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University System Committee Meeting

March 17, 2022

The University System Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2022, in the Business and Education Building Conference Center at USC Aiken and by Microsoft Teams.

Committee members present were Ms. Leah B. Moody, Chair; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley; Mr. Robin D. Roberts; Mr. John C. von Lehe Jr.; Dr. C. Dorn Smith III, Board Chair; and Mr. Thad H. Westbrook, Board Vice Chair. Members joining by Microsoft Teams were Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs and Mr. Toney J. Lister. Mr. Miles Loadholt was absent.

Other Trustees present were Mr. C. Dan Adams, Mr. Alex English, Mr. Brian C. Harlan, Mr. Richard A. Jones Jr., Ms. Emma W. Morris, Ms. Rose Buyck Newton, Mr. Mack I. Whittle Jr., and Mr. Charles H. Williams. Dr. C. Edward Floyd attended by Microsoft Teams video conference.

Also present were USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Audrey Korsgaard and USC Columbia Student Government President Mr. Alex Harrell.

Others in attendance were Interim President Harris Pastides, Secretary Cameron Howell, Vice President of Human Resources Caroline Agardy, USC College of Nursing Dean Jeannette Andrews, Interim Vice President for Development Stacey Bradley, College of Social Work Interim Dean Teri Browne, Vice President for System Affairs Derham Cole, Interim Provost Stephen Cutler, Chief Audit Executive Pamela Dunleavy, Palmetto College

Chancellor Susan Elkins, Associate Vice President of Finance and Budget Kelly Epting, University Architect and Associate Vice President of Facilities Derek Gruner, USC Upstate Chancellor Bennie Harris, USC Aiken Chancellor Dan Heimmermann, Chief Executive Officer of the USC Alumni Association Wes Hickman, University Controller Mandy Kibler, Executive Director of Economic Engagement Bill Kirkland, Director of Government Relations Derrick Meggie, Senior Deputy Athletics Director Chance Miller, USC Beaufort Chancellor Al Panu, General Counsel and Executive Director of Compliance Programs Terry Parham, Director of Government Relations Craig Parks, Chief Operating Officer Jeff Perkins, Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost Dennis Pruitt, University Treasurer and Associate Vice President and Chief of Staff for the Division of Administration and Finance Joe Sobieralski, Interim Vice President of Health and Well-Being Jason Stacy, Assistant Vice President of Media and External Engagement Jeff Stensland, Athletic Director Ray Tanner, Vice President for Communications Larry Thomas, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Ed Walton, IT Production Manager Matt Warthen, and Board of Trustees staff Cary Graham.

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Moody called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and asked Trustees in the room to introduce themselves. Secretary Howell confirmed those joining by Microsoft Teams.

Chair Moody called on Mr. Stensland to introduce members of the media. There were no members of the media in attendance.

Chair Moody stated notice of the meeting and the agenda were posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda and supporting materials were circulated to the Committee; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

II. Report from USC Upstate Chancellor

Chair Moody called on USC Upstate Chancellor Bennie Harris to present the USC Upstate report.

Dr. Harris provided an overview of his time at USC Upstate. With his Cabinet, Dr. Harris has set three budget priorities for USC Upstate: 1) expand enrollment to support the region's goal to increase four-year degree attainment, 2) support the growth and economic development of the Upstate region, and 3) build a bold and competitive comprehensive university.

Dr. Harris stated that, with these priorities in mind, he began to meet with various stakeholders and entities around the state with the goal of building collaborative partnerships. Using feedback from those conversations, he identified areas of strength and opportunity for USC Upstate.

Dr. Harris then reviewed various statistics pertaining to USC Upstate.

Dr. Harris introduced the next steps taken, starting with the Reimagine Conference held on November 15, 2021. He discussed the Ongoing Institutional Program Review, during which both administrative and academic programs have been reviewed for effectiveness and relevance.

Dr. Harris announced that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges has informed USC Upstate of their recommendation for reaccreditation with no conditions.

Chair Moody thanked Dr. Harris and stated the report was received as information.

III. Other Matters

Chair Moody called for any other matters to come before the Committee. There were none.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Moody declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary