University of South Carolina

Board of Trustees

<u>University System Committee Meeting – Called</u>

November 22, 2021

The University System Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees convened in a called meeting at 9:25 a.m. on Monday, November 22, 2021, in the Floyd Board Room of the Pastides Alumni Center and by Microsoft Teams.

Committee members present were Ms. Leah B. Moody, Chair; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley; Mr. Robin D. Roberts; Dr. C. Dorn Smith III, Board Chair; and Mr. Thad H. Westbrook, Board Vice Chair. Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs, Mr. Toney J. Lister, Mr. Miles Loadholt, and Mr. John C. von Lehe Jr. participated by Microsoft Teams.

Other Trustees present were Mr. C. Dan Adams, Mr. Alex English, Dr. C. Edward Floyd, Mr. Brian C. Harlan, Mr. Richard A. Jones Jr., Ms. Emma W. Morris, Ms. Rose Buyck Newton, Ms. Molly M. Spearman, Mr. Eugene P. Warr Jr., Mr. Mack I. Whittle Jr., and Mr. Charles H. Williams.

Also present was USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Audrey Korsgaard, USC Columbia Student Government President Mr. Alex Harrell, and Board of Trustees' Special Advisor 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; College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management Interim Dean David Cardenas; Vice President for System Affairs Derham Cole; Interim Provost Stephen Cutler;

Communications Manager, Office of the Provost Abraham Danaher; Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Monica Delisa; Chief Audit Executive Pamela Dunleavy; Palmetto College Chancellor Susan Elkins; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer Doug Foster; USC School of Medicine Columbia Dean Les Hall; USC Aiken Chancellor Daniel Heimmermann; Chief Executive Officer, USC Alumni Association Wes Hickman; Interim Director for Academic Programs Trena Houp; USC School of Medicine Greenville Dean Marjorie Jenkins; Executive Director of Economic Engagement Bill Kirkland; General Counsel and Executive Director of Compliance Programs Terry Parham; Chief Operating Officer Jeff Perkins; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost Dennis Pruitt; Special Assistant to the President James Smith; Interim Vice President of Health and Well-Being Jason Stacy; Assistant Vice President of Media and External Engagement Jeff Stensland; Vice President for Communications Larry Thomas; Vice President for Enrollment Management and Dean of Undergraduate Admissions Scott Verzyl; Executive Vice President of Administration and Chief Financial Officer Ed Walton; Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Julian Williams; Office of Communications Public Relations Strategist Dana Woodward; IT Production Manager Matt Warthen; and Board of Trustees support staff.

OPEN SESSION

I.   Call to Order

Chair Moody called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and asked Trustees in the room to introduce themselves. Secretary Howell confirmed those joining by Microsoft Teams.

Chair Moody called on Mr. Stensland to introduce members of the media. Mr. Stensland introduced Lucas Duprile with the *State,* Tyler Fedore and Jerry Bowen with the *Daily Gamecock*, and Jessica Holdman with the *Post & Courier*.

Chair Moody stated notice of the meeting and the agenda were posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda and supporting materials were circulated to the Committee; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

II.   System Leadership Council Update

Chair Moody called attention to the System Leadership Council report posted to the Board portal and invited Interim Provost Cutler to provide an update.

Provost Cutler highlighted the System Leadership Council (SLC). He explained the SLC was constituted in 2020 under Priority 5 of the University of South Carolina strategic plan as an advisory body charged with providing counsel to the President regarding USC System initiatives. SLC has worked closely with the System Chancellors in several areas, one of which is strengthening and deepening the University's online initiatives.

Chair Moody thanked Provost Cutler and stated the report was received as information.

III.   Committee Education

A.   Report from USC Aiken Chancellor Daniel Heimmermann

Chair Moody called attention to USC Aiken Chancellor's report posted to the Board portal and invited Chancellor Heimmermann to provide an update.

Chancellor Heimmermann stated USC Aiken is celebrating its 60th anniversary and the number one goal at USC Aiken is student success. Ninety-one percent of USC Aiken's student body is from South Carolina. In addition, 45% of the students are persons of color and 7% are veterans. USC Aiken will host Governor McMaster on November 30, at which time he will re-sign the law enacted in 2015 by Governor Haley giving all veterans and their families

the ability to enroll in South Carolina's public colleges and universities, regardless of where they live, at the in-state tuition rate.

        B.   <u>Report from USC Upstate Chancellor Bennie Harris</u>

Chair Moody stated USC Upstate Chancellor Harris was unable to attend today's meeting. She called attention to Chancellor Harris' report, which was posted to the Board portal for the meeting.

IV.   <u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Moody declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary