

MINUTES
SC STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LOWMAN HALL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
DECEMBER 14, 2017

CALL TO ORDER/OPEN SESSION:

Chairman Charles S. Way, Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:01AM. 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.

Trustees Present: Mr. Charles S. Way, Jr., Mr. Milton Irvin, Dr. Doris Helms, Mr. Donnie Shell, Dr. B.R. Skelton, Mr. Steve Swanson and Mr. Jeff Vinzani. *Ex-Officio Members:* Mr. John Funny (*via phone*).

Trustee Absent: *Ex-Officio Members:* Mr. DeAndre Hurley.

Administrators & others present: *President*, Mr. James E. Clark; *Provost*, Dr. Learie Luke; *Legal Counsel*, Ms. Mercedes Pinkney; *Vice President of Finance*, Mrs. Teare Brewington; *Vice President for Student Affairs*, Dr. Tamara Jeffries-Jackson; *Athletics Director*, Mr. Stacy Danley; *Director of Land Grant Services*; Mr. Delbert Foster; *Special Assistant to the President for Executive Affairs*, Mrs. Shondra Abraham; *Legislative Liaison*, Ms. Heather Smith and *Administrative Coordinator and Recorder*, Mrs. Eartha Mosley.

Media: *The Times and Democrat* Reporter, Mr. Christopher Huff.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ATTACHMENT 2)

Chairman Way asked for a motion to approve the minutes from August 31, 2017 and September 26, 2017. Trustee Helms moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustees Irvin. Vote: unanimously approved.

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Way read a statement of his resignation from the Board of Trustees (ATTACHMENT 3). Mr. Willie B. Owens, member of Orangeburg City County Council extended words of thanks to Chairman Way for the leadership he rendered to the institution during the previous years. After reading his statement of resignation, Chairman Way left the meeting and Vice-Chairman, Milton Irvin, proceeded with the meeting. Mr. Irvin acknowledged Mr. Way's commitment to Orangeburg, his relationship with the State legislators, and that the University is in a better compared to where it was in 2015. The Vice-Chair stated that the board will continue to focus on governance and the importance of enrollment, a balanced budget, and filling key positions. He noted the importance of preparing students for the workforce and graduate school, etc.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATES (ATTACHMENT 4)

President Clark stated that a "Clean" 2017 Financial Audit was completed and submitted to the Comptroller General's Office. However, there was a delay in submitting it by the deadline due to a discovery of a missing item after the final review of the document by BDO. He said the audit was the University's highest quality audit for quite some time. In addition, the institution's net position had improved significantly to \$23.9M, a swing of \$20.5M in one year. Just two years ago the UNAEP (unrestricted net assets exclusive of plant and plant related debt) was a negative \$25.1M and has shown an impressive improvement to \$3.6M.

He shared that a Director of Admissions had been hired, and two new admissions counselors were hired as well. Great support had been received from the alumni, faculty and staff in recruitment efforts and was appreciated. The President indicated enrollment was slightly up by 1.3% from Fall 2017. Fall 2018 admissions applications were up as well. He noted that the Athletic Department was under-budget, with a balance of \$32,600.

The President mentioned a number of grants/awards. The first was from the National Institutes of Health for \$6,256,356, which is part of a larger grant with MUSC worth \$12.6M. This grant would establish a center for cancer disparities research. The second grant was from the National Science Foundation for \$500K. The grant would support research in material science. A third grant was from the U.S. Department of Education for \$2.496M to be used towards the M.S. Transportation Program. A fourth grant was an 1890 Research Grant of \$500K for Music Education. Other 1890 Research and Extension funding worth \$8.9M will cover projects that have varying end dates including May 2018, 2019 and 2020. Another 1890 Research and Extension project for Food and Nutrition worth \$122K was highlighted, as was a Facilities Grant for \$873K. The President noted the arrival of the Speech and Hearing Mobile Clinic, designed to provide services to farmers and their families.

The University received over \$595K in donations. The Vice-chair asked in what accounts the donations would be placed. The President stated the donations would be placed in the Foundation and the University's account. However, there have been discussions on establishing some recommendations on the types of gifts placed in the Foundations vs the University. He suggested donations that would be exhausted within 18 months or less would be placed in the University and larger gifts would be placed in the Foundation. Discussions on this matter are ongoing.

He reported that the Information Technology enhancements for dorms, the football stadium, SHM, and Staley Hall first floor were completed. Upgrading student information from Banner 8 to Banner 9 (since Banner 8 is no longer supported) is scheduled to end in December 2018.

The President highlighted a number of other activities including the reopening of the I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium on October 26, 2017; the program for the Inaugural Class of Emily England Clyburn Honors College Scholars, who were awarded \$10K in scholarships and internships at Congressman Clyburn's offices; the dedication of Rose Garden honoring Armstrong Williams' mother; the conference presentation by the Call Me MISTER Program; and the reinstatement of the Women's Tennis Program.

DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS RESOLUTIONS (ATTACHMENT 5)

Dr. Learie Luke presented three resolutions for the Division of Academic Affairs: 1) Resolution to discontinue the Drama Education and Business Education programs. *Trustee Vinzani made a motion to discontinue the Drama Education and the Business Education programs. The motion was seconded by Trustee B.R. Skelton. Vote: unanimously approved.*

2) *Resolution to Revise the Industrial Engineering Curriculum. Trustee Vinzani made the motion to revise the Industrial Engineering Curriculum. The motion was seconded by Trustee Helms. Vote: unanimously approved.*

3) Resolution to authorize President Clark and his designee, Elbert Malone, to negotiate projects that receive funding from the USDA Rural Community Programs. Trustee Helms made the motion to the motion. The motion was seconded by Trustee B.R. Skelton. Vote: unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Vice-Chairman asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. **Trustee Shell moved the motion, and Trustee Swanson seconded the motion. Vote: unanimously approved.**

OPEN SESSION

The Vice-Chairman asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. **Trustee Vinzani moved the motion, and Trustee Swanson seconded the motion. Vote: unanimously approved. The Vice-Chair shared that no actions or votes were taken in Executive Session.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:55PM. The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

Submitted by,



Recorder

Attachments

- 1 – Agenda
- 2 – Minutes
- 3 – Chairman Way Resignation Statement
- 4 – President's Power Point
- 5 – Three Resolutions from Academic Affairs