

MINUTES
SC STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LOWMAN HALL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
JUNE 27, 2018

CALL TO ORDER/OPEN SESSION:

Chairman Milton Irvin called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. 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.

Board Members Present: Mr. Milton Irvin, Dr. Doris Helms, Mr. Donnie Shell, Mr. Steve Swanson, and Mr. Jeff Vinzani. *Ex-Officio Members:* Mr. John Funny and Mr. DeAndre Hurley.

Board Member Absent: Dr. B.R. Skelton

Administrators & Others Present: *President*, Mr. James E. Clark; *Provost*, Dr. Learie Luke; *General Counsel Paralegal*, Ms. Chrystel Rogers; *Chief of Staff*, Mrs. Shondra Abraham; *Consultant for Students & Administrative Operations*, Betty Boatwright; *Vice President of Finance*, Mrs. Teare Brewington; *Vice President for Student Affairs*, Dr. Tamara Jeffries-Jackson; *Athletics Director*, Mr. Stacy Danley; *Executive Director of 1890 Research and Extension*, Mr. Delbert Foster; *Director of Operations, Institutional Advancement*, Angelia P. Jackson; *Faculty Senate President*, Dr. David Staten; *Staff Senate President*, Ms. Kenita Pitts; *Budget Director*, Ms. Donna Hanton; *Legislative Liaison*, Ms. Heather Smith and *Administrative Coordinator and Recorder*, Mrs. Eartha Mosley.

Media: The Times and Democrat-Reporter, Dionne Gleaton.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Irvin asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. *Trustee Helms moved the motion. The motion was seconded by Trustee Swanson. Vote: unanimously approved. Dr. Luke shared that there are two more items to add to the agenda: the approval for the Policy on Policies and the Preliminary Budget.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ATTACHMENT 2)

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 24, 2018, and June 8, 2018. Trustee Vinzani moved the motion. The motion was seconded by Trustee Doris Helms. Vote: unanimously approved.

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Irvin recognized the Trustees-Elect who were present and asked them to introduce themselves. The following individuals were present: Mr. Hamilton Grant, Mr. Rodeny Jenkins, Mr. Wilbur Shuler, Dr. Gerald Hubbard Smalls, and Dr. Daniel Varat.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATES (ATTACHMENT 3)

President Clark began by thanking the seven-member Board of Trustees and the Ex-Officio Members for the help and faithfulness they provided to the University while serving on the Board of Trustees. He continued by sharing that SACSCOC made a site visit to the new Off-Campus Instructional Site in North Charleston where the MBA with a concentration in Healthcare Management is housed. At its June meeting, the SASCOC Board

approved the substantive change prospectus and indicated that no additional monitoring reports were needed from SC State University. President Clark stated that Dr. Belle Wheelan, SASCOC President, will attend the July meeting.

The President provided the following highlights:

- Commencement 2018 (1) 429 graduates; (2) Keynote Speaker, Dorothea “Dee” Dawkins-Haigler received an honorary doctorate degree; (3) one student who maintained a 4.0 GPA for four consecutive years received a financial award; (4) James Robinson, an 82-year-old student from Coward, SC, received his bachelor’s degree
- Cancer Disparities Research Center of Excellence Partnership between SC State and MUSC, \$6.256M grand was awarded
- Historic student exchange program with Oxford University in which five SC State chemistry students will spend the summer in England on a pilot summer Chemistry Exchange Program;
- Partnerships with Piedmont Technical College and Clemson University;
- Upgrades to showers in Battiste Hall and the MLK/Nance walkway;
- Alumni group interaction: over \$500K donated during the reunion weekend from Alumni;
- Former SC State standout Robert Porcher inducted into 2018 Michigan Sports Hall of Fame;
- Former SC State All-American Roberta Williams was inducted into the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tennessee;
- New Women’s Basketball Coach, Audra Smith was hired;
- Fall 2018 Undergraduate Admissions was “up”; however, the enrollment for Fall 2018 is down compared to 2017. Returning graduate student enrollment was up but new graduate student enrollment was lower than last year. The target enrollment is 2,972 for Fall 2018.
- Operating budget for FY 18-19 proposed is \$71.941M. The budget request submitted to the State was \$78.041M. The Operational budget for ’17-18 approved for the University was \$68.985M.
- The University will be launching a new initiative on customer service. Surveys will be issued to all stakeholders and work is continuing on the Strategic Plan.

DIVISION OF FINANCE RESOLUTION (ATTACHMENT 4)

Mrs. Brewington discussed a resolution for the FY 2018-2019 proposed budget for approval. She requested approval pending the appropriation from the State Legislature. The approval would allow Mrs. Brewington to upload the FY 2018-2019 preliminary budget with the understanding that revisions may be needed after July 1st. The Budget was also distributed.

Mrs. Teare Brewington presented a resolution regarding the FY 2018-2019 Proposed Budget. *Trustee Helms made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Trustee Shell. Vote: unanimously approved.*

DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS RESOLUTIONS (ATTACHMENT 5)

Dr. Learie Luke presented three resolutions from the Division of Academic Affairs:

- 1) *Resolution to approve Tenure and Promotion recommendations. Trustee Helms made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Trustee Swanson. Vote: unanimously approved.***
- 2) *Resolution to approve Hazardous Waste Policy. Trustee Swanson moved the motion. The motion was seconded by Trustee Vinzani. Vote: unanimously approved.***
- 3) *Resolution to approve the Faculty Handbook. Trustee Helms moved the motion. The motion was seconded by Trustee Shell. Vote: unanimously approved.***

GENERAL COUNSEL RESOLUTION (ATTACHMENT 6)

Ms. Mercedes Pinckney presented a resolution on the Policy on Policies. *Trustee Shell made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Trustee Vinzani. Vote: unanimously approved.*

The Board recessed to participate in the groundbreaking of a new 1890 Research and Extension Community Center. The building will be used for community outreach and special programs to reach youth. A reception following the groundbreaking was held in the President's STATE Room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board came out of recess to recommence the meeting. *The Chairman asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal matters, contractual matters, and personnel issues. Trustee Swanson moved the motion. The motion was seconded by Trustee Helms. Vote: unanimously approved.* The Chair asked Trustee John Funny to remain for the Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION

The Board came out of Executive Session and the Chair stated that no actions or votes were taken in Executive Session.

Trustee Shell made a motion that the Trustees approve the amended contract for President James E. Clark. Trustee Swanson seconded the motion. Vote: unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Submitted by,



Recorder

Attachments

- 1 – Agenda
- 2 – Minutes
- 3 – President's PowerPoint
- 4 – Finance Handout
- 5 – Three Resolutions from Academic Affairs
- 6 – General Counsel Resolution on Policy Policies