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Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee

June 9, 2017

The Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 9, 2017, in the Alumni Center's C. Edward Floyd Boardroom.

Members present were: Ms. Leah B. Moody, Chair; Mr. Mark W. Buyck Jr.; Mr. Thomas C. Cofield; Mr. A.C. "Bubba" Fennell III; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. Tommy Preston Jr.; Mr. Thad Westbrook; Mr. John C. von Lehe Jr., Board Chairman; and Dr. C. Dorn Smith III, who participated by phone.

Other Board members present were: Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Mr. Miles Loadholt; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley, Board Vice Chairman; Mr. Eugene P. Warr Jr.; Mr. Mack I. Whittle Jr.; Mr. Charles H. Williams; and Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs, who participated by phone.

Also present was Faculty Senate Chair August E. "Augie" Grant; Student Government President Ross Lordo; and Faculty Liaison Committee members Christian Anderson, Bridget Coleman, and Hendrikus van Bulck.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary J. Cantey Heath Jr.; General Counsel Walter "Terry" H. Parham; Provost Joan T. A. Gabel; Chief Operating Officer Edward L. Walton; Chief Financial Officer Leslie Brunelli; Chief Information Officer Doug Foster; Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis Pruitt; Vice President for Human Resources Chris Byrd; Vice President for Facilities and Transportation Derrick Huggins; Vice President for Development Jancy Houck; Vice President for Research Prakash Nagarkatti; Vice President for System Planning Mary Anne Fitzpatrick; Chief Diversity Officer John H. Dozier; Chief Communications Officer Wes Hickman; Athletics Director Ray Tanner; Chief Financial Officer, Athletics Department, Jeff Tallant; Chief Operating Officer, Athletics Department, Kevin O'Connell; Executive Associate Athletics Director for Sport & Risk Management Judy Van Horn; Senior Associate Athletics Director for Academics and Student Development Maria Hickman;

Dean of Extended University Chris Nesmith; College of Arts and Sciences Dean Lacy Ford; College of Information and Communications Dean Charles Bierbauer; College of Education Dean Jon Pedersen; USC Aiken School of Business Dean Mick Fekula; Executive Director for the Office of Economic Engagement William D. “Bill” Kirkland; Executive Director of My Carolina Alumni Association Jack W. Claypoole; Associate Director for Public Relations Jeff Stensland; Instruction and Teacher Education Department Interim Chair, College of Education, Thomas E. Hodges; Office of Program Evaluation Director, College of Education, Tammiee S. Dickenson; Rachel and Matthew Warr, children of Trustee Warr; University Technology Services Production Manager Matt Warthen; and Board staff members Terri Saxon and Ina Wilson.

Chair Moody called the meeting to order and invited committee members to introduce themselves. She 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. Mr. Hickman introduced the members of the media in attendance: Avery Wilks with *The State* and Mike Woodel with *The Daily Gamecock*.

### **Motion for Executive Session**

Chair Moody stated there were personnel matters dealing with honorary academic titles, appointments with tenure and tenure and promotion recommendations appropriate for Executive Session. Mr. Fennell moved to enter Executive Session and Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

The following individuals were invited to remain: Trustees, President Pastides, Secretary Heath, members of the President’s Executive Council, Ms. Doran, Dr. Grant, Mr. Lordo and Faculty Liaison Committee members.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Moody called on Provost Joan Gabel to present the agenda items for the Columbia Campus.

I. Program Name Changes: College of Information and Communications

- A. Master of Arts in Journalism to Master of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communications
- B. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Mass Communication to Ph.D. in Journalism and Mass Communications

Provost Gabel said the two name change requests were made to allow for consistency with all graduate degrees in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications as well as alignment with current best practices.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the requested program name changes in the College of Information and Communications as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal for this meeting. Mr. Westbrook so moved and Mr. Cofield seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

II. Unit Name Change: College of Education

- Office of Program Evaluation to Research, Evaluation, and Measurement Center

The change was proposed to allow for ease of identification of what the Center offers to external customers and consistency with current responsibilities. There are no budgetary needs, as this is already an approved unit.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the requested unit name change in the College of Education. Mr. Fennell so moved and Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. Program Modification: School of Medicine Columbia

- Master of Rehabilitation Counseling to Master of Arts in Counseling and Rehabilitation, with a specialization in Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling

The modification is requested in preparation for changing accreditation standards in the field of counseling, including rehabilitation counseling. The proposal reflects what the new requirements are expected to be as well as national best practices. Course offerings will be configured so there are no additional faculty or administrative changes necessary.

IV. Program Terminations: College of Education

A. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Early Childhood Education

B. Education Specialist (Ed.S.) in Teaching

The numbers in the Ph.D. in Early Childhood Education program have been very low over the past five years and continue to diminish. Current students in the program have been notified and the proposed timeline will allow for these students to complete their degrees.

The Ed.S. in Teaching program currently has no enrolled students and no faculty have been assigned to this program since 2008.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the requested program terminations in the College of Education as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal for this meeting. Mr. Fennell so moved and Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. Faculty Manual Changes

Along with a number of “house-keeping” items, there were the following substantive updates to be noted: Expansion of faculty membership and voting rights to full-time, non-tenure-track faculty; and a procedural update regarding requests for grade changes (undergraduate). Provost Gabel said these revisions had been thoroughly discussed by the Faculty Advisory Committee, the Faculty Senate and the General Faculty.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the requested updates to the USC Columbia Faculty Manual as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal for this meeting. Mr. Preston so moved and Mr. Cofield seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

**USC Aiken**

Chair Moody called on Chancellor Sandra Jordan to present the agenda items for the Aiken Campus.

VI. Program Modification: Master of Business Administration

USC Aiken’s proposal calls for changes in the delivery mode for its Master in Business Administration (MBA) as well as the addition of five areas of specialization: accounting, finance, health care leadership, human resources, and project management. The proposed new delivery mode is to move

comes at the request of the USC System based on received inquiries and interest.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the requested program modification at USC Aiken as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal for this meeting. Mr. Fennell so moved and Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

VII. Faculty Manual Changes

Chancellor Jordan said most of the proposed faculty manual changes dealt with a restructuring of USC Aiken's management model, essentially a return to the "dean structure." In addition, an update in the section regarding merit raises was also made.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the requested updates to the USC Aiken Faculty Manual as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal for this meeting. Mr. Buyck so moved and Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

**USC Beaufort**

Chair Moody called on Vice Chancellor Eric Skipper to present the agenda items for the Beaufort Campus.

VIII. New Programs

- A. Bachelor of Arts in English, with Secondary English Language Licensure
- B. Master of Science in Computational Science
- C. Gerontology Certificate (Undergraduate)

Dr. Skipper said the new B.A. in English with Secondary English Language Licensure degree would allow USC Beaufort to meet the significant teaching demands in the region and program needs were expected to be fully covered by tuition generated revenue.

He reported the need for the M.S. in Computational Science is driven a need for science leadership, technology needs for national security, and promotion of science education to increase the number and diversity of scientists and technicians in South Carolina and the Low Country. He noted the proposed new graduate degree was the next logical step to follow USC Beaufort's very successful B.S. in Computational

instruction of a new class and for a program administrator are anticipated with opening the program.

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the requested new programs at USC Beaufort as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal for this meeting. Mr. Cofield so moved and Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

### **Palmetto College Campuses**

Chair Moody called on Chancellor Susan Elkins to present the agenda items for the Palmetto College Campus.

#### **IX. Faculty Manual Changes**

Chancellor Elkins reported the revisions to the manual included two amendments to the academic advising portions, two amendments clarifying the tenure and promotion process for faculty hired mid-year, three motions concerning technical changes, and changes to the method in which the size of the Palmetto College Faculty Senate is calculated.

Responding to a question by Mr. Lordo, Chancellor Elkins assured the Committee that advisors would remain available to students during critical times like registration, as well as throughout the year, and changes in the manual's language were mainly for consistency across Palmetto College Campuses in how advising was evaluated (teaching or service).

Chair Moody called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the requested updates to the Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Manual as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal for this meeting. Mr. Fennell so moved and Mr. Buyck seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

#### **X. Adjournment**

There being no other items to come before the committee, Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Cantey Heath, Jr.  
Secretary