

University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee
In Person, Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center
and By Microsoft Teams
December 13, 2022

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending in person and by Microsoft Teams audio and video conference.

Committee Members in attendance:

C. Dan Adams, Chair
Alex English
Richard A. Jones Jr.
Leah B. Moody
Emma W. Morris
Molly M. Spearman
John C. von Lehe Jr.
Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair*
Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Chair*

Other Trustees in attendance:

C. Edward Floyd (online)
Brian C. Harlan
Toney J. Lister (online)
Miles Loadholt (online)
Hubert F. Mobley
E. Scott Moise
C. Dorn Smith (online)
Mack I. Whittle Jr.
Charles H. Williams

Other in attendance:

Audrey Korsgaard, USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair
Reedy Newton, USC Columbia Student Government President
Robin Roberts, Expert Advisor to the Advancement, Engagement and Communications Committee
David Seaton, Expert 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:

Sydney Dunlap, the *Daily Gamecock*
Jessica Holdman, the *Post & Courier*
Dwayne McLemore, the *State*

Notice:

Chair Adams 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.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Adams stated there was a need for an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters related to tenure, promotions, and honorary academic titles; management of admissions cases; and admitted student requests.

Mr. von Lehe made the motion to enter Executive Session. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Adams invited the following to remain: Trustees, President Amiridis, Secretary Howell, Dr. Korsgaard, Ms. Reedy Newton, Mr. Seaton, the President's Executive Council, Chancellors, Mr. Cole, and Board support staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. USC Columbia

A. Approval of Personnel Matters – 2022 Spring Cycle

Provost Arnett presented USC Columbia personnel matters for approval.

1. Promotions to Professor

- a. Carlina de la Cova, Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences
- b. Terrance Weik, Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences

- c. James Barilla, English Language and Literature, College of Arts and Science
- d. Saskia Coenen Snyder, History, College of Arts and Sciences
- e. Frank Thorne, Mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences
- f. Zhu Wang, Mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences
- g. Matthias Ralf Schindler, Physics and Astronomy, College of Arts and Sciences
- h. David Darmofal, Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences
- i. Sara Schneckloth, Visual Art and Design, College of Arts and Sciences
- j. Orgül Demet Öztürk, Economics, Darla Moore School of Business
- k. Christian Anderson, Educational Leadership and Policies, College of Education
- l. Ryan Carlson, Educational Studies, College of Education
- m. Angela Baum, Instruction and Teacher Education, College of Education
- n. Enrica Viparelli, Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing
- o. Yan Tong, Computer Science and Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing
- p. Enrico Santi, Electrical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing
- q. John Gerdes, Integrated Information Technology, College of Engineering and Computing
- r. Sourav Banerjee, Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing
- s. Tanvir Farouk, Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing
- t. Ramy Harik, Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing
- u. Ming Hu, Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing
- v. Nicole Cooke, Information Science, College of Information and Communications
- w. Taixing Cui, Cell Biology and Anatomy, USC Columbia School of Medicine
- x. Jennifer Trillk, Biomedical Science, USC Greenville School of Medicine
- y. Phillip Bush, School of Music
- z. Michael Harley, School of Music
- aa. Ellen Douglas Sclaefer, School of Music
- bb. Alicia Walker, School of Music
- cc. Mohammed Baalousha, Environmental Health Sciences, Arnold School of Public Health
- dd. Brie Turner-McGrievy; Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior; Arnold School of Public Health

2. Tenure at Association Professor

- Lang Yuan, Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing

3. Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor

- a. Katherine Ryker; Earth, Ocean and Environment, College of Arts and Sciences
- b. Greg Trevors, Educational Studies, College of Education
- c. Elif Karsli Calamak, Instruction and Teacher Education, College of Education

Arnold School of Public Health

- Christine Pellegrini, Exercise Science, Arnold School of Public Health

Ms. Spearman made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia candidates for tenure and promotion as presented and posted to the Board portal. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated this agenda item was approved and the names would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

4. Approval of Transfer Tenure to Another Academic Unit

– Recommendation to Transfer Professor Michelle Bryan's tenure at the rank of Association Professor within the College of Education to the Department of Educational Leadership and Policies from the Department of Educational Studies

Mr. Jones made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia candidate for transfer tenure to another academic unit as presented and posted to the Board portal. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated this agenda item was approved and would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

5. Approval of Hires with Tenure

Provost Arnett presented new hires with tenure recommendations.

- a. Professor David Banush, hire with tenure as a Librarian in University Libraries
- b. Professor Mark Glover, hire with tenure at rank of Professor in the School of Law
- c. Professor April Knill, hire with tenure at rank of Professor in the Department of International Business in the Darla Moore School of Business

Mr. English made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia candidates for hire with tenure as presented and posted to the Board portal. Ms. Spearman seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated this agenda item was approved and the names would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

6. Approval of Honorary Academic Titles

Provost Arnett presented honorary academic title recommendations.

- a. Dennis Pruitt, PhD, Vice President Emeritus, Division of Student Affairs, January 31, 2023
- b. Vladimir Temlyakov, PhD, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences, January 1, 2023
- c. Wolfgang Dahmen, PhD, SmartState Chair, Williams Hedberg Chair Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences, July 18, 2022
- d. Ward B. Watt, PhD, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences, August 15, 2022
- e. Fred Myhrer, PhD, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences, December 31, 2022
- f. Marlys Gascho Lipe, PhD, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Darla Moore School of Business, May 16, 2022
- g. Henry Fulmer, PhD, Professor Emeritus, University Libraries, December 31, 2021
- h. Kenneth Walsh, PhD, Professor Emeritus, School of Medicine, Columbia, January 3, 2023
- i. Robert G. Best, MD, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, School of Medicine, Greenville, December 19, 2022

Ms. Moody made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia candidates for honorary academic titles as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated this agenda item was approved and the names would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

B. Approval of New Program

Provost Arnett presented a new program for approval.

– Undergraduate Certificate, Digital Studies

Ms. Moody made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the new USC Columbia program as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. English seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the new program was approved and this agenda item would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

C. Approval of Program Modifications

Provost Arnett presented program modification recommendations.

1. MA, Psychology
2. Med, Language and Literacy
3. ME, Civil Engineering
4. MS, Civil Engineering
5. PhD, Civil Engineering

Ms. Moody made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia program modifications as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the recommendations were approved and would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

D. Approval of Name Change

Provost Arnett presented a name change for approval.

- School of Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management to School of Hospitality and Tourism Management

Ms. Moody made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia name change as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the recommendation would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

E. Approval of Program Termination

Provost Arnett presented a program termination for approval.

- Postbaccalaureate Certificate, Biomedical Studies

Mr. English made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia program termination as presented and posted to the Board portal. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the recommendation would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

III. USC Aiken

USC Aiken Chancellor Heimmermann presented two USC Aiken recommendations.

A. 100% Online Delivery

- BS, Business Administration concentrations in Finance and Marketing (standard)

B. Approval of Name Change

- Department of Mathematical Sciences to Department of Computer Science, Engineering, and Mathematics

Ms. Moody made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the two USC Aiken recommendations as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the recommendations were approved and would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

IV. USC Upstate

A. Approval of Hire with Tenure

USC Upstate Chancellor Harris presented a candidate for hire with tenure.

- Ugena Whitlock, hire with tenure at the rank of Professor

Ms. Moody made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Upstate candidate for hire with tenure as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. English seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the recommendation was approved and would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

B. Approval of Honorary Titles

USC Upstate Chancellor Harris presented candidates for honorary titles.

1. John Riley, PhD – Professor Emeritus – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, December 31, 2022
2. Thomas McConnell, PhD – Distinguished Professor Emeritus – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, January 1, 2023
3. Vincent Conners, PhD – Distinguished Professor Emeritus College of Science and Technology, December 31, 2022
4. Nur Tanyel, PhD – Professor Emeritus – College of Education, August 31, 2022

Ms. Moody made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Upstate candidates for honorary titles as presented and posted to the Board portal. Ms. Spearman seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the candidates were approved and would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

C. Approval of New Program

USC Upstate Chancellor Harris presented a new program for approval.

– DNP (Doctorate of Nursing Practice)

Ms. Moody made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Upstate new program as presented and posted to the Board portal. Ms. Morris seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the recommendation was approved and would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

D. Approval of New Center

USC Upstate Chancellor Harris presented a new center for approval.

– Center for Justice and Society

Ms. Moody made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Upstate new center as presented and posted to the Board portal. Ms. Morris seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the recommendation was approved and would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

V. Other Matters

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

VI. Adjournment

Chair Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary