

MINUTES
SC STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 5, 2020

CALL TO ORDER/OPEN SESSION:

Chairman Rodney Jenkins called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. He noted that proper notice was given regarding the meeting to comply with the Freedom of Information Act. The agenda was circulated to the members (Attachment 1). Trustee Donnie Shell gave the invocation.

Board Members Via Phone: Starlee Alexander, Doward Harvin, Doris Helms, Rodney Jenkins, William Oden, Donnie Shell, and Wilbur Shuler. *Ex-Officio Members:* Javonni Ayers, John Funny, David Staten, and Sharon Wade-Byrd.

Board Members Absent: Hamilton Grant, Monica Scott, Hubbard Smalls, Daniel Varat, and Jeff Vinzani.

Administrators & Others Via Phone: *Provost,* Learie Luke; *VP Public Relations/Institutional Advancement & Alumni Relations,* Sonja Bennett-Bellamy; *SACSCOC Liaison,* Valerie Goodwin; *Administrative Coordinator,* Eartha Mosley; *Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement,* Gwynth Nelson.

Media: *The T&D Reporter* Chris Huff.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Jenkins asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. ***Trustee Milton Irvin so moved. The motion was seconded by Trustee Doris Helms. Vote: unanimously approved.***

The Chair cited the *Bylaws Article VIII, Section 6. Procedures for Reports....Requests for other reports, not received in advance, to be presented to the Board or its committee must receive a consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present.* That being said, Chairman Jenkins asked the members to take action. ***Trustee Doris Helms motioned to bring to the table the Approval for Tenure and Promotion Recommendations from the administration; it was seconded by Trustee Doward Harvin. Vote: unanimously approved.***

APPROVAL FOR TENURE AND PROMOTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Luke affirmed that the faculty members being recommended were vetted through the University-Wide Tenure and Promotion Committee, the President, and had met all the criteria. The faculty members are Dr. Shanora Glymph-Brown (promoted from Assistant Professor of Biology to Associate Professor with Tenure), Dr. Ashley Evans-Knowell (promoted from Assistant Professor of Biology to Associate Professor with Tenure), Dr. Young-Gym Kim (promoted from Associate Professor of Computer Science to Professor), and Dr. Zaijing Sun (promoted from Assistant Professor of Nuclear Engineering to Associate Professor with Tenure); he resigned as of July 31, 2020.

The Board of Trustees approved the recommendations for Tenure and Promotion. Vote: unanimously approved. Dr. Luke thanked the Trustees for taking up the matter swiftly as the administration wanted to obtain approval before the fall semester begin.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Milton Irvin motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Trustee William Oden. ***Vote: unanimously approved.***

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 PM.

Submitted by,



Eartha Mosley
Recorder

Attachments

- 1 – Agenda
- 2 – Tenure and Promotion Recommendations