

South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics
Board of Trustees Meeting
Osborne Administration Building
University of South Carolina
April 19, 2018
Noon

Governing Board Members Present:

Mr. Hal Campbell, Chairman
Mr. John Barnes
Dr. DeWitt M. (Ty) Coleman, Jr.
Dr. Joe Griffin
Dr. Perry Halushka
Dr. Sandra Kelly
Dr. Chris Przirembel
Dr. Judith Salley, joined at 12:39 pm
Mr. Lee Stogner
Mr. Art Tompkins
Ms. Carolyne Williams

Governing Board Members Present via Conference Call:

Dr. Argentini Anderson
Dr. Randy Collins
Dr. Carol Feghali-Bostwick
Dr. Anne Pressley, joined at 1:01 pm, departed at 1:21 pm
Mr. Jack Sanders

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Hector Flores
Mrs. Pam Altman, Foundation Staff
Mr. Ernie Boyd
Ms. Susan Coker
Mr. Danny Dorsel
Mr. Randy LaCross
Dr. Letita Mason
Dr. Emilye Mobley
Mr. Jon Shannon
Dr. Ershela Sims

Guests:

Mr. George Davis, State Inspector General's Office
Mr. Brian Lamkin, State Inspector General's Office

Prior to the roll call, Mr. Campbell welcomed and introduced Mr. Ty Coleman, a new GSSM Board Member appointed to represent the 2nd Congressional District.

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Campbell, Chairman, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 12:15pm. Roll was taken with a quorum present.

Item 2: Future Board Meetings

Mr. Campbell reminded everyone of the next Board meeting scheduled as follows:

Thursday	June 14, 2018	Conference Call	Noon
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Mr. Campbell called attention to the following proposed dates for 2018-2019 Board Meetings:

Thursday	Sept. 13, 2018	Hartsville	
Time	9:00 – Noon , followed by Convocation at 2:00		

Thursday	January 31, 2019	Columbia	Noon
Thursday	April 18, 2019	Hartsville	Noon
Thursday	June 13, 2019	Conference Call	Noon

Mr. Campbell asked for a motion to approve the proposed meeting dates for 2018-2019.

Motion to approve by Ms. Williams, seconded by Dr. Prziembel, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item 3: Approval of the minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting of the GSSM Board of Trustees

Mr. Campbell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting of the GSSM Board of Trustees. Motion to approve by Dr. Prziembel, seconded by Dr. Halushka, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item 4: President's Update – Dr. Hector Flores

Dr. Flores began his report by stating that he is beginning his third year as President at GSSM. His report included the following:

Moving Forward: Foundation Partnership

- Proposed two ideas:
 - 1) Annual joint meeting of the GSSM Board of Trustees and the GSSM Foundation Board
 - 2) Host one Foundation Board meeting per year on the campus of GSSM
- GSSM Foundation Board will meet at GSSM on April 25, 2018. Agenda will include two discussion panels focusing on GSSM Journey, tour of GSSM, and lunch with students.
- MOU has been approved by the GSSM Board Executive Committee and forwarded to the Foundation Board Chair. The GSSM Board Executive Committee was charged with this task at the January 11, 2018 Board meeting.

School/Foundation Partnership: IMAGINE

Dr. Flores outlined several ideas to IMAGINE going forward in regards to providing global learning opportunities, enabling students to attend the most selective colleges and universities, ideas to achieve these objectives, and opportunities for retaining/returning talent to the State.

Moving Forward: Strategic Plan

The Board received a copy of the formatted version of the Strategic Plan. Dr. Flores reported that various versions of the Plan are currently being formatted for specific audiences.

Moving Forward: Vision Statement

Dr. Flores presented a proposed Vision Statement for the Board's consideration at the end of his report:

"Over the next 10 years, the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics will be recognized as a national leader in K-12 science and mathematics education, known for developing students who are exceptionally well-prepared to engage in global issues as creative and ethical leaders."

Moving Forward: New Initiatives

- Report on the success of Inside GSSM, a school-wide event with state-wide participation.
- Recent follow-up visit from the Pee Dee Math and Science Academy Principal and SC Charter School District Superintendent.
- Upcoming visits are planned from TransformSC, and also the Superintendent of Anderson County School District 4 will visit GSSM and share a safety presentation.

Moving Forward: Global Engagement Initiatives

- Dr. Flores updated the Board on the partnership with the High School attached to Shanghai Normal University.
- A celebration is planned in August 2018 for the tenth anniversary of the partnership with Pforzheim High School and Hoffman La Roche.

Moving Forward: College Outcomes

Dr. Flores updated the Board on the current college outcomes for the GSSM Class of 2018.

Moving Forward: Governance and Structure

- Faculty Senate update
- Academic Division Structure
- Faculty-led Curriculum Committee

Moving Forward: Transitions and Updates

- Update on student governance
- Staff governance body under consideration
- Admissions
- Summer Camps
- IMAGINE GSSM – a new pilot seed grant program

Moving Forward: Transitions and Announcements

- Search in process for GSSM Vice President – Finance and Operations (Current VPFO, Ernie Boyd, is retiring) Dr. Flores thanked Mr. Boyd for his many years of service.
- Graduation Speaker, June 2, 2018 – Pamela M. Lawrence, COO, Seaport Global Asset Management
- Convocation Speaker, September 2018 – Joey Wilson, GSSM Class of 2013

In conclusion, Dr. Flores asked the Board if there was consideration of the proposed GSSM Vision Statement:

“Over the next 10 years, the South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics will be recognized as a national leader in K-12 science and mathematics education, known for developing students who are exceptionally well-prepared to engage in global issues as creative and ethical leaders.”

Motion:

Following discussion, Dr. Przirembel moved to delete the beginning phrase “Over the next 10 years”. Motion seconded by Ms. Williams, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item 5: Strategic Plan Update – Mr. Jon Shannon

Mr. Shannon provided an update on the implementation status of the Strategic Plan.

- The Board report reflects changes as discussed at the January 11, 2018 Board meeting.
- At the request of the Board, the school will provide measurable success metrics for consideration at the September 2018 Board meeting.
- The school’s executive leadership team (ELT), with the addition of the chair of the Curriculum Committee, constitutes the steering committee for implementation of the Strategic Plan.
- Implementation Committees (eight) are being formed and meetings planned.
- Marketing and education materials are being developed.

Mr. Shannon thanked Board members, Mr. Barnes and Mr. Sanders, for their tremendous help and Board involvement with the Strategic Plan. Questions and discussion followed.

Item 6: Finance, Facilities, and Operations – Mr. Tompkins, Chair/Mr. Boyd

Mr. Tompkins, Chair of the Finance Committee, called upon Mr. Boyd, CFO and VP for Operations, for the report. Highlights are as follows:

- Mr. Boyd began by stating that from the beginning, the Foundation and School have had the goal of maintaining student and program support. With much effort, we are on track to meet this goal. Over this fiscal year, the school has committed up to \$400,000 to support program functions transitioned from Foundation. Background information was provided.
- We are moving to meet the recommendations of the OIG.
- Mr. Boyd provided an update on the State Budget Request for 2018-2019. \$124,000 has been approved in both the House and Senate Budgets – for HR support (one FTE) and IT on-line support. Our requests for Enrollment Management and Outreach Professional Development (Teacher Training) support was not approved. All funding is contingent upon Budget Conference Committee and the veto process.
- Dr. Flores provided an update on the state request for GSSM Recruiting and Admissions

functions. A late-addition to funding was discussed: one-time support through unused Lottery funds or around \$400,000. All funding is contingent upon Budget Conference Committee and the veto process.

- Mr. Tompkins provided an update on the Allocations request. A joint GSSM/Foundation Finance meeting was held during the morning prior to the full Board meeting. As of noon, the Committee has approved the allocation, based on amendments.

Item 7: Admissions Update – Dr. Letita Mason (Residential) and Dr. Ershela Sims (Accelerate)
Dr. Mason, GSSM Director of Admissions, provided an overview of the Residential Admissions and Enrollment process this year.

Dr. Ershela Sims, GSSM VP of Accelerate Engineering, provided an update on the admissions process for the Accelerate virtual engineering program.

- The program had its initial strategic planning meeting on March 15, 2018.
- A new sister program to Accelerate is being developed called “TEAM UP”, Teaching, Engaging, & Advancing Minds for Undergraduate Preparedness. This will be an application-based program that will offer honors classes as opposed to dual enrollment classes.

Item 8: Accelerate Update – Dr. Ershela Sims, VP of Accelerate Engineering
Dr. Sims provided an update on the Accelerate program which included admissions, program growth, faculty update, new online courses, new summer research experiences, academic experience objectives, and strategic planning.

Item 9: Foundation Executive Director Search – Update
Dr. Halushka provided an update on the search for the Foundation Executive Director. Dr. Halushka serves on the Search Committee as a representative of the Board of Trustees. The Search Committee is working with a Greenville-based search firm, Find Great People. Questions and discussion followed.

Item 10: New Business

- Alumni Relations
- 30th Anniversary Celebration

Item 11: Approval of the Consent Agenda
Mr. Campbell called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Williams, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item 12: Executive Session (Not requested; therefore did not occur.)

Item 13: Adjourn

Mr. Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Dr. Halushka. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Mr. Hal Campbell, Chairman
Board of Trustees
SC Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

Dr. Perry Halushka, Vice Chair
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