

(Approved at October 17, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting)

October 7, 2014, 5:30 p.m. (BC)

**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL CONFERENCE CALL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Randolph Hall Boardroom¹

College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina

August 25, 2014

2:15 p.m.

Presiding:

Gregory D. Padgett, Chair

Board Members Participating by Conference Call: Mr. Donald H. Belk, Mr. John H. Busch, Mrs. Demetria Noisette Clemons, Dr. L. Cherry Daniel, Mr. Frank Gadsden, Mrs. Renee B. Goldfinch, Ms. Pansy King-Reid, Mr. G. Lee Mikell, Mrs. Annaliza Moorhead, Dr. Toya Pound, Mr. Daniel Ravenel, Mr. Jeffrey M. Schilz, Dr. Edward L. Thomas, Jr., Mr. Joseph F. Thompson, Jr., and Mrs. Ricci Land Welch

Board Members Absent: Ms. Henrietta U. Golding, Mr. David H. Hay, Mrs. Renee B. Romberger, and Mr. John B. Wood, Jr.

Others Present: President Glenn McConnell; Dr. Brian McGee (Interim Provost); Professor Todd McNerney (Speaker of the Faculty); Messrs. Mike Haskins (Executive VP for External Relations), Paul Patrick (Vice President for Administration and Planning), Mike Robertson (Senior Director of Media Relations), Mses. Kathryn Bender (Senior VP Legal Affairs/General Counsel), Jeri Cabot (Interim Executive VP for Student Affairs), Betty Craig (Executive Assistant), Debbie Hammond (Senior Executive Administrator for the President), Shirley Hinson (Director of Government Relations), Elizabeth Kassebaum (Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees and VP for College Projects), Ben Powers (Telecom Coordinator), and JoAnn Throckmorton (Administrative Assistant)

Also attending was Diane Knich, *Post and Courier* Reporter

¹In accordance with requirements of the *S. C. Freedom of Information Act*, news media was notified of the time, location, and agenda for this meeting.

A special conference call meeting of the College of Charleston Board of Trustees was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Chair Padgett noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Chair Padgett welcomed everyone attending the meeting and thanked them for making themselves available on such short notice.

The following Trustees participated by conference call: Trustees Don Belk, John Busch, Demetria Clemons, Cherry Daniel, Frank Gadsden, Renee Goldfinch, Pansy King-Reid, Lee Mikell, Annaliza Moorhead, Toya Pound, Dan Ravenel, Jeff Schilz, Eddie Thomas, Joe Thompson, and Ricci Welch.

Trustees Henrietta Golding, David Hay, Renee Romberger, and John Wood were unable to join the meeting.

Those present in the room were President Glenn McConnell, Kathryn Bender, Jeri Cabot, Betty Craig, Debbie Hammond, Mike Haskins, Shirley Hinson, Elizabeth Kassebaum, Brian McGee, Todd Mc Nerney, Paul Patrick, Ben Powers, Mike Robertson, and Jo Ann Throckmorton.

Diane Knich, *Post and Courier* Reporter, was also present at the meeting.

President McConnell's Remarks:

President McConnell spoke briefly regarding the reason for calling the special meeting today.

At a special meeting on July 23, 2014, the Board of Trustees approved a revised Mission Statement to change the College to a state-supported "research" institution and adopt the previous language in the old Mission Statements.

The CHE Staff reviewed the revised Mission Statement and proposed a few changes. Therefore, the amended Mission Statement changes "research" back to "comprehensive" and adds a sentence "As a prominent component of the state's higher education system, the College encourages and supports research." [*Change is underlined in the Draft Mission Statement below.*]

The third paragraph changes as follows: In addition to offering a broad range of baccalaureate degree programs, "the College incorporates the University of Charleston, South Carolina (UCSC), established by state statute in 1992, which serves as a research institution where the graduate and research programs associated with the College are housed. UCSC provides master's degree programs and anticipates offering a limited number of doctoral degrees should location and need warrant. The College also provides" an extensive credit and non-credit continuing education program and cultural activities for residents of the Lowcountry of South Carolina. [*Changes are underlined in the Draft Mission Statement below.*]

Representatives of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges have been consulted regarding the proposed revisions to our mission statement.

The Board's approval of the amended Mission Statement (as noted below) is needed in order to present it to CHE's Academic Affairs and Licensing Committee for approval at its meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, August 26, at 10:00 a.m. in Columbia.

Under the amended Mission Statement, the College of Charleston will remain as a comprehensive university, and the University of Charleston, SC will be the research component of the College of Charleston.

DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT

The College of Charleston is a state-supported **comprehensive** institution providing a high-quality education in the arts and sciences, education and business. The faculty is an important source of knowledge and expertise for the community, state, and nation.

Consistent with its heritage since its founding in 1770, the College retains a strong liberal arts undergraduate curriculum. Located in the heart of historic Charleston, it strives to meet the growing educational demands primarily of the Lowcountry and the state and, secondarily, of the Southeast. A superior undergraduate program is central to the mission of the College of Charleston. As a prominent component of the state's higher education system, the College encourages and supports research.

In addition to offering a broad range of baccalaureate degree programs, the College incorporates the University of Charleston, South Carolina (UCSC), established by state statute in 1992, which serves as a research institution where the graduate and research programs associated with the College are housed. UCSC provides master's degree programs and anticipates offering a limited number of doctoral degrees should location and need warrant. The College also provides an extensive credit and non-credit continuing education program and cultural activities for residents of the Lowcountry of South Carolina.

The College of Charleston seeks applicants capable of successfully completing degree requirements and pays particular attention to identifying and admitting students who excel academically. The College of Charleston serves a diverse student body from its geographic area and also attracts students from national and international communities. The College provides students a community in which to engage in original inquiry and creative expression in an atmosphere of intellectual freedom. This community, founded on the principles of the liberal arts tradition, provides students the opportunity to realize their intellectual and personal potential and to become responsible, productive members of society.

The Mission Statement (also called the Statement of Purpose) has been approved or revised by the State College Board of Trustees or the College of Charleston Board of Trustees on January 16, 1974; March 12, 1986; January 16, 1991; February 15, 1994; July 13, 2006; July 23, 2014; and August 25, 2014.

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Chair Padgett asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the reading of the “College of Charleston/University of Charleston, South Carolina Resolution of the Board of Trustees Revised Mission Statement” as all Board members were provided with a copy of the Resolution for review prior to the meeting. All in favor.

The motion was made by Trustee Cherry Daniel, and seconded by Trustee Frank Gadsden, that the Board approve the College of Charleston/University of Charleston, South Carolina Resolution of the Board of Trustees Revised Mission Statement” as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion passed by voice vote. All in favor.

**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REVISED MISSION STATEMENT**

August 25, 2014

WHEREAS, the College of Charleston Board of Trustees approved revisions to the College of Charleston Mission Statement on July 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina’s Commission on Higher Education has the statutory obligation to review and approve mission statements for South Carolina’s public colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, the College of Charleston administration has had extensive consultations with the members of the Commission on Higher Education and the Commission staff regarding the Mission Statement approved by the Board of Trustees on July 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, members of the Commission and Commission staff have asked the Board of Trustees and the President of the College to consider revisions to the Mission Statement that would further recognize and clarify the unique relationship between the College of Charleston and its component, the University of Charleston, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the revisions to the Mission Statement, as recommended by the staff of the Commission on Higher Education, would separately acknowledge the historic emphasis of the College of Charleston on outstanding undergraduate instruction, while simultaneously expanding the opportunities for graduate instruction and research activities for which the University of Charleston, South Carolina, is responsible; and

WHEREAS, the revisions proposed by the staff of the Commission on Higher Education are consistent with and supportive of the goals and objectives that led to the Board’s previous approval of revisions to the Mission Statement on July 23, 2014;

NOW THEREFORE, be it --

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves a revised Mission Statement for the College of Charleston, as attached to the Board of Trustees Minutes for this date, which designates the College

as a comprehensive institution and designates the College's component, the University of Charleston, South Carolina, as a research institution; and

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs the administration of the College of Charleston to seek the timely approval of this Mission Statement by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

Chair Padgett thanked President McConnell for his leadership and guidance regarding the Mission Statement amendments and thanked everyone for their time on such short notice.

The motion was made by Trustee Cherry Daniel, and seconded by Trustee Don Belk, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:25 p.m. All in favor.