

MINUTES
SC STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LOWMAN HALL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
DECEMBER 4, 2014

CALL TO ORDER / OPEN SESSION:

Chairman William Small called the meeting to order at 9:37AM. The public notice was read. The agenda (Attachment 1) and minutes (Attachments 2) were 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, Mr. Sidney Evering, Mr. Anthony Grant, Dr. Dennis Nielsen, Ms. Patricia Lott, and Dr. Carlotta Redish. *Ex-officio members:* Mr. Gary Carroway, Dr. Thomas Cassidy, Dr. Jesse Kinard, Mrs. Vernell Brown and Ms. Kenita Pitts.

Trustee absent: Ms. Erika Abraham and Mrs. Cathy Novinger. *Ex-officio members:* Mr. Aaron Russell, Mr. Charlton Whipple and Mr. Edward Williams.

Administrators & others present: *President, Mr. Thomas Elzey; Interim Provost, Dr. W. Franklin Evans; General Counsel & Interim VP of Operations, Mr. Craig Burgess; Vice President for Finance, Facilities and Management Mr. James Openshaw; Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Public Relations Ms. Sonja Bennett-Bellamy; Executive Director for Institutional Effectiveness, Dr. Rita Teal; Board's Legal Counsel, Mr. Kenneth Childs and Mr. Vernie Williams; Executive Assistance to the President; Mrs. Shondra Abraham and Administrative Coordinator to the Board and Recorder, Mrs. Eartha Mosley.*

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

Media: *The Times and Democrat* Reporter Mrs. Dale Linder-Altman.

The Chairman acknowledged Orangeburg City Councilman, Mr. Bernard Haire. Mr. Haire shared that the University will be receiving a letter requesting support to reduce the speed of Norfolk Southern Train from 49mpr to 25/30mpr as it travel through the city of Orangeburg. The Council is seeking ways to prevent a collision in Orangeburg as what happen in Graniteville, SC 2005 with Norfolk Train and the result with two college campuses near. The hospital would not be able to accommodate the vast number of college students, which attend Claflin and SC State Universities should a collision occur. He continued by stating Zeus, one the industries in Orangeburg conducted a dramatization should a derailment and chemical spill was to happen in the city and what the effect would be.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Small stated, upon receiving numerous calls to propose the elections of officers until the full board can be present and candidates as well. The Chair stated said Trustees Novinger and Evering would not available. Chairman Small requested a motion, *Trustee Corbitt made that motion to propose the election of officers until a later date.*

Trustee Joyner-Fleming seconded the motion. Discussion: After much dialogue on when to have the election, the motion was amended by *Trustee Redish to have a special meeting for the election before the end of January 2015. A Series of dates for the month of December and January would be circulated to all trustees for a response. The amended motion was seconded by Trustee Grant.*

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Small asked for adoption of the agenda. Trustee Lott made a motion to adopt the agenda. Trustee Dawson seconded the motion. Vote: unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Small asked for approval of minutes for September 5th and September 11th. Trustee Henegan made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Joyner-Fleming. Vote: unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman shared that he is trying to galvanize public support and bring the public voice into the conversation on how the public can support SC State University. The institution have contributed so much to the state of South Carolina and have more too contributed to the state. His concern is “what will the University look like when everything is over?” Will the University be completeive, attractive and have intriety will impact our future. What does the state of SC expects SC State to be. He appeases to stay committed to the challenge.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Elzey thanked the Board members for their attendance or support at the Bond Review Committee Meeting where consideration and approval was given for a \$12M loan to support the University.

President Elzey shared that the dialogue between the House of Representative, the Senate, and the Legislative Black Caucus will continue. The Administration is working on the following issues simultaneously: 1) Appropriation Funding which is before Governor Haley for next year; 2) Infrastructure needs; 3) Transportation Funding.

In regards to SACSCOC, the second monitoring report is being fine tune, reviewing documents to make certain documents and materials meet the critique that was outline in the SACSCOC letter. The SACS Task Force Team will have a conference call meeting with Dr. Joseph Silver and the following week he will visit the campus to help salsify the strategy. The SACSCOC Team on-site visit is scheduled for April 14-16, 2015. Dr. W. Franklin Evans, Dr. Rita Teal and others will attend the SACSCOC Conference in Nashville, TN.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs and Faculty-Liaison Committee:

Trustee Joyner-Fleming stated that the Academic Affairs and Faculty-Liaison Committee are recommending the denial of Lake City College Preparatory Academy School Application. *Trustee Redish motioned to deny, Trustee Dawson seconded the motion. Motion approved.*

Trustee Joyner-Fleming stated that the Academic Affairs and Faculty-Liaison Committee are recommending the approval of the Educational Policies (General Revision to the Professional Management Program, Revised Nutrition Option for

B.S. in food and Nutrition, B.S. in Civil Engineering). *Trustee Corbitt motioned to approve, Trustee Redish seconded the motion. Vote: unanimously approved.*

Trustee Joyner-Fleming stated the Committee is recommending the approval of SC Department of Archives and History Marker for Existence of the original Felton Training School and Rosenwald Building . *Trustee Corbitt motioned to approve, Trustee Nielsen seconded the motion. Vote: unanimously approved.*

Trustee Joyner-Fleming stated that the Committee is recommending the approval of the Fall 2014 Prospective Graduates. *Trustee Corbitt motioned to approve; the motion was seconded by Trustee Nielsen. Vote: unanimously approved.*

Budget, Facilities and Grounds Committee

Trustee Dawson stated the Committee has no action items. He asked Mr. Openshaw to shared what was the University's cash on hand. Mr. Openshaw said \$2M was the cash on hand.

Trustee Dawson suggested that the Board request the State Procurement to come in and assist with the Sodexo Food Contract. *Trustee Dawson made a motion the Budget and Control Board to review the University's Food Service Contract for years remaining, talk to vendors to find some type of common ground between SC State and Soxdexo Food Service, seconded by Trustee Corbitt. Vote: unanimously approved. After some discussion Trustee Dawson motion to recall the motion, seconded by Trustee Grant. Trustee Dawson motion that the Board ask the President to request help with the food service contract with the Budget and Control Board and the State Procurement Office to review the contract and re-negotiate, seconded by Trustee Corbitt.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. *Trustee Grant made the motion for the Trustees to go into Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Joyner-Fleming. Vote: unanimously approved.*

OPEN SESSION

Trustee Dawson made a motion for the Board to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Corbitt. The Chair shared that no actions or votes were taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:02PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald B. Henegan
Secretary

Eartha Mosley

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Recorder

Attachments

1 – Agenda

2 – Minutes