

(Approved at August 6, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting)

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

Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Board of Trustees' Office, Room 208C, Randolph Hall
Zoom Video Conference*
July 28, 2020
1:00 p.m.

Presiding:
David M. Hay, Chair, Board of Trustees

Board Members Participating via Zoom Video Conference – Trustees Chuck Baker, Laurin Burch, Beth Burke, John Busch, Demetria Clemons, Cherry Daniel, Henrietta Golding, David Hay (Chair), Shawn Holland, Randy Lowell, Toya Pound, Renée Romberger, Penny Rosner, Brian Stern, Steve Swanson, Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch and John Wood

Board Member(s) Absent: Trustee Hank Futch

Other Attendees Participating via Zoom Video Conference – President Andrew Hsu, Mark Berry, Alicia Caudill, Betty Craig, Renard Harris, Elizabeth Kassebaum, John Loonan, Ron Menchaca, John Morris, Angela Mulholland, Amy Orr, Paul Patrick, Jonathan Ray, Matt Roberts, Mark Staples, Suzette Stille, Chris Tobin, Fran Welch, and Dawn Willan; Jenna Schiferl, Post & Courier; WCIV-TV Reporter

(only attending Board Members, President Hsu, Chief of Staff, Senior Leadership Team, Board Office Staff, Media, and others presenting or participating in the meeting are noted as attendees).

WELCOME

Elizabeth Kassebaum, Executive Secretary for the Board of Trustees and meeting organizer for today's virtual meeting, welcomed everyone and turned the meeting over to Chair Hay.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hay called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Chair Hay welcomed Dr. Suzanne Austin, new Provost/Executive VP for Academic Affairs, to the meeting.

**Board of Trustees Meeting held via Zoom Video Conferencing due to COVID-19 crisis.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion was made by Trustee Demetria Clemons, and seconded by Trustee Renée Romberger, to go into Executive Session at 1:06 p.m. for the following purpose of “Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed/current contractual arrangements.” All in favor.

[Only the Board of Trustees, President Hsu, Senior Team and Elizabeth Kassebaum remained for Executive Session. All others were moved to the waiting room for Executive Session.]

The motion was made by Trustee Demetria Clemons, and seconded by Trustee Cherry Daniel, to come out of Executive Session at 1:54 p.m. All in favor.

Chair Hay noted that no action was taken in Executive Session.

“BACK ON THE BRICKS” COVID-19 RETURN TO CAMPUS PLAN UPDATE

President Hsu provided an important update on the modified “Back on the Bricks” COVID-19 Return to Campus Plan. He announced that the College of Charleston will delay the start of in-person classes for three weeks until Monday, September 14. Classes will begin as scheduled on Tuesday, August 25, in an online environment.

The plan was to resume blended instruction with in-person and remote classes beginning in August, but the decision to delay in-person instruction until September 14 is a necessary step that will best protect and ensure the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff, as well as the greater Charleston community.

The College will delay move-in for residential students which was scheduled for August 20-23. New move-in dates and procedures will be announced soon by Campus Housing. Students will receive a pro-rated refund of the housing, dining and parking costs during these three weeks of fully online classes from August 25 until September 14.

Students who need to live in campus housing during the three weeks of online instruction will be able to apply for an exemption, therefore, requiring them to following strict face covering and social distancing protocols as outlined in the “Back on the Bricks” plan. They will not be eligible for discounted housing, dining and parking costs. More details regarding this exemption process will be provided to residential students by Campus Housing in the coming days.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The motion was made by Trustee Brian Stern, and seconded by Trustee Ricci Welch, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:59 p.m. All in favor.