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Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee

February 18, 2022

The Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022 in the Floyd Boardroom of the Pastides Alumni Center and by Microsoft Teams.

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

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

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

Others in attendance were Interim President Harris Pastides; Secretary Cameron Howell; Vice President of Human Resources Caroline Agardy; USC College of Nursing Dean Jeannette Andrews; Interim Vice President for Development Stacey Bradley; Director

for Strategic Initiatives Jack Claypoole; Vice President for System Affairs Derham Cole; Interim Provost Stephen Cutler; Conflict of Interest Manager Frank DiSilvestro; Chief Audit Executive Pamela Dunleavy; Audit Manager Kim Dwigging; Palmetto College Chancellor Susan Elkins; Associate Vice President of Finance and Budget Kelly Epting; Interim Vice President for Research Julius Fridriksson; President's Chief of Staff Stacy Fritz; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer Doug Foster; University Architect and Associate Vice President for Facilities Derek Gruner; College of Engineering and Computing Dean Hossein Haj-Hariri; USC Upstate Chancellor Bennie Harris; USC Aiken Chancellor Daniel Heimmermann; USC Controller Mandy Kibler; Executive Director of Economic Engagement Bill Kirkland; Associate Vice President and Chief Procurement Officer Venis Manigo; Director of Government Relations Derrick Meggie; Director Financial and Operational Audit Team Glenn Murray; USC Beaufort Chancellor Al Panu; General Counsel and Executive Director of Compliance Programs Terry Parham; Director of Government Relations Craig Parks; Chief Operating Officer Jeff Perkins; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost Dennis Pruitt; College of Arts and Sciences Dean Joel Samuels; University Treasurer, Associate Vice President and Chief of Staff for the Division of Administration and Finance Joe Sobieralski; Assistant Vice President, Media and External Engagement Jeff Stensland; Athletics Director Ray Tanner; Vice President for Communications Larry Thomas; Vice President for Enrollment Management Scott Verzyl; Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Ed Walton; and Board of Trustees support staff Cary Graham.

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. Secretary Howell confirmed Committee and Board members in attendance via Microsoft Teams.

Chair Adams called on Mr. Stensland to introduce members of the press. Mr. Stensland introduced Corey Diaz with USA Today Network, Caleb Bozard with the *Daily Gamecock*, and Lauren Larsen with the *Daily Gamecock*.

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 pertaining to honorary degree candidates and new hires with tenure appropriate for discussion in Executive Session, and a further need for the receipt of legal advice.

Chair Adams called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Jones so moved, and Mr. Warr seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously. Chair Adams invited the following to remain: Trustees, Interim President Pastides, Secretary Howell, Dr. Korsgaard, Mr. Harrell, Mr. Seaton, the President's Executive Council, Dean Andrews, Mr. Meggie, Mr. Parks, and Board support staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. USC Columbia

Chair Adams called on Dr. Cutler to present USC Columbia action items for approval.

A. Approval of Personnel Matters

Dr. Cutler reviewed the proposal of three candidates for new hires with tenure, noting their outstanding curriculum vitae. Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend to the full Board approval of the three USC Columbia new hires with tenure as presented and posted on the Board portal for this meeting. Ms. Moody so moved, and Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Chair Adams stated the following USC Columbia new hires with tenure would be included on the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board later that day: Lorie Donell, PhD – College of Nursing; Lindsey Smith Taillie, PhD – Arnold School of Public Health; and Bradley Wright, PhD – Arnold School of Public Health.

B. Approval of New Programs

Dr. Cutler reviewed the following proposals of new program additions as posted to the Board portal: BAIS, Services Management; MSN Nurse Midwife; DNP Nurse Midwife; Graduate Certificate in Nurse Midwifery; Graduate Certificate in Adult Gerontology – Acute Care Nurse Practitioner; Graduate Certificate in Family

Nurse Practitioner; and Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend to the full Board approval of the seven new USC Columbia programs as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. Jones so moved, and Mr. English seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Chair Adams stated these items would be included on the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board later that day.

C. Approval of Program Modifications

Dr. Cutler reviewed the proposal of the following three USC Columbia program modifications: PMBA, add concentration in Operations and Supply Chain Management; MSL, Health Systems Law; and PhD, Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend to the full Board approval of the three USC Columbia program modifications as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. Warr so moved, and Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Chair Adams stated these items would be included on the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board later that day.

D. Approval of Name Changes and Degree Programs – 100% Online

Dr. Cutler reviewed the proposal of the following two USC Columbia name changes and degree programs moving to 100% online: MSN Nursing Administration

to MSN Healthcare Leadership and Graduate Certificate in Nursing Administration to Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Leadership.

Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend to the full Board approval of the two USC Columbia name changes and degree programs moving to 100% online, as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. Jones so moved, and Mr. English seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Chair Adams stated these items would be included on the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board later that day.

E. Articulation Agreement

Dr. Cutler reviewed an articulation agreement update between USC and Midlands Technical College and stated more details were available on the Board portal.

Chair Adams thanked Dr. Cutler and stated the update was received as information.

III. USC Aiken

A. Approval of New Center

Chair Adams called on USC Aiken Chancellor Heimmermann to present information on a new center for approval. Chancellor Heimmermann presented the proposed Pacer Center for Excellence in Business, Research, and Entrepreneurship would facilitate collaboration between USC Aiken and the local business community.

Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Aiken Pacer Center as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. von Lehe

so moved, and Mr. Warr seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Chair Adams stated these items would be included on the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board later that day.

IV. USC Upstate

Chair Adams called on USC Upstate Chancellor Bennie Harris to present information on two action items from USC Upstate.

A. Approval of Program Modification – BA, Biology

Chancellor Harris reviewed information pertaining to a program modification at USC Upstate, a bachelor of arts degree in biology. Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Upstate BA in biology program modification as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. Jones so moved, and Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

B. Name Change

Chancellor Harris reviewed information pertaining to a name change at USC Upstate, changing the Mary Black School of Nursing to the Mary Black College of Nursing. Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Upstate name change as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. English so moved, and Mr. Jones seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Chair Adams stated this item would be included on the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board later that day.

V. Palmetto College

Chair Adams called on Palmetto College Chancellor Susan Elkins to present information on four program modifications. Chancellor Elkins reviewed the information pertaining to the following program modifications: Lancaster – AA/AS, General Liberal Arts and Science, add dual enrollment sites; Salkehatchie – AA/AS, General Liberal Arts and Science, add dual enrollment sites; Sumter – AA/AS, General Liberal Arts and Science, add dual enrollment sites; and Union – AA/AS, General Liberal Arts and Science, add dual enrollment sites.

Chair Adams called for a motion to recommend full Board approval of the Palmetto College program modifications as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. Warr so moved, and Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Chair Adams stated these items would be included on the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board later that day.

VI. Other Matters

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

VII. Adjournment

Chair Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary