

University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee

August 20, 2021

The Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met at 9:00.m. on Friday, August 20, 2021, in the Floyd Boardroom of the Pastides Alumni Center and by Microsoft Teams.

Committee members present were Mr. C. Dan Adams, Chair; Mr. Richard A. Jones; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Ms. Molly Spearman; Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr.; Dr. C. Dorn Smith III, Board Chair; and Mr. Thad H. Westbrook, Board Vice Chair. Committee members participating by Microsoft Teams were Mr. Alex English, and Mr. John C. von Lehe Jr.

Other Board members present were Mr. Brian C. Harlan, Mr. Toney J. Lister, Mr. Hubert F. Mobley, Ms. Emma W. Morris, Ms. Rose Buyck Newton, and Mr. Mack I. Whittle Jr. Dr. C. Edward Floyd, Mr. Robin D. Roberts, and Mr. John von Lehe Jr. participated by Microsoft Teams.

Also present were USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Audrey Korsgaard, USC Columbia Student Government President Mr. Alex Harrell, and Strategic Advisor to the Board of Trustees Mr. David Seaton.

Others in attendance were Interim President Harris Pastides; Acting Secretary and General Counsel Terry Parham; Vice Provost and Dean of the Faculty Cheryl Addy; Vice President of Human Resources Caroline Agardy; Interim Provost and Dean of the College of Pharmacy Stephen Cutler; Communications Manager Abe Danaher; Vice President of Development Monica Delisa; Chief Audit Executive Pamela Dunleavy; Chancellor Palmetto College Susan Elkins; Chancellor USC Upstate Bennie Harris; Chief Executive Officer USC

Alumni Association Wes Hickman; Interim Director Academic Programs Trena Houpp; Senior Deputy Athletics Director Chance Miller; Chancellor USC Beaufort Al Panu; Chief Operating Officer Jeff Perkins; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost Dennis Pruitt; University Treasurer and Assistant Vice President of Administrative Operations and Chief of Staff Joe Sobieralski; Interim Vice President of Health and Well-Being and Chief Health Officer Jason Stacy; Assistant Vice President Media and External Engagement Jeff Stensland; Director of Athletics Ray Tanner; USC Aiken Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Daren Timmons; Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer Ed Walton; Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Julian Williams; Board of Trustees support staff; and IT support staff Matt Warthen. Secretary Cameron Howell and USC Beaufort Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness Martha Moriarty participated by Microsoft Teams video conference.

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Adams called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and asked everyone at the table to introduce themselves. Acting Secretary Parham confirmed Committee and Board members in attendance via Microsoft Teams.

Chairman Adams called on Mr. Stensland to introduce members of the press. Mr. Stensland advised no members of the press were in attendance.

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

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Adams stated there were personnel matters dealing with honorary academic titles, hires with tenure, and honorary degree candidates appropriate for discussion in Executive Session and called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Jones so moved, and Mr. English seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously. The following were invited to remain: Trustees, Interim President Pastides, Acting Secretary Parham, Secretary Howell, Dr. Korsgaard, Mr. Harrell, Mr. Seaton, Dr. Cutler, Chancellors, the President's Executive Council, and Board of Trustees support staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. Personnel Matters - USC Columbia, USC Aiken, and USC Sumter

A. Approval of Honorary Academic Titles

Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend to the full Board approval of 13 faculty members to be awarded Honorary Academic Titles as presented and posted to the Board portal for this meeting. Mr. Warr so moved, and Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

B. Approval of Hires with Tenure

Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend full Board approval of two faculty hires with tenure as presented and posted to the Board portal for this meeting. Ms. Moody so moved, and Mr. Jones seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

III. Annual Review of New Programs

Interim Provost Cutler provided the annual overview of new academic programs. He stated the Office of Academic Programs in Columbia collects data annually on how well new academic programs are meeting projections for enrollment and financial support. Programs are followed for three years and can be followed up to five years if they are deemed unhealthy within year three. There were five new programs implemented between the fall of 2018 and spring of 2021 at USC Columbia, seven new programs implemented between the fall of 2018 and fall of 2020 at USC Aiken, four new programs implemented between the fall of 2018 and fall of 2019 at USC Beaufort, and twelve new programs implemented between the fall of 2018 and fall of 2020 at USC Upstate. Dr. Cutler reported there are currently no unhealthy programs; however, enrollment in several programs was affected by the COVID pandemic, which resulted in less than projected actual enrollment.

Chair Adams stated the annual review of new academic programs was received as information.

IV. USC Columbia

Dr. Cutler presented requests for approval of program modifications, program additions, delivery modality, and name change for USC Columbia.

A. Approval of Program Modifications

1. MA Anthropology
2. PhD Anthropology

B. Approval of Dual Degree Programs

1. MS Business Analytics with Sungkyunkway University in Seoul, South Korea
2. PhD Business Administration with American University of Sharjah in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

3. PhD Business Administration with Chonnam National University in Gwangju, South Korea
 4. PhD Business Administration with Universidad Adolfo Ibanez in Santiago, Chile
- C. Approval of Degree Program – 100% Online
- Master of Music Education (MME)
- D. Approval of Center Name Change
- College of Nursing Clinical Simulation Laboratory to Center for Simulation and Experiential Learning

Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend full Board approval of USC Columbia's two program modifications, four dual degree programs, one 100% online degree program, and one center name change as posted to the Board portal for this meeting. Mr. von Lehe so moved, and Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

V. USC Beaufort

Dr. Martha Moriarty presented a request for approval to add blended and 100% online delivery to USC Beaufort's BA History degree program. This will allow the program to be offered through Palmetto College in the spring of 2022.

- Approval of USC Beaufort's 100% online delivery of BA History degree program

Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend full Board approval of USC Beaufort's 100% online BA History degree program. Mr. English so moved, and Mr. Warr seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

VI. Other Matters

Chair Adams called for other matters to come before the Committee. Mr. Whittle stated he attended yesterday's Town Hall meeting where several faculty members expressed

concern over the quality of the online education program. He asked if an outside party has evaluated the online education programs and developed a best practice blueprint.

Dr. Cutler advised the Center of Teaching Excellence supports the faculty and when the University transitioned to online learning in March 2020 due to the COVID pandemic, there was exponential growth in the number of individuals seeking support for the transition. He stated the University is providing resources to increase the quality of online learning, and noted some universities use KGlobal to help train faculty members. Dr. Cutler agreed engaging a third party to analyze the University's online education program and develop a blueprint for the future would be beneficial.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary