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(Approved at June 5, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting)

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

Board of Trustees Meeting  
Randolph Hall Boardroom<sup>1</sup>  
April 21, 2017  
9:00 a.m.

Presiding:  
David M. Hay, Chair

**Board Members Present:** Trustees Donald H. Belk, John H. Busch, Demetria Noisette Clemons, L. Cherry Daniel, Frank M. Gadsden, Randy R. Lowell, Gregory D. Padgett, Renee B. Romberger, Penny S. Rosner, Jeffrey M. Schilz, Joseph F. Thompson, Jr., Ricci Land Welch, and John B. Wood, Jr.

**Board Member Participating by Conference Call:** Trustee Todd Warrick

**Board Members Absent:** Trustees Henrietta Golding, Annaliza Moorhead, Toya Pound, and Brian Stern

**Others Present:** President Glenn McConnell, Michael Adeyanju (Director, Executive Communications), Mark Berry (Executive Director, Division of Marketing and Communications), Divya Bhati (Associate VP, Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning), Timothy Buttram (Newly-elected Graduate Student Association President), Jeri Cabot (Dean of Students/Associate VP, Student Affairs), Alicia Caudill (Executive VP, Student Affairs), Betty Craig (Executive Assistant to the Board of Trustees), Michael Faikes (President, Student Government Association), Trisha Folds-Bennett (Dean, Honors College), Jimmie Foster (Assistant VP, Admissions and Financial Aid), Godfrey Gibbison (Dean, School of Professional Studies), Jerry Hale (Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences), Debbie Hammond (Senior Executive Administrator for the President), Rénard Harris (Chief Diversity Officer), Sylvia Harvey (Trustee Emeritus), Alexandra Helfgott (President-Elect, Student Government Association), Shirley Hinson (Director of Government Relations), Karen Jones (Director, Alumni Communications), Sam Jones (VP, Fiscal Services), Elizabeth Kassebaum (Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees/VP, College Projects), Jeff Kinard (Chair, Foundation Board of Directors), Edward Longe (President, Graduate Student Association), Brian McGee (Executive VP for Academic Affairs/Provost), Todd McNerney (Speaker of the Faculty/Associate Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance), Valerie Morris (Dean, School of the Arts), Angela Mulholland (General Counsel), Steve Osborne (Executive VP for Business Affairs), Paul Patrick (Vice President for Administration and Planning), Susan Payment (Director, Student Life), Jim Posey (Associate VP, Institutional Research, Planning, and Information Management), Ann Pryor (Vice President, Alumni Affairs), Jonathan Ray (Director of Institutional Events and Chef Concierge), Robert Reese (Chief of Police), Matt Roberts (Director of Athletics), Mike Robertson (Senior Director of Media Relations), Monica Scott (Director of Facilities Planning), Alan Shao (Dean, School of Business), Mark Staples (Chief Information Officer/Senior VP), Jo Ann Throckmorton (Administrative Assistant, President's Office), Tomi Youngblood (President-Elect, Cougar Club Board), and George Watt (Executive VP for Institutional Advancement). Also attending were John Curtis (IT Support), Greg Fisher (IT Support), Ben Powers (Telecommunication Coordinator), Roy Snipe (Audio Visual Events Coordinator), Reese Moore (Photographer), and Deanna Pann (Post & Courier Reporter. Special guests: Representatives Sylleste Davis and Leon Stravinakis; Recipients of Bishop Robert Smith Award – Jordan Collins and Zach Sturman; Recipient of Ted Stern Cup Award – Emily Beck.

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

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

First, Chair Hay recognized employees who are new to campus or have new positions:

- Jamaal Walton, Associate Athletics Director for External Operations; and
- Rénard Harris, Associate Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer

### Students from the Campus Recreation Department

Next, Chair Hay introduced two student-athletes from the Campus Recreation Department.

- Quinten Miller – a senior majoring in Exercise Science, from Greenville; and
- Sara Maria Segoviano Coleman – a senior majoring in Exercise Science with an emphasis in Strength and Conditioning, from San Angelo, Texas.

### Outstanding Member of the Women's Golf Team

Next, Chair Hay introduced Laura Fuenfstueck, an outstanding member of the Women's Golf Team.

Coach Jamie Futtrell joined her on stage.

Laura is a senior majoring in Finance, from Langen, Germany. Four under-par counting scores in the final round led the College of Charleston's Women's Golf Team to a runner-up finish (+7) at the Edwin Watts/Kiawah Island Classic – the largest collegiate golf tournament in the country.

Laura was the individual medalist shooting a tournament-record 54-hole total of 70-68-70-208 (-8) in the 232-player field. It marked her fifth career tournament win.

In addition, Laura finished runner-up at the 2017 Colonial Athletic Association Women's Golf Championship held Sunday at the par-72 Blue Heron Course at Ford's Colony Country Club in Williamsburg, Virginia.

She was the Cougar's top finisher shooting a final-round, even-par 72 and finished 1-over par for the tournament – one stroke short of individual medalist honor golfer.

### Men's Basketball CAA Award Winners:

Next, Chair Hay introduced the Men's Basketball CAA Award Winners. Ayanna Dunning, Director of Women's Basketball Operations, joined them on stage.

- Joe Chealey – Redshirt Junior, majoring in Business Administration, from Orlando. Joe was selected for the All-CAA First Team, CAA All-Tournament Team, and NABC All-District 10 First Team.
- Cameron Johnson – Junior, double major in Business Administration and Hospitality and Tourism, from Athens, Georgia. Cameron was selected for the CAA All-Defensive Team.
- Evan Bailey – Junior, majoring in Chemistry, from Canton, Ohio. Evan was selected for the Dean Ehlers Leadership Award and CAA All-Academic Team.

Jarrell Brantley and Grant Riller was unable to attend the meeting. Jarrell was selected for the All-CAA Second Team, CAA all-Defensive Team, CAA All-Tournament Team, and NABC All-District 10 First Team. Grant was selected for the CAA All-Rookie Team.

Coach Earl Grant and his coaching staff were recruiting and could not attend the meeting. Chair Hay informed the Board that Coach Grant received CAA Coach of the Year and NABC All-District 10 Coach of the Year.

Women's Basketball CAA Award Winners:

Next, Chair Hay introduced the Women's Basketball CAA Award Winners.

- Breanna Bolden – Senior, majoring in Public Health, from Edgewater, Maryland. Breanna won the CAA Defensive Player of the Year for the third straight year and All-CAA First Team.

Chair Hay expressed his congratulations to these fine men and women basketball players for their success on and off the court.

Bishop Robert Smith Award, Ted Stern Cup Award, and Alexander Chambliss Connelley Award

Finally, Chair Hay introduced the recipients of the Bishop Robert Smith Award, Ted Stern Cup Award, and Alexander Chambliss Connelley Award. These students will speak for a minute or so following the President's Report during the Board meeting in the Boardroom.

- Two recipients of the Bishop Robert Smith Award
  - Jordan Collins – an Honors student graduating with a 4.0 GPA. Jordan, majoring in Exercise Science, from Rock Hill; and
  - Zachary Sturman – Also an Honors student graduating with a 4.0 GPA. Zach, majoring in Political Science and Spanish, from Plantation, Florida.
- Two recipients of the Ted Stern Cup
  - Emily Beck – graduating senior majoring in Psychology, is from Hilton Head; and
  - Erik Markert – graduating senior majoring in Finance and Economics, is from Brewster, New York. Erik was in class and could not attend the meeting.
- Alexander Chambliss Connelley Award
  - Morgan Larimer – senior majoring in International Studies and Environmental Studies, from Knoxville, Tennessee. Morgan was in class and could not attend the meeting.

*[Board members moved to the Boardroom to continue the Board of Trustees meeting.]*

The regular meeting of the College of Charleston Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Hay noting that the meeting notice had been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

First, Chair Hay welcomed Craig Thornton, newly-elected member of the Board of Trustees. Craig is from Anderson and represents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, Seat 6 (replaced Eddie Thomas). Craig and his wife Lane are alumni of the College, Class of 2002.

Next, Chair Hay welcomed Sylvia Harvey, Trustee Emeritus, and thanked her for attending the meeting.

Presentation of Greg Padgett's ExCEL Award:

Chair Hay congratulated Trustee Greg Padgett upon receiving the "Theodore Stern Legacy for Visionary Award" at the ExCEL Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 5.

Greg was unable to attend the ExCEL Awards Ceremony, and Trustee Demetria Clemons accepted the award on his behalf. Therefore, Trustee Clemons presented the award to Greg at today's meeting.

Trustee Clemons noted that the ExCEL Awards stand for "Excellence in Collegiate Education and Leadership" and honors members of the College and community who promote excellence and contribute to the College's core values of diversity and inclusion. She recited a portion of the beautiful remarks (taken from "My Creed" by Howard Arnold Walter) she made at the ExCEL Awards Ceremony.

"I would be true, ...; I would be pure, ...; I would be strong, ...; I would be brave, .... Trustee Clemons praised Greg and said he is all of these – true, pure, strong, and brave. Trustee Padgett responded, "I do what I do because of my love for the College."

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chair Hay reported that at a special conference call meeting on Friday, February 3, the Executive Committee approved the minutes of the January 27, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting. He thanked Vice Chair Frank Gadsden for chairing the Executive Committee meeting in his absence.

The approved minutes were included in the SACSCOC Offsite focused report.

**The Executive Committee moved that the full Board approve the minutes of the January 27, 2017 Board Meeting as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the Minutes were approved by voice vote.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President McConnell provided a brief update on the following topics:

- George Watt, Executive VP for Institutional Advancement, will retire on June 30. Chris Tobin will take over as Interim Executive VP.
- Steve Osborne, Executive VP for Business Affairs, will retire on June 30, but he will return on a part-time basis to assist the College. President McConnell expects to have a plan in place for Business Affairs by the middle of May.

- Rénard Harris has been serving as Interim Associate VP/Chief Diversity Officer and has done a great job. President McConnell looks forward to working with Rénard to make the College a more inclusive and diverse institution.
- Accreditation – the on-site visit went very well. SACS had no recommendations. This is the cleanest report the College has ever received.
  - Accreditation in December – the December vote will be Step 3 of the process.
- QEP approved – teaches students’ skills and knowledge in regards to all aspects of economic, social, and fiscal sustainability. Dr. Divya Bhati and her staff did a phenomenal job for the College.
- Budgets – the S.C. General Assembly is working through the budget process. No higher education institution will receive additional money for their operational budget.
- Higher Education Bond Bill will help with renovation and repair of facilities around South Carolina.
- Stewardship events:
  - Endowed gift to Halsey Gallery
  - Spaulding/Paolozzi Foundation
  - President McConnell spoke at Annual Donors Society.
  - President McConnell spoke at Parents’ Advisory Council.

**REMARKS BY RECIPIENTS OF BISHOP ROBERT SMITH AWARD, TED STERN CUP AWARD, AND ALEXANDER CHAMBLISS CONNELLEY AWARD:**

Chair Hay noted that earlier this morning in Alumni Hall, everyone met the recipients of the Bishop Robert Smith Award, Ted Stern Cup Award, and Alexander Chambliss Connelley Award.

Alicia Caudill, Executive VP for Student Affairs, introduced the following students who shared their experiences at the College.

- Recipients of Bishop Robert Smith Award – highest honor students can receive during his/her career at the College
  - Jordan Collins and Zachary Sturman
- Recipients of Ted Stern Cup Award
  - Emily Beck
  - Erik Markert was in class and unable to attend the meeting.
- Recipient of Alexander Chambliss Connelley Award
  - Morgan Larimer was in class and unable to attend the meeting.

**COLLEGIATE RECOVERY PROGRAM UPDATE:**

Wood Marchant, Director of the Collegiate Recovery Program, presented an update on the Collegiate Recovery Program.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

**Committee members present:** Trustees David Hay (Chair) and Demetria Clemons

**Committee members participating by conference call:** Trustees Frank Gadsden (Vice Chair), Renee Romberger (Secretary), and Jeff Schilz

**Other Board members participating by conference call:** Trustees Greg Padgett, Ricci Welch, and John Wood

**Other Board members absent:** Trustees Don Belk, John Busch, Cherry Daniel, Henrietta Golding, Randy Lowell, Annaliza Moorhead, Toya Pound, Penny Rosner, Brian Stern, Joe Thompson, and Todd Warrick

**Others present:** President Glenn McConnell, Mark Berry (Executive Director, Division of Marketing and Communications), Divya Bhati (Associate VP, Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning), Alicia Caudill (Executive VP, Student Affairs), Betty Craig (Executive Assistant to the Board of Trustees), John Curtis (IT Support), Mercedes Fabers (Assistant General Counsel), Michael Faikes (President, Student Government Association), Sarah Franciscus (President, Staff Advisory Committee to the President/Director, Fraternity and Sorority Life), Debbie Hammond (Senior Executive Administrator for the President), Elizabeth Kassebaum (Executive Secretary to the Board and VP for College Projects), Brian McGee (Provost/Executive VP, Academic Affairs), Steve Osborne (Executive VP, Business Affairs), Paul Patrick (VP for Administration and Planning), Ben Powers (Telecommunications Coordinator), Matt Roberts (Director of Athletics), Mike Robertson (Senior Director, Media Relations), and Chris Tobin (VP, Development)

Chair Hay presented the following committee report:

The Executive Committee met on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, and approved the minutes of the January 12, 2017 Executive Committee meeting and the February 3, 2017 Special Executive Committee meeting.

The Committee received brief informational updates on a number of topics, all of which have been covered in the President's Report or will be covered in the various upcoming committee reports.

#### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Committee members present:** Trustees Randy Lowell (Chair), Don Belk, Demetria Clemons, Cherry Daniel, Toya Pound, Penny Rosner, and Jeff Schilz

**Other Board members present:** Trustees David Hay (Chair), Frank Gadsden, Joe Thompson, and Ricci Welch

**Staff Liaisons present:** Brian McGee (Provost/Executive VP for Academic Affairs)

**Others present:** President Glenn McConnell, Michael Adeyanju (Director, Executive Communications), Mike Auerbach (Dean, School of Sciences and Mathematics), Mark Berry (Executive Director, Division of Marketing and Communications), Divya Bhati (Associate Vice President, Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning), Timothy Buttram (President-Elect, Graduate Student Association), Alicia Caudill (Executive VP for Student Affairs), Deanna Caveny-Noecker (Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs), Lynn Cherry (Associate Provost for Curriculum and Institutional Resources), John Curtis (IT Support), Mercedes Fabers (Assistant General Counsel), Trisha Folds-Bennett (Dean, Honors College), Jimmie Foster (Assistant VP, Admissions and Financial Aid), Sarah Franciscus (Director, Fraternity and Sorority Life), Godfrey Gibbison (Dean, School of Professional Studies), Gayle Goudy (Instructor, Art and Architectural History), Jerry Hale (Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences), Debbie Hammond (Senior Executive Administrator for the President), Clara Hodges (Administrative Assistant to the Provost), Tim Johnson (Interim Dean, School of Languages, Cultures and World Affairs), Elizabeth Kassebaum (Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees/VP for College Projects), Aron Kuch (Association Director, Admissions), Todd McNerney (Speaker of the Faculty/Associate Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance), Valerie Morris (Dean, School of the Arts), Angela Mulholland (General Counsel), Steve Osborne (Executive VP for Business

Affairs), Paul Patrick (VP for Administration and Planning), Jim Posey (Associate VP, Institutional Research, Planning, and Information Management), Matt Roberts (Director of Athletics), Alan Shao (Dean, School of Business), Mark Staples (Chief Information Officer/Senior VP), George Watt (Executive VP, Institutional Advancement), Fran Welch (Dean, School of Education, Health and Human Performance), and John White (Dean of Libraries)

Trustee Randy Lowell presented the following committee report:

Highlights from Provost McGee's Report:

- Enrollment, Financial Aid, and Retention Report  
There are a healthy number of applications and working diligently to yield the numbers of undergraduate and graduate students to have a good outcome in 2017 and beyond.
- CHE and Commercial Real Estate Finance  
After careful consideration and after two CHE committee meetings, the program proposal was unanimously approved by the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, and we are seeking full approval at May 11, 2017 CHE meeting.
- *Ad hoc* Report on Organization of the Graduate School  
Dean Fran Welch, Chair of the ad hoc Committee on the Organization of the Graduate School and Graduate Education, provided the Committee's report.
- Graduate Degree Programs and Distance Education  
A challenge will be issued to the graduate faculty with substantial funding provided to develop and have an entire distance master's graduate program available in 2018. The near-term goal is to have programs ready online in Fall 2018.
- Curriculum Development – Adding/Removing New Major and Minor Programs
- Academic Policy Revision and Development  
There will be a Faculty/Administration Manual Revisions Report at the August meeting.

At yesterday's committee meeting, the Academic Affairs Committee unanimously approved the Resolution to approve the new Graduate Certificates in Software Engineering and Information Systems and presented it for approval by the full Board.

**The Academic Affairs Committee moves that the Resolution of the Board of Trustees to approve the Proposals for Graduate Certificates in Software Engineering and Information Systems be approved as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the Resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.**

**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON  
UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
PROPOSALS FOR  
GRADUATE CERTIFICATES IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING  
AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

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April 21, 2017

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**WHEREAS**, upon the recommendation of the President, the Provost, the Dean of the School of Sciences and Mathematics, the Graduate Council, and the Faculty Senate, the Board has been requested to approve a Graduate Certificate in Software Engineering and a Graduate Certificate in Information Systems (the “Certificates”);

**WHEREAS**, the Board has been advised that the College of Charleston and The Citadel now offer emphases in software engineering and information systems in the joint Master of Science in Computer and Information Sciences;

**WHEREAS**, the faculty at both institutions recognize that offering these graduate certificate programs will provide new opportunities for workforce development in the Lowcountry;

**WHEREAS**, the Certificates may attract people in the local workforce who already hold a Bachelor’s, Master’s or Ph.D. in computer science and related fields and see a need for additional training and education;

**WHEREAS**, each Certificate is designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities relevant to its subject matter through the completion of four courses and any prerequisites attached to those courses; and

**WHEREAS**, the College plans to commence the Certificate in August 2017;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT - - -**

**RESOLVED**, that the President and the Provost, or either of them, are hereby authorized to submit the Certificate to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (“CHE”) pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 59-103-35 and to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (“SACSCOC”) for such approvals and notifications as may be required under controlling law or regulation; and

**RESOLVED**, that the College may take such further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the Certificate, as described herein and presented to the Board through its Committee on Academic Affairs by the Provost.

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At yesterday’s committee meeting, the Academic Affairs Committee unanimously approved the Resolution to approve the Awarding of Degrees at May Commencement and presented it for approval by the full Board.

**The Academic Affairs Committee moves that the Resolution of the Board of Trustees to approve the Awarding of Degrees at May Commencement be approved as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the Resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.**

**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON  
UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AWARDING OF DEGREES**

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**April 21, 2017**

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §59-130-30, the Board of Trustees of the College is constituted as a body corporate and politic and is empowered, among other things, to “confer degrees upon students and other persons as the board considers qualified”;

**WHEREAS**, the President has made available to the Board a preliminary list of candidates for the award of baccalaureate and graduate degrees from the several Schools of the College;

**WHEREAS**, each such candidate has been certified by the appropriate Dean, the Registrar, and the Provost, as Chief Academic Officer of the College, as meeting the requirements and prerequisites for the award of the appropriate degree upon the candidate’s successful conclusion of the 2017 Spring Semester;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has accepted such representations and certifications as being true and accurate in all material respects and has determined that all such degree candidates are so qualified for the award of their respective degrees upon the successful conclusion of the 2017 Spring Semester; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the relevant degree-awarding programs of the College related to degrees to be awarded under this Resolution have been duly approved by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT --**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby authorizes the President to confer on each and all of the aforementioned described degree candidates who have successfully completed the 2017 Spring Semester, the names of each of which shall be published in the Official Program for the May 2017 Graduation Ceremony, those degrees for which they have been found qualified, together with all the rights, honors, privileges and responsibilities appertaining thereto;

**RESOLVED**, that the President and the Provost, or either of them, may make such adjustments to the preliminary list of candidates for the award of baccalaureate and graduate degrees from the several Schools of the College, as may be necessary and appropriate to account for the actual academic performance of degree seeking candidates during the 2017 Spring Semester; and

**RESOLVED**, that the President and Provost, and such employees as may be designated by both or either of them, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all action as may be necessary and appropriate to implement this Resolution and effectuate its purposes.

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Speaker of the Faculty’s Report:

Todd Mc Nerney, Speaker of the Faculty, spoke briefly to the full Board regarding faculty work and activities during the current semester.

He referenced the Faculty Senate’s request regarding the evaluation of the Provost. He hopes that the Board will take action on the request in the near future and offered his assistance with the matter.

*[Representatives Sylleste Davis and Leon Stravinakis joined the meeting at 10:02 a.m.]*

Chair Hay reported that Todd was not eligible to run for re-election as Speaker of the Faculty due to term limits; therefore, his term as Speaker will expire June 30. He asked Todd to come forward to receive a small token of appreciation for his dedicated service to the College.

*[Chair Hay presented Todd McNerney with a CofC Presentation Folder.]*

Again, Chair Hay thanked Todd for his committed service to the College and welcomed Elizabeth Jurisich as the new Faculty Speaker.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES SYLLESTE DAVIS AND LEON STRAVINAKIS**

Chair Hay informed the Board that at the “CofC Day” at the State House in Columbia on February 8, both the House of Representatives and the Senate passed a resolution honoring the College and commemorating February 8 as “College of Charleston Day.” Representatives Sylleste Davis and Leon Stravinakis joined the meeting for a special presentation of the Concurrent Resolution approved by the General Assembly.

*[Representative Sylleste Davis read the Resolution and she and Leon Stravinakis presented the framed document to President McConnell.]*

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON ON ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS, TO CELEBRATE THE COLLEGE’S HIGH-QUALITY ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS, TO HONOR THE LONG-STANDING IMPRESSION THE COLLEGE HA HAD ON CHARLESTON AND BEYOND, AND TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 8, 2017, AS “COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON DAY” AT THE STATE HOUSE.

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1770, the College of Charleston (the College) is the oldest institution of higher education in South Carolina and the first municipal college in the country. It is the thirteenth-oldest university in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the College continues to be a nationally preeminent, comprehensive public university deeply rooted in the liberal arts and sciences, carrying out its public mission to serve more than 11,000 undergraduate and graduate students and more than 80,000 alumni; and

**WHEREAS**, the College’s alumni, throughout the years, have had a profound impact on the institution and the world. Former students and alumni include Robert Mills, architect of the Washington Monument; John C. Frémont, the first Republican presidential candidate; and Judge J. Waties Waring, the federal judge who set the legal stage for the Civil Rights Movement. The College’s founders are also noteworthy. Three of the founders signed the Declaration of Independence: Thomas Heyward, Jr., Arthur Middleton, and Edward Rutledge; and another three

helped frame the U.S. Constitution: Charles Pinckney, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, and John Rutledge; and

**WHEREAS**, the College of Charleston Alumni Association has been in continuous operation since June 13, 1888. It provides scholarships to current students and serves its forty alumni chapters across the world with numerous programs throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, the College boasts several unique academic programs such as a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing and programs that have no counterpart elsewhere in the State, including an accelerated one-year, full-time day M.B.A. program, undergraduate meteorology program, and supply chain management undergraduate program; and

**WHEREAS**, highly acclaimed, the College has been ranked by *Forbes* magazine as number seven on the list of the Top 25 Best Value Colleges in the United States. Among other accolades, *The Princeton Review* has recognized the College for fourteen years in a row, naming it one of the top colleges and universities in the southeast and citing the College in several other categories; and

**WHEREAS**, the College boasts a sports program whose student athletes have had an impressive combined 3.0 grade point average or better the last eleven out of twelve semesters. Along with several other exalted sports' teams, the College has a nationally-ranked men's basketball program and a sailing program; and

**WHEREAS**, the College of Charleston continues to be a source of pride for its faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors, and friends. Providing a world-class student experience that prepares its students to be leaders in our global society, the College enriches the City of Charleston and South Carolina as a whole.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

**THAT** the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate the College of Charleston on its outstanding achievements, celebrate the College's high-quality academics and athletics, honor the long-lasting impression the College has had on Charleston and beyond, and recognize February 8, 2017, as "College of Charleston Day" at the State House.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be provided to Glenn F. McConnell, president of the College of Charleston.

State of South Carolina  
In the House of Representatives  
Columbia, South Carolina  
February 8, 2017

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed in the House of Representatives and concurred in by the Senate.

James H. Lucas  
Speaker

Charles F. Reid  
Clerk of the House

*[Break at 10:15 a.m.]*

*[Meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.]*

**ALUMNI RELATIONS COMMITTEE:**

**Committee members present:** Trustees Ricci Welch (Chair), Toya Pound, Demetria Clemons, and Greg Padgett

**Committee members absent:** Trustee Todd Warrick

**Staff Liaison present:** Ann Pryor (VP, Alumni Relations) and Karen Jones (Director, Alumni Communications and Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association)

**Others present:** Michael Adeyanju (Director, Executive Communications), Mark Berry (Executive Director, Marketing & Communications), Alicia Caudill (Executive VP, Student Affairs), Debbie Hammond (Senior Executive Administrator for the President), and George Watt (Executive VP, Institutional Advancement)

Trustee Ricci Welch presented the following committee report:

CofC Day at the State House

Thirty-three alumni from across South Carolina participated in CofC Day at the State House on February 8.

Alumni Association 2017 Awards

Recipients of the Alumni Association 2017 Awards will be officially announced during the Alumni Association Annual Meeting on May 6. The awards will be presented during Fall Alumni Weekend at the Alumni Awards Gala on Saturday, November 18, at the newly renovated Physicians Auditorium.

- Pre-Medical Society's Outstanding Service Award in Medicine – Deborah D. Deas '78, Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside;
- Howard F. Rudd, Jr. Business Person of the Year Award – Bobby R. Creech, Jr. '86, partner in the Charleston accounting firm, WebsterRogers;
- Young Alumnus Award – Donald F. Schneider '12, Senior Economist, U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee in Washington, DC;
- Alumnus of the Year Award – Quentin E. Baxter '98, Grammy-nominated jazz percussionist, Verner Award recipient, and CofC faculty member;
- Distinguished Alumna Award – Stephanie B. Wheeler '03, nationally-recognized public health leader and faculty member at UNC Chapel Hill; and
- Alumni Award of Honor – Steve Swanson '89 and Emily Molony Swanson '89, long-time CofC philanthropists and advocates from Charleston, SC.

### Alumni Engagement with Office of Institutional Diversity and the Black Alumni Council

Alumni Affairs continues to reach out to engage black alumni and to work to ensure the College is an inclusive, welcoming community for all. On February 9, the Office of Institutional Diversity, the Black Alumni Council, and the Alumni Association hosted dinner and a basketball game for 15 black students paired with 15 black alumni. The goal of the event was to demonstrate for students the power of “Crossing the Cistern” and share how alumni worked through obstacles in order to graduate and succeed.

At the recommendation of Trustee Clemons, Alumni Affairs has worked with the Black Alumni Council to develop a new area on the Alumni Association website entitled “Milestones in Diversity” featuring profiles of our incredible black alumni, beginning with Eddie Ganaway ’72. Each individual profile features the colleges each alumna or alumnus considered and why they ultimately chose the College.

### Preview of Spring Alumni Weekend, May 5-7

More than 4,000 alumni, students, and guests will participate in events throughout the weekend. On Friday evening, Alumni Affairs and the Career Center will present a new event: a “Cinco de Mayo” networking event for alumni and students. The goal is to help students build professional connections after graduation. On Saturday morning, the annual Alumni Champagne Brunch will induct the Class of 1967 into the College Classics Society.

### Cougar Trail Basketball & Baseball Report

Four Cougar Trail events were held during the basketball season at Towson, Drexel, William & Mary, and Northeastern. Two Cougar Trail events were held during the baseball season, both at home, against Clemson and Coastal Carolina. All of these events drew all ages as well as prospective students.

### **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE:**

**Committee members present:** Trustees Jeff Schilz (chair), John Busch, Frank Gadsden, Randy Lowell, Renee Romberger, Craig Thornton, and Ricci Welch

**Other trustees present:** David Hay (Chair, Board of Trustees) and Trustee Cherry Daniel

**Others present:** Jerry Baker (Executive Director, Cougar Club), Mark Berry (Executive Director, Division of Marketing and Communications), Alicia Caudill (Executive VP, Student Affairs), John Curtis (IT Technician), Jimmie Foster (Assistant VP, Admissions and Financial Aid), Otto German (Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance), Debbie Hammond (Senior Executive Administrator for the President), Weston Ijames (Director of Business Operations for Athletics), Elizabeth Kassebaum (Executive Secretary, Board of Trustees/VP, College Projects), Laura Lageman (Associate Director of Athletics), Todd McNerney (Speaker of the Faculty), Angela Mulholland (General Counsel), Katie Padilla (Softball Student-Athlete), Paul Patrick (VP for Administration and Planning), Matt Roberts (Director of Athletics), Erven Roper (Baseball Student-Athlete), Mark Staples (Chief Information Officer/Senior VP, Information Technology), Jamaal Walton (Associate Director of Athletics/External Affairs), and George Watt (Executive VP, Institutional Advancement)

Trustee Jeff Schilz presented the following committee report:

### New Trustee:

Craig Thornton was introduced and welcomed as a new member of the Board of Trustees and the Athletics Committee.

Student-Athletes Visit:

- Katie Padilla of softball spoke regarding her experience at the College of Charleston.
- Erven Roper of baseball spoke about his experience at the College of Charleston.

New Employee:

- Jamaal Walton was introduced as the new Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs. Walton was previously the Director of Marketing for the University of Alabama.

Facilities Update:

- There will be a much-needed renovation of the weight room.

Fundraising/Cougar Club Report:

- Jerry Baker reported on the status of the Cougar Club.
- Membership numbers are up.

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:**

**Committee members present:** Trustees Joe Thompson (Acting Chair) and Don Belk

**Committee members participating by conference call:** Trustees Greg Padgett and John Wood

**Committee members absent:** Trustees Henrietta Golding and Todd Warrick

**Others present:** President Glenn McConnell, Gail Long (Internal Auditor), and Steve Osborne (Executive VP, Business Affairs)

In Trustee Henrietta Golding's absence, Trustee Joe Thompson presented the following committee report:

Gail Long reviewed the following audit reports:

- Cougar Club Internal Controls Review
- Purchasing Cards, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2016
- Employee Vendor Payment Review

Gail Long reviewed the 2017 Audit Plan.

Trustee Henrietta Golding will review an amendment to the Bylaws regarding officer voting procedures – Call of Roll vs. written ballot – at the June 5-6 Board Meeting/Retreat to be approved at the August Board meeting. Trustee Demetria Clemons asked that Divya Bhati review the recommended Bylaws to be sure they are in line with the accreditation.

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**Committee members present:** Trustees Frank Gadsden (Chair), Greg Padgett, Renee Romberger, Joe Thompson, and Ricci Welch

**Other Board members present:** Trustees David Hay, Don Belk, Demetria Clemons, and Craig Thornton

**Others present:** President Glenn McConnell, Michael Adeyanju (Director of Executive Communications), Mark Berry (Executive Director, Marketing & Communications), Divya Bhati (Associate VP, Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning), Alicia Caudill (Executive VP, Student Affairs), Deanna Caveny-Noecker (Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs), Lynn Cherry

(Associate Provost, Curriculum & Institutional Resources), Mercedes Fabers (Assistant General Counsel), Sarah Franciscus (President, Staff Advisory Committee to the President/Director, Fraternity and Sorority Life), Godfrey Gibbison (Dean, School of Professional Studies), Debbie Hammond (Senior Executive Administrator for the President), Shirley Hinson (Director of Government Relations), Timothy Johnson (Interim Dean, School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs), Sam Jones (VP for Fiscal Services), Elizabeth Jurisich (Faculty Speaker-Elect/Professor, Department of Mathematics), Elizabeth Kassebaum (Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees/VP for College Projects), Aron Kuch (Associate Director, Research & Data Analyst, Admissions Office), Brian McGee (Provost/Executive VP, Academic Affairs), Todd Mc Nerney (Speaker of the Faculty/Associate Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance), Valerie Morris (Dean, School of the Arts), Angela Mulholland (General Counsel), Amy Orr (Business Director for Housing), Steve Osborne (Executive VP for Business Affairs), Paul Patrick (VP of Administration and Planning), Robert Reese (Chief of Police/Director, Public Safety), Mark Staples (Chief Information Officer), and William Veal (Chair, Senate Budget Committee)

Trustee Frank Gadsden presented the following committee report:

Steve Osborne updated the Committee on several capital projects which will be covered in the Facilities Committee report.

Steve then briefed the Committee on the proposal for adding Directors and Officers insurance. There are several options, the details of which will be discussed in Executive Session.

Sam Jones reviewed the budget adjustments reflected through March 31, 2017. **The Budget and Finance Committee moves that the resolution to approve the budget adjustments for the quarter ended March 31, 2017 be approved as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the Resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.**

**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

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April 21, 2017

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**WHEREAS**, College management has reviewed its projections of revenues and expenses for the year 2016-2017 and, based on that review, has recommended certain reallocations and adjustments to the budget previously approved by the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, those recommended reallocations and adjustments were presented to the Board's Budget and Finance Committee and were determined to be reasonable and appropriately supported by College management.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the recommended reallocations and adjustments to the approved budget for year 2016-2017, as presented by College management to the Budget and Finance Committee and as further detailed in the table captioned “College of Charleston 2016- 2017 Revenue and Expense Budget Adjustments March 31, 2017” contained in the Board of Trustees briefing materials dated April 21, 2017; and

**RESOLVED**, that all actions of College management to effectuate these reallocations and adjustments prior to the effective date of this Resolution are hereby ratified and affirmed.

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Steve updated the Committee on the timeline for the institutional budget process for FY18. The Executive Team is currently in the process of reviewing and prioritizing requests and needs. The budget workshop is scheduled for May 16 at 9:00 to review a preliminary budget. The Budget and Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for May 25 at 10:00 at which time the Committee will be presented a budget reflecting feedback from the workshop, which will be brought to the full Board at the June 5 meeting.

Steve briefed the Committee on the potential impact of a proposed rate increase by the Insurance Reserve Fund as a result of Hurricane Matthew and the October 2015 flood. The additional cost to the College is estimated at \$215,000.

Steve noted several items that will likely impact the budget for 2017-2018. They include the increase in retirement contributions, Promotion / Tenure and Post-tenure review, Directors and Officers Insurance, an increase in rates by the Insurance Reserve Fund, the QEP, Veterans / Dependents Waivers, and the Collegiate Recovery Program. Additionally, there is a pending proviso that would give a \$500 bonus to employees making \$50,000 or less. The estimated fiscal impact to the College is \$252,000. This would be a non-recurring expense. The current Senate version of the budget bill includes \$500,000 in recurring funds for the College.

Steve noted that the BEA reported revenue, through March, is running a deficit of \$61M year-to-date. However, it is believed that this may be a timing issue and it is expected that revenues will meet predictions by fiscal year-end close in June.

**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

**Committee members present:** Trustees Renee Romberger '81 (chair), Frank Gadsden '80, Randy Lowell '95, Greg Padgett '79, Craig Thornton '02, and John Wood '83

**Committee members absent:** Trustee Henrietta Golding '74

**Other Board members present:** Trustee David Hay '81 (Chair) and Jeff Schilz '00

**Volunteer Board Liaisons present:** Jeff Kinard '77 (Foundation Board)

**Others present:** President Glenn McConnell '69, Michael Adeyanju (Director, Executive Communications), Jerry Baker '74 (Executive Director, Cougar Club), Ashley Earnhart (Administrative Assistant, Development), Karen Jones '74 (Director, Alumni Communications), Elizabeth Kassebaum (Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees/VP for College Projects), Brian McGee (Provost/Executive VP, Academic Affairs), Todd McNerney (Faculty Speaker/Associate

Professor, Theatre and Dance), Valerie Morris (Dean, School of the Arts), Ann Pryor '83 (VP, Alumni Affairs), Matt Roberts (Director of Athletics), Chris Tobin (VP of Development), and George Watt (Executive VP, Institutional Advancement)

Trustee Renee Romberger presented the following committee report:

Chris Tobin reported the College's fundraising results from June – March of fiscal year 2017. He reported that approximately \$9 million has been raised in new philanthropic commitments towards the fiscal year goal of \$12-\$14 million.

Trustee Romberger suspended the normal agenda and asked George Watt (retiring on June 30) to mention his accomplishments. Mr. Watt led the committee through a presentation to review the strategies, goals, outcomes, and lessons learned in building the College's current Advancement Program. He provided data and analysis to demonstrate the progress achieved over the past several years.

Trustee Romberger thanked George for his leadership and service to the College of Charleston. Also, Trustee Greg Padgett thanked George Watt and Steve Osborne (also retiring on June 30) for everything they have done for the College, noting that both George and Steve are consummate professionals in their respective lines of work.

**PRESENTATIONS TO GEORGE WATT AND STEVE OSBORNE:**

Chair Hay recognized George Watt who is retiring from the College after nine years of service and asked him to come forward to receive a small token of appreciation for his service to the College.

*[Chair Hay presents Mr. Watt with an engraved silver box and a bottle of his favorite refreshment.]*

Chair Hay recognized Steve Osborne who is retiring from the College after 11 years of service and asked him to come forward to receive a small token of appreciation for his service to the College.

*[Chair Hay presents Mr. Osborne with an engraved silver box and a bottle of his favorite refreshment.]*

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE:**

**Committee members present:** Trustees John Wood (chair), Randy Lowell, Brian Stern, and Joe Thompson

**Committee members absent:** Trustees Henrietta Golding and Annaliza Moorhead

**Other Board members present:** Trustee David Hay (Chair)

**Staff Liaison present:** Monica Scott (VP for Facilities Planning)

**Others present:** President Glenn McConnell, Mike Auerbach (Dean, School of Sciences & Mathematics), Lynn Cherry (Associate Provost, Curriculum and Institutional Resources), John Cordray (Director of the Physical Plant), Roland Craft (Engineer Associate), Sam Jones (VP, Fiscal Services), Angela Mulholland (General Counsel), Amy Orr (Business Director for Housing Administration), Steve Osborne (Executive VP, Business Affairs), Paul Patrick (VP for Administration and Planning), Monica Scott (Director, Facilities Planning), Kevin Stephens (Housing Maintenance Supervisor), and Jennifer Stevens (Administrative Coordinator, Business Affairs)

Trustee John Wood presented the following committee report:

#### Current Capital Projects Update:

Monica Scott provided a brief update regarding current capital projects:

- Rita Hollings Science Center – Construction is approximately 67% complete. Expected completion date is June 23. Key for the bridge program, among other needs on campus. Most facets of the move back into the building have been scheduled.
- Simons Center for the Arts – Phase two will be submitted in Summer 2017.
- 176 Lockwood Drive – Due to be finished and occupied this summer (July/August 2017). Will house the Riley Center, Procurement Office, and Controller's Office. The Riley Center will need to vacate 284 King Street by the end of the summer.
- 14 Greenway – Will house the Office of Sustainability. Will be finished and occupied summer 2017. The Office of Sustainability will need to vacate 284 King Street by the end of the summer.
- 133 Calhoun Street (Physical Plant) – Pre-construction contract is being negotiated.
- Avery Research Center Upgrades – Mainly mechanical upgrades and some exterior work. The low bid was 40% over the projected estimated budget. We will need to regroup and look at our options going forward.
- McConnell Hall HVAC Systems Replacement – The project is broken into three phases. The second phase includes putting equipment on the roof. Construction for phase two is estimated to be completed over the winter break 2017. Phase three is estimated to take place over summer 2018 and will include piping work and interior upgrades.
- McAlister Hall – Project includes HVAC and some interior/exterior painting and cosmetic work. Project will be underway in summer 2018.

#### New Business

- State Capital Improvement Bond Bill (Silcox Center Renovation and 58 George Renovation) – The House will take this up hopefully next week. If not, it will carry over to next year.
- Facilities Condition Report – Paul Patrick provided an update on the condition of the College's facilities.

Overall, it is fair to say the condition of the E&G facilities are in better shape than the residence facilities. There are some E&G facilities, however, that are at greater risk:

- Stern Center has mechanical systems that are difficult to manage. The pool wing is currently unused.
- A few of the historic homes need maintenance work – 58 George Street, 123 Bull Street, and 13 Coming Street.
- The Political Science offices at the corner of Coming Street and Wentworth Street experience flooding issues.
- Sottile Theatre has some safety issues with the stage and also rigging system.
- Simons Center for the Arts has mechanical issues but there is a plan in place to create a solution.

One solution to help with maintenance include hiring third shift personnel. Another solution includes outsourcing some of the deep cleaning of residence halls that take place over the summer break. Campus wide, we are working on the organization structure of the Physical Plant and are in the process of recruiting the Deputy Director position.

The Committee went into Executive Session for discussion of contractual matters. No action was taken in Executive Session.

**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE:**

**Committee members present:** Trustees Joe Thompson (Chair), Don Belk, John Busch, and Cherry Daniel

**Committee members absent:** Trustees Brian Stern and Jeff Schilz

**Staff Liaison present:** Shirley Hinson (Director of Government Relations)

**Others present:** Mark Berry (Executive Director, Division of Marketing and Communication), Steve Osborne (Executive VP for Business Affairs), and Paul Patrick (VP for Administration and Planning)

Chair Joe Thompson presented the following committee report:

**Budget Update:**

Steve Osborne reported that the state budget is back in the House and the Senate provided additional recurring funding of \$500,000. Earlier in the day, committee members received additional information regarding College and State budgets.

**Legislative Update by Shirley Hinson:**

- All of the College presidents signed a letter asking the Governor to reconsider his position on Bond Bill (H.3722).
- Higher Education lobbyists met on Wednesday to plan a strategy to get support from the members of the House to pass the Bond Bill before they adjourn for the year.
- Legislation to allow the College of Charleston to offer a doctorate in Computer Science and Information Management has been approved by the House and Senate and is waiting for the Governor's approval (H.3793).
- The Legislative Reception for 2018 will be held on February 7, 2018 at the Palmetto Club in Columbia.

**External Relations Update:**

Mark Berry provided the Marketing and Communications update:

Three successes of the department:

- Blue Crabs – this story idea was pitched and executed by Mike Robertson, Senior Director of Media Relations. The story was released in The College Today and the College's various social media platforms on Saturday morning, April 1. By Monday morning, it had 23,900 page views, which is one of the most successful stories they have done since they started tracking data.
- CofC moji – this project was conceived and led by Randy Pease, Director of Strategic Marketing. Since its launch in mid-February, there have been 4,000 downloads.
- CofC experience video – this short film was a division-wide effort, but the project was led and filmed by Harley Pan, one of the video marketing team's new videographers. This three-minute video is now shown as part of the campus visit to prospective students and families.

Trustee Don Belk requested access of the video for all members of the Board of Trustees.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:**

**Committee members present:** Trustees John Busch (Chair), Cherry Daniel, Frank Gadsden, and Craig Thornton

**Committee members absent:** Trustee Penny Rosner

**Staff Liaison present:** Mark Staples (Chief Information Officer) and Zach Hartje (Director of Teaching, Learning and Technology), and Jamey Rudisell (Chief Information Security Officer)

**Others present:** Deanna Caveny-Noecker (Associate Provost, Faculty Affairs), Marcia Moore (Director, Enterprise Information Management), Philip Paradise (Director, IT Support Services), and Portia Prioleau (Director, Finance and Planning)

Trustee John Busch presented the following committee report:

- Mark Staples presented Digital Literacy Strategic Objectives
  - Transform the College into a digital workplace and a digital literate campus
  - Digital literacy – it’s about knowing which tools are available and when to use the tool.
  - Prepare our students for a life as a digital citizen.
  - It’s not about technology – technology is the engine that drives this.
  - Challenges
    - Wireless environment is out of date.
    - Information Technology needs to reorganize – to be completed within the next 3-5 weeks.
  - Three-Year Plan
    - Fully integrated technology solutions in place
  - IT Infrastructure
    - There are roughly 275 classrooms; 50-60 of the classrooms have no technology.
- Zach Hartje presented the Academic Initiatives Update:
  - Roughly 100 faculty signed up for the Teaching, Learning, and Technology Conference. There were 25 faculty presenters at the conference.
  - Distance Education Readiness Update – Two hundred faculty have completed the course and Twenty-six students signed up for the upcoming spring course.
- Portia Prioleau presented information regarding IT Budget Transparency. The goal is to change the appearance of the IT Budget – transition from Black hole to a budget that tells a story. They are looking for a way to separate IT from the College’s overhead.

Beginning May 1, all projects need to align to the Strategic Plan – must complete the “IT Project Budget Request” form to show alignment.

- Jamey Rudisell presented information regarding Information Security, Compliance, and Privacy.

Chair Busch noted that Mark Staples and his team know about the customer and assist others on campus. They have infrastructure that translates into knowledge.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Committee members present:** Trustees Demetria Clemons (chair), Toya Pound, Penny Rosner, and Ricci Welch

**Committee members absent:** Trustees Annaliza Moorhead and Todd Warrick

**Staff Liaison present:** Alicia Caudill (Executive VP for Student Affairs)

**Others present:** Divya Bhati (Associate VP, Institutional Effectiveness and Planning), Timothy Buttram (Incoming President, Graduate Student Association), Jeri Cabot (Dean of Students and Associate VP for Student Affairs), Lynn Cherry (Associate Provost, Curriculum and Institutional Resources), Michael Duncan (Assistant VP for Student Affairs), Michael Faikes (Outgoing President, Student Government Association), Mercedes Fabers (Assistant General Counsel), Sarah Franciscus (Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life), Kim Gailliard (President, Graduate Diversity and Inclusion Council), Debbie Hammond (Senior Executive Administrator for the President), Rénard Harris (Associate VP and Chief Diversity Officer), Susan Hartman (Executive Assistant to the Executive VP for Student Affairs), Sylvia Harvey (Trustee Emeritus), Alexandra Helfgott (Incoming President, Student Government Association), Edward Longe (President, Graduate Student Association), Deni Mitchell (Institutional Ombudsperson), Angela Mulholland (General Counsel), and Mark Staples (Chief Information Officer/Senior VP, Information Technology)

Trustee Demetria Clemons presented the following committee report:

**Student Spotlights:**

Morgan Larimer, winner of the Chambliss-Connelly Award; Niki Patel, nominee for the Bishop Robert Smith Award; Jordan Collins, winner of the Bishop Robert Smith Award, Emily Beck and Erik Markert, winners of the Ted Stern Cup Award; and Alexis Armor, Homecoming Queen shared their student experiences.

Graduating graduate student, Victoria Ruddle, shared points of her thesis and her research in Marine Biology.

**Student Code of Code Review:**

Jeri Cabot shared that the Student Code of Conduct will undergo a research and review process which will also include further review by the Student Government Association, Graduate Student Association, and the Executive Team.

**Updates by Alicia Caudill:**

- The Director of Health Services position was reopened and posted internally and is in the final stages of the hiring process.
- With Susan Payment's retirement, the Director of Student Life search will soon be opened.
- Salute to Student Affairs, a recognition event for division staff, will be held on May 23 at 3:00 p.m. in McAlister Suite.
- Several grants and recent contributions will support Bystander Intervention, Reproductive Health, Collegiate Recovery, Disability Services, Career Center fundraising planning, and a new scholarship directed toward College Lodge residency.
- Recognition was shared surrounding the successes of the SACSCOC Student Ambassadors during the visit, the work of the division for the SACSCOC visit, the talent-filled ExCEL Program, and the highlight on Student Affairs programs during the recent donor societies reception.

**Student Government Association Update:**

Michael Faikes, President of the Student Government Association, provided the Board with an update regarding SGA initiatives for the Spring Semester and introduced the new incoming SGA President, Alexandra Helfgott.

### Graduate Student Association Update:

Edward Longe, President of the Graduate Student Association, provided the Board with an update regarding a number of GSA initiatives. He announced that elections will be held on April 28. Timothy Buttram is running unopposed and will serve as the next GSA President.

Trustee Clemons thanked Michael for his leadership of the SGA and Edward Longe for his leadership of the GSA.

Chair Hay recognized Michael and Edward and presented them with small tokens of appreciation (CofC folders).

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Housekeeping Items:

Elizabeth Kassebaum briefed the Board on a number of housekeeping items:

- Budget and Finance Committee Workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Budget and Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- The Board Meeting/Retreat will be held on June 5-6 at Wampee.
- 2018 Proposed Board Meeting Dates:
  - January 25-26
  - April 19-20
  - June 4-5
  - August 9-10
  - October 18-19
- Elizabeth thanked the Board members that participated in the Faculty/Student Shadowing Program. There are great reasons to do it again in the fall.
- Nominations for Trustees Emeriti may be received by the Audit and Governance Committee at the August Board meeting with voting at the October Board meeting. Those eligible for Trustees Emeriti status include Jimmy Hightower, Dwight Johnson, Larry Miller, John Clark, Merl Code, and Cheryl Whipper Hamilton. Bios will be sent to the Board members before the August Board meeting.

Trustee Don Belk asked that all Board members receive a copy of the Academic Affairs Dashboard.

*[Recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m.]*

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**The motion was made by Trustee John Wood, and seconded by Trustee Renee Romberger, to go into Executive Session at 12:11 p.m. for the following purposes: (1) Legal Counsel will consult and provide legal advice on litigation, including actual and potential legal claims; (2) Consideration of Candidates' Qualifications for Commencement Speaker and Candidates' Qualifications for Honorary Degrees; (3) Legal Counsel will consult and provide legal advice on Licensing Issues;**

**(4) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed purchase/lease of property on the peninsula; (5) Employee Records – legal matters and contract negotiations – personnel matters; and (6) Contract Negotiations. All in favor.**

Chair Hay asked the following staff members, in addition to the President, to remain and attend the Executive Session: Mark Berry, Alicia Caudill, Betty Craig, Mercedes Fabers, Jimmie Foster, Debbie Hammond, Elizabeth Kassebaum, Brian McGee, Angela Mulholland, Steve Osborne, Paul Patrick, Matt Roberts, Chris Tobin, and George Watt.

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

*[Lunch was available during Executive Session.]*

At this point, Chair Hay noted that only the Board, the President, Steve Osborne, and Matt Roberts shall remain and attend Executive Session at this time.

*[At 2:12 p.m., everyone left the Boardroom except the Board of Trustees, the President, Steve Osborne, and Matt Roberts.]*

At this point, Chair Hay noted that only the Board, the President, and Steve Osborne shall remain and attend Executive Session at this time.

*[At 2:45 p.m., Matt Roberts left the Boardroom.]*

**The motion was made by Trustee Renee Romberger, and seconded by Trustee John Wood, to come out of Executive Session at 3:10 p.m. All in favor.**

*[Regular session resumed and everyone returned to the Boardroom.]*

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

**The motion was made by Trustee Greg Padgett, and seconded by Trustee John Wood, to approve honorary degrees for the three May 2017 Commencement Speakers – Sam Stafford ‘68 (Friday, May 12), Elizabeth Colbert-Busch ‘79 (Saturday, May 13, a.m. ceremony), and John Alessi ‘98 (Saturday, May 13, p.m. ceremony) All in favor.**

**The motion was made by Trustee Jeff Schilz, and seconded by Trustee John Wood, to approve Coach Earl Grant’s contract as presented. All in favor.**

**The motion was made by Trustee Jeff Schilz, and seconded by Trustee Demetria Clemons, that the meeting be adjourned at 3:15 p.m. All in favor.**