

(Approved at April 9, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting)
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, SC

Board of Trustees Emergency Meeting
Randolph Hall Boardroom
Zoom Video Conference*
March 25, 2021
6:00 p.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, Hank Futch, Andy Gianoukos, Henrietta Golding, David Hay (Chair), Shawn Holland, Randy Lowell, Toya Pound, Renée Romberger, Penny Rosner, Brian Stern, Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch and John Wood

Board Member(s) Absent: Trustee Steve Swanson

Senior Team Members Participating via Zoom Video Conference: President Hsu, Mark Berry, Alicia Caudill, Renard Harris, John Loonan, Ron Menchaca, John Morris, Angela Mulholland, Paul Patrick, Matt Roberts, Mark Staples, Amy Takayama-Perez and Chris Tobin

Other Attendees Participating via Zoom Video Conference – Betty Craig, John Curtis and Elizabeth Kassebaum; numerous media

(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 6:04 p.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 and thanked them for attending the meeting on such short notice.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion was made by Trustee Chuck Baker, and seconded by Trustee Brian Stern, to go into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. for the purpose of “Employee records – legal matters and executive contract negotiations – personnel matters.” All in favor.

[Only the Board Members, President Hsu, Senior Team, Elizabeth Kassebaum, Betty Craig and John Curtis remained for Executive Session. All other attendees entered the waiting room.]

The motion was made by Trustee Chuck Baker, and seconded by Trustee John Wood, to come out of Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. and resume regular session. All in favor.

Regular Session resumed.

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

NEW BUSINESS

President Andrew Hsu announced that Pat Kelsey will be the College’s next head basketball coach. Before taking a vote on this exciting new hire’s employment contract, President Hsu wanted to say a brief word about Coach Kelsey.

“Pat Kelsey is an incredible addition to our campus and is the embodiment of a teacher-coach.

Having that kind of teacher-coach leading our men’s basketball program is when the College of Charleston is at its best – like it was under Hall of Fame coach John Kresse, coaching legend Bobby Cremins and hometown hero Earl Grant.

I am going to mix my sports metaphors a bit here and say that Coach Kelsey is a home run for the College of Charleston.

I look forward to seeing Coach Kelsey build on the momentum of his predecessors and raising our Cougars to even greater heights.”

Chair Hay thanked President Hsu for the remarks and noted that we are all excited to welcome Coach Kelsey to Cougar Nation and called for a motion to approve the Employment Agreement as presented.

The motion was made by Trustee Chuck Baker, and seconded by Trustee Hank Futch, to approve Coach Pat Kelsey’s Employment Agreement as presented. All in favor.

CLOSING REMARKS

In closing, Chair Hay congratulated Coach Kelsey and thanked the Hiring Committee, which included Trustee Chuck Baker, for their great work. He told everyone to stay tuned for details from our Athletics team on officially welcoming Coach Kelsey to campus.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The motion was made by Trustee Chuck Baker, and seconded by Trustee Brian Stern, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:36 p.m. All in favor.