

(Approved at January 29, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting)
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, SC

Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Randolph Hall Boardroom
Zoom Video Conference*
January 6, 2021
8:30 a.m.

Presiding:
David M. Hay, Chair, Board of Trustees

Board Members Participating via Zoom Video Conference – Trustees Chuck Baker, Laurin Burch, Beth Burke, John Busch, Demetria Clemons, Andy Gianoukos, Henrietta Golding, David Hay (Chair), Shawn Holland, Toya Pound, Renée Romberger, Brian Stern, Steve Swanson, Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch and John Wood

Board Member(s) Absent: Trustees Hank Futch, Randy Lowell and Penny Rosner

Other Attendees Participating via Zoom Video Conference – President Andrew Hsu, Suzanne Austin, Mark Berry, Alicia Caudill, Betty Craig, Elizabeth Kassebaum, John Loonan, Bridget McLernon-Sykes, Ron Menchaca, John Morris, Angela Mulholland, Amy Orr, Paul Patrick, Lee Penny, Mark Staples, Amy Takayama-Perez, and Chris Tobin; Jenna Schiferl, Post & Courier; r

(only attending Board Members, President Hsu, Chief of Staff, Senior Leadership Team, Board Office Staff, Media, and others presenting or participating in the meeting are noted as attendees).

**Board of Trustees Meeting held via Zoom Video Conferencing due to COVID-19 crisis.*

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hay called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Chair Hay welcomed everyone attending the meeting for the intended purpose of hearing a brief update on COVID-19 from President Hsu.

PRESIDENT HSU'S REMARKS

President Hsu shared in this morning's meeting updates regarding the Spring 21 COVID-19 plan. A summary of his remarks is noted below:

- Similar health and safety protocols as last semester will be in place as they worked well.
- All on campus residential students are required to submit a negative test before move-in.
- Move-in begins on Thursday, January 7, and runs through Sunday, January 10 (longer period of time to allow for proper social distancing)
- Classes resume on Monday, January 11.
- The big change is related to testing (frequency and sample size)
 - In the Fall, we had voluntary testing every other week.
 - In the Spring, we will have weekly mandatory testing (at least, while transmission is high)
 - A random sample of students will be identified (over sampling high-risk groups) and they will be required to test.
 - This random sample will allow us to have a better idea of community transmission.
 - Students who do not get tested when identified will have their Cougar Card disabled until they are tested.
- Classes will continue to be offered in four modalities: in-person, hybrid, online synchronous and online asynchronous.
- Students will have the option to choose Pass/Fail for one class.
- Faculty will have the ability to begin the first few weeks 100% online without going through the formal accommodation process.
- Regarding the vaccine and its distribution,
 - We will continue to monitor the overall distribution of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine.
 - MUSC reports that they have nearly completed their Phase 1A rollout – which includes healthcare workers and those living in long-term care facilities.
 - MUSC is currently meeting to determine the 1B rollout:
 - 1B includes all front-line workers, including faculty and staff at the university level.
 - We are working through out partnership with MUSC (outsourcing of student health services and our participation in MUSC's Back-to-Business COVID-19 service) to get our employees access to the vaccine as quickly as possible.

In closing, President Hsu stated, "I just want to say how proud I am of our faculty and staff for all of their hard work and their focus on trying to create an experience that is still special and rewarding for our students.

This semester is going to have its difficulties, but I am confident that we have a great team in place to navigate those challenges and make this semester a success."

CLOSING REMARKS

In closing, Chair Hay thanked everyone for their time and attention with this important meeting and on behalf of the Board of Trustees, he expressed appreciation for the Administration and Faculty's hard work in making the College a safe place during this pandemic. He stated, "I am confident that, like me, you have no doubt of our continuing ability to weather this COVID-19 storm like so many before."

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The motion was made by Trustee Andy Gianoukos, and seconded by Trustee John Wood, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:49 a.m. All in favor.