

University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee
In Person, Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center
and By Microsoft Teams
August 23, 2024

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair English called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending in person and by Microsoft Teams audio and video conference.

Committee Members in attendance:

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

Members absent:

Ellen Weaver

Other Trustees in attendance:

W. Michael Bond
C. Edward Floyd (online)
Brian C. Harlan
Henry L. Jolly Jr.
Hubert F. Mobley
Reid T. Sherard
C. Dorn Smith III
Charles H. Williams

Others in attendance:

Patton Byars, USC Columbia Student Government President
Wayne Outten, USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair
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:

Natalie Campbell, the *Daily Gamecock*

Jessica Holdman, *SC Daily Gazette*

Ian Grenier, the *Post and Courier*

Alexa Jurado, the *State*

Deric Rush, WISTV

Notice:

Chair English 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 English stated there was a need for an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters related to new faculty hires with tenure and honorary academic titles.

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

Chair English invited the following to remain: Trustees, Mr. Byars, Dr. Outten, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Seaton, President Amiridis, Secretary Howell, Chancellors, members of the President's Executive Council, and Board support staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. Annual Review of New Programs

Dr. Arnett presented an annual review of new programs.

The presentation was received as information.

III. USC Columbia

A. Personnel Matters

1. Approval of New Hire with Tenure

Dr. Arnett presented two new hires with tenure for approval.

- a. Dr. Melis Duyar, hire with tenure at the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering, Molinaroli College of Engineering and Computing
- b. Dr. Tracey Weldon, hire with tenure at the rank of Professor with a joint appointment in the Department of English Language and Literature and the Linguistics Program, College of Arts and Sciences

Mr. von Lehe made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia new hires with tenure as presented. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

2. Approval of Honorary Academic Titles

Dr. Arnett presented four candidates for honorary academic titles for approval.

- a. Dr. Simon Paul Mackenzie – Named Chair Emeritus, Caroline McKissick Dial Chair in History, College of Arts and Sciences, May 29, 2024
- b. Dr. George Voulgaris – Distinguished Professor Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences, May 16, 2024
- c. Dr. Erik Drasgow – Professor Emeritus, College of Education, March 20, 2024
- d. Dr. David Cull, M.D. – Clinical Professor Emeritus, School of Medicine Greenville, April 30, 2024

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

B. Approval of New Program

Provost Arnett presented a new program for approval.

- M.S., Performance Nutrition and Dietetics

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

C. Approval of New Unit

Provost Arnett presented a new unit for approval.

- Interprofessional Programs, Molinaroli College of Engineering and Computing

Ms. Morris made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia new unit as presented. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

D. Approval of New Centers

Provost Arnett presented two new centers for approval.

1. USC Collaborative for Health Equity Research
2. Carolina Institute for Battery Innovation

Mr. von Lehe made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia new centers as presented. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

E. Approval of Program Terminations

Provost Arnett presented two program terminations for approval.

1. Center of the Education and Equity of African American Students
2. Dual degree: J.D. with Vermont Law School's Master of Environmental Law and Policy (M.E.L.P.)

Ms. Newton made a motion to recommend full Board approval of USC Columbia program terminations as presented. Ms. Morris seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

IV. USC Beaufort

A. Approval of Mission Statement Revision

Ms. Newton made a motion to recommend full Board approval of revisions to the USC Beaufort mission statement as circulated. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

B. Approval of Revisions to the USC Beaufort Faculty Manual

Ms. Moody made a motion to recommend full Board approval of revisions to the USC Beaufort faculty manual as circulated. Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

V. Palmetto College

– Approval of Program Modifications

1. USC Salkehatchie
 - AA/AS, Add Branchville High School Site
2. USC Union
 - AA/AS, Add Fountain Inn High School Site

Ms. Morris made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the Palmetto College program modifications as presented. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

VI. Consistent Language for Conferral of Degrees Across Commencement

Proposed language to make the degree-conferral statement more consistent across ceremonies was circulated for review prior to the meeting.

The update was received as information.

VII. Report on GARNET

A report on the Graduate and Retention Network was circulated for review prior to the meeting.

The report was received as information.

VIII. Report from the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

A report from the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences was circulated for review prior to the meeting.

The report was received as information.

IX. Report on Undergraduate Credit Requirements Across the USC System

A report on undergraduate credit requirements across the USC System was circulated for review prior to the meeting.

The report was received as information.

X. Committee Matrix

An updated Committee matrix was circulated for review prior to the meeting.

The matrix was received as information.

XI. Other Matters

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

XII. Adjournment

Chair English declared the meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary