

(Approved at April 28, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting)

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

2:00 p.m.

Randolph Hall Boardroom

Committee Members: Trustees David Hay (Chair), Demetria Clemons (Vice Chair), Renée Romberger (Secretary), Ricci Welch and John Wood

Board Members Present: Trustees David Hay (Chair), Beth Burke, Demetria Clemons (Vice Chair), Randy Lowell and Steve Swanson

Board Members Participating by Conference Call: Trustees Chuck Baker (*recused himself during Executive Session*), Laurin Burch, Cherry Daniel, Hank Futch, Henrietta Golding, Shawn Holland, Renée Romberger (Secretary), Penny Rosner, Brian Stern, Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch and John Wood (*recused himself during Executive Session*)

Board Member(s) Absent: Trustees John Busch and Toya Pound

Others Present:

President Andrew Hsu

Michaela Abbott (Staff Assistant)

Michael Adeyanju (Director, Executive Communications)

Melantha Ardrey (Director, Residence Life)

Billy Barnwell (Real Estate Consultant advising Jesse Kirchner)

Matt Bernstein (Certified Public Accountant)

Joh-nette Brown (IT Representative)

Alicia Caudill (Executive VP, Student Affairs)

Betty Craig (Executive Assistant)

Jimmie Foster (Assistant VP, Admissions and Financial Aid)

Rénard Harris (Associate VP/Chief Diversity Officer)

Elizabeth Kassebaum (Executive Secretary to the Board and VP for College Projects)

Jesse Kirchner (Partner, Thurmond Kirchner & Timbes, P.A.) – conference call

Ron Menchaca (Executive Director, Communications)

John Morris (VP, Facilities Management)

Angela Mulholland (General Counsel)

Amy Orr (Director, Business and Auxiliary Services)

Paul Patrick (Chief of Staff)

Ed Pope (Interim Executive VP, Business Affairs/VP, Human Resources)

Matt Roberts (Director of Athletics)

Fran Welch (Interim Provost & Executive VP, Academic Affairs)

Dawn Willan (Interim VP of Fiscal Services/CFO)

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Hay called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Randolph Hall Boardroom noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act. In an effort to make the conference call participants aware of other Board and staff members present in the Boardroom, Chair Hay welcomed each Board member and staff member present by name.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Vice Chair Demetria Clemons made the motion, seconded by Trustee Ricci Welch, that the minutes of the October 9, 2019 Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

Vice Chair Demetria Clemons made the motion, seconded by Trustee Ricci Welch, that the minutes of the November 26, 2019 Executive Committee Special Meeting be approved as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

CHAIR HAY'S REPORT:

Chair Hay delivered a brief overview of the January 23-24, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting, including the motions/resolutions that will be considered.

Chair Hay added that we continue to appreciate Board members' recommendations for future Board meeting presentations. The April 15-17, 2020 Board meetings have been moved to May 6-8, 2020. Elizabeth Kassebaum continues to maintain a list of recommended presentations, tours, events or performances for future Board meetings.

In addition, Chair Hay reported that at last October's Board meeting, Board members were informed about two grant opportunities recommended by Trustees Laurin Burch and John Busch.

- Regarding the BCBS grant recommended by Trustee Laurin Burch for the Division of Public Safety's Department of Fire and Life Safety, Susan Rivaleau is making progress on this effort and will provide additional updates as appropriate.
- Regarding the S.C. Humanities Council grant recommended by Trustee John Busch, Gibbs Knotts has informed us that they submitted the proposal and the initial feedback from the Mellon Foundation has been positive. Gibbs is working with Mark Long on specific ways to partner with the Halsey Gallery. They are just waiting to hear the grant amount awarded.

Chair Hay thanked Trustees Laurin Burch and John Busch for these great grant opportunities for the College.

And finally, Chair Hay reminded everyone of the Board Members up for re-election this spring:

- Brian Stern (2nd Congressional District – Seat 4) – unopposed
- Craig Thornton (3rd Congressional District – Seat 6) – unopposed
- Renée Romberger (4th Congressional District – Seat 8) – unopposed
- Laurin Burch (5th Congressional District – Seat 10) – unopposed
- Ricci Welch (6th Congressional District – Seat 12) – Randy E. Adkins, Jr.
Randy Adkins, class of '98, serves on the Alumni Board. Randy is a Senior Consultant with MODUS21, a business consulting firm in North Charleston.
- Penny Rosner (7th Congressional District – Seat 14) – unopposed
- David Hay (At-Large, Seat 16) – Roy D. Neal

Roy Neal, class of '92, is a financial planner with R.D. Management LLC in Mt. Pleasant.

Chair Hay, with much regret, shared that after 26 years of faithful service to the College's Board of Trustees, Cherry Daniel has decided that she will not seek re-election for her Board Seat. She shared the following letter with Chair Hay this morning:

“Dear Chair Hay,
After considerable deliberation, I have decided not to seek re-election to the Board of Trustees, first Congressional District, Seat 2. My lengthy but rewarding service to my beloved alma mater has caused me to take a pause and explore other board opportunities in the near future.

I wish nothing but the best for the College and leave that under the incredible leadership of Dr. Andrew Hsu, we can expect brighter days ahead for our exemplary institution. While I have truly enjoyed serving with such an admirable staff and dedicated Board members during my tenure, I am also profoundly grateful to my fellow board members for their positive influence on me personally and professionally!

I remain in service,
L. Cherry Daniel, Ed.D.”

Chair Hay noted that we will plan an appropriate recognition of Cherry's service later this spring.

Andy Gianoukos is running for the 1st Congressional District, Seat 2, currently held by Cherry. Andy, class of '94, works with Anderson Trucking Services, Inc. (ATS, Inc.), a trucking logistics business in Charleston.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Elizabeth Kassebaum, Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees and VP for College Projects, briefed the Board on information items:

- The Board of Trustees' Shadowing Program is still available for any Board Members who might be interested.
- Pursuant to South Carolina law and the College's ethic policy, Trustees are required to file a “Statement of Economic Interests Report” with the State Ethics Commission each year.

Elizabeth thanked the Board members who had already responded as having received her email forwarding information she received from the State Ethics Commission informing them that their “Statement of Economic Interests Report” must be electronically filed by March 30, 2020 for the year ending 2019.

Incumbent Board members running for re-election must submit their forms to Julie Price and also to the State Ethics Commission.

- Budget Workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Budget Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

- CofC Day at the State House will be held on Tuesday, February 11, and will include our Legislative Reception at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton Columbia Center, 924 Senate Street.
- Mariah Cherniss, Blue Beyond Consulting, will present a Board of Trustees Strategic Planning Workshop on Friday, March 20.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion was made by Vice Chair Demetria Clemons, and seconded by Trustee Renée Romberger, to go into Executive Session for the following purpose: Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed purchase/lease of property. All in favor.

Trustees Chuck Baker, Laurin Burch, Cherry Daniel, Hank Futch, Henrietta Golding, Shawn Holland, Renée Romberger, Penny Rosner, Brian Stern, Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch and John Wood participated by conference call.

[All Board Members on conference call confirmed they were on a phone line not being recorded and in a private venue and alone on the call.]

Only the Board Members, President Andrew Hsu, Melantha Ardrey, Billy Barnwell, Matt Bernstein, Alicia Caudill, Elizabeth Kassebaum, John Morris, Angela Mulholland, Amy Orr, Paul Patrick, Ed Pope and Dawn Willan remained for Executive Session.

[All persons not requested to attend Executive Session left the meeting.]

[Jesse Kirchner joined the conference call at 3:10 p.m.]

[Trustees Chuck Baker and John Wood recused themselves from Executive Session and left the conference call at 3:14 p.m.]

[Jesse Kirchner left the conference call. Billy Barnwell and Matt Bernstein left Executive Session.]

[Trustees Chuck Baker and John Wood returned to Executive Session via conference call.]

[Executive Session continued with Board Members, President Hsu, Paul Patrick and Elizabeth Kassebaum.]

The motion was made by Vice Chair Demetria Clemons, and seconded by Trustee Ricci Welch, to come out of Executive Session and resume regular session. All in favor.

Chair Hay noted for the record that no action was taken during Executive Session.

Regular Session resumed.

The motion was made by Vice Chair Demetria Clemons, and seconded by Trustee John Wood, that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor.