

South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics  
Board of Trustees  
Special Called Meeting via Conference Call  
July 27, 2016  
4:00

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

Dr. Leroy Davis, Chair  
Dr. Argentini Anderson, departed at 4:55  
Dr. Randy Collins  
Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus  
Dr. Joe Griffin, joined at 4:04 pm.  
Dr. Perry Halushka  
Mr. Jim Lehman  
Dr. Anne Pressley  
Dr. Chris Przirembel  
Dr. Lisa Saladin, departed at 4:57  
Mr. Lee Stogner  
Mr. Art Tompkins

**Staff:**

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

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Dr. Davis called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Roll was taken with a quorum present.

Dr. Davis began by welcoming two new Board members, Mr. Jim Lehman, new Chair of the GSSM Foundation Board of Directors, and Dr. Lisa Saladin, Interim Provost at MUSC.

Dr. Davis continued by stating that the meeting had a single purpose which was to take action, at the request of Dr. Flores and Staff, on the proposed GSSM Innovation Center. All Board members had received proposal materials for review. Dr. Davis then asked Dr. Flores to provide an overview of the proposal.

Dr. Flores provided an initial overview as follows:

- Startup conversations for the concept began prior to his arrival at GSSM and was originally an Incubator Concept, a partnership with the City of Hartsville.
- More input was needed from the GSSM Leadership Team, faculty and staff.
- The Proposal (GSSM Innovation Center) is a partnership between GSSM and the City of Hartsville.
- The concept provides an opportunity to promote innovation among GSSM faculty, students, and business partners in the city of Hartsville.
- The Innovation Center provides an opportunity to showcase the work of GSSM faculty and students in downtown Hartsville.

The request pertains to the approval of GSSM state funds available in the budget to pilot and explore the concept. Dr. Flores requested input and feedback from the Board.

Ms. Bowman, CEO, GSSM Foundation, EVP, Strategic Direction, continued by stating that the proposed Innovation Center was an opportunity for students to explore outside of the classroom. Former students have had good experiences at similar innovation centers.

Mr. Lehman, Chair, GSSM Foundation Board of Directors, stated that the concept had been previously discussed through the Foundation Board committee structures and evaluated by the Foundation Finance Committee. The concept was debated at the previous Board meeting and enthusiastically supported.

Dr. Davis and Board members presented questions for discussion and clarification which included:

- Measurement of the return on investment
- Data collection, metrics, and methods to be used to measure success
- Clarification of funding
- Level of interest from faculty and students
- Opportunities for use of the Center year-round
- Relationship of center to “Student Centered Innovation”
- Student engagement
- Modification of current Advisory Board and the development of the Vision Committee and Exploration Committee
- Development of protocol for submission, oversight, and vetting of proposed projects
- Timing of the project

Following thorough discussion, Dr. Davis proposed the addition of a third item to the original motion and presented the amended motion for consideration as follows:

**Amended Motion: Addition of third item**

- a) Request approval for use of GSSM state funds to support the first year of the GSSM Innovation Center.
- b) Subsequent funding for the center from GSSM state funds will be subject to Board approval as well.
- c) A comprehensive progress report will be presented to the Board at the January 12, 2017 Board meeting.

Further discussion would take place at the September 8, 2016 Board meeting pertaining to guidelines and metrics that could be used to determine the success of the Center.

Dr. Davis then asked if there was a motion to approve. Motion to approve by Dr. Halushka, seconded by Dr. Doeringhaus, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Flores proposed a request for an ad hoc committee consisting of Board members and GSSM staff to begin working on metrics to present at the September 8, 2016 Board meeting. Dr. Pressly and Dr. Przirembel volunteered to serve along with Dr. Flores and Mr. LaCross.

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm.

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Dr. Leroy Davis, Chairman  
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