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University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee

In Person, Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center
and By Microsoft Teams
December 19, 2023

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair English called the meeting to order at 9:15 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
Emma W. Morris (online)
John C. von Lehe Jr.
Ellen Weaver (online)
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.
Hubert F. Mobley
E. Scott Moise
Reid T. Sherard
C. Dorn Smith III
Charles H. Williams

Others in attendance:

Wayne Outten, USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair
Emmie Thompson, 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:

None

Notice:

Chair English 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.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair English stated there was a need for an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters related to tenure and promotions and honorary academic titles.

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

Chair English invited the following to remain: Trustees, Dr. Outten, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Seaton, President Amiridis, Secretary Howell, Chancellors, members of the President's Executive Council, and Board support staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. Approval of Confidential Candidates for Honorary Degrees

Chair English stated that confidential candidates for the award of honorary degree were presented in Executive Session without objection.

Mr. Adams made the motion to approve the confidential candidates as presented in Executive Session. Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair English stated the confidential slate of candidates would be considered by the full Board at its meeting later in the day.

III. USC Columbia

A. Personnel Matters

1. Approval of Tenure and Promotions – Spring 2024

- a. Samuel Amadon, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of English Language and Literature, College of Arts and Sciences
- b. Kimberly Becker, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences
- c. Paul Brandon Boostaver, PharmD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Outcome Services, College of Pharmacy
- d. Eugenia Broude, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of Drug Discovery and Biomedical Sciences, College of Pharmacy
- e. Matthew Brown EdD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of Sport and Entertainment Management, College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management
- f. Zhengqing Fu, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences
- g. Sarah Gassman, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing
- h. Edward Gieskes, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of English Language and Literature, College of Arts and Sciences
- i. Rebecca Janzen, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; College of Arts and Sciences
- j. John Daniel Jenkins, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, School of Music
- k. Paul Malovrh, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; College of Arts and Sciences
- l. Yuriy Pershyn, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy, College of Arts and Sciences
- m. Dimitris Rizos, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing
- n. Deanna Smith, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences
- o. Morgan Stefik, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Arts and Sciences
- p. Guoan Wang, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing
- q. Hui Wang, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Arts and Sciences

- r. Yi Wang, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing
- s. Sarah Williams, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, School of Music
- t. Sang Hee Won, PhD – promoted to the rank of Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing

Mr. Adams made a motion to recommend full Board approval of USC Columbia’s tenure and promotions as presented. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

2. Approval of Honorary Academic Titles

- a. Dan Cacuci, PhD – Distinguished Professor Emeritus, College of Engineering and Computing, December 31, 2023
- b. Karen Gavigan, PhD – Professor Emerita, College of Information and Communication, December 31, 2020
- c. Joan Creed – Clinical Professor Emerita, College of Nursing, August 15, 2023
- d. Josephine Brown, J.D. – Professor Emerita, School of Law, August 16, 2023
- e. Martin McWilliams, J.D. – Distinguished Professor Emeritus, School of Law, August 16, 2023
- f. Carol L. McMahon, M.D. – Clinical Professor Emerita, School of Medicine Columbia, September 1, 2023
- g. Christine Whitaker, PhD – Librarian Emerita, School of Medicine Columbia, April 1, 2021
- h. Susan Lessner, PhD – Distinguished Professor Emerita, School of Medicine Columbia, February 15, 2023
- i. Leslie W. Hall, M.D. – Dean Emeritus, School of Medicine Columbia, December 1, 2023
- j. Thomas F. McNally, PhD – Dean Emeritus, University Libraries, October 31, 2023

Ms. Moody made a motion to recommend full Board approval of USC Columbia’s honorary academic titles as presented. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

B. Approval of New Programs

Provost Arnett presented the following new academic programs for approval.

- 1. BA, Sports Media
- 2. BS, Industrial Engineering
- 3. Post-baccalaureate Certificate, Behavioral Health in Athletic Training

4. Post-baccalaureate Certificate, Critical Incident Management & Primary Care in Athletic Training
5. Post-baccalaureate Certificate, Sustainability in Business
6. Post-baccalaureate Certificate, Trauma-Informed Practice

C. Approval of Programs Modification

Provost Arnett presented the following program modifications for approval.

1. BAJMC, Mass Communications, curriculum changes
2. BS, Biomedical Engineering, add BA and curriculum changes
3. MR, Retailing, curriculum changes to offer on-line
4. PhD, Nursing Science, curriculum changes

D. Approval of New Dual Degree Program

Provost Arnett presented a new dual degree program for approval.

- MIB, International Business with ESADE Business School (Barcelona, Spain) and Vlerick Business School (Ghent, Belgium)

E. Approval of New Unit

Provost Arnett presented a new academic unit for approval.

- Graduate Legal Studies Program, Joseph F. Rice School of Law

F. Approval of New Tenure-Granting Unit

Provost Arnett presented a new tenure-granting unit for approval.

- Department of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing

G. Approval of New Tenure Units Designation

Provost Arnett presented the following new tenure-granting units for approval.

1. Department of Teacher Education, College of Education
2. Department of Leadership, Design, and Inquiry, College of Education

3. Department of Educational and Development Science, College of Education
4. Department of Translation and Clinical Science, School of Medicine Columbia

H. Approval of New Center

Provost Arnett presented a new center for approval.

- First-Generation Center

I. Articulation Agreement (For Information Only)

- SC Technical College System

Provost Arnett presented an articulation agreement for information.

Mr. von Lehe made a motion to approve USC Columbia’s new programs, program modifications, new dual degree program, new unit, new tenure-granting unit, new tenure unit designations, and new center as presented. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

IV. USC Aiken

Chair English called on Chancellor Dan Heimmermann to present USC Aiken items for approval.

- Approval of new program, MEd, Educator Leadership

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve USC Aiken’s new program as presented. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

V. Recommendation of Revisions to Board Policy BTRU 2.01 (“Honorary Degrees and Institutional Commencement Speakers”) and to Honorary Degree and Commencement Speaker Nomination Form

Mr. von Lehe made a motion to approve recommended revisions to Board Policy BTRU 2.01 as presented. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

VI. Report from Student Body President

Chair English called on USC Student Body President Emmie Thompson to present a report.

Chair English stated the report was received as information.

Mr. Mobley requested a report on the progress of Wi-Fi improvements on campus. President Amiridis requested to defer this report until a new Vice President of Information Technology and Chief Information Officer was hired.

VII. Committee Matrix

Chair English stated the updated Committee matrix was posted to the Board portal and received as information.

IX. Other Matters

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

X. Adjournment

Chair English declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary