

**MINUTES**  
**SC STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**CALLED TELECONFERENCE MEETING**  
**LOWMAN HALL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**MARCH 16, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER / OPEN SESSION:**

Chairman William Small called the meeting to order at 3:12PM. 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 via present:** Dr. William Small (on-site), Dr. Gail Joyner-Fleming, Mr. Ronald Henegan, Mrs. Pearl Ascue, Dr. John Corbitt, Mr. Sidney Evering, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mrs. Tammy Adams Kelly, Dennis Nielsen, and Dr. Carlotta Redish, *Ex-officio members* : Mrs. Vernell Brown, Dr. Thomas Cassidy (on-site), Dr. Jesse Kinard (on site), Mr. Aaron Russell (on-site) and Ms. Kenita Pitts (on site).

**Administrators & others present:** *Acting President*, Dr. W. Franklin Evans; *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; *Executive Director for Institutional Effectiveness*, Dr. Rita Teal; *Athletics Director*, Mr. Paul Bryant; *Interim Provost*, Dr. Learie Luke; *Board's Legal Counsel*, Mr. Kenneth Childs; *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 and Tom Rand; *WACH-FOX* Reporter Ms. Leah Holloway; and *WLTX* Steven Dial and *The Associated Press* Reporter Mr. Jeffrey Collier.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**RATIFICATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

The Chair stated that during the March 10th Board meeting, there was some discussion on the approval of the organizational structure with some minor modifications necessary before submitting to SACSCOC. It was understood that the Board's Executive Committee Members would be authorized to give tentative approval subject to ratification by the Board. That process has followed the agreed upon understanding and the document is now before the Board to be ratified. The Chair asked for a motion to ratify the organizational structure. Trustee Nielsen asked if any changes made to the last structure he saw. Dr. Evans indicated that no additional changes were made once it was submitted to the Board.

*Trustee Grant made a motion to approve the ratification of the organizational structure. The motion was seconded by Trustee Joyner-Fleming. Oppose: One. Trustee Nielsen said that is opposing the adoption of the document at this time because he wants to make certain state regulations were not violated. The motion passes 9 to 1.*

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Mr. A.L. Fleming shared that information was requested on the general update for the capital campaign. The Board gave preliminary approval for preserving the Legacy Campaign, a \$20M in three years effort, and approval to move forward after some research: 1) Institutional Advancement Staff, in conjunction with the General Counsel should determine whether the name or website and slogans were trademarked, and if we are able to copy wright them . Since that time, general counsel and outside legal counsel have established that the University may proceed with the usage of the name.

At the next Institutional Advancement Committee meeting, Mr. Fleming will return with a recommendation from the staff to proceed officially with the Capital Campaign. The Institutional Advancement Committee has begun to identify individuals for the Capital Campaign Committee, persons of national note.

In preparation for the Capital Campaign launch, an alumni update form was placed on the University website. Since Wednesday, March 11, 2015, over 700 SC State alumni updates have been made in preparation for the Capital Campaign.

Additionally, a wealth screen of 24,553 alumni records are in the database to determine those individuals' capacity and willingness to give towards the Capital Campaign.

A proposal for a new endowment policy will be presented, along with a proposal for new naming of building policy to the Board. Students are utilizing the campus call center, which was constructed in February 2015 to make contact with alumni. Mr. Fleming will continue to work with the University's foundations. Since the start of this fiscal year \$640,117 has been raised; this figure places institution a little ahead of last year at this point.

In April, the University will be the School of the Month for the Tom Joyner Morning Show. The SCSU Foundation will host its annual Scholarship Gala on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. The University's current endowment is approximately at \$4.5M (restricted funds). The SCSU Foundation has approximately \$7M in assets.

The committee will bring forth for recommendation a stipulation that will allow when the debt for the University is met, any dollars that have been raised towards debt retirement will then be used for student scholarships or other need base funds. This statement would be presented to all Capital Campaign Donors for Debt Retirement.

Concerning campus infrastructure, Mr. Fleming had a discussion with the Director of the I.P. Stanback Museum & Planetarium regarding a preservation room, naming opportunities for the planetarium, and a new projector system.

Institutional Advancement will seek to include funding opportunities for a planetarium manager at the I.P. Stanback Museum. Additionally, the division will continue to raise funds for the annual fund which is for the need base scholarships and other University related functions.

## 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 Grant. 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. Trustee Ascue seconded the motion. Vote: unanimously approved.*** No actions or decisions were made in Executive Session stated Chairman Small.

*Trustee Corbitt made the motion that the Board of Trustees of South Carolina State University terminates the employment of President Thomas J. Elzey effective immediately for the reasons set forth in Chairman William Small's letters to President Elzey dated January 16, 2015 and February 25, 2015. Legal counsel for the board shall advise President Elzey's legal counsel, in writing, as to the date, time, and format of a post termination hearing procedure consistent with the requirements of state and federal laws. Trustee Redish seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yes 6, Trustees Corbitt, Grant, Henegan, Kelly, Redish and Small; No 1, Trustee Nielsen and Abstain 3, Trustees Ascue, Evering and Fleming. Motion passed.*

## SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss contractual matter and to receive legal advice. *Trustee Grant made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Trustee Henegan seconded the motion. Vote: unanimously approved.*

## OPEN SESSION

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

## ADJOURNMENT

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. *Trustee Nielsen made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Ascue seconded the motion.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:43PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald B. Henegan  
Secretary



Eartha Mosley  
Recorder

Attachment  
1 – Agenda