

(Approved at April 6, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting)

**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, SC**

Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Randolph Hall Boardroom
Zoom Video Conference
March 14, 2022
3:15 p.m.

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

Board Member(s) Participating in Person – Trustee David Hay (chair)

Board Members Participating via Zoom Video Conference – Trustees Chuck Baker, Beth Burke, Demetria Clemons (vice chair), Hank Futch, Andy Gianoukos, Shawn Holland, Renée Romberger (secretary), Penny Rosner, Steve Swanson, Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch and John Wood

Board Members Absent: Trustee Laurin Burch, John Busch, Henrietta Golding, Randy Lowell, Toya Pound and Brian Stern

Senior Team Members Participating in Person – President Hsu, Mark Berry and Paul Patrick

Senior Team Members Participating via Zoom Video Conference: Suzanne Austin, Alicia Caudill, Renard Harris, Cathy Mahon, Ron Menchaca, John Morris, Angela Mulholland, Matt Roberts and Mark Staples

Other Attendees Participating in Person – Joh-nette Brown and Elizabeth Kassebaum

Other Attendees Participating via Zoom Video Conference – J. R. Barnhart, Betty Craig and Khala Granville

(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).

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hay called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion was made by Trustee John Wood, and seconded by Trustee Ricci Welch, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of (1) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed purchase/lease of property; and (2) Consideration of Candidates' Qualifications for Commencement Speakers and Candidates' Qualifications for Honorary Degrees. All in favor.

(Only the Board Members, President Hsu, Senior Team, Board Staff and IT Staff remained for Executive Session.)

The motion was made by Trustee John Wood, and seconded by Trustee Andy Gianoukos, to come out of Executive Session at 3:57 p.m. and resume regular session. All in favor.

Regular Session resumed.

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Trustee John Wood, and seconded by Trustee Andy Gianoukos, to approve Candidate A as a Commencement Speaker (with no honorary degree) during the May 2022 Commencement Ceremonies; and Candidates B, C and D as honorary degree recipients at the May 2022 Commencement Ceremonies. All in favor.

Elizabeth Kassebaum received an email from Macey Webb, the new staff attorney for the College and University Trustee Screening Commission, informing her that on Monday, March 28, 2022, the Commission will screen candidates from Clemson, Lander, USC, The Citadel and Wil Lou Gray. We hope to learn the Board Candidate Schedule for the other institutions, including the College of Charleston, soon.

Chair Hay reported that President Hsu will be too modest to bring it up himself, but he is featured prominently in two videos released this past week:

- (1) He is one of the four presidents interviewed in the Black Alumni Collective Conference's video conversation about race and reconciliation. He appears with the presidents of Duke, Old Dominion and Rutgers; and
- (2) He is the star of Explore Charleston's latest Lowcountry Local video series. He and First Lady Chen are seen on campus and around town.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The motion was made by Trustee Ricci Welch, and seconded by Trustee John Wood, that the meeting be adjourned at 4:00 p.m. All in favor.