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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

December 16, 2025

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

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

Committee Members in attendance:

Alex English, Chair

C. Dan Adams

Henry L. Jolly, Jr. (online)

Richard A. Jones Jr.

Emma W. Morris

Reid T. Sherard

John C. von Lehe Jr.

Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair*

Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Chair*

Committee Members absent:

Ellen Weaver

Other Trustees in attendance:

W. Michael Bond

Coleman Floyd Buckhouse

Brian C. Harlan

Hubert F. Mobley

Leah B. Moody

C. Dorn Smith III

J. Strom Thurmond Jr.

Charles Williams

Others in attendance:

Courtney Tkacs, USC Columbia Student Government President
Liam Hein, USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair
Robin Roberts, Advisor to the Advancement, Engagement and Communication Committee
David Seaton, Advisor to the Governance Committee (online)

Administrators in attendance:

Michael Amiridis, President
Stacey Bradley, Interim University Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Terry Parham, General Counsel
Ed Walton, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Media in attendance:

Alexa Jurado, the *State*

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 for the discussion of personnel matters regarding confidential candidates for honorary degrees, candidates for tenure and promotion, and the award of honorary academic titles.

Ms. Newton made the motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. Approval of Confidential Candidates for Honorary Degree

Chair English stated that seven confidential candidates for the award of honorary degree were discussed in Executive Session without objection. Mr. Sherard abstained.

Mr. von Lehe made a motion to approve the candidates as presented. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved. Chair English stated the slate of confidential candidates would be submitted to the full Board for consideration at its meeting later in the day.

III. USC Columbia

Provost Fitzpatrick presented the following action items for approval.

A. Approval of Tenure and Promotions – Spring 2025 Cycle

1. McCausland College of Arts and Sciences
 - a. Deena Isom, African American Studies
 - b. Daniel Speiser, Biological Sciences
 - c. Dmitry Peryshkov, Chemistry and Biochemistry
 - d. Matthew Childs, History
 - e. D. Eric Holt, Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
 - f. Yvonne Ivory, Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
 - g. Donna Coffman, Psychology
 - h. Samuel McQuillin, Psychology
 - i. Lianming Wang, Statistics
 - j. Joshua Stone, Biological Sciences
 - k. Ting Ge, Chemistry and Biochemistry

2. Darla Moore School of Business
 - a. Jason DeBacker, Economics
 - b. Mark Maltarich, Management
 - c. Donald Schepker, Management
 - d. Sriram Venkataraman, Management Science
 - e. Cem Ozturk, Marketing

3. College of Education
 - a. Doyle Stevick, Educational Leadership and Policies
 - b. Henry Tran, Educational Leadership and Policies
 - c. Dorothy Limberg, Educational Studies
 - e. Katie Wolfe, Educational Studies
 - f. Eliza Braden, Instruction and Teacher Education
 - g. Kristin Harbour, Instruction and Teacher Education
 - h. Kamania Wynter-Hoyte, Instruction and Teacher Education
 - i. Sean Yee, Instruction and Teacher Education

4. Molinaroli College of Engineering and Computing
 - a. Fabio Matta, Civil and Environmental Engineering
 - b. Yu Qian, Civil and Environmental Engineering
 - c. Lang Yuan, Mechanical Engineering

5. College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management
 - a. Khalid Ballouli, Sport and Entertainment Management
 - b. Nicholas Watanabe, Sport and Entertainment Management

6. School of Medicine Columbia
 - David Mott, Pharmacology, Physiology and Neuroscience
 7. School of Music
 - Matthew White
 8. Arnold School of Public Health
 - a. Mark Sarzynski, Exercise Science
 - b. R. Glenn Weaver, Exercise Science
 - c. Andrew Kaczynski, Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior
 - d. Shan Qiao, Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior
 - e. Christina Andrews, Health Services Policy and Management
 - f. Jan Ostermann, Health Services Policy and Management
 9. College of Pharmacy
 - Tessa Hastings, Clinical Pharmacy and Outcomes Sciences
 10. Arnold School of Public Health
 - Mufaro Kanyangarara, Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- B. Approval of New Hire with Tenure
- Julie Hughes, hire with tenure at the rank of Professor in Department of Orthopedic Surgery, School of Medicine Columbia
- C. Approval of Honorary Academic Titles
1. College of Education
 - Lucy K. Spense, Distinguished Professor Emerita
 2. College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management
 - Robin B. DiPietro, Distinguished Professor Emerita
 3. Joseph F. Rice School of Law
 - Lisa Eichorn, Distinguished Professor Emerita
 4. McCausland College of Arts and Sciences
 - a. Susan Cutter, Carolina Distinguished Professor Emerita
 - b. Kirstin Dow, Distinguished Professor Emerita
 5. School of Medicine- Greenville
 - a. William E. Roudebush, Distinguished Clinical Professor Emeritus

b. Joseph Camunas, Clinical Professor Emeritus

D. Approval of New Program

- M.S.L., Environmental Law and Sustainability

E. Approval of Program Modifications

1. B.A., Languages, Literatures and Cultures, curriculum and concentration changes
2. B.A., Global Studies, curriculum changes
3. B.A.J.M.C., Broadcast Journalism, curriculum changes
4. BARSC, Interdisciplinary Studies, add concentration
5. B.S., Cardiovascular Technology, add concentrations
6. B.S., Hospitality Management, add concentration
7. B.S., Sport and Entertainment Management, add concentration
8. M.A., Anthropology, add concentration
9. M.A., Sociology, curriculum changes
10. Ph.D., Sociology, curriculum changes
11. M.Ed., Education Administration, curriculum changes
12. M.S.L., Public Safety Executive Leadership, add site in Washington, D.C.
13. D.P.T., Physical Therapy, curriculum changes

F. Approval of Program Move

- M.S. Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurial Engineering, move from MCEC to DMSB

G. Approval of Program Terminations

1. M.A., Economics
2. Postbaccalaureate Certificate, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

H. Approval of New Center and Institute

1. Bullying Prevention Center
2. Institute of Geopolitics, Innovation, and Global Competition

I. Approval of Center Name Change

- University of South Carolina Collaborative for Health Equity Research to University of South Carolina Center for Collaborative Health, Engagement and Research

Mr. Sherard made a motion to approve the USC Columbia's action items as presented by Provost Fitzpatrick. Ms. Newton seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

IV. USC Upstate

– Approval of New Programs

Chancellor Harris presented New Programs for approval.

1. B.S.B.A., Hospitality and Tourism Management
2. B.A., Applied Language and Global Studies
3. M.S., Organizational Leadership

Mr. Adams made the motion to recommend full Board approval of USC Upstate new programs as presented. Ms. Morris seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

V. Palmetto College

– Approval of Dual Enrollment Site: USC Union

Chancellor Wilson presented a Dual Enrollment site: USC Union for approval.

- A.A./A.S., General Liberal Arts & Sciences, add dual enrollment site at Lake Wylie High School

Mr. von Lehe made the motion to recommend full Board approval of Palmetto College's new dual enrollment site as presented. Ms. Newton seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

VI. Report from the Student Body President

Student Body President Courtney Tkacs presented the Student Body Report.

The report was received as information.

VII. College of Hospitality, Retail and Sports Management Update

A report from the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sports Management was circulated for review in advance of the meeting and received as information.

VIII. Darla Moore School of Business Update

A report from the Darla Moore School of Business was circulated for review in advance of the meeting and received as information.

IX. Other Matters

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

X. Adjournment

Chair English declared the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Bradley
Interim Secretary