

A Resolution Endorsing Legislative Reform of the Board of Trustees

Unanimously adopted by the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Whereas events and media reports since the Faculty Senate's July 11, 2019 "Resolution to Restore the Integrity of the Search Process" have demonstrated that undue external influence compromised the presidential search;

Whereas the university is, as a result of Board members' actions, facing enhanced scrutiny from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), which brings with it the possibility of sanction and a threat to the University's accreditation; and

Whereas the university has, as a result of Board members' actions, sustained damage to its reputation both in South Carolina and beyond; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that in order to face these challenges effectively, the Faculty Senate endorses legislative reform of the Board of Trustees that will:

1. result in a board whose membership reflects the racial and gender diversity of the population of South Carolina as well as its geographic regions;
2. establish term limits for members of the board;
3. provide for faculty and students' voting membership on the board; and
4. require both new and continuing trustees to complete the SACSCOC New Trustees Orientation (<http://www.sacscoc.org/NewTrustee.asp>) so that they will be better equipped to serve the interests of the University of South Carolina.