

University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees

In Person, Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center
and By Microsoft Teams
February 24, 2023

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Westbrook called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending in person and by Microsoft Teams audio and video conference.

Members in attendance:

Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Chair*
Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair*
C. Dan Adams
Alex English
C. Edward Floyd (online)
Brian C. Harlan
Henry L. Jolly Jr.
Richard A. Jones Jr.
Miles Loadholt (online)
Hubert F. Mobley
E. Scott Moise
Leah B. Moody (online)
Emma W. Morris
Reid T. Sherard
C. Dorn Smith III
John C. von Lehe Jr.
Ellen Weaver
Charles H. Williams (online)

Others in attendance:

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

Win Hammond, the *Daily Gamecock*
Lianna Hubbard, the *Post and Courier*
Alexa Jurado, the *State*

Notice:

Chair Westbrook 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 Board; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

II. Invocation

Paul Sterne, Chaplain of C.S. Lewis Student Center, delivered the invocation.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Westbrook stated there was a need for an Executive Session for the discussion of personnel matters related to confidential candidates for honorary degrees and the discussion of possible discipline of an employee; for the receipt of legal advice regarding a contractual matter related to the design of a Desegregation Monument and the creation of an Innovation Hub, and receipt of legal advice protected by attorney-client privilege regarding the Freedom of Information Act.

Mr. Mobley made the motion to enter Executive Session, and Mr. Harlan seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Westbrook invited the following to remain: Trustees, Dr. Korsgaard, Ms. Reedy Newton, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Roberts, President Amiridis, Secretary Howell, Dr. Arnett, Ms. Dodenhoff, Ms. Dunleavy, Mr. Gruner, Mr. Parham, Mr. Sobieralski, Mr. Tanner, Mr. Tolliver, Mr. Walton, and Board support staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the one set of minutes as posted to the Board portal. Mr. Mobley seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously. The following minutes were approved.

– Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee – August 19, 2022

IV. Approval of Consent Agendas

Mr. Mobley made a motion to approve two written consent agendas as posted to the Board portal. Mr. Harlan seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously. The following written consent agendas were approved. [BOT 022423 OS IV]

- A. Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee – February 24, 2023
- B. Audit, Compliance and Risk Committee – February 24, 2023

V. Oversight of Commencement Events

Secretary Howell stated that information regarding the oversight of commencement events was posted to the Board portal for review. Oversight will now fall to the Office of the Provost and the Vice President for Student Affairs and Academic Support (for Columbia commencement events) and to the Vice President for System Affairs (for system campus commencement events). Following Spring 2023 commencement events, decisions will be made regarding how budget lines will migrate, the potential for updated job descriptions, and necessary changes made to Bylaws. Secretary Howell stated the Spring 2023 commencement schedule was also posted to the Board portal. [BOT 022423 OS V]

Chair Westbrook stated this update was received as information.

VI. Approval of Revisions to Board Bylaws (Second of Two Votes Required)

Dr. Smith made a motion for the second of two approvals required by the Board to approve the three revisions to Board Bylaws listed below. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously. The edits to the Bylaws were approved

- A. Board Bylaws: Method for Removing the Chair and/or Vice Chair of the Board
- B. Board Bylaws: Method for Removing the Chair of a Committee
- C. Board Bylaws: Non-Board, Non-voting Members of Committees

VII. Approval of Confidential Candidates for Honorary Degrees and/or Commencement Speaker

Chair Westbrook stated the Honorary Degree Subcommittee, President Amiridis, and the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee approved four confidential candidates for the award of honorary degree which were presented in Executive Session without objection. There were also three nominees for commencement speakers. Relevant materials were posted to the Board portal.

Mr. Mobley made a motion to approve the slate of four confidential candidates for the award of honorary degree and the three commencement speaker nominations. Ms. Morris seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Westbrook stated the three commencement speakers were approved, and the four honorary degree candidates were approved and will “lay on the table.”

VIII. Continuing Education for Trustees: “The Impact on Governance of Questions About Higher Education’s Value and Cost”

Secretary Howell discussed continuing education material available on the Board portal for review.

Chair Westbrook stated this update was received as information.

IX. President’s Report

President Amiridis delivered the President’s Report.

Chair Westbrook stated the report was received as information.

X. Other Matters

Chair Westbrook called for any other matters to come before the Board. There were none.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Westbrook declared the meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary

Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee
(The Honorable C. Dan Adams, Chair)

Written Report for Full Board Consent Agenda

February 24, 2023

The Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee met on February 24, 2023 and recommends full Board approval of items in this report, all of which have received the appropriate academic and administrative approvals.

I. USC Columbia

A. Hire with Tenure

- Dr. Qun Lu, Hire with Tenure at the Rank of Professor, and as the SmartState Endowed Chair in Neurotherapeutics, in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Arts and Sciences

B. Honorary Academic Titles

1. Dr. Paula Feldman; Chair Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences
2. Dr. Matthew Miller; Distinguished Professor Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences

C. Approval of Establishment of New Tenure Units

1. Department of African-American Studies
2. Department of Women's and Gender Studies

D. Approval of New Programs

1. Certificate of Graduate Study in Information Security and Cyber Leadership
2. MS, Information Security and Cyber Leadership
3. MS, Information Technology
4. MA, Dance Studies
5. DNP, Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
6. DNP, Clinical Expert
7. DNP, Executive Healthcare Leadership
8. DNP, Family Nurse Practitioner
9. DNP, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
10. BS, Cyber Policy and Ethics

E. Approval of Program Modifications

1. BA, Global Studies
2. BA, Languages, Literatures and Cultures
3. BS, Cardiovascular Technology
4. BSBA, Marketing
5. MAcc, Accountancy
6. MS, Biomedical Sciences
7. MSN, Master's Entry to Practice
8. PhD, Social Work

F. Combination Degree Program

- MS Business Analytics and One-Year MBA

G. Program Termination

- PM Cert, Advanced Practice Nursing

II. USC Beaufort

- Approval of Program Modifications
 - Delivery Sites: Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS)

This concludes the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee report.

Audit, Compliance and Risk Committee
(The Honorable C. Dorn Smith III MD, Chair)

Written Report for Full Board Consent Agenda
February 24, 2023

The Audit, Compliance and Risk Committee met on February 24, 2023 and recommends full Board approval of items in this report, all of which have received the appropriate academic and administrative approvals.

- Audit & Advisory Services 2023-2024 Budget

This concludes the Audit, Compliance and Risk Committee report.

OVERSIGHT OF COMMENCEMENT EVENTS

- **Future Oversight of USC System Commencement Events**
- **USC Columbia Budget Lines for Commencement Expenses**
- **USC Columbia Job Descriptions Regarding Commencement Oversight**
- **Revisions to Bylaws, etc.**
- **Spring 2023 Commencement Schedule**
 - **President's attendance at Spring 2023 commencement events**
 - **Options for Trustees to attend Spring 2023 commencement events**