COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Randolph Hall Boardroom
College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina
February 24, 2016
2:30 p.m.

Presiding:
Gregory D. Padgett, Chair

Board Members Present: Trustees Demetria Noisette Clemons and Gregory D. Padgett


Board Members Absent: Trustees Donald H. Belk, John H. Busch, Renee B. Goldfinch, David H. Hay, Toya Pound, and Joseph F. Thompson, Jr.

Others Present: President Glenn McConnell, Mark Berry (Director of College Marketing and Communications), Divya Bhati (Associate VP, Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning), Alicia Caudill (Executive VP, Student Affairs), Betty Craig (Executive Assistant), Mercedes Fabers (Assistant General Counsel), Greg Fisher (IT Representative), 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), Todd McNerney (Speaker of the Faculty), Angela Mulholland (General Counsel), Steve Osborne (Executive VP, Business Affairs), Paul Patrick (VP of Administration and Planning), Ben Powers (Telecommunications Representative), Mike Robertson (Senior Director of Media Relations), JoAnn Throckmorton (Administrative Assistant), and George Watt (Executive VP, Institutional Advancement)

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.
**Meeting Called to Order:**
This special meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 2:35 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.

**Welcome:**
Chair Padgett welcomed everyone attending the meeting and noted that Trustee Demetria Clemons is present in the room and Trustees Cherry Daniel, Frank Gadsden, Henrietta Golding, Pansy King-Reid, Randy Lowell, Lee Mikell, Annaliza Moorhead, Renee Romberger, Jeff Schilz, Eddie Thomas, Ricci Welch, and John Wood will participate by conference call.

**Purpose of Meeting:**
Chair Padgett noted that due to the SACSCOC procedures required to properly implement the Intellectual Property Policy in a timely manner, this special meeting of the Board was called for the Board of Trustees to consider the Intellectual Property Resolution rather than wait for approval at the April Board meeting.

President McConnell informed the Board that the Intellectual Property Policy has been updated and is in the format for the College’s reaffirmation review by SACS.

[Trustee Cherry Daniel joined the conference call at 2:40 p.m.]

Chair Padgett asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the reading of the “Resolution of the Board of Trustees Approving the College’s Intellectual Property Policy.” All Board members were provided with a copy of the Policy and Resolution for review prior to the meeting. All in favor.

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**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON**
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
**APPROVING THE COLLEGE’S INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY POLICY**

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**WHEREAS,** in the past the College of Charleston Board of Trustees; its predecessor board, the State College Board of Trustees; and College management have approved or revised various policy statements related to the development, ownership, and protection of intellectual property, including the “Technology Transfer (Patent) Policy” published in the current 2015-2016 Faculty/Administration Manual; and

**WHEREAS,** a new Intellectual Property Policy has been prepared at the direction of College management and with the benefit of advice from the academic leadership of the College on desirable features of the policy;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT –

RESOLVED, that the College of Charleston Board of Trustees, effective immediately, hereby repeals the College’s current “Technology Transfer (Patent) Policy” and directs that it be removed from the Faculty/Administration Manual as soon as such removal is practical;

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the College’s newly developed Intellectual Property Policy, as recently distributed to the Board’s membership;

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs that the Policy be promulgated by the President and Provost, in accordance with the College’s normal processes, and published at the College’s policy website;

RESOLVED, that the President, Provost, and all vice presidents of the College shall take those steps necessary to timely implement the Policy within the College and its component, The University of Charleston, South Carolina; and

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby conveys its appreciation to those members of the College community who contributed to the development of the Policy.

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The motion was made by Trustee Cherry Daniel, and seconded by Trustee Demetria Clemons, that the Board of Trustees approve the Proposed Intellectual Property Policy Resolution as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

College Reads Program Update:
Before going into Executive Session, Provost Brian McGee provided an update regarding the “College Reads” Program.

Provost McGee informed the Board that *The True American* by Anand Giridharadas has been recommended as the “College Reads” book for Fall 2016. It is a story about immigration – forgiveness and mercy. Mr. Giridharadas will visit the campus in the fall. Copies of the book will be made available to all Board members.

*Brian McGee left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.*

Executive Session:
The motion was made by Trustee Demetria Clemons, and seconded by Trustee Cherry Daniel, to go into Executive Session at 2:45 p.m. for the following purposes: (1)
Consideration of Candidates’ Qualifications for Commencement Speaker and Candidates’ Qualifications for Honorary Degrees, and (2) Employment records – legal matters and contract negotiations – personnel matters. All in favor.

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

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

For reasons of confidentiality in Executive Session, Chair Padgett asked those Board members on conference call to acknowledge that they are on a phone line not being recorded and in a private venue and alone while on this call. [Trustees Cherry Daniel, Frank Gadsden, Henrietta Golding, Pansy King-Reid, Randy Lowell, Lee Mikell, Annaliza Moorhead, Renee Romberger, Jeff Schilz, Eddie Thomas, Ricci Welch, and John Wood responded affirmatively.]

At this point, Chair Padgett noted that only the Board and the President shall remain and attend Executive Session at this time. [All staff members left the Boardroom.]

The motion was made by Trustee Demetria Clemons, and seconded by Trustee John Wood, to come out of Executive Session at 3:15 p.m. All in favor.

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

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

The motion was made by Trustee Demetria Clemons, and seconded by Trustee Annaliza Moorhead, that the Board of Trustees approve Candidate A as the December 2016 Commencement Speaker and receive an honorary degree during the ceremony. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

The motion was made by Trustee Jeff Schilz, and seconded by Trustee John Wood, that the Board of Trustees approve an honorary degree from the College of Charleston for Candidate B during the December 2016 Commencement Ceremony. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

The motion was made by Trustee Cherry Daniel, and seconded by Trustee Frank Gadsden, that the Board of Trustees approve an honorary degree from the College of Charleston for Candidate C during the December 2016 Commencement Ceremony. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

The motion was made by Trustee Demetria Clemons, and seconded by Trustee Frank Gadsden, that the Board of Trustees approve an honorary degree from the College of Charleston for Candidate D during the December 2016 Commencement Ceremony. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was approved by voice vote.
The motion was made by Trustee Cherry Daniel, and seconded by Trustee Renee Romberger, that the Board of Trustees approve an honorary degree from the College of Charleston for Candidate E during the December 2016 Commencement Ceremony. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

The motion was made by Trustee Jeff Schilz, and seconded by Trustee Frank Gadsden, that the Board of Trustees approve an extension of Basketball Coach Earl Grant’s contract. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

**Meeting Adjourned:**
The motion was made by all trustees, and seconded by all trustees, that the meeting be adjourned at 3:20 p.m. All in favor.