

(Approved at August 4-5, 2022 Board of Trustees Meetings)
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, SC
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 5-6, 2022

Alumni Hall/Zoom Video Conference*

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

Trustee Ricci Welch, Chair, Academic Affairs Committee
Trustee Steve Swanson, Budget, Finance, & Facilities Committee
Trustee Chuck Baker, Chair, Student Affairs & Athletics Committee
Trustee Tav Swarat, Vice Chair, Audit and Governance Committee
Trustee John Busch, Chair, Access, Equity & Inclusion Committee
Trustee Beth Burke, Chair, Development, Alumni, Governmental
& External Relations Committee

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022
8:30 a.m.

Board Members Present – Trustees Chuck Baker, Laurin Burch, Beth Burke, Demetria Clemons (Vice Chair), Hank Futch, Andy Gianoukos, David Hay (Chair), Shawn Holland, Toya Pound, Renée Romberger (Secretary), Penny Rosner, Steve Swanson, Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton and Ricci Welch

Board Members via Zoom – Trustees John Busch and Randy Lowell

Board Members Absent – Trustees Henrietta Golding, Brian Stern and John Wood

Senior Team Members Present – President Andrew Hsu, Suzanne Austin, Mark Berry, Alicia Caudill, Renard Harris, John Loonan, Cathy Mahon, Ron Menchaca, Paul Patrick, Matt Roberts and Mark Staples

Senior Team Member(s) via Zoom – Angela Mulholland

Senior Team Members Absent – John Morris

Other Attendees Present – J.R. Barnhart, Joh-nette Brown, J.J. Corbett, Betty Craig, Knudt Flor (Senior VP for Innovation and Industry Engagement/Distinguished Professor of Industry Practice), Khala Granville, Robin Harmony (Women's Basketball Coach), Elizabeth Kassebaum, Pat Kelsey (Men's Basketball Coach), Jesse Kunze, Ed Ledford (IT Photographer), Michelle McGrew, Charissa Owens (President, Staff Advisory Committee), Ryan Thompson (President, Student Government Association), Sofia Troya (President, Graduate Student Association) and John White (Dean of Libraries)

Other Attendees via Zoom – Simon Lewis (Faculty Senate Speaker),

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – *Alumni Hall*

Welcome

Chair Hay called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Special Thank You's

Chair Hay welcomed Vice Chair Clemons and Amy Takayama-Perez back with us today.

He thanked the Board Members who attended the Winthrop Round Table Lecture and Dinner last night. He noted that John Winthrop will receive an honorary degree at May Commencement.

He thanked all the Trustees who attended the Legislative Reception in Columbia on February 9; Trustee Andy Gianoukos for representing the Board at the Charleston Athletic Fund Board Meeting on March 23; Trustee Chuck Baker for representing the Board at the Alumni Board Meeting on March 11; and Trustee Laurin Burch for being instrumental in obtaining a \$2,500 Blue Cross/Blue Shield donation to the College.

Chair Hay shared with the Board that Henry “Paige” Carlton with Thompson Turner Construction in Columbia donated \$500 to the CofC Foundation in honor of the Board of Trustees and Administration.

And finally, Chair Hay recognized Paul Patrick. “Like the President, the American Council on Education has named Paul as one of 46 “emerging” college and university leaders for the 2022-23 class of the A.C.E. Fellows Program. The program, in which professors and administrators are matched with a mentor at another college, has produced many presidents and provosts. Congratulations, Paul!”

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING RECESSED

Chair Hay recessed the full Board meeting and turned the meeting over to Trustee Chuck Baker, Chair of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS COMMITTEE MEETING

Trustee Chuck Baker, Chair; Trustee Shawn Holland, Vice Chair

Committee Members Present – *Trustees Chuck Baker (chair), Shawn Holland (vice chair), Demetria Clemons, Hank Futch, Andy Gianoukos, Toya Pound, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch, David Hay (ex officio), Andrew Hsu (ex officio, non-voting)*

Committee Members Participating via Zoom – *Trustee Randy Lowell*

Call to Order

Committee Chair Chuck Baker called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Minutes

The motion was made by Trustee Hank Futch, and seconded by Trustee Andy Gianoukos, that the minutes of the January 27, 2022 Student Affairs and Athletics Committee Meeting be approved as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the Minutes were approved.

Student Leadership Updates:

Graduate Student Association:

Sofia Troya, President of the Graduate Student Association, provided the Committee with an update regarding GSA initiatives since the last meeting.

Student Government Association:

Ryan Thompson, President of the Student Government Association, provided the Committee with an update regarding SGA initiatives since the last meeting.

Committee Chair Baker informed everyone that Ryan has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the South Carolina State House of Representatives, District 106. “He will graduate from the College of Charleston in May with a degree in Political Science. From his press release, we learned that Ryan was born and raised in Horry County and is a proud product of South Carolina public schooling. He has served the Horry County community by raising awareness of social justice issues and has organized marches in the area. He hopes to enter a career of public service to give back to the great state, people, and community who have invested so much in him. Ryan believes no one is too young to make their voice heard and hopes his candidacy will push more youth to get involved with politics. Congratulations, Ryan!”

Committee Chair Baker recognized Sofia and Ryan for their enthusiastic committed service to our institution and presented them with small gifts of appreciation (CofC folders).

Athletics Updates

Robin Harmony, Women’s Basketball Coach; and Pat Kelsey, Men’s Basketball Coach, provided Basketball Season Year-in-Reviews for their respective teams.

Matt Roberts, Director of Athletics, provided updates:

- 2020-2021 Academic Progress Report (APR)
- Patriot’s Point Updates
 - Baseball
 - Softball

[Trustee Randy Lowell joined the meeting via zoom at 9:30 a.m.]

Student Affairs Updates

Dr. Marcie Wiseman, Director of Counseling, provided Counseling Center Updates.

Alicia Caudill, Executive VP for Student Affairs, provided updates regarding Student Wellness and Well-Being efforts.

Executive Session

The motion was made by Trustee Ricci Welch, and seconded by Trustee Shawn Holland, to go into Executive Session at 9:34 a.m. for the “Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed purchase/lease of property.” All in favor.

[Only the Board of Trustees, President Hsu, Senior Team, Board Staff and IT Staff remained for Executive Session. All others were put in the waiting room.]

The motion was made by Trustee Hank Futch, and seconded by Trustee Shawn Holland, to come out of Executive Session at 9:42 a.m. All in favor.

Committee Chair Baker noted that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Motion to Adjourn

The motion was made by Trustee Shawn Holland, and seconded by Trustee Craig Thornton, that the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee meeting be adjourned at 9:43 a.m. All in favor.

[Break]

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

Trustee Ricci Welch, Chair; Trustee Penny Rosner, Vice Chair

Committee Members Present – Ricci Welch (chair), Penny Rosner (vice chair), Beth Burke, Demetria Clemons, Andy Gianoukos, Toya Pound, Renée Romberger, Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, David Hay (ex officio), Andrew Hsu (ex officio, non-voting)

Committee Member(s) Absent – Trustee John Busch

Call to Order

Committee Chair Ricci Welch called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Minutes

The motion was made by Trustee Andy Gianoukos, and seconded by Trustee Penny Rosner, that the minutes of the January 27, 2022 Academic Affairs Committee Meeting be approved as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the Minutes were approved.

Provost's Report

Provost Suzanne Austin's Report:

- State-wide Articulation Agreement Update
- Dean Searches Update – Dean of Business and Interim Dean of Health Sciences
- May Commencement Ceremonies and Speakers Update
- Faculty and Student Awards Update
- College of Charleston Expo – the College's inaugural event to be held on April 7, 2022 at the TD Arena

Motion to Approve Termination of Historic Preservation, M.S. – MS – HSPV Proposal

The motion was made by Trustee Tav Swarat, and seconded by Trustee Renée Romberger, to approve the Termination of Historic Preservation, M.S. – MS-HSPV Proposal as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion passed.

Dean's Update

- John White, Dean of the Libraries

Executive Session

The motion was made by Trustee Chuck Baker, and seconded by Trustee Penny Rosner, to go into Executive Session at 10:24 a.m. for the purpose of “Employee records – legal matters and executive contract negotiations – personnel matters” and “Discussion of trade secrets where public disclosure would expose commercially valuable plans, marketing services and competitive information.” All in favor.

[Only the Board of Trustees, President Hsu, Senior Team, Board Staff and IT Staff remained for Executive Session. All others were put in the waiting room.]

The motion was made by Trustee Renée Romberger, and seconded by Trustee Tav Swarat, to come out of Executive Session at 10:52 a.m. All in favor.

Committee Chairman Welch noted that no action was taken in Executive Session.

[Public Session resumed.]

Motion to Adjourn

The motion was made by Trustee Beth Burke, and seconded by Trustee Penny Rosner, that the Academic Affairs Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:52 a.m. All in favor.

BUDGET, FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Trustee Steve Swanson, Chair; Trustee Laurin Burch, Vice Chair

Committee Members Present – Trustees Steve Swanson (chair), Laurin Burch (vice chair), Chuck Baker, Demetria Clemons, Shawn Holland, Renée Romberger, David Hay (ex officio), Andrew Hsu (ex officio, non-voting)

Committee Members via Zoom – Trustee Randy Lowell

Committee Members Absent – Trustees Henrietta Golding, Brian Stern and John Wood

[Dawn Willan and Everett McInnis joined the meeting.]

Call to Order

Committee Chair Steve Swanson called the meeting to order at 10:53 a.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Minutes

The motion was made by Trustee Chuck Baker, and seconded by Trustee Shawn Holland, that the minutes of the January 27, 2022 Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting be approved as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the Minutes were approved.

Budget and Finance Updates

- Budget and Finance Financial Trending and Forecasting – John Loonan
 - Revenue Outlook
 - Expense Outlook
- BOT Financial Summary (Quarter Ending 3/31/2022)

- Proposed Fee Changes
 - Orientation Fee
 - Other Potential Fee Changes
- Enrollment Update – Amy Takayama-Perez
 - Fall 2022 Enrollment Targets
 - National Trends
 - Fall 2022 Admits and Deposits
 - Enrollment GPS
 - Cougar Marketing
- Facilities Management Update – John Loonan
- Information Technology Update – Mark Staples

[Trustee John Busch joined the meeting via zoom at 12:14 p.m.]

Motion to Approve Undergraduate Student Orientation Fee Increase (Resolution)

The motion was made by Trustee Toya Pound, and seconded by Trustee Chuck Baker, to approve the Resolution “Undergraduate Student Orientation Fee Increase” as presented. The Chair called for the yeas (8) and nays (0), and the motion passed.

**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Undergraduate Student Orientation Fee Increase**

April 5, 2022

WHEREAS, every year, the College of Charleston's Office of New Student Programs introduces over 3,000 incoming freshmen, transfer students and their families to the campus;

WHEREAS, the Office of New Student Programs strives to make this adjustment to student life successful;

WHEREAS, the costs for mailings, publications, intern salaries, meals, and housing associated with providing this experience have increased;

WHEREAS, through careful budgeting and cost containment, the Office of New Student Programs has been able to avoid an increase in this fee since 2017;

WHEREAS, the Division of Student Affairs in partnership with the Office of New Student Programs will offer additional evening programming and an overnight experience;

NOW THEREFORE, be it – RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves an increase to the Undergraduate Student Orientation fee of \$133 per student, taking the fee from \$100 to \$133, effective for the summer 2022 orientation sessions.

Motion to Approve the Baseball Field Turf Project

The motion was made by Trustee Shawn Holland, and seconded by Trustee Chuck Baker, to approve the Baseball Field Turf Project as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion passed.

Motion to Approve the TD Arena Display Banner Project

The motion was made by Trustee Shawn Holland, and seconded by Trustee Chuck Baker, to approve the TD Arena Display Banner Project as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn

The motion was made by Trustee Laurin Burch, and seconded by Trustee Chuck Baker, that the Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:23 p.m. All in favor.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING RECONVENED

Chair Hay reconvened the full Board meeting to go into Executive Session for a number of topics related to property contracts to be covered during lunch. He noted that the Audit and Governance Committee meeting is expected to begin as scheduled at approximately 1:30 p.m. The Access, Equity and Inclusion Committee and the Development, Alumni, Governmental and External Relations Committee meetings will be held tomorrow morning.

Executive Session

The motion was made by Trustee Ricci Welch, and seconded by Trustee Tav Swarat, to go into Executive Session at 12:24 p.m. for “Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed purchase/lease of property” and “Discussion of trade secrets where public disclosure would expose commercially valuable plans, marketing services, and competitive information.” All in favor.

[Only the Board of Trustees, President Hsu, Senior Team, Board Staff and IT Staff remained for Executive Session. All others were put in the waiting room.]

[Word of Prayer by Trustee Ricci Welch]

The motion was made by Trustee Chuck Baker, and seconded by Trustee Craig Thornton, to come out of Executive Session at 1:27 p.m. All in favor.

Chair Hay noted that no action was taken in Executive Session.

[Public Session resumed.]

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING RECESSED

Chair Hay recessed the full Board meeting and handed it over to the Audit and Governance Committee Vice Chair Tav Swarat.

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Trustee Henrietta Golding, Chair; Trustee Tav Swarat, Vice Chair

Committee Members Present – Trustees Tav Swarat (vice chair), Chuck Baker, Laurin Burch, Beth Burke, Renée Romberger, Steve Swanson; David Hay, Chair, ex-officio

Committee Members Participating via Zoom – Trustee Randy Lowell

Committee Members Absent – Trustees Henrietta Golding (chair), Brian Stern and John Wood

Call to Order

Committee Vice Chair Swarat called the meeting to order at 1:27 p.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Minutes

The motion was made by Trustee Chuck Baker, and seconded by Trustee Laurin Burch, that the minutes of the January 27, 2022 Audit and Governance Committee Meeting be approved as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the Minutes were approved.

Internal Audit Update

J. R. Barnhart, Internal Auditor, provided updates regarding the External Audit RFP and Internal Audit.

External Audit RFP Update – Elliott Davis LLC was the CofC external auditor for the last 15 years and their contract recently expired. Procurement issued the RFP in February 2022 and a new external auditor will be selected in April 2022.

Internal Audit Update

- Sales and Use Tax Audit – ongoing negotiations
- Student Activity Fee Audit - completed
- Key Control/Building Access Audit - completed

Committee Vice Chair Swarat asked Board members to sign the Ethics Compliance Form, as well as the Oath of Office, Code of Conduct and Statement of Commitment, at their places. Elizabeth Kassebaum collected the signed forms and sent the forms to those Board members participating via zoom.

Executive Session

The motion was made by Trustee Beth Burke, and seconded by Trustee Steve Swanson, to go into Executive Session at 1:37 p.m. for “Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed purchase/lease of property.” All in favor.

[Only the Board of Trustees, President Hsu, Senior Team, Board Staff and IT Staff remained for Executive Session. All others were put in the waiting room.]

The motion was made by Trustee Renée Romberger, and seconded by Trustee Chuck Baker, to come out of Executive Session at 1:48 p.m. All in favor.

Committee Vice Chair Swarat noted that no action was taken in Executive Session.

[Public Session resumed.]

Motion to Approve Board of Trustees Bylaws Amendment

The motion was made by Trustee Beth Burke, and seconded by Trustee Chuck Baker, to approve the minor amendments to the Board of Trustees Bylaws noting the BOT website Naming Policy/Guiding Principles links in Article II, Authority; and Article VIII, The Standing Committee, Section 6, DAGER Committee (h), as presented. Committee Vice Chair Swarat called for the yeas and nays, and the motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn

The motion was made by Trustee Beth Burke, and seconded by Trustee Steve Swanson, that the Audit and Governance Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:51 p.m. All in favor.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING RECESSED

Chair Hay expressed disappointment that the baseball game and tailgate supper has been cancelled this afternoon due to inclement weather, but it gives the Board members an opportunity to schedule their own dinner plans this evening.

Chair Hay recessed the Board meeting until tomorrow morning, Wednesday, April 6, at 8:00 a.m. for continental breakfast and the Board meeting at 8:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING RECONVENED

Board Members Present – Trustees David Hay (chair), Chuck Baker, Laurin Burch, Beth Burke, Demetria Clemons (vice chair), Andy Gianoukos, Shawn Holland, Toya Pound, Renée Romberger (secretary), Penny Rosner, Steve Swanson, Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch and John Wood

Board Member(s) via Zoom – Trustees John Busch and Hank Futch

Board Member(s) Absent – Trustees Henrietta Golding, Randy Lowell and Brian Stern

Senior Team Members Present – President Andrew Hsu, Suzanne Austin, Mark Berry, Alicia Caudill, Renard Harris, John Loonan, Cathy Mahon, Ron Menchaca, John Morris, Angela Mulholland, Matt Roberts, Mark Staples and Amy Takayama-Perez

Other Attendees Present – J. R. Barnhart, Joh-nette Brown, J.J. Corbett, Betty Craig, Knudt Flor, George Fraggos, Khala Granville, Elizabeth Kassebaum, Jesse Kunze, Michelle McGrew, Charissa Owens, William Veal and John White

Other Attendees via Zoom – Peggy Boykin, Simon Lewis, Angela Mulholland, Paul Patrick and Derrick Williams

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

Call to Order/Welcome

Chair Hay reconvened the Board meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The motion was made by Trustee Renée Romberger, and seconded by Trustee Tav Swarat, that the minutes of the January 27-28, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting, March 14, 2022 Board of Trustees Special Meeting and October 29, 2021 Board of Trustees Special Meeting be approved as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the minutes were approved.

[Trustee Hank Futch joined the meeting via zoom at 8:40 a.m.]

Alumni Association Board President, Foundation Board Chair, and Charleston Athletic Fund President Reports

Derrick Williams, President of the Alumni Association Board (via zoom); Peggy Boykin, Chair of the Foundation Board (via zoom); and George Fraggos, President of the Charleston Athletic Fund presented their respective Board Reports.

Faculty Senate Report

Faculty Senate Report – Simon Lewis (via zoom since he has COVID)

Chair Hay thanked Simon for his enthusiastic commitment to the College and expressed his hope that Simon will get well soon. Also, he welcomed William Veal as the new Faculty Speaker.

Staff Advisory Committee Report

Staff Advisory Committee Chair's Report – Charissa Owens

[Break at 9:10 a.m.]

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING RECESSED

Chair Hay recessed the full Board meeting at 9:23 a.m. and handed the floor over to Committee Chair John Busch (via zoom) for the Access, Equity and Inclusion Committee meeting.

ACCESS, EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING

Trustee John Busch, Chair; Trustee Toya Pound, Vice Chair

Committee Members Present – Trustees Demetria Clemons, Andy Gianoukos, Shawn Holland, Toya Pound, Penny Rosner, Craig Thornton and Ricci Welch

Committee Members via Zoom – Trustees John Busch (chair) and Hank Futch

Call to Order

Committee Chair John Busch called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m., noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Minutes

The motion was made by Trustee Toya Pound, and seconded by Trustee Andy Gianoukos, that the minutes of the January 28, 2022 Access, Equity and Inclusion Committee be approved as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the Minutes were approved.

Reports

Amy Takayama-Perez

- Enrollment Update – Students of Color Freshmen Applications
- 2022 Recruitment Initiatives

Renard Harris

- DivEDU Update
- Division Equity Education Program
- Eddie Ganaway Diversity Education and Resource Center
- SPECTRA Fortitude (Meeting Street Scholars Update)
- Launchpad for Success
- 1967 Legacy Program

Motion to Adjourn

The motion was made by Trustee Ricci Welch, and seconded by Trustee Toya Pound, that the Access, Equity and Inclusion Committee meeting be adjourned at 9:42 a.m. All in favor.

[Trustee John Busch left the meeting via zoom at 9:43 a.m.]

DEVELOPMENT, ALUMNI AND GOVERNMENTAL AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Trustee Beth Burke, Chair; Trustee John Wood, Vice Chair

Committee Members Present – Trustees Beth Burke (chair), Laurin Burch, Renée Romberger, Penny Rosner, Steve Swanson, Tav Swarat, John Wood (vice chair), David Hay (ex officio), Andrew Hsu (ex officio, non-voting)

Committee Member(s) via Zoom – Trustee Hank Futch

Committee Members Absent – Trustees John Busch, Henrietta Golding and Brian Stern

Call to Order

Committee Chair Beth Burke called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m., noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Minutes

The motion was made by Trustee Tav Swarat, and seconded by Trustee John Wood, that the minutes of the January 28, 2022 Development, Alumni, Governmental and External Relations Committee Meeting be approved as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the minutes were approved.

Reports

Development and Alumni Affairs Update – Cathy Mahon

- Q3 Update
- FY23 Forecasting

University Communications Update – Ron Menchaca

- Media Relations
- Merit Pages
- University News

- Faculty & Staff News
- Advancement & Campus Communications

Governmental Affairs Update – Paul Patrick

- Legislative Outreach Efforts

Motion to Adjourn

The motion was made by Trustee John Wood, and seconded by Trustee Renée Romberger, that the Development, Alumni, and Governmental Affairs and External Relations Committee be adjourned at 10:10 a.m. All in favor.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING RECONVENED

Chair Hay reconvened the full Board meeting.

Board of Trustees Committee Chairs' Reports

Student Affairs and Athletics Committee – Committee Chair Chuck Baker

“We heard reports from Matt Roberts and Alicia Caudill.

Sofia Troya, Graduate Student Association President; and Ryan Thompson, Student Government Association, provided student leadership updates.

Athletics Director Roberts gave us athletics updates, including 2020-21 Final APR Data. Men’s Basketball Coach Pat Kelsey and Women’s Basketball Coach Robin Harmony provided recaps on their respective seasons.

Dr. Caudill’s report included updates regarding the Counseling Center and Student Wellness and Well-Being Efforts, and the Drug Czar Report.”

Academic Affairs Committee – Committee Chair Ricci Welch

“We heard reports from Provost Austin and Dean John White.

Provost Austin’s report included updates on the State-wide Articulation Agreement, Dean Searches, Commencement Ceremonies and Speakers, highlighting the Fulbright Top Producer Designation, and the EXPO 2022 event to be held tomorrow in TD Arena.

The committee approved a motion approving the termination of Historic Preservation, M.S. – MS-HSPV.”

Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee – Committee Chair Steve Swanson

“We heard reports from John Loonan on Budget and Finance Financial Trending and Forecasting, BOT Financial Summary for Quarter Ending 3/31/2022, Proposed Fee Changes and Facilities Projects.

The committee passed motions approving an Undergraduate Student Orientation Fee Increase, the Baseball Field Turf Project and the TD Arena Display Banner Project.

Amy Takayama-Perez gave an enrollment update, including Fall 2022 enrollment targets and national trends, among others; John Loonan gave an update on Facilities Management; and Mark Staples presented an update on Information Technology.”

Audit and Governance Committee – Committee Vice Chair Tav Swarat

“J. R. Barnhart presented updates on the External Audit RFP and Internal Audit.

In addition, the Committee passed a motion approving the recommended Board of Trustees’ Bylaws Amendments.”

Access, Equity & Inclusion Committee – Committee Vice Chair Toya Pound

“We heard reports from Amy Takayama-Perez regarding an enrollment update on students of color and recruitment initiatives and Renard Harris regarding DivEDU and the Division Equity Education Program, among others.”

Development, Alumni, Governmental & External Relations Committee – Committee Chair Beth Burke

“Today we heard reports from Cathy Mahon on Development and Alumni Affairs, Ron Menchaca on University Communications and yesterday Paul Patrick on Governmental Affairs.

Committee Resolutions/Motions Proposed During Yesterday’s Committee Meetings

Motion from the Academic Affairs Committee

The Academic Affairs Committee moves that the Termination of Historic Preservation, M.S. – MS-HSPV be approved as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was approved.

Motion from the Audit and Governance Committee

The Audit and Governance Committee moves that the Bylaws Amendment noting the Board of Trustees’ website Naming Policy/Guiding Principles link in Article II (Authority) and Article VIII (The Standing Committee, Section 6. DAGER Committee) be approved as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion passed.

Motion from the Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee

The Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee moves that the Undergraduate Student Orientation Fee Increase Resolution be approved as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion passed.

The Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee moves that the Baseball Field Turf Project be approved as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion passed.

The Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee moves that the TD Arena Display Banner Project be approved as presented. The Chair called for the yeas (16) and nays (0), and the motion passed.

President’s Report

President Hsu’s report included updates on three main areas: (1) Achievements, (2) Accolades and (3) Power of Philanthropy.

First, President Hsu commended our entire campus community for its resilience. “That resilience underpins the rest of my comments, but I want to take a moment to express my thanks to all of the hard work and creativity of every office and department on campus. The past two years have not been easy, and it was, frankly, a grind, at times. But, as a campus community, we persevered, and we have done an outstanding job, especially our peers.” President Hsu asked everyone to join him in a round of applause for our students, faculty and staff. *[applause]*

Using a rocket analogy, President Hsu finds many parallels in a rocket taking flight and what the College is experiencing right now. He explains, “And what we’re experiencing is change – a change in activity, in pace and in momentum. Change can be noisy, loud and disruptive. That is certainly a byproduct of most rocket launches, but this is the only way we can shake off the status quo. In Tradition and Transformation, we put together a strategic plan for change – to drive the College of Charleston toward the national stage. But, even as we push forward, not everything changes. And we don’t want everything to change.

Our spacecraft, attached to that metaphorical rocket, stays intact ... that spacecraft is the core values of the College of Charleston. Our values remain constant, especially our core values around the importance of a liberal arts training and the opportunities of experiential learning. These have been, and will always be, the hallmarks of our academic success and will continue to define us into the future.”

With these changing times, President Hsu shared some achievements and accolades that showcase a university on the rise.

ACHIEVEMENTS

“Let me start with the grand opening of our new home for the Multicultural Student Programs and Services. It is so exciting to have MSPS more centrally located on campus. I had the opportunity to tour the new offices in the Knox-Lesesne House, and I am so happy to see how excited our students are about their new space.

Speaking of openings, I am also pleased to share that we have re-opened the newly renovated Avery Research Center. I visited the newly renovated building last month, and I am excited to see the Avery staff’s plans for programming and community outreach come to fruition.”

ACCOLADES

“This spring, the College earned the Military Friendly School designation. This recognition demonstrates the College’s programs and services and its ongoing commitment to increase support for our veteran and military-connected students.

In February, the College became the newest member of the NASA Technology Transfer University Program. This program connects universities with NASA-developed technology to give students the opportunity to work with federal government research and technology and commercialize them. The College is the only university in South Carolina to be associated with this national program.

And staying in the science fields, the College has three Goldwater Scholars for the second year in a row. I want to congratulate Emily Dombrowski, Abanob Hanna and Brison Shira for earning one of the most prestigious undergraduate STEM scholarships in the country. Emily, Abanob and Brison’s achievements are also a credit to their faculty mentors. Our faculty are true differentiators of this institution – they are great teachers in the classroom and great producers of relevant research and scholarly work.”

President Hsu showcased a couple of these exceptional faculty successes.

- (1) Matt Rutter, Professor of Biology, had his research into genetic mutations published in *Nature* magazine this winter; and
- (2) Professor Kris De Welde, Director of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program, received a \$1.9 million grant from the National Science Foundation to study equity in the STEM fields.

POWER OF PHILANTHROPY – to provide the margin of excellence for our university.

(1) Two parents who are philanthropically engaged with our College of Charleston orchestra.

“Frank and Peggy Oldham, whose daughter is in our REACH Program, helped underwrite a concert with Augustine Hadelich, one of the top violinists in the world. This is a very rare event where our undergraduate students performed together with one of the world’s top musicians, the best of the best. For the audience, it was an incredible event, but for our students and faculty, it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

(2) Winthrop Roundtable

“Earlier this week, we hosted the latest Winthrop Roundtable event, a long-time philanthropy-driven event. Damon Wilson, President and CEO of the National Endowment for Democracy, delivered a riveting speech on the current situation in Ukraine.”

(3) Inaugural convening of the John Edwin Mroz Global Leadership Institute.

“The Mroz Global Leadership Institute was created from a gift of the East/West Institute. Many of the world’s top internationalists who came from all over the world was on our campus for this inaugural event.”

“These events are a microcosm of everything we are trying to do here on campus – to be a place where the world comes together to perform, talk, exchange ideas and learn from one another.

In closing, I am proud to say that the College of Charleston is well underway in realizing its strategic vision of becoming a national university redefining the liberal arts for the 21st century. We continue to take steps, both big and small, toward our goals in student success, academic distinction and employee success. And in our rocket-like rise to new heights, we embody both tradition and transformation.”

Board Chair’s Report

“As this has been our first quote ‘normal’ Board of Trustees meeting in over two years, for my April Board Chair’s Report, I would like to share how grateful I am to each of you in the room today.

There have been times in our College’s history that tested the stamina, character and creativity of those living through it. These past two years have clearly been one of those times.

It is not merely that you provided your usual outstanding work product. You were required to provide even more information/analyses/proposals with different matrixes, new delivery methods and innovative solutions. And at lightning speed. Don’t let anyone ever tell you again that higher ed moves slowly.

I express my sincere gratitude to all of you and confirm my confidence that because of you, our College has emerged from this period stronger, more resilient and much more prepared for the next 252 years.

Tradition and transformation indeed.”

Information Items

Elizabeth Kassebaum provided several information items:

- Remaining 2022 Board Meeting Dates:
 - New Board Member Orientation has been postponed pending Board Candidate Elections.
 - Wednesday, May 25, 2022 (Special meeting of the Board of Trustees’ Budget, Finance and

Facilities Committee - Budget Workshop for the Board of Trustees) – Riley Center, 176 Lockwood Boulevard), 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- Monday, June 13, and Tuesday, June 14 (Board Meeting/Retreat) – CofC Campus Jewish Studies Extension, Room 233)
- Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting – Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 4, and Friday, August 5
- Thursday, October 20, and Friday, October 21

- 2023 Board Meeting Dates:

- January 26-27 (Thursday & Friday)
- April 20-21 (Thursday & Friday)
- June 12-13 (Monday & Tuesday)
- August 3-4 (Thursday & Friday)
- October 19-20 (Thursday & Friday)

[Break at 10:43 a.m.]

Executive Session #1

The motion was made by Trustee Shawn Holland, and seconded by Trustee Tav Swarat, to go into Executive Session at 10:49 a.m. for the following purposes: (1) Legal Counsel will consult and provide legal advice on litigation, including actual and potential legal claims; (2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed purchase/lease of property; (3) Employee records – legal matters and executive contract negotiations – personnel matters; and (4) Discussion of trade secrets (Section 30-4-40) where public disclosure would expose commercially valuable plans, marketing services, and competitive information. All in favor.

[Only the Board Members, President Hsu, Senior Team, Board Staff and IT Staff remained for Executive Session. Others were put in the waiting room until Executive Session ends and regular session resumes.]

[Trustees Baker and Wood recused themselves for a portion of the General Counsel Report and returned to the meeting room after that portion of the report had ended.]

Executive Session #2 – Lunch during Executive Session

[At 11:29 a.m., only the Board of Trustees, President Hsu and Elizabeth Kassebaum moved to the Randolph Hall Boardroom for this portion of Executive Session.]

Executive Session #3

[Only the Board of Trustees remained for this portion of Executive Session.]

The motion was made by Trustee Penny Rosner, and seconded by Trustee Steve Swanson, to come out of Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. All in favor.

[Regular session resumed.]

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

Motion to Adjourn

The motion was made by Trustee Laurin Burch, and seconded by Trustee Craig Thornton, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:30 p.m. All in favor.