

**MINUTES**  
**SC STATE UNIVERSITY INTERIM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**LOWMAN HALL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**FEBRUARY 10, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER / OPEN SESSION:**

Chairman Charles S. Way, Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:51AM. Chairman Way noted that proper notice had been given of the meeting to comply with the Freedom of Information Act. Chairman Way indicated that all Trustees were present. President Evans extended the invocation.

**Trustees Present:** Mr. Charles S. Way, Jr, Dr. Doris Helms, Mr. Milton Irvin, Mr. Donnie Shell, Mr. Steve Swanson, Mr. Jeff Vinzani and Mr. James E. Clark. *Ex-Officio Members:* Mrs. Vernell Brown.

**Ex-Officio Absent:** Mr. Justin Brown.

**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 Enrollment Management*, Mrs. Betty Boatwright; *Vice President for Student Affairs*, Dr. Tamara Jeffries-Jackson; *Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement*, Mr. A.L. Fleming; *Executive Director for 1890 Programs and Extension*, Mr. Delbert Foster; *Executive Director for Institutional Effectiveness*, Dr. Rita Teal; *Athletics Director*, Mr. Paul Bryant; *Director of Public Relations*, Mrs. Elizabeth Mosely-Hawkins; *Special Assistant to the President for Executive Affairs*, Mrs. Shondra Abraham; *Southern Strategies Group*, Mr. Jeff Griffith and Ms. Heather Smith and *Administrative Coordinator and Recorder*, Mrs. Eartha Mosley.

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Trustee Clark made a motion for the Trustees to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, contractual matters and to receive legal advice. The motion was seconded by Trustee Swanson. Vote: unanimously approved.*

**OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Way asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. *Trustee Vinzani so moved and Trustee Helms seconded the motion. Vote: unanimously approved.*

## **MASTER LANDSCAPING PLAN PRESENTATION (ATTACHMENT 1)**

Trustee Helms introduced Mr. Paul Russell, instructor at Clemson University in the College of Arts, Architecture, and Humanities and Department of Landscape Architecture. Mr. Russell gave a brief introduction of himself and introduced student presenters Brandon Green and Evan Lawson also of Clemson University. The Clemson students were given the task of creating a Master Landscaping Plan for the campus. Clemson and SC State students and faculty met in September 2015 to collaborate on the project. On February 10, 2016, Mr. Green and Lawson's presentation was made before the University's Board of Trustees. There were three areas of focus: 1) Connect to the Community, 2) Celebrate History and 3) Reactivate Campus. See the attachment. The Trustees thanked the students for their great presentation.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (ATTACHMENT 2)**

The Department of Biological and Physical Sciences is the largest Education Department on the campus. Dr. Judith Salley serves as the Chairperson and was present to give highlights on the great accomplishments of the department, articulated President Evans. Dr. Salley thanked Dr. Evans for the opportunity and preceded by stating her presentation stems from an IMPACT Book produced for the National Science Foundation for a long standing program on the campus, the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Program (LSAMP).

The Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Program, at the national level, began in 1990. The program started in the State of South Carolina in 1992. The program was renamed after Congressman Stokes in 1999. The national organization is hosting a celebration of 25 years along with naming the program after the Congressman, called "The Game Changer." This was done because he was viewed as a game changer for the national model of LSAMP. The program is designed to significantly increase the production of well-prepared, highly-qualified student from underrepresented groups who pursue graduate studies or careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). The program's charter schools were the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, College of Charleston, Midland Technical College, SC State, Claflin University, Voorhees University and Benedict College. Dr. Salley received a round of applause on her presentation. (ATTACHMENT 3)

## **SACSCOC**

President Evans stated there was some erroneous information printed in the Post & Courier Newspaper regarding SACSCOC that he would like to correct. He stated that the SACSCOC Monitoring Report would be mailed by March 11, and the Team Site Visit to the University would be April 12-14, 2016. Dr. Raymond Burse, President of Kentucky State University, would serve as the Chairman for the Team Site Visit. That committee will make recommendations to the SACSCOC Board, and the SACSCOC Board will make the final decision concerning the institution's accreditation in June. The President informed the Trustees that the monitoring report would be provided to the Trustees prior to submission to SACSCOC. There was some discussion concerning the A-133 and BDO drafts and submission dates. The President stated the staff is working on a 24-hour turnaround notice in preparing the reports. Chairman Way requested that the administration work diligently to complete the report in a timely fashion to allow quality review time by the Board of Trustees before submission to SACSCOC. Trustee Clark requested that the Trustees receive the monitoring report one week prior to submission.

## **Truth Hall**

The President shared that in order to bring Truth Hall back on-line by August 2016 certain tasks must be completed swiftly by March 30, 2016. Mr. Ken Davis stated there is a timeline plan in place that includes two phases to bring Truth Hall back on-line for 2016 with the funds that are available. After some discussion, Chairman Way asked Mr. Davis to submit the timeline plan to the Trustees for review, since the President, Mr. Patrick and Mr. Davis were the only ones to have previously seen the plans.

*Enrollment*

President Evans shared with the Trustees that the headcount for fall 2015 was 3,054 and spring 2016 was 2,575. He also stated that moving forward, the University would be using FTE figures instead of headcounts when reporting data. Trustee Clark requested to exclude the dual enrollment of high school from the enrollment report. Enrollment numbers should consist of students paying tuition. The President indicated that the University may possibly bring in an enrollment company to help recruit students. These professionals have a proven track record in which they would tap into certain areas to help increase the pool of applicants and provide a larger yield.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Trustee Irvin made a motion for the Trustees to enter into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters and to receive legal advice. The motion was seconded by Trustee Helms. Vote: unanimously approved.*

**OPEN SESSION**

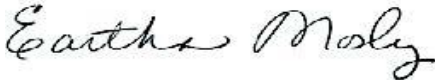
Chairman Way asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. *Trustee Irvin so moved and Trustee Helms seconded the motion. Vote: unanimously approved.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:20PM.

Submitted by,



Eartha Mosley  
Recorder

Attachments

- 1- Clemson Students' Master Landscaping Plan Presentation
- 2- Dr. Judith Salley's Presentation
- 3- President Evans' Handouts