

South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
401 Railroad Avenue  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
January 15, 2015  
Noon

**Governing Board members present:**

Dr. Leroy Davis, Chairman  
Mr. John Barnes  
Mr. Hal Campbell, joined during Item 2  
Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus  
Dr. Joe Griffin  
Dr. Chris Przirembel  
Mr. Jack Sanders  
Mr. Randy Senn  
Mr. Lee Stogner  
Dr. Ronald Welch

**Governing Board members present via conference call:**

Dr. Perry Halushka  
Dr. Jochen Lauterbach  
Dr. Jan Murdoch  
Dr. Mark Sothmann  
Dr. Richard Sutton, joined during Item 5  
Mr. Art Tompkins

**Staff:**

Dr. Murray Brockman  
Ms. Kim Bowman  
Mr. Ernie Boyd  
Ms. Susan Coker  
Dr. Karen Den Braven  
Mr. Danny Dorsel  
Mr. Randy LaCross  
Dr. Emilye Mobley

**Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call**

Dr. Davis called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. Roll was taken with a quorum present. Dr. Davis reminded everyone of the requirement to complete the 2015 Statement of Economic Interests Report by the March 30, 2015 noon deadline. Each Board packet contains instructions for completing this report.

## **Item 2: Welcome by GSSM Students**

Senior student Jay Gohil, Student Council Moderator, welcomed Board members to GSSM. He and Junior student Jacob Rabinovitch shared their GSSM experiences with the Board.

## **Item 3: Reminder of Future Board Meetings**

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| Thursday | April 16, 2015     | Columbia *      |
| Thursday | June 11, 2015      | Conference Call |
| Thursday | September 17, 2015 | Hartsville      |

\*Dr. Davis mentioned that the Board may need to reconsider the location of the April 16, 2015 meeting due to the Presidential Search Committee schedule.

## **Item 4: Approval of the Minutes**

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2014 Board meeting. Motion to approve by Dr. Prziembel, seconded by Dr. Doeringhaus, and unanimously approved by the Board.

## **Item 5: President's Report**

Dr. Brockman presented the President's Report and included the following highlights:

- Growth is going extremely well.
- The GSSM team placed first in the South Carolina Finance Challenge competition, sponsored by SC Economics. The GSSM team will advance to the national competition.
- The GSSM Junior Class enjoyed a formal dinner as part of an instructional module on business etiquette.
- Interim course highlights
- GSSM budget highlights
- State Human Affairs Commission Report
- Formation of an Advisory Board to improve minority student participation
- Update on the articulation of courses for the Engineering Accelerate Program
- Update on strategic plans while seeking a new President

## **Item 6: Facilities and Finance Committee Report**

Mr. Boyd, CFO and VP of Operations, presented the report on behalf of the Facilities and Finance Committee. The Committee met recently via conference call to thoroughly discuss and review the GSSM Student Meal Fee and Policy

**The proposal for 2015-2016 is as follows:**

**Student Meal Fee for 2015-2016 – No change proposed.**

**Action Item:**

Board to consider our meal plan policy and to set the Student Meal Fee for 2015-2016.

**Meal Plan Policy Currently:**

No child is denied participation in the residential program due to inability to pay the Student Meal Fee (or any GSSM required charge such as Security Deposit). Financial Aid, time payments and waivers are available.

**Student Meal Fee currently:**

\$2000/year, compared to approx. \$3000/year cost of meal plan.

**Staff Recommendation:** No change to policy or fee.

**Finance Committee Recommendation:** Committee voted to recommend no changes to the GSSM Meal Plan Policy and Student Meal Fee for 2015-2016.

A Committee recommendation and motion does not require a second motion. Thorough discussion followed. Dr. Davis then called for the vote to accept the Committee's recommendation of no changes. The recommendation was unanimously approved by the Board.

**Item 7: Presidential Search Update**

Dr. Davis presented an update to the Board on recent activities in the Presidential search:

- Ads have been placed
- Dr. Davis met with GSSM faculty & staff on Dec. 3, 2014 regarding the Presidential Search process
- Search Firm campus visit and Search Committee meeting on Dec. 4, 2014
- Update on the status of active applications and nominations
- Search schedule and timeline

Dr. Davis also presented that he has received a formal request from the GSSM Liaisons that the Board consider the addition of a faculty, staff, and student representative to the Search Committee.

Mr. Dorsel, VP of Academic Affairs, and Dr. Mobley, VP Student Development, formally presented each request with supporting information. Dr. Brockman suggested to Student Government the addition of a student representative which could be the Student Council Moderator.

Thorough discussion followed and included the specifics of the motion.

Motion:

Dr. Prziembel made a motion that a faculty, staff, and student representative be duly selected by their constituency and added as a fully qualified voting and participating member of the Search Committee. Once selected, the faculty, staff, and student representatives must sign an oath of confidentiality.

Motion seconded by Mr. Sanders, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Target date of selecting the faculty, staff, and student representatives is February 1, 2015.

**Item 8: Academic Affairs & Outreach Committee**

Dr. Doerpinghaus, Committee Chair, presented the report. Committee attendees included Dr. Doerpinghaus, Dr. Przirembel, Dr. Halushka (via conference call), and Dr. Sutton (via conference call). Staff attendees included Dr. Brockman, Mr. Dorsel, and Mr. LaCross.

The Committee discussed the Faculty Senate that was established last year on a pilot basis and were pleased with the progress report.

Committee Recommendation is to extend the Faculty Senate pilot period until June 2016 and until a new President is established. The Committee recommends deferring Board action until that time.

Due to Committee Recommendation, a second motion is not needed. Dr. Davis called for a vote regarding the Recommendation which was unanimously approved.

**Item 9: Executive Session (Closed Session)**

Dr. Davis called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Motion made by Dr. Przirembel, and seconded by Mr. Sanders.

**Return to Open Session**

The Board returned to open session. Dr. Davis reported that no votes were taken. Two personnel items were discussed as information only.

**Item 11: Strategic Action Plan – Institutional Advancement Committee**

Kim Bowman, CEO, GSSM Foundation, & EVP Strategic Direction, GSSM, presented an updated report on recruitment, admissions, marketing, and partnerships. Historical and current data was presented to support growth in all areas.

**Item 10: Strategic Action Plan – Student Development Committee**

Dr. Mobley, VP Student Development, presented a report on her visits to seven schools which are similar to GSSM in the college admissions process.

These visits resulted in a summary of general observations, and observations both similar and different from GSSM's college admissions process.

Dr. Mobley shared some recommendations and proposed initiatives from GSSM College Counselors.

**Item 12: New Business**

Dr. Davis presented a request from the Search Consultants in regards to establishing a salary range for the GSSM President position. A recommended range was \$150,000 to \$180,000 with a mid-target salary of \$162,800.

Dr. Davis requested a motion to establish a salary range, based on the recommendation of \$150,000 to \$180,000 with a mid-target salary of \$162,800.

Motion made by Dr. Welch, seconded by Dr. Prziembel, and unanimously approved by the Board.

**Item 13: Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Dr. Welch, and unanimously approved by the Board.

**Item 14: Motion to Adjourn**

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Dr. Prziembel, seconded by Dr. Welch, and unanimously approved by the Board. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

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Dr. Leroy Davis, Chairman  
Board of Trustees  
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