

MINUTES
SC STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CALLED TELECONFERENCE MEETING
LOWMAN HALL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
MARCH 10, 2015

CALL TO ORDER / OPEN SESSION:

Chairman William Small called the meeting to order at 4:40PM. The public notice was read. The agenda (Attachment 1) was previously circulated to the members. Trustee Corbitt extended the invocation. The roll was called.

Trustees present via phone: Dr. William Small, Dr. Gail Joyner-Fleming, Mr. Ronald Henegan, Mrs. Pearl Ascue, Dr. John Corbitt, Mr. Sidney Evering Mr. Anthony Grant, Mrs. Tammy Adams Kelly, Dr. Dennis Nielsen, and Dr. Carlotta Redish. *Ex-officios members:* Mrs. Vernell Brown, Dr. Thomas Cassidy, and Ms. Kenita Pitts (on-site).

Administrators & others present: *Acting President*, Dr. W. Franklin Evans; *General Counsel*, Mr. Craig Burgess; *Vice President of Fiscal Affairs*, Mr. James Openshaw; *Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Public Relations*, Ms. Sonja Bennett-Bellamy; *Vice President of Student Affairs*, Dr. Tamara Hughes; *Vice President for Enrollment Management*, Mrs. Betty Boatwright; *Vice President of Land-Grant Services/Extension Director of 1890 Programs*, Mr. Delbert Foster; *Executive Director for Institutional Effectiveness*, Dr. Rita Teal; *Board's Legal Counsel*, Mr. Kenneth Childs and Vernie Williams (via phone); *Executive Assistant to the President*, Mrs. Shondra Abraham and *Administrative Coordinator to the Board and Recorder*, Mrs. Eartha Mosley.

Media: *The Times and Democrat* Reporter Mrs. Dale Linder-Altman; *WIS Reporter* Ms. Carolyn Callahan; *WACH-FOX* Reporter Ms. Leah Holloway; *WLTX* Dakari Turner and *The Associated Press* Reporter Mr. Jeffrey Collier.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Small asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Trustee Grant made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Henegan. Vote: unanimously approved.

Trustee Nielsen thanks Acting President Evans and SGA President Aaron Russell for great job on the Armstrong Town Hall Meeting that aired on last Monday night. Trustee Evering thanked Mr. A.L. Fleming for his work on the meeting as well. Trustee Ascue attend the town hall meeting and stated is was a wonderful job.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

With no objections, due to the positions in personnel and legal implications the board decided to discuss the organizational structure in Executive Session.

UNDATE ON FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM REVIEW

Acting President, Dr. Evans provided the trustees with a summary of the program review with the various findings prior to the meeting. He shared original there were 15 finding; however, 12 findings have been resolved. There remain three findings with liability attached: 1) \$17,596 was for ineligible students and admission policy not being followed; 2) \$315,000 was unofficial withdraws and not having a system in place to return Title Four funds; and 3) \$618,000 deals with Academy Enhancement Academy showing students ineligibility. The University is appealing this finding.

Trustee Grant made a motion that the record reflects that Item 4 of the Financial Aid Program Review finding of \$618,000 is being appealed by the University. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ascue. Vote: unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and to receive legal advice. *Trustee Corbitt made the motion to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Henegan. Vote: unanimously approved.*

OPEN SESSION

Chairman Small asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. *Trustee Corbitt made the motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ascue. Vote: unanimously approved. No actions or votes were taken in Executive Session.*

In regards to the organizational structure, Dr. Evans will revisit the organizational structure to made changes or revision and present to the full board for approval to be included in the SACS materials for review, per Chairman Small.

Chair Small asked was there another motion. *Trustee Nielsen made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Ascue.*

Trustee Grant stated unreadiness, after some discussion Trustee Grant made a motion that the trustees would not adjourn the meeting but to continue. Seconded by Trustee Redish. Roll Call Vote: 2 Yes and 6 No. Motion carried 6 to 2 to continue the meeting.

Trustee Grant made a motion that the board expresses in a vote as to whether there is confidence or no confidence in President Thomas J. Elzey. Seconded by Trustee Redish. Statement: Trustee Evering stated he does not see the point of this vote given the current legal posture; it will not help those we are here to help. He did not want to get into a public back and forth with the president in adding to the negative publicity. Trustee Grant called for point-of-order, stating a motion is on the floor. Roll Call Votes: Yes-2 Trustees Evering and Nielsen; No-5 Trustees Corbitt, Grant, Henegan, Redish and Small; and Abstain-2 Trustees Ascue and Fleming. Motion of no confidence in President Elzey passes 5 to 2.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:33PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald B. Henegan
Secretary



Eartha Mosley
Recorder

Attachment
1 – Agenda