

**South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics
Board of Trustees Meeting
401 Railroad Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550
September 19, 2013
Noon**

Governing Board members present:

Mr. Dwight Floyd, Vice Chairman, Presiding
Mr. Hal Campbell
Mr. Lee Stogner
Mr. Art Tompkins

Governing Board members present via conference call:

Dr. Nadim Aziz
Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus
Ms. Trena Houp
Dr. Jochen Lauterbach
Dr. Mark Sothmann

Staff:

Dr. Murray Brockman
Ms. Kim Bowman
Mr. Ernie Boyd
Ms. Susan Coker
Mr. Danny Dorsel
Mr. Robert Fletcher
Mr. Randy LaCross
Dr. Emilye Mobley
Mr. Jon Shannon

The official Board meeting was preceded by four GSSM student presentations which included an overview of Student Council, student projects, community engagement volunteer services, and summer research projects.

Mr. Floyd thanked the GSSM faculty, staff, and students for the opportunity to hear from the students.

Item 1-2: Call to Order and Roll Call:

Mr. Floyd, presiding Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm. Roll was taken with a quorum present. Mr. Floyd reminded board members of the dates of future board meetings.

Item 3: Approval of Minutes

Mr. Floyd asked if there were any questions or corrections in regards to the minutes of the June 13, 2013 board meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were adopted as presented.

Item 4: President's Report

Dr. Brockman began with an overview of recent changes in membership of the Board of Trustees with regard to retirements, changes in positions, and remaining vacancies.

He continued by emphasizing that growth at GSSM is off to an outstanding start. There are currently 27 faculty members and 220 students. He reviewed statistics in regards to student retention.

Dr. Brockman reported that summer research was very successful. There was also tremendous growth in the summer outreach programs across the state.

Dr. Brockman continued with the challenges and opportunities pertaining to growth. GSSM is planning for yet a larger junior class in the Fall 2014.

Item 5: Institutional Advancement Committee Report – GSSM Marketing and Recruiting Plan

Kim Bowman, CEO, GSSM Foundation, and Executive Vice President, Strategic Direction, GSSM, made an extensive and very informative presentation of GSSM's marketing and recruitment plan. Ms. Bowman also distributed samples of marketing materials to the board.

Due to time, Mr. Floyd moved forward on the agenda to items requiring action.

Item 8: Facilities and Finance Committee Report – New Business
State Budget Request Amendment: Accelerate Engineering

GSSM staff member Ernie Boyd presented details pertaining to a request for an amendment to the 2014-2015 state budget request. The original 2014-2015 state budget request of \$250,000 was authorized by the GSSM Board of Trustees at the previous board meeting on June 13, 2013. The amendment pertains to a request for additional funding of \$340,000 for Accelerate Engineering.

Board action requested:

Motion: Board authorizes adding Accelerate Engineering support to the 2014-2015 State Budget Request for a total of \$340,000 and continue to lay the groundwork for transitioning to full State funding in future years.

The addendum brings total new State funds requested for 2014-2015 to \$590,000.

Mr. Boyd continued by stating that the Accelerate engineering success and program needs are now better defined. Information was outlined and provided to support the request for additional funding.

After reading the motion presented, Mr. Floyd asked for a motion to move forward. The motion was not presented as a Committee recommendation, since a quorum was not present at the earlier Facilities and Finance Committee meeting.

Motion was offered by Mr. Tompkins, and seconded by Dr. Doerpinghaus. Thorough discussion followed. The motion was temporarily tabled, so that Dr. Brockman could provide a special review of the current status of the Accelerate engineering program as defined in Item 7.

Item 7: Special Review – Engineering Accelerate Program

Dr. Brockman provided an extensive overview of the current status of the Accelerate state-wide Engineering program. Thorough discussion followed.

Mr. Floyd then referred back to the motion previously tabled in Item 8 and asked if there was any additional discussion or questions pertaining to the motion.

Given the fact that a quorum no longer existed, a vote could not be taken on the motion in Item 8, or on any additional action items. It was suggested that the board reconvene via conference call prior to September 25, 2013 to vote on this and other remaining action items.

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Floyd welcomed to the board Dr. Nadim Aziz, interim Provost, Clemson University, Dr. Richard Sutton, Executive Director, SC Commission on Higher Education, and Ms. Trena Houp, representing Dr. Sutton.

Also, Mr. Rick Ott was recognized for his many years of valuable service to the GSSM Board of Trustees.

With no additional business, Mr. Floyd offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Lee. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Dr. Leroy Davis, Chairman
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Mr. L. Dwight Floyd, Vice Chairman
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