

MINUTES
SC STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
LOWMAN HALL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

CALL TO ORDER / OPEN SESSION:

Chairman William Small called the meeting to order at 9:25 A.M. The public notice was read. The agenda (Attachment) was previously circulated to the members. The Trustee Corbitt extended the invocation. The roll was called.

Trustees present: Dr. William Small, Dr. Gail Joyner-Fleming, Mr. Ronald Henegan, Mrs. Pearl Ascue, Dr. John Corbitt, Mr. Katon Dawson (*via phone*), Mr. Sidney Evering, Ms. Patricia Lott, Mrs. Cathy Novinger, and Dr. Carlotta Redish. *Ex-officio members:* Mr. Gary Carroway, Mrs. Vernell Brown, Dr. Thomas Cassidy, Dr. Jesse Kinard, and Ms. Kenita Pitts.

Trustees absent: Ms. Erika Abraham, Mr. Anthony Grant (*excused*) and Dr. Dennis Nielsen.

Administrators & others present: *President*, Mr. Thomas Elzey; *Interim Provost*, Dr. W. Franklin Evans; *Vice President for Finance, Facilities and Management* Mr. James Openshaw; *Vice President for External Affairs and Communications/Institutional Advancement*, Mrs. Sonja Bennett; *Interim Vice President of Student Affairs*, Dr. Tamara Hughes; *Executive Director for Institutional Effectiveness*, Dr. Rita Teal; *Athletics Director*, Mr. Paul Bryant, and *Board's Legal Counsel*, Mr. Kenneth Childs; *Executive Assistant to the President*, Mrs. Shondra Abraham and *Administrative Coordinator to the Board and Recorder*, Mrs. Eartha Mosley.

The Budget and Control Board members: Mr. Brenda Hart and Mr. Morgan O'Donnell.

Media: *The Times and Democrat* Reporter Mrs. Dale Linder-Altman. *The State* Reporter Mr. Andy Shain.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Small asked for adoption of the agenda. Trustee Corbitt made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Joyner-Fleming. Vote: unanimously approved.

The Chair reminded the Trustees of Fall Convocation today and hoped for full participation. He informed the Trustees that he will not be standing for re-election on September 25th. He thanked the community, college, university and Board members for support during his tenure.

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE FUTURE OF SCSU

President Elzey began by stating that he felt the primary issue is communication between the Board and the administration and within the Board. The administration would like a sense of what direction the Board envisions for the University. The following items were suggestions for University.

- Increase Enrollment
- Good Cross Section of Students
- Teach Jobs for the Future
- Promote On-line Classes
- Promote Bridge Program
- Blend with Technical Colleges
- Work on Relationships with Legislators
- Involve Ministerial Alliance, Clubs and Organization to Promote Positive Image
- President Elzey's Presence in School Districts
- Include Staff Members Voice
- Laser Focus on SACS
- Rally the Orangeburg Community
- Change the Mindset to "We Can Win"
- Town Hall Focus Forum
- Restore Confidence
- Position the University for the Future

SACS

The President shared that Dr. Belle Wheelan has graciously made herself available to make a presentation at the September 25th Board of Trustees Meeting to answer any questions and to speak to the role of the Board. The Trustees and President agreed that SACS is paramount.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. *Trustee Dawson made the motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Redish. Vote: unanimously approved.*

OPEN SESSION

Trustee Joyner-Fleming made the motion for the Board to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Redish. The Chair stated that no votes or actions were taken in Executive Session.

TRANSPORTATION CENTER

President Elzey mention to the Board that a letter from Congressman James Clyburn to State Senators Scott and Clyburn dated September 2014 regarding the \$13M earmarked for the transportation center. The President wanted to clarify that the funds could not be used for anything else other the transportation center unless the Congressman worked to get the federal law changed to state differently. After much discussion, *Trustee Novinger motioned to enter into dialogue with the Congressman on how to pursue the reallocation dollars (\$13M) from the federal government earmarked for transportation center to other needs of the University without a match. The motion was seconded by Trustee Redish. Vote: unanimously approved.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

Trustee Corbitt motioned to amend the agenda to send the authorized draft letter to Senator Letterman on behalf of the Board. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lott. Vote: unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. *Trustee Corbitt made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Henegan. Vote: unanimously approved.*

The meeting adjourned at 11:41am.

All referenced attachments are made a permanent part of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald B. Henegan
Secretary



Eartha Mosley
Recorder

Attachments
1 – Agenda