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Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee

December 14, 2021

The Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, in the Floyd Board Room of the Pastides Alumni Center and by Microsoft Teams.

Committee members present were Mr. C. Dan Adams, Chair; Mr. Alex English; Mr. Richard A. Jones Jr.; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Ms. Molly Spearman; Mr. John C. von Lehe Jr.; Mr. Eugene P. Warr Jr.; Dr. C. Dorn Smith III, Board Chair; and Mr. Thad H. Westbrook, Board Vice Chair.

Other Board members present were Mr. Brian C. Harlan, Mr. Toney J. Lister, Mr. Miles Loadholt, Mr. Hubert F. Mobley, Ms. Emma W. Morris, Mr. Robin D. Roberts, Mr. Mack I. Whittle Jr., and Mr. Charles H. Williams. Dr. C. Edward Floyd and Ms. Rose Buyck Newton participated by Microsoft Teams.

Also present was USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Audrey Korsgaard, USC Columbia Student Government President Mr. Alex Harrell, and Strategic Advisor to the Board of Trustees Mr. David Seaton.

Others in attendance were Interim President Harris Pastides; Secretary Cameron Howell; Vice Provost and Dean of the Faculty Cheryl Addy; Vice President of Human Resources Caroline Agardy; Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and

Academic Support Stacey Bradley; Chief Equity Officer Michelle Bryan; USC Foundations President and Chief Executive Officer Jason Caskey; Executive Director for Strategic Initiatives Jack Claypoole; Vice President for System Affairs Derham Cole; Interim Provost and Dean of the College of Pharmacy Stephen Cutler; Chief Audit Executive Pamela Dunleavy; Palmetto College Chancellor Susan Elkins; Vice President of Information Technology and Chief Information Officer Doug Foster; Interim Vice President for Research Julius Fridriksson; USC School of Music Dean Tayloe Harding; USC Upstate Chancellor Bennie Harris; BRBS World, LLC Senior Consultant Lynnette Heard; USC Aiken Chancellor Daniel Heimmermann; Chief Executive Officer USC Alumni Association Wes Hickman; Interim Director Academic Programs Trena Houpp; USC Beaufort Chancellor Al Panu; General Counsel and Executive Director of Compliance Programs Terry Parham; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost Dennis Pruitt; BRBS World, LLC Chief Executive Officer and Founder Janet Reid; BRBS World, LLC Chief Operating Officer Lena Ryals; Interim Vice President of Health and Well-Being and Chief Health Officer Jason Stacy; Assistant Vice President, Media and External Engagement Jeff Stensland; Director of Athletics Ray Tanner; Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer Ed Walton; Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Julian Williams; and IT Production Manager Matt Warthen; and Board support staff.

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Adams called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and asked everyone at the table to introduce themselves. Secretary Howell confirmed Committee and Board members in attendance via Microsoft Teams.

Chair Adams called on Mr. Stensland to introduce members of the press. Mr. Stensland introduced Lucas Daprile with the *State* and Jessica Holdman with the *Post & Courier*.

Chair Adams 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.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Adams stated there were personnel matters dealing with honorary academic titles, tenure and promotions, a hire with tenure, and honorary degree candidates appropriate for discussion in Executive Session and called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. English so moved, and Mr. Warr seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Adams invited to the following to remain: Trustees, Interim President Pastides, Secretary Howell, Dr. Korsgaard, Mr. Harrell, Mr. Seaton, Dr. Cutler, Chancellors, the President's Executive Council, and Board support staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. USC Columbia

A. Approval of Tenure and Promotion Recommendations – 2021 Spring Cycle

Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend to the full Board approval of 27 USC Columbia faculty tenure and promotion recommendations as presented and

posted on the Board portal for this meeting. Ms. Moody so moved, and Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Chair Adams stated these following recommendations were approved and would be included on the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board.

1. Tenure and Promotion Recommendations – 2021 Spring Cycle

a. Tenure and Promotion to Professor

College of Engineering and Computing
Jorge Crichigno – Integrated Information Technology

b. Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor

College of Information and Communications
Amir Karami – Information Science

c. Tenure at Librarian

University Libraries
Michael Weisenberg

d. Promotion to Professor

College of Arts and Sciences
Maksymilian Chruszcz – Chemistry and Biochemistry
Howard Scher – Earth, Ocean and Environment
Jean Ellis – Geography
Matthew Ballard – Mathematics
Leah McClimans – Philosophy
Svetlana Shinkareva - Psychology
Nicole Zarrett – Psychology
Lydia Brandt – Visual Art and Design
Evan Meaney – Visual Art and Design
Marius Valdes – Visual Art and Design

Moore School of Business
Scott Turner – Management
Sean Handley – Management Science

College of Education
Matthew Irvin – Educational Studies
Anthony Plotner – Educational Studies
George Roy – Instruction and Teacher Education
Lucy Spence – Instruction and Teacher Education

College of Engineering and Computing
Tarek Shazly – Mechanical Engineering
Lingyu Yu – Mechanical Engineering

College of Information and Communications
Brooke McKeever – Journalism & Mass Communications
Leigh Moscovitz – Journalism & Mass Communications

School of Law
Nathan Richardson – Legal Studies
Seth Stoughton – Legal Studies

School of Music
Julie Hubbert

College of Social Work
Teri Browne

2. Approval of a Hire with Tenure

Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend to the full Board approval of a USC Columbia faculty hire with tenure as presented and posted to the Board portal for this meeting. Mr. Jones so moved, and Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Chair Adams stated the following recommendation was approved and would be included on the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board.

- Hire with Tenure
 - College of Nursing

Dr. Donna Kazemi with tenure at the rank of Professor

3. Approval of Honorary Academic Titles

Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend to the full Board approval of the award of honorary academic titles to three USC Columbia faculty members as presented and posted on the Board portal for this meeting.

Mr. Warr so moved, and Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Chair Adams stated the following recommendations were approved and would be included on the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board.

– Honorary Academic Titles

- a. Jennifer Arns, PhD – Professor Emerita – College of Information and Communications
- b. Harold I. Friedman, MD – Distinguished Professor Emeritus – School of Medicine
- c. Daniela DiCecco, PhD – Professor Emerita – College of Arts and Sciences

B. New Programs

Interim Provost Stephen Cutler provided an overview of USC Columbia academic program recommendations as posted to the Board portal for this meeting.

1. BA, Special Education
2. Graduate Certificate in International Market Development
3. Graduate Certificate in Interscholastic Athletic Administration

C. Program Modification

1. BA, Theatre: add concentrations in a) Design and Technology, and b) Performance
2. BARSC (Baccalaureus Atrium et Scientae): add concentration in Accelerated Pre-Medicine
3. BSBA, Accounting: add concentration in Sustainability in Business
4. BSBA, Business Economics: add concentration in Sustainability in Business
5. BSBA, Finance: add concentration in Sustainability in Business
6. BSBA, International Business: add concentration in Sustainability in Business

7. BSBA, Management: add concentration in Sustainability in Business
8. BSBA, Marketing: add concentration in Sustainability in Business
9. BSBA, Operations and Supply Chain: add concentration in Sustainability in Business
10. BSBA, Real Estate: add concentration in Sustainability in Business
11. BRBA, Risk Management and Insurance: add concentration in Sustainability in Business

D. Dual/Combination Degree Programs

1. BSE Chemical Engineering with BS Chemistry Columbia College Dual Degree
2. Master in Sport and Entertainment Management and Master of Business Administration Combination Degree

E. Degree Programs – 100% Online

1. MPH, Epidemiology
2. MAT, Elementary Education
3. PMBA

F. Name Change and Formal Recognition

- Cancer Survivorship Center, College of Nursing

G. Program Termination

- Center for Digital Humanities

H. Articulation Agreements

1. College of Engineering and Computing with South Carolina State University for MS, ME, and PhD Nuclear Engineering
2. College of Education with Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College for BA Early Childhood Education, BA Elementary Education, and BA and BS Middle Level Education
3. College of Arts and Sciences with Piedmont Technical College for BS in Cardiovascular Technology
4. College of Engineering and Computing with Coker University

Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend to the full Board approval of

USC Columbia's academic program changes as presented and posted to the Board

portal. Mr. English so moved, and Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Chair Adams stated the recommendations would be included on the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board.

III. USC Beaufort

Chancellor Panu provided an overview of USC Beaufort academic program recommendations for approval as posted on the Board portal for this meeting.

- A. Program Modification
 - BA Public Health
- B. Degree Program – 100% Online
 - MS Computational Science

Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend to the full Board approval of USC Beaufort's academic program recommendations as presented and posted to the Board portal. Ms. Spearman so moved, and Mr. Warr seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Chair Adams stated the recommendations would be included on the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board.

IV. USC Upstate

Chancellor Harris presented USC Upstate honorary academic title recommendations for approval.

Chair Adams called for a motion to approve the following USC Upstate honorary academic titles as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. Warr so moved, and Ms. Spearman seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

A. Approval of Honorary Academic Titles

1. Rich Robinson, PhD – Distinguished Professor Emeritus –Fine Arts and Communication Studies
2. Lynette Gibson, PhD – Distinguished Professor Emerita – College of Nursing
3. James B. Griffis, PhD – Distinguished Professor Emeritus – History, Political Science, Philosophy and American Studies

Chair Adams stated the recommendations would be included on the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee’s written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board.

Chancellor Harris presented the following USC Upstate program modification for approval.

B. Program Modification

- BA Computer Information Systems

Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend to the full Board approval of USC Upstate program modification as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. English so moved, and Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Chair Adams stated the recommendations would be included on the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee’s written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board.

V. Other Matters

Chair Adams called for other matters to come before the Committee. There were none.

VI. Adjournment

Chair Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary