

MINUTES
SC STATE UNIVERSITY INTERIM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
LOWMAN HALL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 10, 2015

CALL TO ORDER / OPEN SESSION:

Chairman Charles S. Way, Jr. called the meeting to order at 1:00PM. Chairman Way noting that notice of the meeting had been posted, all comply with the Freedom of Information Act. The agenda (Attachment 1) had been circulated to the members. Chairman Way indicated that all Trustees were present. Trustee Doris Helms extended the invocation.

Trustees present: Mr. Charles S. Way, Jr, Mr. James E. Clark, Dr. Doris Helms, Mr. Milton Irvin, Mr. Donnie Shell, Mr. Steve Swanson, and Mr. Jeff Vinzani (*via phone*). *Ex-Officio Member:* Mrs. Vernell Brown.

Ex-Officio Member Absent: Mr. Reginald Dupree.

Administrators & others present: *Interim President*, Dr. W. Franklin Evans; *General Counsel*, Mr. Craig Burgess; *Acting Provost*, Dr. Learie Luke; *Vice President of Finance and Management*, Mr. Edward Patrick; *Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Public Relations*, Ms. Sonja Bennett-Bellamy; *Vice President for Enrollment Management*, Mrs. Betty Boatwright; *Executive Director for Institutional Effectiveness*, Dr. Rita Teal; *Athletics Director*, Mr. Paul Bryant; *Board's Legal Counsel*, Mr. Kenneth Childs and Mr. Vernie Williams; and *Administrative Coordinator and Recorder*, Mrs. Eartha Mosley.

Media: *The Times and Democrat* Reporter, Mrs. Dale Linder-Altman; and *WLTX*-Reporter, Ms. Joyce Koh.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Way asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Trustee Irvin moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Shell. Vote: unanimously approved.

OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY PRESENTATION (OCA) (ATTACHMENT 2)

Chairman Way asked the President to enlighten the Trustees on the charter school. President Evans shared that the University became a charter school sponsor/authorizer in 2014 and is the first institution in higher education in the State of South Carolina to be a sponsor/authorizer. As an authorizer, schools throughout the State of South Carolina could submit an application to the institution. There is a process, the prospective school would: 1) submit an application, 2) application is reviewed by the SCSU Review Committee, 3) the Review Committee would meet with the prospective school group regarding any concerns, 4) a presentation is made before the Board of Trustee by the prospective school, 5) Trustees deliberate in Executive Session, 6) a decision is announced in open session.

Dr. Kayla Audette from SC Department of Education stated the Board would be responsible for ensuring that the charter school is following federal guidelines on spending on items like special education. Dr. Marvin Amsdorff, Board Chairman of OCA and Ms. Traci Bryant-Riches of Pinnacle Character Academies steered the presentation. Ms. Bryant-Riches

introduced OCA Board members and staffers from Pinnacle and Gray Collegiate Academy. OCA School would be managed by Pinnacle, which is an Educational Management Organization. Gray Collegiate Academy will serve as a sister school to OCA and is currently partnering with the University for in dual enrollment credits. OCA operations will begin the school year 2016-2017 in Mt. Pleasant, SC. The institution would receive 2 percent of the charter school operating budget plus payment for supervising the federal dollars. President Evans was assured that a committee headed by Dr. Albert Haywood would be accountable for overseeing that the charter school is following federal guidelines. The Board of Trustees have the authority to recommend corrections or withdraw the charter, if the school is not following federal guidelines. *See Attachment.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Clark made a motion for the Trustees to enter into Executive Session to discuss contractual matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Shell. Vote: unanimously approved.

OPEN SESSION

Chairman Way asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. *Trustee Swanson so moved and Trustee Shell seconded the motion. Vote: unanimously approved.* The Chair stated while in Executive Session OCA application was discussed.

Trustee Clark made a motion that the Board accept the Charter School Review Committee recommendation to move forward on OCA charter school proposal. The motion was by Trustee Helms. Vote: unanimously approved.

President Evans announced the new students will arrive on campus Wednesday, August 12th. He also shared the new enrollments numbers. The numbers this morning were 2,626, this afternoon they are 2,649.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. *Trustee Swanson so moved and Trustee Helms seconded the motion. Vote: unanimously approved.*

The next Board meeting is Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 10:00AM.

The meeting adjourned at 2:46PM.

Submitted by,



Eartha Mosley
Recorder

Attachments

- 1 – Agenda
- 2 – Oceanside Collegiate Academy PowerPoint Presentation

The Trustees were given a tour of the campus immediately following the meeting.