

(Approved at August 7, 2015 Board of Trustees Meeting)

**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON  
UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, SC**

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 15, 2015  
11:00 a.m.**

**Wampee Conference Center  
Pinopolis, SC**

**Board members present:** Trustees Greg Padgett (chair), Don Belk, John Busch, Demetria Clemons, Cherry Daniel, Frank Gadsden, Renee Goldfinch, Henrietta Golding (late arrival), David Hay, Randy Lowell, Lee Mikell, Annaliza Moorhead, Toya Pound, Renee Romberger, Jeff Schilz, Eddie Thomas, Joe Thompson and Ricci Welch

**Board members absent:** Trustees Pansy King-Reid and John Wood

**Others present:** President Glenn McConnell, Mark Berry, Alicia Caudill, Betty Craig, Debbie Hammond, Shirley Hinson, Sam Jones, Elizabeth Kassebaum, Brian McGee, Todd McNerney, Angela Mulholland, Steve Osborne, Paul Patrick, Mike Robertson, JoAnn Throckmorton, Katie Walker, and George Watt

Chair Padgett called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. after noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the S. C. Freedom of Information Act.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Chair Padgett welcomed everyone attending the meeting and thanked the staff and management of Santee Cooper for the opportunity to meet at the Wampee Conference Center.

Also, Chair Padgett noted that all Trustees were present except Trustees Henrietta Golding (*will arrive later this afternoon*), Pansy King-Reid, and John Wood. Also, President McConnell, the Executive Vice Presidents, and a number of other staff/administrators were present as well.

He welcomed Alicia Caudill, the new Executive Vice President for Student Affairs, who will begin working at the College on July 16; and Angela Mulholland, the new General Counsel. They will be formally introduced at the August Board meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**The motion was made by Trustee Joe Thompson, and seconded by Trustee Cherry Daniel, to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2015 Board Meeting. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote. Motion passed.**

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

First, Committee Chair Mikell thanked those who participated in the Budget and Finance Committee Workshop on May 20, and/or the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting on June 5 which helped the Committee prepare for the meeting today.

At its meeting on June 5, the Budget and Finance Committee voted 4 to 1 to approve the 2015-2016 Tuition and Fees and Budget to be presented to the full Board for approval today. One minor adjustment to the budget was presented – whatever Athletics Fee increase is applied will be used to fund scholarships and the remaining funds will be placed in an athletics reserve fund.

Committee Chair Mikell asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the reading of the Resolution on Tuition and Fees and Budget since all Board members were provided with a copy prior to the meeting.

**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ON  
TUITION AND FEES  
AND  
BUDGET  
FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

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**June 15, 2015**

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**WHEREAS**, College management has presented the Board separate documents, entitled the College of Charleston 2015-2016 Proposed Budget and the College of Charleston 2015-2016 Fees (collectively referred to in this Resolution as the “Proposed Budget and Fees”) that are included herein by this reference;

**WHEREAS**, the Proposed Budget and Fees contains recommendations regarding adjustments to student tuition and fees as well as a College budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year;

**WHEREAS**, College management is of the opinion that the proposed budget and its tuition and fee recommendations for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year are reasonable and fully consistent with the need to further the elements of the College’s Strategic Plan and to meet the operational and deferred capital needs of the College, while taking into account the effect on its students and families, and the College’s tuition level relative to other public institutions of higher education in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees instructs the Administration to continue efforts to review program costs and strive for improved efficiencies.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ---**

**RESOLVED**, that for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year College management is hereby authorized and directed to set undergraduate and graduate tuition and fees for each semester in the following amounts:

- \$5,450, for in-state undergraduate students;
- \$5,995, for in-state graduate students;
- \$14,222, for out-of-state undergraduate students; and
- \$15,644, for out-of-state graduate students;

**RESOLVED**, that for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year, College management is hereby authorized to assess student fees in the amounts presented to the Board in the Proposed Budget and Fees and to implement the proposed budget contained therein; and

**RESOLVED**, that the College continue its review of program costs and efficiencies.

**RESOLVED**, that the College provide timely notice to students and student applicants of the tuition and fees for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

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**The Budget and Finance Committee moves for the full Board to adopt the Resolution on Tuition and Fees and Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the Resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote. Motion passed.**

Chair Padgett thanked everyone for their hard work and expressed his appreciation for their efforts.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Lee Mikell noted that President McConnell is resistant to expending scarce resources on an Inauguration. The following motion was presented to congratulate President McConnell on his many accomplishments in the first year of his presidency.

**The motion was made by Trustee Lee Mikell, and seconded by Trustee David Hay, that the Board of Trustees congratulate President Glenn McConnell on his many accomplishments in the first year of his presidency such as securing approval from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education for a change in the College of Charleston's Mission Statement to include research status for the University of Charleston, South Carolina; the several implemented cost-saving measures, including not holding an inauguration ceremony; and his sound leadership of the College. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote. Motion passed.**

Trustee Renee Romberger spoke regarding her opportunity to attend two presidential inaugurations at Furman and Wofford. It was such a moving experience to see them celebrate their heritage, and she believes an inexpensive Inauguration could be planned. Trustee Demetria Clemons spoke in favor of an Inauguration as well. Therefore, the Chair asked the Administration to assemble a small committee to review the possible benefits to scheduling an Inauguration.

Housekeeping Items:

Elizabeth Kassebaum confirmed the 2016 Board meeting dates.

January 28-29, 2016

April 21-22, 2016

June 13, 2016 (Columbia)

August 11-12, 2016

October 20-21, 2016

Elizabeth referenced the Diversity Calendar of Events, noting that the Junior Project Leadership Luncheon will be held on June 17, 2015 at 12:30 p.m. at the Avery Research Center; the Debbie Counts' Senior Project Breakfast on July 19, 2015 at 7:15 a.m. in Alumni Hall, the SPECTRA Beach Supper hosted by Trustee Don Belk on July 31, 2015 at The Citadel Beach House; and the SPECTRA Closing Ceremony on August 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at TD Arena.

**The motion was made by Trustee Lee Mikell, and seconded by Trustee John Busch, to go into Executive Session at 11:55 a.m. for the following purposes: (1) Consideration of Candidates' Qualifications for Commencement Speaker and Candidates' Qualifications for Honorary Degrees; (2) Legal Counsel to consult and provide legal advice on litigation, including actual and potential legal claims; and (3) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed purchase/lease of property. All in favor.**

Chair Padgett asked the following staff members, in addition to President McConnell, to remain and attend Executive Session: Mark Berry, Alicia Caudill, Betty Craig, Debbie Hammond, Elizabeth Kassebaum, Brian McGee, Angela Mulholland, Steve Osborne, Paul Patrick, Katie Walker, and George Watt.

*[Everyone not requested to attend Executive Session left the meeting.]*

**The motion was made by Trustee Lee Mikell, and seconded by Trustee Cherry Daniel, to leave Executive Session at 12:25 p.m. All in favor.**

*[Regular session resumed at 12:25 p.m.]*

Chair Padgett noted for the record that no action was taken during Executive Session.

**The motion was made by Trustee Joe Thompson, and seconded by Trustee Cherry Daniel, to approve Candidate A as a May 2016 Commencement Speaker and honorary degree recipient as his schedule permits. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was unanimously adopted.**

**The motion was made by Trustee Joe Thompson, and seconded by Trustee Cherry Daniel, to approve Candidate B as a May 2016 Commencement Speaker and honorary degree recipient as his schedule permits. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was unanimously adopted.**

**The motion was made by Trustee Don Belk, and seconded by Trustee Frank Gadsden, to approve Candidate C as a May 2016 Commencement Speaker and honorary degree recipient**

**as his schedule permits. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was unanimously adopted.**

**The motion was made by Trustees Lee Mikell, and seconded by Cherry Daniel, to approve Candidate D as back-up for May 2016 Commencement Speaker and honorary degree recipient in case either Candidate A, Candidate B, or Candidate C are not available for one of the three ceremonies. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was unanimously adopted.**

**The motion was made by Trustee Lee Mikell, and seconded by Trustee David Hay, to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. All in favor.**

*[Lunch at 1:00 p.m.]*

*[The Board of Trustees continued with the President/Board of Trustees Retreat at 2:30 p.m. today through tomorrow, Tuesday, June 16, 2015]*