

University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee
In Person, Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center
and By Microsoft Teams
February 24, 2023

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Westbrook called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending in person and by Microsoft Teams audio and video conference.

Committee Members in attendance:

Alex English, Chair
C. Dan Adams
Richard A. Jones Jr.
Leah B. Moody (online)
Emma W. Morris
John C. von Lehe Jr.
Ellen Weaver
Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair*
Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Chair*

Other Trustees in attendance:

C. Edward Floyd (online)
Brian C. Harlan
Henry L. Jolly Jr.
Miles Loadholt (online)
Hubert F. Mobley
E. Scott Moise
Reid T. Sherard
C. Dorn Smith III
Charles H. Williams (online)

Others in attendance:

Reedy Newton, USC Columbia Student Government President
Robin Roberts, Advisor to the Advancement, Engagement and Communications Committee
(online)
David Seaton, Advisor to the Governance Committee (online)

Administrators in attendance:

Michael Amiridis, President

Cameron Howell, University Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Donna Arnett, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Terry Parham, General Counsel

Ed Walton, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Media in attendance:

Win Hammond, the *Daily Gamecock*

Lianna Hubbard, the *Post and Courier*

Notice:

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

II. Election of Committee Chair

Board Chair Westbrook stated the floor was open for a nomination and a second for Committee Chair. Mr. von Lehe nominated Mr. Alex English; Ms. Weaver seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Mr. von Lehe made a motion to close nominations and vote by acclamation; Ms. Weaver seconded the motion.

Board Chair Westbrook called for a vote; the vote was unanimous.

Board Chair Westbrook welcomed Mr. Alex English as the Chair of the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair English stated there was a need for an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters related to hires with tenure, honorary academic titles, and confidential candidates for the award of honorary degree.

Mr. von Lehe made the motion to enter Executive Session, and Ms. Weaver seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair English invited the following to remain: Trustees, Secretary Howell, President Amiridis, Dr. Arnett, Mr. Parham, Mr. Walton, and Board support staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

— Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

III. USC Columbia

A. Approval of Hire(s) with Tenure

Dr. Arnett presented one new hire for tenure:

- Dr. Qun Lu, Hire with Tenure at the Rank of Professor, and as the SmartState Endowed Chair in Neurotherapeutics, in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Arts and Sciences

Ms. Weaver made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia hire with tenure as presented and posted to the Board portal; Mr. Adams seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair English stated the name would be included on the Committee's written consent agenda for consideration at that afternoon's scheduled meeting of the full Board.

B. Approval of Honorary Academic Titles

Dr. Arnett presented two candidates for honorary academic titles:

1. Dr. Paula Feldman; Chair Emerita, College of Arts and Sciences
2. Dr. Matthew Miller, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences

Mr. Adams made a motion to recommend full Board approval of USC Columbia's two candidates for honorary academic titles as presented and posted to the Board portal; Ms. Morris seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair English stated the names would be included on the Committee's written consent agenda for consideration at that afternoon's scheduled meeting of the full Board.

C. Approval of Establishment of New Tenure Units

Dr. Arnett presented the establishment of two new tenure units for approval:

1. Department of African-American Studies
2. Department of Women's and Gender Studies

Mr. Adams made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the establishment of two new tenure units as presented and posted to the Board portal; Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair English stated the new tenure units would be included on the Committee's written consent agenda for consideration at that afternoon's scheduled meeting of the full Board.

D. Approval of New Programs

Dr. Arnett presented ten new programs for approval:

1. Certificate of Graduate Study in Information Security and Cyber Leadership
2. MS, Information Security and Cyber Leadership
3. MS, Information Technology
4. MA, Dance Studies
5. DNP, Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
6. DNP, Clinical Expert
7. DNP, Executive Healthcare Leadership
8. DNP, Family Nurse Practitioner
9. DNP, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
10. BS, Cyber Policy and Ethics

Ms. Morris made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the ten new programs as presented and posted to the Board portal; Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair English stated the new programs would be included on the Committee's written consent agenda for consideration at that afternoon's scheduled meeting of the full Board.

E. Approval of Program Modifications

Dr. Arnett presented eight program modifications for approval:

1. BA, Global Studies
2. BA, Languages, Literatures and Culture
3. BS, Cardiovascular Technology
4. BSBA, Marketing
5. MAcc, Accountancy
6. MS, Biomedical Sciences
7. MSN, Master's Entry to Practice
8. PhD, Social Work

Ms. Weaver made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the program modifications as presented and posted to the Board portal; Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair English stated the program modifications would be included on the Committee's written consent agenda for consideration at that afternoon's scheduled meeting of the full Board.

F. Combination Degree Program

Dr. Arnett presented one combination degree program for approval:

- MS Business Analytics and One-Year MBA

Mr. Westbrook made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the combination degree program as presented and posted to the Board portal; Ms. Newton seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair English stated the combination degree program would be included on the Committee's written consent agenda for consideration at that afternoon's scheduled meeting of the full Board.

G. Program Termination

Dr. Arnett presented one program termination for approval:

- PM Cert, Advanced Practice Nursing

Mr. von Lehe made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the program termination as presented and posted to the Board portal; Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair English stated the program termination would be included on the Committee's written consent agenda for consideration at that afternoon's scheduled meeting of the full Board.

IV. USC Beaufort

- Approval of Program Modifications

USC Beaufort Chancellor Al Panu presented a program modification of delivery sites for approval:

- Delivery Sites: Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS)

Ms. Newton made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Beaufort program modifications as presented and posted to the Board portal; Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair English stated USC Beaufort program modifications would be included on the Committee's written consent agenda for consideration at that afternoon's scheduled meeting of the full Board.

For the next agenda item, Trustee Rose Newton and Ms. Reedy Newton recused themselves.

V. Approval of Confidential Candidates for Honorary Degrees and/or Commencement Speaker

Chair English stated a slate of four confidential candidates for the award of honorary degree and three nominees for commencement speaker were discussed in Executive Session without objection. He then called for a motion and a second to advance the slate of recommended candidates to the full Board for approval. Mr. Westbrook so moved; Ms. Morris seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair English stated the slate of candidates was approved and would be presented to the full Board for consideration at that afternoon's scheduled meeting of the full Board.

VI. Committee Education Session: South Carolina Transfer and Articulation Center

Dr. Arnett presented an education session on a task force created to review and better understand the transfer process.

VII. Other Matters

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

VIII. Adjournment

Chair English declared the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary