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University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee

In Person, Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center
and By Microsoft Teams
August 18, 2023

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair English called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending in person and by Microsoft Teams audio and video conference.

Committee Members in attendance:

Alex English, Chair
C. Dan Adams
Richard A. Jones Jr.
Leah B. Moody
Emma W. Morris
John C. von Lehe Jr. (online)
Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair*
Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Chair*

Members Absent:

Ellen Weaver

Other Trustees in attendance:

C. Edward Floyd
Brian C. Harlan
Henry L. Jolly Jr.
Hubert F. Mobley
E. Scott Moise
Reid T. Sherard
C. Dorn Smith III

Others in attendance:

Wayne Outten, USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair
Emmie Thompson, USC Columbia Student Government President

Robin Roberts, Advisor to the Advancement, Engagement and Communications Committee
David Seaton, Advisor to the Governance Committee (online)

Administrators in attendance:

Michael Amiridis, President
Cameron Howell, University Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Donna Arnett, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Terry Parham, General Counsel
Ed Walton, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Media in attendance:

Nickolas Hill, Student Gamecock Television
Savannah Nagy, the *Daily Gamecock*
Emmy Ribero, the *Daily Gamecock*

Notice:

Chair English stated notice of the meeting and agenda had been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda and supporting materials had been circulated to the Committee; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair English stated there was a need for an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters related to new hires with tenure and honorary academic titles and to receive legal advice protected by attorney-client privilege.

Ms. Moody made the motion to enter Executive Session, and Mr. Jones seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair English invited the following to remain: Trustees, Dr. Outten, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Seaton, President Amiridis, Secretary Howell, Chancellors, Dr. Harmon, Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Rhinehart, Mr. Stensland, Members of the President's Executive Council in attendance, and Board support staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. Welcome to New Faculty Senate Chair Wayne Outten

Provost Arnett formally introduced new Columbia Faculty Senate Chair Wayne Outten to the Board of Trustees.

Chair English welcomed Dr. Outten.

III. Annual Review of New Program and Introductions of New Deans

Provost Arnett introduced the following new Deans: USC Columbia School of Medicine Interim Dean Gerald Harmon; College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management Dean Michael Sagas; Graduate School Dean Ann Vail; and Darla Moore School of Business Dean Rohit Verma.

Chair English welcomed the new Deans.

IV. USC Columbia

A. Personnel Matters

Dr. Arnett presented the following new hires with tenure for approval.

1. Heather Bonilha, PhD – hire with tenure at the rank of Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Arnold School of Public Health
2. Rohit Verma, PhD – hire with tenure at the rank of Professor in the Department of Management Science, Darla Moore School of Business, and as Dean of the Darla Moore School of Business Education
3. Leonardo Bonilha, PhD – hire with tenure at the rank of Professor in the School of Medicine Columbia

Mr. Adams made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia new hires with tenure as presented and posted to the Board portal; Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair English stated this item would be included on the Committee's written consent agenda for consideration during the afternoon's meeting of the full Board.

B. Approval of Honorary Academic Titles

Dr. Arnett presented the following honorary academic title candidates for approval.

1. Franklin Berger, PhD – Chair Emeritus, George H. Bunch Sr. Chair of Science, College of Arts and Sciences, June 30, 2018
2. Charles Rickey Lovell, PhD – Distinguished Professor Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences, August 15, 2023
3. Fred Myhrer, PhD – Distinguished Professor Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences, January 3, 2023
4. Heike Sefrin-Weis, PhD – Professor Emerita, College of Arts and Sciences, May 15, 2023
5. Roger Dougal, PhD – Chair Emeritus, Thomas L. Gregory Distinguished Professor in Electrical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing, June 30, 2022

6. Anthony Steve McAnally, PhD – Professor Emeritus, College of Engineering and Computing, August 15, 2023
7. Kendall Roth, PhD – Chair Emeritus, J. Willis Cantey Chair of International Business and Economics, Darla Moore School of Business, July 1, 2022
8. Kerry R. Lachance, PhD – Clinical Professor Emerita, USC Columbia School of Medicine, September 30, 2022

Mr. Adams made a motion to recommend full Board approval of USC Columbia's honorary academic titles as presented and posted to the Board portal; Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair English stated this item would be included on the Committee's written consent agenda for consideration during the afternoon's meeting of the full Board.

C. Approval of New Programs

Dr. Arnett presented the following new programs for approval.

1. BS, Data Analytics
2. BS, Data Science

Ms. Moody made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia new programs as presented and posted to the Board portal; Ms. Morris seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair English stated this item would be included on the Committee's written consent agenda for consideration during the afternoon's meeting of the full Board.

D. Approval of Name Change

Dr. Arnett presented the following program name change for approval.

- Office of On Your Time Initiatives to the Graduation and Retention Network (GARNET)

Mr. Westbrook made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia program name change as presented and posted to the Board portal; Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair English stated this item would be included on the Committee's written consent agenda for consideration during the afternoon's meeting of the full Board.

E. Articulation Agreement

Dr. Arnett presented the following articulation agreement for information purposes.

- Trident Technical College

Chair English stated this item was received as information.

V. USC Aiken

- New Hire with Tenure

Chancellor Heimmermann presented the following new hire with tenure for approval.

- Lisa Ennis, PhD – hire with tenure at the rank of Professor of Library Sciences, and as Dean of Aiken’s Gregg-Graniteville Library

Mr. Adams made a motion to recommend full Board approval of USC Aiken’s new tenure with tenure as presented and posted to the Board portal; Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair English stated this item would be included on the Committee’s written consent agenda for consideration during the afternoon’s meeting of the full Board.

VI. USC Upstate

- Approval of Honorary Academic Title

Chancellor Harris presented the following honorary academic title candidate for approval.

- June Carter, PhD – Distinguished Professor Emerita, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science, December 31, 2022

Ms. Morris made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Upstate honorary academic title candidate as presented and posted to the Board portal; Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair English stated this item would be included on the Committee’s written consent agenda for consideration during the afternoon’s meeting of the full Board.

VII. Unifying Student Resources

Vice President for Student Affairs Rex Tolliver presented an update on USC Columbia’s effort to consolidate resources available for students.

VIII. Other Matters

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

IX. Adjournment

Chair English declared the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary