrollment in the degree program and as with the other concentrations, will be delivered 100% online. It is estimated that eight students per cohort will be admitted in each fall, spring and summer semester. One tenure-track faculty member and one instructor will be necessary to support this enrollment. The College of Education will fund these positions as enrollment is realized. The anticipated start date for this concentration is Summer 2020.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the proposed addition of a STEM Education concentration to the EdD degree in the College of Education, as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal. Mr. Cofield so moved and Mr. Mobley seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. Center Name Change – College of Information and Communications

Dr. Crews said the proposed name change from South Carolina Center for Children’s Books and Literacy to the South Carolina Center for Community Literacy is more reflective of the current scope of the center’s work, which includes community engagement, technology, storytelling, data, professional development and research. The center also plans to develop a publicly accessible online portal where resources will be available for librarians, students, parents, educators, and community stakeholders.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the proposed center name change in the College of Information and Communications from South Carolina Center for Children’s Books and Literacy to the South Carolina Center for Community Literacy as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal. Mr. Buyck so moved and Mr. Hubbard seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

E. Program Name Change and Move – Graduate Certificate in Gerontology

In order to be more in alignment with current research in gerontology and aging, the proposal requests to update the name of the certificate from Graduate Certificate in Gerontology to Graduate Certificate in Aging and move the program from the College of Social Work to the Arnold School of Public Health.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the proposed program name change and move, as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal. Mr. Buyck so moved and Ms. Newton seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. USC Aiken

— Program Modification – Adding a concentration in Engineering to the BS in Chemistry

Chair Moody called on Chancellor Jordan who reported the department of Chemistry and Physics at USC Aiken is proposing the addition of a concentration in Engineering to its existing BS in Chemistry program. This request comes at the suggestion of industry partners and will assist students to have a basic technical understanding and be better team members once working in industry after graduation.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the proposed addition of an Engineering concentration to the BS in Chemistry degree program at USC Aiken, as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal. Mr. Buyck so moved and Mr. Cofield seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. USC Beaufort

A. New Programs

1. BS in Information Science and Technology
2. MEd in Literacy

Chancellor Panu reported the proposed BS in Information Science and Technology program is central to USC Beaufort's mission of responding to regional needs. This new degree will be an attractive program for a broad range of students, including those who are interested in information management as well as institutional technology, and it will complement the existing BS in Computational Science program, which focuses more on the computing aspect. Chancellor Panu noted the existing BS degree in Computational Science has a near 100% job placement rate.

This new program will be self-sustaining with enrollment expected to be around 15 students at program launch (Fall 2019) and growing to 70 students after five years of program implementation. Three new faculty members will be added over time with the support of a National Science Foundation (NSF) - Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) grant.

Mr. Valtorta commended USC Beaufort for taking the lead in this important field with the development and implementation of its programs.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the proposed new program, BS in Information Science and Technology at USC Beaufort, as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal. Mr. Cofield so moved and Mr. Buyck seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chancellor Panu said the Master of Education in Literacy also addresses a very significant regional need, namely that of improving reading achievement in local area schools (P-12), which is largely below average. The degree is targeted to current classroom teachers in the surrounding counties of Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper. Highly qualified literacy specialists, as both teachers and coaches, are desperately needed in this region. However, these counties are rural and predominantly poor, which makes attracting teachers with existing literacy expertise difficult. The new program is expected to start Summer 2020 with an initial cohort of 10 candidates. Expectations are the program will grow to 40 students by the Summer of 2024.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the proposed new program, Master of Education in Literacy (MEd) at USC Beaufort, as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal. Mr. Buyck so moved and Mr. Cofield seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Department Name Change

— From Department of English, Theater and Liberal Studies to Department of English, Theater and Interdisciplinary Studies

Chancellor Panu explained the requested name change better reflects the function and aspiration of the department and is in line with a recent program change within the department.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the proposed department name change at USC Beaufort from Department of English, Theater and Liberal Studies to Department of English, Theater and Interdisciplinary Studies as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal. Mr. Buyck so moved and Mr. Cofield seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

VI. Palmetto College

A. New Sites

1. Lexington Site: BA in Organization Leadership; BA in Liberal Studies
2. Indian Land High School: AA/AS and Dual Enrollment

Chancellor Elkins said Palmetto College was requesting approval for two new delivery sites. The school systems from these sites approached Palmetto College requesting educational services and provided the needed space to deliver them at no cost. Both regions are rapidly expanding and the population growth and demographic changes within the target population have led to a demonstrated demand for additional educational opportunities in these areas.

Lexington Site: Approval is requested to extend two approved programs, the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies (BLS), and the Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership (BOL), to a new off-campus site in Lexington, South Carolina. This new site is an effort to meet the needs and requests from local officials from the town and county, who seek greater opportunities for residents to earn a four-year degree.

Indian Land Site: To better serve constituents in the fast-growing northern part of Lancaster County, as well as adjacent communities in York County, USC Lancaster seeks the establishment of an educational site in Indian Land, South Carolina, to offer associate degrees (AA/AS). This will enable USC Lancaster to offer more options for non-traditional students, while also serving traditional-aged undergraduate students by offering courses throughout the day. The AA and AS degree programs will provide students with much of the general education requirements necessary for eventual completion of a bachelor's degree at the University of South Carolina.

Chair Moody thanked Trustees Westbrook and Mobley for working with Chancellor Elkins on this important effort. President Pastides added that Palmetto College is one of the best things the Board of Trustees had ever created and is gaining great recognition around the state for its excellence and reaching out to local communities to offer opportunities for South Carolinians to obtain a four-year degree.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board for the two new educational delivery sites requested by Palmetto College. Mr. Buyck so moved and Mr. Cofield seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

VII. Other Matters:

At the request of Trustee Hubbard, there was an introduction of “new faces” in the gallery.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no other items to come before the committee, Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Cantey Heath, Jr.
Secretary