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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Health and Medical Affairs Committee - Called

November 22, 2021

The Health and Medical Affairs Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees convened in a called meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 22, 2021 in the Floyd Board Room of the Pastides Alumni Center and by Microsoft Teams.

Committee members present were Mr. Hubert F. Mobley, Chair; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. Brian C. Harlan; Mr. Richard Jones Jr.; Ms. Emma W. Morris; Ms. Molly M. Spearman; Mr. Mack I. Whittle Jr.; Dr. C. Dorn Smith III, Board Chair; and Mr. Thad H. Westbrook, Board Vice Chair. Mr. Miles Loadholt and Health and Medical Affairs Committee Expert Advisor Dr. Angelo Sinopoli were absent.

Other Board members present were Mr. C. Dan Adams, Mr. Alex English, Ms. Leah B. Moody, Ms. Rose Buyck Newton, Mr. Robin D. Roberts, Mr. Eugene P. Warr Jr., and Mr. Charles H. Williams. Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs, Mr. Toney J. Lister, and John C. von Lehe Jr. participated by Microsoft Teams.

Also present were USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Audrey Korsgaard, USC Columbia Student Government President Mr. Alex Harrell, and Board of Trustees Strategic Advisor Mr. David Seaton.

Others in attendance were Interim President Harris Pastides; Secretary Cameron Howell; Vice President of Human Resources Caroline Agardy; USC College of Nursing Dean

Jeannette Andrews; College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management Interim Dean David Cardenas; Vice President for System Affairs Derham Cole; Interim Provost Stephen Cutler; Communications Manager, Office of the Provost Abraham Danaher; Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Monica Delisa; Chief Audit Executive Pamela Dunleavy; Palmetto College Chancellor Susan Elkins; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer Doug Foster; USC School of Medicine Columbia Dean Les Hall; USC Aiken Chancellor Daniel Heimmermann; Chief Executive Officer, USC Alumni Association Wes Hickman; Academic Programs Interim Director Trena Houp; USC School of Medicine Greenville Dean Marjorie Jenkins; Executive Director of Economic Engagement Bill Kirkland; General Counsel and Executive Director of Compliance Programs Terry Parham; Chief Operating Officer Jeff Perkins; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost Dennis Pruitt; Special Assistant to the President James Smith; Interim Vice President of Health and Well-Being Jason Stacy; Assistant Vice President, Media and External Engagement Jeff Stensland; Vice President for Communications Larry Thomas; Vice President for Enrollment Management and Dean of Undergraduate Admissions Scott Verzyl; Executive Vice President of Administration and Chief Financial Officer Ed Walton; Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Julian Williams; Office of Communications Public Relations Strategist Dana Woodward; and Board of Trustees support staff.

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Mobley called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees joining by Microsoft Teams. Chair Mobley called on Mr. Stensland to introduce members of the press.

Mr. Stensland introduced Lucas Duprile with the *State* and Tyler Fedore with the *Daily Gamecock*

Chair Mobley stated notice of the meeting had been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda and supporting materials had been circulated; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

II. Report from the UofSC School of Medicine – Greenville’s Joint Board Liaison Committee

USC School of Medicine - Greenville Dean Marjorie Jenkins reported the Joint Board Liaison Committee met on November 12, 2021, during which the Committee received reports related to accreditation, the Class of 2025, student research, community engagement, leadership updates, five-year strategic initiatives, the Premed Partners Pathway program, the school’s national brand campaign, and a review of the FY22 budget.

Dean Jenkins stated the UofSC School of Medicine - Greenville is meeting and exceeding national metrics. The school is financially strong. Strategic initiatives around increasing primary care physicians for South Carolina are in place.

Chair Mobley thanked Dean Jenkins and stated the Joint Board Liaison Committee report was received as information.

III. UofSC School of Medicine – Greenville Dean’s Update

Chair Mobley stated the UofSC School of Medicine - Greenville Dean’s update was posted to the Board portal for this meeting. The update reflects information related to research, student statistics, and initiatives for maintaining and increasing rankings for UofSC School of Medicine - Greenville. Dean Jenkins added the school has another historically diverse first-year class and diversity initiatives are in place to create a student body that is representative of the citizens of South Carolina.

Chair Mobley thanked Dean Jenkins and stated the UofSC School of Medicine - Greenville Dean's update was received as information.

IV. UofSC School of Medicine – Columbia Dean's Update

Chair Mobley stated the UofSC School of Medicine - Columbia Dean's update posted to the Board portal for this meeting reflects attributes, metrics, research, student statistics, and initiatives for maintaining the UofSC School of Medicine - Columbia as a top-ranked medical school. Dean Les Hall provided a brief overview of the report. Dean Hall stated the school's educational programs compare favorably to national benchmarks. The school had its highest National Institute of Health funding level in five years.

Chair Mobley thanked Dean Hall and stated the UofSC School of Medicine - Columbia Dean's Update was received as information.

V. UofSC Chief Health Officer Update – Mental Health Briefing

Interim Vice President of Health and Well-Being Jason Stacy briefed the Committee on the status of university student mental health.

The University of South Carolina participates in the National College Health Assessment survey conducted every other year. Comparison of the studies conducted in 2019 and 2021 reflects increases in depression from 20.1% to 23.1%, anxiety from 26.2% to 32.9%, suicide risk from 22.2% to 25.4%, and suicide attempts in 12 months from 1.1% to 2.1%. Efforts over the last few years have focused on decreasing the stigma of people asking for help when they have a mental-health crisis and on education about services available through University Health Services.

Interim President Pastides thanked Dr. Stacy for his report and reemphasized that the data, although disturbing, is exactly in line with all other public colleges and universities in the

state, nationally, and around the world.

Chair Mobley thanked Dr. Stacy and stated the Mental Health update was received as information.

VI. Adjournment

There being no other matters to come before the Committee, Chair Mobley adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary