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Executive Board Room
Madren Center
Clemson, South Carolina
April 26, 2019
2:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Notification as required by the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act was given at least twenty-four hours before the meeting by posting the notice and agenda on the bulletin board at the Office of the Board of Trustees, 300B Sikes Hall, Clemson University and on the Clemson University Board of Trustees website. Additionally notice of, and the agenda for, the meeting was sent via email to the distribution list maintained by the Office of Media Relations which includes approximately 80 reporters and editors at the major daily newspapers, television and radio stations in S.C.

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Trustee McKissick, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following present:

Trustees: Smyth McKissick, Chairman, presiding; David Dukes, Ronald Lee, Louis Lynn, Patti McAbee, Nicky McCarter, Bob Peeler, Cheri Phyfer (via phone), Mark Richardson, Bill Smith, Joe Swann, Kim Wilkerson, and David Wilkins

Trustees Emeriti: J.J. Britton, Bill Hendrix, Tom McTeer, and Allen Wood

Administration: James P. Clements, President; George Askew, Vice President for Public Service; Max Allen, Vice President and Chief of Staff; Anthony Wagner, Vice President for Finance and Operations; Chip Hood, General Counsel; Almeda Jacks, Vice President for Student Affairs; Robert H. Jones, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Tanju Karanfil, Vice President for Research; Robert Donato, Office of the President; Angie Leidinger, Vice President for External Relations and Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees and Director of Governmental Affairs; Dan Radakovich, Director of Athletics; Brian O’Rourke, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations; and Russ Kaurloto, Chief Information Officer

Guests: Leslie Hossfeld, Dean, College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences; George Petersen, Dean, College of Education; Cynthia Young, Dean, College of Science; Jan Holmevik, Outgoing Faculty Senate President; Doug Henry, CCIT; Mason Foley, Outgoing Undergraduate Student Government President; Cathy Tillett Howe, Director, Internal Audit; Patrick Kiser,
Guest; George Smith, Student Affairs; Johnson Link, Student Affairs; Charles Tegen, Enterprise Risk Management; Logan Young, Incoming Undergraduate Student Government President; Danny Weathers, Incoming Faculty Senate President; Dan Hofmann, Outgoing Staff Senate President; Janeen Putman, Incoming Staff Senate President; Joe Ryan, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees; Jason Osborne, Dean of the Graduate School; Amy Goodin, Enterprise Risk Management; Chris Miller, Dean of Students; William Everroad, Faculty Senate; Jacob Crotts, Student; Greg Mullen, Chief of Police; and Sally Mauldin, Office of the Board of Trustees

Media: Mollie Simon, Greenville News and Anderson Independent; Jason Evans, Seneca Journal; and David Dykes, Greenville Business Journal

Joe Galbraith introduced members of the media.

Approval of Minutes — February 8, 2019

Trustee Wilkins moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Trustee Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from Executive Secretary to the Board — Angie Leidinger

Introduction of National Scholars and Fellows — Robin Curtis introduced the National Scholars and Fellows.

Honorary Degree Nomination — Angie Leidinger presented the nomination for approval. She noted the name would be kept confidential until the recipient has been notified.

Trustee Swann moved to approve the nomination. Trustee Lee seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Nominating Committee — Ms. Leidinger noted that it is time to select a nominating committee for the election of a Chair in July.

President’s Report

President Clements provided an update on his activities since the last meeting.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Report — Louis Lynn

George Askew summarized informational items presented during the Committee meeting.
Compensation Committee Report – David Wilkins

Trustee Wilkins summarized actions taken by the Committee.

Educational Policy Committee Report – Ronnie Lee

Trustee Lee called on Bob Jones to present action items.

Action Items

New Program – B.A. in Art & Design – Provost Jones presented the new program for consideration. The interdisciplinary degree reflects the broad range of experience within Clemson art and art history courses and establishes student-directed pathways to applied minors and double majors, combining ideas, techniques, and creative problem-solving as its core value. This four-year degree would seek professional accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

The degree program is proposed in response to the popularity of the art minor, which has grown over 150 percent since inception in 2013-2014 and includes students participating from all seven colleges and 71 percent of all Clemson student undergraduate majors.

New Program – Ph.D. in Digital History - Provost Jones presented the proposed program. Digital History is a dynamic new field that integrates computing technology and humanities scholarship for the creation and dissemination of knowledge in digital mediums.

American universities have struggled to build bridges between the humanities and digital technology in doctoral education. Within the academy, historians of the late 20th and early 21st centuries will need digital training to study emails, texts, and social media communications, much as scholars have had to master Latin in order to study ancient Rome. The technical sector within the state of South Carolina, and nationally, is also calling for individuals with a humanities background. This need will increase as social media platforms such as Twitter and Facebook are forced to critically analyze impact upon society and culture. Clemson’s historic strengths in technology and computing, combined with its world-class humanities faculty, make the campus the natural home for the first program of its kind in the United States.

Trustee Lee moved to approve the two new programs. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Center – Clemson-Indian Institute of Technology Joint Center for Innovative Medical Devices and Sensors – Provost Jones presented the proposed center. The Clemson University College of Engineering, Computing and Applied Sciences seeks approval for a joint center between the Clemson bioengineering department and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT). The Center will focus on facilitating international research into novel medical devices and sensors in South Carolina and India. It will provide a unique environment for post-baccalaureate engineering and science students from partner institutions to develop the needed leadership,
managerial, entrepreneurial and technical skills to support a knowledge-based economy focused on medical devices and sensing technology.

The medical device field has become a global enterprise. In order for technology to really have impact, it must be developed and designed with this in mind. Clemson hopes to simulate the South Carolina medical device industry by promoting the translation of those technologies out of the lab and into industry through entrepreneurial activities. The Clemson-IIT Joint Center for Innovative Medical Devices and Sensors will bring world-class integrative learning and inventing experiences to equip trainees with technical competencies, societal awareness, and entrepreneurial sensitivity for building and promoting a global biomedical economy. It will also promote collaboration between Clemson and Institutions in India (IIT Delhi and Mumbai), allowing for application of joint funding opportunities from US and Indian agencies to promote faculty and student exchange between Clemson and IIT.

New Center – South Carolina Center for Translational Research Improving Musculoskeletal Health (SC-TRIMH) – Provost Jones presented the proposed center. The overall goal of SC-TRIMH is to enhance and expand the Biomedical Research capacity at Clemson University to promote outstanding multidisciplinary, collaborative, and translational research in bone and joint diseases. The Center is led by a cross-college multidisciplinary team with expertise in physics, material science, computing, bioengineering, public health, biology and medicine, thereby coalescing resources and disciplines from Clemson University School of Health Research (CUSHR) and allied with Prisma Health. Scientific cores established by the Center will enable the initial junior investigator projects to implement the new concept of Virtual Human Trials to advance musculoskeletal health and facilitate their competitiveness for national research awards.

Musculoskeletal disease is one of the leading causes of disability globally, costing $950 billion per year in 2006 in the U.S. alone. This figure is only set to increase with an aging population. South Carolina is currently ranked as one of the 10 fastest-aging states, and approximately 45 percent of the population in South Carolina is expected to be 50 or older by the year 2030. This growth rate ranked No. 1 among the Southeastern states. Furthermore, the aging population in South Carolina is continuing to be an active part of the SC workforce. Because the state is a retirement hot spot and shows such growth in the aging population and aging workforce, translational research in musculoskeletal health can have a significant impact on these individuals and our state economy.

Trustee Lee moved to approve the two new centers. The motion was approved unanimously.

Program Modification – B.A. in Language and International Trade – Provost Jones presented the proposed modification. The College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities and the College of Business request approval for the name change of the Language and International Trade BA to Language and International Business BA to remain current with trends in the field. The Language and International Trade BA combines intensive foreign language study with a professional business concentration in applied international economics, international trade or tourism. This name change allows the major to more accurately reflect the nature of the discipline and current developments in international business.
Program Modification – M.Ed. in Teaching and Learning – Provost Jones presented the proposed program modification. The College of Education requests approval for the addition of five specialized areas. The proposed new specializations have been designed by faculty to better address the current educational environment for teachers. The M.Ed. in Teaching and Learning is an entirely online degree comprised of 30 credit hours of coursework. For this program, students complete 18 hours of core pedagogical course work as well as 12 hours of specialization courses. There are no changes requested to the core requirements.

The proposed additional specializations to the Master of Education in Teaching and Learning are Self-Designed Specialization, STEAM, Experiential Learning for Early Childhood, Instructional Coaching, Effective and Reflective Teaching, and Induction Residency.

Program Modification – Master of Human Resource Development – Provost Jones presented the proposed modification. The College of Education requests approval for an expansion of emphasis area offerings from two to five in its Master of Human Resource Development. Enrollment has decreased approximately 13 percent a year over the last six years due to an increase in peer competitive programs. The MHRD program serves a professional audience employed in major industries and employers across the state. It develops individuals to lead educational-related functions, design workplace training and development, and improve individual and organizational performance. The proposed program change will make the program more competitive with peer institutions and grow enrollment.

Program Modification – M.S. in Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice – Provost Jones presented the proposed modification. The Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice requests approval for required credit hours to be reduced from 39 to 36 for thesis students (39 to 30 for non-thesis) and the name of the M.S. in Applied Sociology to be changed to M.S. in Social Science. The changes will allow for more efficiency and alignment with other M.S. programs, allow students to more efficiently tailor their plan of study to their career plans, and allow the degree name to more accurately reflect the nature of the program.

Program Modification – Ph.D. in Policy Studies – Provost Jones presented the proposed modification. The Department of Political Science requests that the CHE CIP code for Policy Studies be changed from 44.0501 (Public Policy Analysis, General) to 45.1099 (Political Science and Government, Other). The Policy Studies program was moved recently into the department of political science. This modification request is intended to streamline how programs are tracked within the College, specifically with the social sciences. Public Policy is a subfield of Political Science and Government, with a focus on systematic analysis of the public policy process, including politics, policymaking and analysis using social science methods. The program remains an interdisciplinary social science program, but its core courses are public policy and squarely within the field of Political Science and social science methods, with emphasis areas that will relate to other social science disciplines.

Trustee Lee moved to approve the program modifications. The motion was approved unanimously.
Information Items

Faculty Senate Report and Transition – Jan Holmevik provided an update and introduced Danny Weathers. Chairman McKissick thanked him for his service.

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees Report – Joe Ryan provided an update.

Finance and Facilities Committee Report – David Dukes

Trustee Dukes summarized information items reported to the Committee.

Information Item

Staff Senate Report and Transition – Dan Hofmann provided an update and introduced Janeen Putman. Chairman McKissick thanked him for his service.

Institutional Advancement Committee Report – Mark Richardson

Trustee Richardson summarized information items reported to the Committee.

Research and Economic Development Committee Report – Joe Swann

Trustee Swann asked Tanju Karanfil to summarize information items reported to the Committee.

Student Affairs Committee Report – Kim Wilkerson

Trustee Wilkerson summarized information items reported to the Committee.

Information Item

Undergraduate Student Government Report and Transition – Mason Foley provided an update and introduced Logan Young. Chairman McKissick thanked him for his service. Trustee Emeritus Britton presented Mr. Foley with a gavel in recognition of his leadership. Trustee Emeritus Wood presented Mr. Foley with Clemson history books as a thank you for his leadership.

Executive and Audit Committee Report – Smyth McKissick

Chairman McKissick summarized information items.
Adjourn

There no being no further business, Trustee McKissick adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Leidinger
Angela E. Leidinger
Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved 7/18/19

Date