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University of South Carolina

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 14, 2022

The University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met at 3:10 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2022 in the Ballroom of the Sansbury Campus Life Center at the USC Upstate Campus and by Microsoft Teams video conference.

Members participating in person were Dr. C. Dorn Smith III, Chair; Mr. Thad H. Westbrook, Vice Chair; Mr. C. Dan Adams; Mr. Alex English; Mr. Brian C. Harlan; Mr. Richard A. Jones Jr.; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Ms. Emma W. Morris; Ms. Rose Buyck Newton; Mr. Robin D. Roberts; and Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr. Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs, Mr. Miles Loadholt, Mr. John C. von Lehe Jr., and Mr. Charles H. Williams participated by Microsoft Teams. Dr. C. Edward Floyd and Ms. Molly Spearman were absent.

Also present were USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Audrey Korsgaard and USC Columbia Student Government President Ms. Reedy Newton. Special Advisor to the Board of Trustees Mr. David Seaton participated by Microsoft Teams.

Others in attendance were Interim President Harris Pastides; Secretary Cameron Howell; Vice President of Human Resources Caroline Agardy; Vice President for System Affairs Derham Cole; Interim Provost Stephen Cutler; Chief Audit Executive Pamela Dunleavy; Palmetto College Chancellor Susan Elkins; Associate Vice President for Finance and Budget Kelly Epting; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief

Information Officer Doug Foster; USC Upstate Chancellor Bennie Harris; USC Aiken Chancellor Daniel Heimmermann; Howie Houston with Elliott Davis; USC Controller Mandy Kibler; Governance Consultant Brit Kirwan; Associate Vice President and Chief Procurement Officer Venis Manigo; Governance Consultant Drumm McNaughton; Director of State Government Relations Derrick Meggie; 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; Assistant Director of Institutional Research and Analytics Jonathan Poon; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost Dennis Pruitt; Barbara Rushing with Elliott Davis; College of Arts and Sciences Dean Joel Samuels; University Treasurer and 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; Executive Vice President of Administration and Chief Financial Officer Ed Walton; Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Julian Williams; and Board of Trustees support staff Cary Graham and Anna Brannin.

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending by Microsoft Teams video conference.

Chair Smith called on Mr. Stensland to introduce members of the press. Mr. Stensland introduced Kailey Cota and Julia Goulet with the *Daily Gamecock* as attending via the call-in press line.

Chair Smith 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 to the Board, and a quorum was present to conduct business.

II. Invocation

Chair Smith invited Dr. Robert Davis, Senior Minister at Drayton Mills Church of Christ, to deliver the invocation.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Smith stated there was a need for an Executive Session to discuss employment matters related to the employment of a Vice President for Research and an Executive Vice President and Provost. Mr. Harlan made the motion to enter Executive Session, and Ms. Newton seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Smith stated no action would be taken in Executive Session and invited the following to remain: Trustees, Interim President Pastides, Secretary Howell, Dr. Korsgaard, Ms. Reedy Newton, Mr. Seaton, Chancellors, Members of the President's Executive Council, and Board of Trustees support staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

III. Approval of Minutes

Chair Smith stated two sets of minutes were listed on the agenda and posted to the Board portal. There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes, he called for a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Mr. Mobley so moved; Mr. English seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously. The following sets of minutes were approved:

- A. Advancement, Engagement and Communications Committee – March 17, 2022
- B. Board of Trustees (Called) – April 8, 2022

IV. Approval of Committee Consent Agendas

Chair Smith stated three Committees' written consent agendas were posted to the Board portal. He stated each Committee requested approval for all of the items listed on the respective written consent agendas. Chair Smith called for a motion to approve the Committees' consent agendas as posted to the Board portal. Mr. Whittle so moved; Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Chair Smith noted that Mr. Westbrook and Mr. von Lehe recused themselves from voting on contracts with which they are involved. The following written consent agendas were unanimously approved:

A. Finance and Infrastructure Committee – March 17, 2022

Finance and Infrastructure Committee
(The Honorable Mack I. Whittle Jr., Chair)

Written Report for Full Board Consent Agenda **March 17, 2022**

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee met Thursday, March 17, 2022 and recommends full Board approval of all items in this written report.

- I. Approval of Gift Naming Opportunities
 - A. Athletics
 - 1. Bill Carswell Box Office
 - 2. Jane and Randy Senn Court
 - 3. Loadholt Family Gate
 - 4. Sparrow Gate
 - B. School of Medicine – Columbia
 - The John D. and Patricia L. Beckler Research Laboratory
 - C. Palmetto College
 - 1. Christine Marshall Clegg Office (USC Lancaster)
 - 2. McLeod Health Clarendon Nursing Student Lounge at USC Sumter
 - 3. NHC Healthcare Sumter Nursing Director's Office at USC Sumter

4. Prisma Health Tuomey Foundation Hospital Clinical Lab and The Tuomey Foundation Debriefing/Control Room at the USC Sumter Nursing Education Center

II. Project Approvals

A. Large Projects – Phase I

- Swearingen Infrastructure Replacement Renovation

B. Large Projects – Phase II

- Thornwell College Maintenance Renovation

C. Project – Full Approval

1. Jones PSC Second Floor Research Lab Suite Upfit
2. Maxcy College Maintenance Renovation
3. War Memorial Renovation
4. Wardlaw College Exterior Maintenance Renovation
5. 300 Main Street Roof Replacement
6. Blatt PE Center Roof Replacement
7. Thornwell Annex Maintenance Renovation
8. Columbia Hall Envelope Maintenance Renovation
9. McClintock / Wade Hampton Roof Replacements
10. Williams-Brice Stadium Waterproofing

D. Small Project Approvals

1. Booker T. Washington Renovation - 2020 NPS Grant
2. Auditorium Renovation at Science and Technology Building
3. 1800 Gervais Street Envelope Maintenance Renovation
4. Elevator Maintenance and Upgrades FY23
5. 1206 Flora Street Second Floor Upfit
6. Baruch Institute Hobcaw Marine Lab Envelope Renovation
7. SCIAA Archival Facility Relocation/Upfit
8. College Street Right of Way Preliminary Acquisition
9. 1114 Pickens Street Preliminary Acquisition
10. USC Aiken Pacer Commons Flooring Replacement
11. USC Aiken Courtyard Renovation

This concludes the written consent agenda report of the Finance and Infrastructure

Committee.

B. Governance Committee – April 14, 2022

Governance Committee

(The Honorable Thad H. Westbrook, Chair)

Written Report for Full Board Consent Agenda

April 14, 2022

The Governance Committee met Thursday, April 14, 2022 and recommends full Board approval of all items in this written report.

- Contract Approvals
 - A. Johnson Controls, Inc. Service Agreement with USC Facilities Energy Management
 - B. Suntrust Merchant Services, LLC Service Agreement with the USC Bursar’s Office
 - C. Rosen Centre Hotel – National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience
 - D. Ticketmaster LLP Software and Service Agreement

This concludes the written consent agenda report of the Governance Committee.

C. Health and Medical Affairs Committee – March 17, 2022

Health and Medical Affairs Committee

(The Honorable Hubert F. Mobley, Chair)

Written Report for Full Board Consent Agenda

March 17, 2022

The Health and Medical Affairs Committee met Thursday, March 17, 2022 and recommends full Board approval of all items in this written report.

- I. Calendar Year Health and Medical Affairs Committee Matrix
 - Motion to adopt the general format and content of the HMAAC matrix and dashboard for strategic reporting by HMAAC Schools, Colleges and/or Programs.

This concludes the written consent agenda report of the Health and Medical Affairs Committee.

V. Charge to System Leadership Council: Review of System Commencement Policies and Practices

Chair Smith stated that after consulting with Interim President Pastides, President-Elect Amiridis, and Trustee Moody, he asked the System Leadership Council to conduct an assessment of commencement practices across the system. Chair Smith stated progress would be reported through the System Leadership Council and to the University System Committee. By the Fall of 2022, the University System Committee should receive recommendations from the System Leadership Council regarding this; the Committee will then refer recommendations to the full Board for consideration.

VI. Approval of USC Columbia Vice President for Research

Chair Smith stated employment terms for the USC Vice President for Research were presented in Executive Session without objection, and the employment contract was posted the Board portal. Chair Smith then called for a motion to approve Dr. Julius Fridriksson for the position of Vice President of Research. Mr. Roberts so moved; Ms. Morris seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. Approval of USC Columbia Provost

Chair Smith stated employment terms for the USC Executive Vice President and Provost were presented in Executive Session without objection, and the employment contract was posted to the Board portal. Chair Smith then called for a motion to approve Dr. Donna K. Arnett for the position of USC Executive Vice President and Provost. Mr. Adams so moved; Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Smith and the Trustees thanked Interim Provost Cutler for his leadership.

VIII. Continuing Education for Trustees: New State and National Data on College Completion

Chair Smith called on Secretary Howell for a review of that day's continuing education opportunity. Secretary Howell reviewed a presentation on College Completion based on 6-year graduation rates and stated the report was available on the Board portal. Chair Smith stated the presentation was received as information.

IX. President's Report

Chair Smith called on Interim President Pastides to present the President's report. Dr. Pastides noted the new Chancellor for USC Upstate would be invested the following day, Friday, April 15, 2022. He announced that the searches for the Vice President of Student Affairs and Vice President for Development were underway.

Dr. Pastides reviewed new *U.S. News* rankings, starting with the International Master's Degree in Business Administration (IMBA) retaining its #1 ranking for the 9th year. He stated the School of Medicine remained the best school in the country for graduating students who practice in underserved areas, and the Law School moved up several places in key categories. The School of Nursing's Master's Program broke into the rankings for the first time in history, and the School of Public Health moved up 10 spots.

Dr. Pastides also announced there are College Dean searches ongoing for the College of Education, University Libraries, and the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management (HRSM).

Dr. Pastides stated the University is on track to receive the highest number of applications in University history – over 42,000 students in Columbia alone. He stated USC is also on track to have the highest number of new students in the University's history – upwards of 6,200 freshmen and another 1,500 to 2,000 of transfer students. Additionally,

Dr. Pastides reported the average SAT score (of those who tested) was 1270, also the highest score in the University's history. The incoming freshmen class contains the highest number of South Carolinians and shows the most diversity in school history.

Dr. Pastides reported the University is monitoring the situation in Ukraine and supporting scholar rescue efforts where and when possible. There are currently nine students from Ukraine and 16 from Russia enrolled at USC.

Dr. Pastides stated 81,000 social media mentions were seen by an estimated 500 million people following the women's basketball team parade. Darius Rucker will provide a free concert on Sunday, August 24, 2022 to celebrate the team's win. Additionally, a donor has pledged to donate the largest Hootie and the Blowfish memorabilia collection to the University of South Carolina, after being inspired by both Darius Rucker's continuous support of the University and the women's basketball team's national championship.

The Chairman announced that the President's report was received as information.

X. Other Matters

Secretary Howell reviewed events for the remainder of the day, including a Trustees dinner in the Stockwell Administration Building lobby. He stated the next day's investiture would begin at 10:30 a.m. with an expected end time at noon.

Chair Smith asked if there were any other matters to discuss; there were none.

XI. Adjournment

There being no other matters on the meeting agenda, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary