

South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics
Board of Trustees Meeting
Osborne Administration Building
University of South Carolina
April 11, 2013
Minutes

Governing Board members present:

Dr. Leroy Davis, Chairman
Dr. Michael Amiridis
Mr. Hal Campbell
Ms. Julie Carullo
Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus, designee for Dr. Michael Amiridis
Mr. Dwight Floyd, Vice Chairman
Dr. Perry Halushka
Dr. Jochen Lauterbach
Mr. Rick Ott, designee for Dr. Mick Zais
Dr. Chris Przirembel
Mr. Lee Stogner
Mr. Art Tompkins
Ms.Carolyn Williams

Governing Board members present via conference call:

Dr. Jan Murdoch, designee for Dr. Doris Helms

Staff:

Dr. Murray Brockman
Ms. Kim Bowman
Mr. Ernie Boyd
Ms. Susan Coker
Mr. Danny Dorsel
Mr. Robert Fletcher – via conference call
Mr. Randy LaCross
Dr. Emily Mobley
Mr. Jon Shannon

Item 1-2: Call to Order and Roll Call

Dr. Leroy Davis, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. Roll was taken. Board members were reminded of the next board meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2013 which will be conducted via conference call.

Item 3: Board meeting dates 2013-2014

Dr. Davis recognized the dates recommended for future Board of Trustees meetings during 2013-2014. One change was noted: original recommended date of January 23, 2014 to be changed to January 16, 2014.

Motion:

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to approve the recommended dates and change.

Motion offered by Ms. Williams, seconded by Dr. Halushka, and unanimously approved.

Item 5: Introduction of Board Members

Dr. Davis welcomed new board member, Mr. Lee Stogner, Managing Principal, Vincula Group and continued with self introductions of all board members.

Item 6: Board By-laws

Dr. Brockman began by stating that the by-laws of the GSSM Board of Trustees require modifications due to changes in the enabling legislation. In regards to board members appointed by the Governor, this includes one member from each congressional district (adding one due to the new 7th congressional district), and four members appointed "At Large" for a total of eleven. We currently have nine board members appointed by the Governor, with two members yet to be appointed.

Continuing, Dr. Brockman specifically recommended consideration of the following:

- (1) A change in the definition of a "quorum".
- (2) Changes in the enabling legislation now allow Provosts (ex-officios) to vote, and this change needs to be recognized in our by-laws.
- (3) A change to allow permanently assigned designees to vote as representatives of ex-officio board members. Ex-officio board members include Provosts of the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, and the Medical University of South Carolina, the State Superintendent of Education, the Executive Director of the Commission on Higher Education, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the GSSM Foundation. *Our current by-laws explicitly do not allow designees of appointed board members or ex-officio board members to vote.

Discussion began on proposed changes to GSSM By-Laws, Article II, Section 1 and Article VIII, Section 10.

Current wording and proposed changes of Article II, Section 1.

**ARTICLE II
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Section 1. COMPOSITION. The Board of Trustees of the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics shall be composed of ~~18~~ 17 members as follows:

- (1) one member from each congressional district, appointed by the Governor;
- (2) four members appointed from this State at large by the Governor;
- (3) the President or Executive Director **Chairman of the Board of Directors** of the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics Foundation, Inc., **ex officio**
- (4) The Provost (or Vice-President for Academic Affairs) from each of the following research institutions, serving as ~~non-voting~~, **ex officio** members, **or their designees:**
 - a. The Medical University of South Carolina

- b. Clemson University
- c. University of South Carolina
- (5) The State Superintendent of Education, *ex officio*, or his or her designee; and
- (6) The Executive Director of the Commission on Higher Education, *ex officio*; or his or her designee; and
- ~~(7) The respective chairmen of the Senate Education Committee and the Education and Public Works Committee of the House of Representatives, *ex officio*.~~

Article II, Section 1 proposed changes:

- Item 4: Delete “non-voting”
- Item 5: Add “or his or her designee; and”
- Item 6: Add “or his or her designee
- Item 7: Delete Item 7

Current wording and proposed changes to Article VIII, Section 10.

Article VIII, Section 10, current wording

Section 10. PROXIES PROHIBITED. The use of proxies for purposes of determining a quorum, for voting or for any other purposes shall not be permitted.

Article VIII, Section 10 proposed changes:

Section 10. PROXIES PROHIBITED. The use of proxies for purposes of determining a quorum, for voting or for any other purposes shall not be permitted **except as permanent designees are allowed by the by-laws in Article II, Section 1.**

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to approve proposed changes to Article II, Section 1 and Article VIII, Section 10.

Motion offered by Mr. Tompkins, seconded by Dr. Przirembel, and unanimously approved.

Proposed changes to Article II, Section 1 – yet to be considered and approved:

Article II – Changing the number of Board members from 18 to 17.

Article II, Section 1, (3) – Legal opinion needed for a change in title. Also, “ex-officio” should be added.

Article II, Section 1, (4) – Legal opinion needed regarding a change to allow voting designees for provosts.

Continuing: In order to continue with proposed changes to Article VIII, Section 2, a vote must be taken to suspend the rules regarding the advanced notice of one board meeting for proposed changes.

In that regard, Dr. Davis asked for a motion to suspend the rules in order to proceed with changes to Article VIII, Section 2.

Motion offered by Dr. Przirembel, seconded by Mr. Tompkins and unanimously approved.

Discussion followed on the proposed changes.

Article VIII, Section 2, current wording:

Section 2. QUORUM OF THE BOARD. Nine (9) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article VIII, Section 2 proposed changes:

Section 2. QUORUM OF THE BOARD. Half or more of the members designated in Article II, Section 1 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to accept the proposed changes to Article VIII, Section 2.
Motion offered by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Dr. Przirembel, and unanimously approved.

Item 7: President's Report

Dr. Brockman presented highlights of GSSM growth which included students, faculty, and the implementation of new programs. Looking forward to the June 13, 2013 board meeting, a discussion will be presented regarding the Uniform Grading System (UGS) and GSSM courses. Also, a proposal will be presented from the GSSM faculty to establish a Senate. Faculty are currently working to develop a Constitution.

Item 11-12: Executive Session to review security measures and personnel matters (Closed Session)

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to transition into Executive Session.

Motion offered by Mr. Ott, seconded by Mr. Tompkins, and unanimously approved.

Return to Open Session:

Dr. Davis declared the meeting back into Open Session. No votes were taken and no decisions were made during Executive Session.

Item 4: Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2013

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to approve the January 24, 2013 draft of minutes as written.
Motion was made by Dr. Halushka, seconded by Dr. Przirembel, and unanimously approved.

Item 8: Facilities and Finance Committee Report: Physical Security

Dr. Davis reported that Mr. Rick Ott has been appointed as Chair of this Committee. GSSM staff member Mr. Ernie Boyd presented the report which focused specifically on armed law enforcement security.

Mr. Boyd began by reminding board members of the extensive discussion of physical security at the January 2013 board meeting. Since that time, GSSM has taken steps both internally and externally to review and improve security measures. Survey results and input from students, faculty, and staff have been collected and considered. GSSM has also consulted with external security experts.

Mr. Boyd continued by presenting background information and a proposal which included cost and timing for GSSM to obtain three SLED-certified armed Law Enforcements Officers.

Board Action Requested: Review and vote on the following proposal:

“Enhance GSSM Security against motivated shooter by adding Armed Law Enforcement Officers to school security team on 1st and 2nd shifts.”

Staff Recommendation: Leadership team supports with one exception who favors concentrating resources on hardening the interior and exterior against intrusion.

Dr. Davis reported that the Facilities and Finance Committee unanimously accepted the staff recommendation and is bringing their recommendation to the full board. Since this is a Committee recommendation, a second motion is not needed. Dr. Davis then opened the floor for discussion prior to the vote. Thorough discussion followed.

Dr. Davis clarified that the proposal included the hiring of three law enforcement officers, one of which would be a supervisory role.

Dr. Davis called for the vote. Recommendation and motion approved with 1 nay vote.

Item 9: Academic Affairs and Outreach Committee Report

Dr. Doeringhaus, Committee Chair, reported that there was a good Committee discussion and recommended that all board members read the report provided. No action items.

Item 10: Student Development Committee Report

Mr. Floyd reported on behalf of Ms. Williams and the Committee and provided information pertaining to College Admissions and the GSSM Applicant Pool. More information will be presented at the June 2013 board meeting.

Item 13: New Business – None

Item 14: Approval of Consent Agenda

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items. Motion offered by Dr. Halushka, seconded by Mr. Floyd, and unanimously approved by the board.

Item 15: Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Dr. Leroy Davis, Chairman
Board of Trustees
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