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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee

In Person, Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center

and By Microsoft Teams

February 23, 2024

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair English called the meeting to order at 10:07 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.

Ellen Weaver

Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair*

Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Chair*

Other Trustees in attendance:

Brian C. Harlan

Henry L. Jolly Jr.

Hubert F. Mobley

E. Scott Moise

Reid T. Sherard

C. Dorn Smith III

Charles H. Williams

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  
(online)

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:

Ian Grenier, the *Post and Courier*

Win Hammond, the *Daily Gamecock*

Delaney Kral, 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 faculty hires with tenure and honorary academic titles.

Mr. von Lehe made the motion to enter Executive Session, and Ms. Weaver seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was carried unanimously.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. USC Columbia

A. Personnel Matters

1. Approval of New Hire with Tenure

Dr. Arnett presented three new hires with tenure for approval.

- a. Michel Boudreaux PhD – hire with tenure at the rank of Associate Professor, Department of Health Services Policy and Management, Arnold School of Public Health
- b. Ryan Guggenmos, PhD – hire with tenure at the rank of Associate Professor in the School of Accounting, Darla Moore School of Business
- c. Jennifer Moore, PhD – hire with tenure at the rank of Associate Professor, School of Information Science, College of Information and Communications

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

## 2. Approval of Honorary Academic Titles

Dr. Arnett presented four candidates for honorary academic titles for approval.

- a. Robert Kaminski, PhD – Professor Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences, May 15, 2024
- b. David Sanford Shields, PhD – Carolina Distinguished Professor Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences, June 1, 2024
- c. John Andrew Gillentine, PhD – Distinguished Professor Emeritus, College of Hospitality, Retail and Sports Management, June 30, 2024
- d. Mary A. Foertsch, PhD, Clinical Professor Emerita, USC Columbia School of Medicine, January 2, 2024

Mr. Adams made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia candidates for honorary academic titles. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

## B. Approval of New Programs

Provost Arnett presented two new programs for approval.

1. B.S., Applied Sport Psychology and Counseling
2. Post-baccalaureate Certificate, Environmental Law and Sustainability

## C. Approval of Program Modifications

Provost Arnett presented five program modifications for approval.

1. Nursing programs, add Lexington Medical Center Site
2. B.S., Geological Sciences, curriculum changes
3. B.S.E., Chemical Engineering, add concentration in Environmental Engineering and concentration in Numerical Methods and Computing

4. M.A., Counseling and Rehabilitation, add concentration in Clinical Addiction Counseling and concentration in Career Counseling
5. M.S.W., Social Work, curriculum changes and add online delivery

D. Approval of New Unit

Provost Arnett presented one new unit for approval.

- Information and Communication Studies, College of Information and Communications

E. Approval of Program Terminations

Provost Arnett presented two program terminations for approval.

1. A.A. and A.S., Liberal Arts and Sciences (Fort Jackson)
2. M.N.A., Nurse Anesthesia

Ms. Moody made a motion to recommend full Board approval for USC Columbia's new programs, program modifications, new unit, and program terminations as presented. Ms. Weaver seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

III. USC Aiken

– Approval of Honorary Academic Titles

Chancellor Heimermann presented six candidates for honorary academic titles.

- a. Karl Ludwig Stenger, PhD – Professor Emeritus, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, May 15, 2024
- b. Edward Callen, PhD – Distinguished Professor Emeritus, College of Sciences and Engineering, July 1, 2024
- c. Christopher DeWitt, PhD – Professor Emeritus, College of Sciences and Engineering, May 31, 2024
- d. Sally McClellan, PhD – Professor Emerita, School of Education, May 16, 2024
- e. Thayer Wilson McGahee, PhD – Distinguished Professor and Dean Emerita, School of Nursing, June 30, 2024
- f. Joyce Pompey, D.N.P. – Professor Emerita, School of Nursing, May 15, 2024

Mr. Adams made a motion to recommend full Board approval for the USC Aiken candidates for honorary academic titles as presented. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

IV. Palmetto College

– Approval of Program Modification – USC Lancaster

Chancellor Susan Elkins presented a program modification for approval.

- A.A. and A.S., General Liberal Arts and Sciences, add Atlantic Collegiate Academy site for dual enrollment

Ms. Morris made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Lancaster program modification as presented. Ms. Weaver seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

V. Report on Curricula and Workforce Development

Provost Arnett and Vice President for Student Affairs and Academic Support Rex Tolliver presented a report on USC curricula as aligned with workforce needs.

The report was received as information.

VI. Support for First-generation Students

Provost Arnett presented a report on USC programs in support of first-generation students.

The report was received as information.

VII. Update on Tactical Efforts Related to Strategic Plan

Provost Arnett presented a report on tactical efforts related to metrics contained in the President's strategic plan.

The report was received as information.

VIII. Report from the Darla Moore School of Business

The report was received as information.

IX. Committee Charter and Matrix

Chair English stated the Committee charter and matrix were updated and received as information.

X. Other Matters

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

XI. Adjournment

Chair English declared the meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell  
Secretary