

**South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics
Board of Trustees Meeting
Special Called Meeting via Conference Call
October 30, 2013
3:00 pm**

Governing Board members present via conference call:

Dr. Leroy Davis, Chairman
Dr. Michael Amiridis
Mr. Hal Campbell
Mr. Dwight Floyd
Dr. Perry Halushka
Dr. Jochen Lauterbach
Dr. Chris Przirembel
Mr. Lee Stogner
Dr. Paula Gregg, designee for Dr. Richard Sutton; also Ms. Trena Houpp
Mr. Art Tompkins
Ms. Carolyne Williams

Staff:

Dr. Murray Brockman
Ms. Kim Bowman
Mr. Ernie Boyd
Ms. Susan Coker
Mr. Danny Dorsel
Mr. Randy LaCross

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call

Dr. Davis called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. Roll was taken with a quorum present.
Dr. Davis stated that the purpose of this special called meeting was to address two action items.

Item 2: Update on Engineering Accelerate Program

Dr. Brockman began by reminding Board members of the Engineering Accelerate update that was presented at the previous Board meeting on September 19, 2013. He continued by providing comments and updates on new information since the September Board meeting.

Dr. Brockman also reported that there have been recent telephone interviews with candidates for the Director of Engineering position.

Item 3: Facilities and Finance Review: Amend the State Budget Request

Dr. Brockman reviewed in detail, the State Budget Request for 2014-2015 Amendment: Accelerate Engineering.

He emphasized the key need to include five FTEs (Full Time Equivalent) positions, specifically four faculty positions and one IT technology support position for the Accelerate Engineering program.

Motion is as follows:

“Board authorizes adding Accelerate Engineering support to the 2014-2015 State Budget Request for a total of \$340,000 including five FTEs 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. We will continue to consult with our legislative supports on best approaches.

Following Dr. Brockman’s report, Dr. Davis provided an opportunity for comments from Mr. Art Tompkins, Board member of the Facilities and Finance Committee. Mr. Tompkins expressed his support and made a motion to approve. Since the motion was not presented as a Committee recommendation, Dr. Davis asked for a formal second. Motion was seconded by Dr. Halushka.

Thorough discussion followed. Dr. Davis then called for the vote, resulting in 8 yeas and 3 nays. **Motion was approved.**

Item 4: Board Membership and Voting

Dr. Brockman reviewed a specific section of GSSM’s Consolidated Enabling Legislation 2012, Section 59-48-20, A and B.

In regards specifically to **Section 59-48-20, B-2**, Dr. Brockman proposed that the Board request the General Assembly to modify our enabling legislation to allow designees for the Provosts to vote.

The proposed wording is as follows, with changes noted in red and underlined:

“(2) the provost or vice president for academic affairs, or his or her designee, from each of the following higher education research institutions to serve ex officio:

- (a) Clemson University;
- (b) the University of South Carolina;
- (c) the Medical University of South Carolina”

Following Dr. Brockman’s review and proposal, Dr. Davis asked for a second to the proposal which was provided by Dr. Halushka. An opportunity followed for discussion and clarification. Dr. Davis then called for the vote which resulted in **unanimous approval**. The staff will go forward with making the request to the General Assembly.

Item 5: Adjourn

Dr. Davis thanked all Board members for their time and participation and all staff members for their preparations.

Meeting adjourned at 3:49 pm.

**Dr. Leroy Davis, Chairman
Board of Trustees
SC Governor's School for Science & Mathematics**