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University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

University System Committee
In Person, Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center
and By Microsoft Teams
February 21, 2025

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Moody called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending in person and by Microsoft Teams audio and video conference.

Committee Members in attendance:

Leah B. Moody, Chair
Brian C. Harlan
Henry L. Jolly Jr. (online)
Hubert F. Mobley
Emma W. Morris
Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair*
Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Chair*

Members absent:

Ellen E. Weaver

Other Trustees in attendance:

W. Michael Bond
Coleman F. Buckhouse
Alex English
Richard A. Jones Jr.
Reid T. Sherard
C. Dorn Smith III
John C. von Lehe Jr.
Charles H. Williams (online)

Others in attendance:

Patton Byars, USC Columbia Student Government President
Wayne Outten, USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair

Robin Roberts, Advisor to the Advancement, Engagement and Communication 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:

Hayden Davis, *Carolina News and Reporter*

Ian Grenier, the *Post and Courier*

Alexa Jurado, the *State*

Notice:

Chair Moody 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.

II. Update from USC Beaufort Vice Chancellor Skipper

Vice Chancellor Eric Skipper presented a USC Beaufort update.

This update was received as information.

III. Update from Palmetto College Chancellor Elkins

Chancellor Susan Elkins presented a Palmetto College strategic plan update.

This update was received as information.

IV. Update from USC Aiken Chancellor Heimmermann

Chancellor Daniel Heimmermann presented a USC Aiken update.

This update was received as information.

V. Update from USC Upstate Chancellor Harris

An update from USC Upstate Chancellor Harris was circulated prior to the meeting.

This update was received as information.

VI. Committee Review and Discussion – Campus Budget Models

Chair Moody presented the background information and facilitated discussion regarding various budget models in use across the USC System. Questions were presented to consider alongside the budget models used at each campus and online.

The update was received as information.

VII. Other Matters

Chair Moody suspended the meeting at 11:41 a.m. for lunch and panel presentations. Chair Moody reconvened the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

A. Assessment of February 21 Panels

Chair Moody called on Secretary Howell for a brief synopsis of February 21 panel discussions. Secretary Howell requested opinions on the day's panels, questions that still need to be answered, and any additional information to be gathered for the Board.

This was received as information.

B. Committee Matrix

Chair Moody stated that an updated Committee matrix was circulated prior for review prior to the meeting.

This was received as information.

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

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Moody declared the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary