

South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics
Board of Trustees Meeting
401 Railroad Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550
January 12, 2017
Noon

Governing Board Members Present:

Dr. Leroy Davis, Chairman
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Mr. John Barnes
Mr. Hal Campbell
Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus
Dr. Perry Halushka
Mr. Jim Lehman
Dr. Chris Przirembel
Mr. Jack Sanders
Mr. Lee Stogner
Mr. Art Tompkins
Ms. Carolyne Williams

Governing Board Members Present via Conference Call:

Dr. Randy Collins
Dr. Joe Griffiin
Dr. Anne Pressley
Dr. Lisa Saladin, joined at 12:48 pm.

Staff:

Dr. Hector Flores
Ms. Kim Bowman
Mr. Ernie Boyd
Ms. Susan Coker
Mr. Danny Dorsel
Mr. Randy LaCross
Dr. Emilye Mobley
Mr. Jon Shannon

Guest:

Dr. Ershela Sims

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call:

Dr. Davis called the meeting to order at noon. Roll was taken with a quorum present.

Item 2: Reminder of Future Board Meetings:

Dr. Davis reminded the Board of future Board meetings as follows:

Thursday	April 6, 2017	Columbia
Thursday	June 15, 2017	Conference Call
Thursday	September 14, 2017	Hartsville

Item 3: Approval of the minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting of the GSSM Board of Trustees.

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting of the GSSM Board of Trustees. Motion to approve by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Lehman, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item 4: President's Report

Dr. Flores' report included the following:

- Brief update on early college admissions success
- Brief presentation by two GSSM students (one junior and one senior) of their experiences at GSSM and their thoughts and ideas
- Introduction of Terry Buchmann of the Garvin Design Group, who provided a presentation to the Board of GSSM's new building concept, the GSSM Center for Creative Inquiry. His presentation included the programming process, discussions, and design ideas thus far from meetings with GSSM staff, faculty, and students. Mr. Buchmann also presented an overview of the current interior and exterior design of the building. Questions and discussion followed.
- Introduction of Dr. Ershela Sims, GSSM's new VP of the Accelerate Engineering Program (position begins March 2, 2017)
- Acknowledgement of the former President and the current CEO of the Foundation, Ms. Kim Bowman, for vision and leadership in the Accelerate Program.
- Vision for GSSM in the 21st century

Item 5: Faculty Senate

Board Action Item: Academic Affairs Committee, Institution of Faculty Senate

Action Item: Review and Approve Faculty Senate Constitution and By-Laws

- Faculty Senate has been in pilot stage since January 2014.
- Standing and Ad-hoc committees have proven to be useful and effective

Proposed Motion: Approve the institution of a GSSM Faculty Senate with current Constitution and By-Laws.

Dr. Doerpinghaus, Chair of the GSSM Academic Affairs and Outreach Committee, reported that the committee met, discussed, and reviewed the Faculty Senate pilot which has been in effect for two years. Mr. Dorsel, VP for Academic Affairs, reported to the Committee that the pilot has gone well, with good engagement and contributions from ad-hoc committees. Following discussion, the Committee unanimously recommended that the Board approve the GSSM Faculty Senate with current Constitution and By-Laws.

Dr. Davis asked if there were any questions before voting on the Committee's recommendation. Discussion followed. The Board then voted unanimously to approve.

Dr. Doeringhaus also recommended, on behalf of the Committee, that the Board charge Mr. Dorsel with exploring professional development and leadership opportunities for the Faculty Senate. Dr. Davis stated that a vote was not needed for this recommendation.

Item 6: Facilities, Finance, and Operations

Student Meal Fee

Board Action Item: Board to consider our meal plan policy and to set the Student Meal Fee for 2017-2018.

Dr. Davis recognized Mr. Tompkins, Chair of the Committee, who stated that there was one board action item to consider. Mr. Boyd, CFO and VP Operations, presented the report and Committee recommendation.

Mr. Boyd reported that each year in January, GSSM and the Board of Trustees must review and approve a student meal fee for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Boyd provided background information and historical data regarding student meal fees. The Staff and Finance Committee recommendation is to approve the current student meal fee policy for 2017-2018 with no changes. However, the Finance Committee is charging the staff with reviewing and bringing recommendations to the Finance Committee, and possibly the Board, for increasing the fee in stages over time.

Dr. Davis stated that the Finance Committee has approved the recommendation from the Staff, and therefore, requesting approval from the Board regarding no changes in the current student meal plan. Questions and discussion followed.

Dr. Davis called for a vote for the following motion and Committee recommendation:

GSSM Student Meal Fee Policy Proposed for 2017-2018:

Action Item: Motion: For 2017-2018 School Year:

- Maintain current \$2,000 per child Student Meal Fee.
- Maintain current policies (No child denied due to inability to pay fee, Financial Aid and Waivers available).
- The Financial Aid categories will continue to be based on the Federal Government's Free and Reduced Lunch Family Income schedule (revised annually and published around May). Waivers are based on hardship.

The Board voted unanimously to approve.

Item 7: New Business

None

Item 8: Approval of the Consent Agenda

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve by

Dr. Halushka, seconded by Ms. Williams, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item 9: Executive Session (Closed Session)

Personnel matter and receipt of legal advice.

Dr. Davis introduced the school's legal counsel, Mr. Vernie Williams, and law partner Mr. Tyler Turner, Childs and Halligan, who will be joining the Board in Executive Session.

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Motion by Dr. Halushka, seconded by Dr. Doerpinghaus, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Return to Open Session

Dr. Davis stated the return to Open Session. During Executive Session, the Board dealt with personnel matters and received legal advice from counsel. The Board did not take any votes or do any polls during Executive Session.

Dr. Davis then recognized Dr. Doerpinghaus who had a **motion** to make before the Board:

The GSSM Board would like to express sincere appreciation to the GSSM Foundation for its outstanding support of the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics.

I move that we receive the Joint Committee's report as information and that the report be considered by President Flores as he develops an MOU between GSSM and the GSSM Foundation. The MOU should be prepared by the President in consultation with legal counsel for GSSM and be consistent with the GSSM's statutory authority and by-laws, which charge and empower the President with the school's overall direction, strategy, operations, and outcomes, subject to the policies, rules, and regulations of the Board. Additionally, the President is authorized by law and policy to coordinate all activities of the school, directly, or through his designee.

Dr. Davis asked for a second to the motion which was seconded by Dr. Halushka. The motion was approved with one abstention.

Dr. Davis thanked the Board, Dr. Flores, and the Leadership Team for their hard work.

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Dr. Przirembel, seconded by Mr. Stogner.

Dr. Leroy Davis, Chairman
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