

LANDER UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

F. Mitchell Johnson Board Room
Lander University
Greenwood, South Carolina

Tuesday, June 19, 2018
2:30 p.m.

Presiding: Cary Corbitt

Members of the Board in Attendance: Angela Strickland
Anne Walker
Bobby Bowers
Cathy Lee
Claude Robinson
DeWitt Stone
Holly Bracknell
Jack Lawrence
Linda Dolny
Marcia Hydrick
Maurice Holloway
Peggy Makins
Ray Hunt
Robert Barber
Robert Sabalis

Absent:
Don Lloyd

Others in Attendance: President Richard Cosentino; Suzanne Ozment, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs; Adam Taylor, Chief of Staff and Vice President for Governmental Relations; Greg Lovins, Vice President for Business and Administration; Randall Bouknight, Vice President for Student Affairs; Andy Benoit, Vice President for Enrollment and Access Management; Van Taylor, Interim Vice President for University Advancement; Brian Reese, Director of Athletics; Crystal Rookard, General Counsel; Matt Braaten, Assistant Vice President for Planning Analytics and Decision Support; Megan Price, Assistant Vice President of University Relations and Publications.

Guests: Denise Manley, Director of Alumni Affairs; Deb Nygro, Office of University Relations and Publications; Laura Brown, Governmental Relations; Ariel Gilreath, Index Journal; Professor Albert Dukes, Chair of Faculty Senate; Rodney Jones, Chair of Staff Senate; Michael Ficklin, Chair Elect of Staff Senate; Jim Colbert incoming Interim Provost; Eric Lawson, University Relations.

Vice Chair, Cary Corbitt directed the meeting in Linda Dolny's place due to a schedule conflict.

Cary Corbitt stated for the record that appropriate publicity, in order to comply with the Freedom of Information Act, had been disseminated and that this meeting complied with that act.

Cary Corbitt acknowledged and welcomed all guests, then called the regular meeting of the Lander University Board of Trustees to order.

Cary Corbitt reminded board members to complete their travel vouchers.

Dates to Remember:

Monday, September 10, 4:00 p.m. - State of the University Address

Tuesday, September 11, 10:30 a.m. - Board Meeting

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Linda Dolny motioned to approve minutes with the revision that Crystal Rookard was in attendance at the March meeting. Anne Walker seconded her motion to approve. The March minutes were approved unanimously.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tuition rates will remain the same as previously voted.

Dr. Cosentino recognized the largest graduating class in Lander history at spring commencement. The President also celebrated that the current freshman class has a 3.79 weighted GPA.

Lander University received \$1.6 million from the state to renovate 94 classrooms and \$400,000 for science and nursing lab equipment. Additional updates to campus include a new student lounge, additional paved parking lots, and a field for rugby.

Wellness Works will no longer lease space located within the Jeff May Complex, effective December 31, 2018. This space may be used for additional athletic teams.

US News & World Report ranks Lander University as #16 in Regional Colleges South, #6 in Best Colleges for Veterans, and #3 in Top Public Schools in SC.

Lander is currently conducting searches for a new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director of the Lander Foundation, and Vice President for Student Affairs.

Dr. Cosentino recognized Dr. Suzanne Ozment, who will retire in July from Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost position. Dr. Jim Colbert, who currently serves as SACSOC liaison, will step in as Interim Provost.

Dr. Cosentino introduced a new flag design to be used on campus and facilities.

III. BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Cary Corbitt recognized two retiring board members, Claude Robertson and Bobby Bowers. The two received gifts of appreciation.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs: Robert Barber

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Master of Science in Management Program

The College of Business proposes adding a 30-credit-hour online Master of Science in Management.

Motion comes from committee, no second is required. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with a Concentration in Health Science

The Department of Physical Sciences proposes a Health Science concentration. Courses outside the chemistry program prepare students to take the entrance exams to health science professional programs. All courses that will be required are presently offered. No additional faculty will be needed to support the concentration.

Motion comes from committee, no second is required. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Audit/ Governmental: DeWitt Stone

ACTION ITEMS:

1. FY 2017-2018 Budget Amendment

A motion from Committee to seek Board of Trustee approval for amendments to the FY 2017-18 budget. Motion comes from committee, no second is required. The motion passed unanimously.

2. FY 2018-2019 Meal Plan Proposal

A motion from Committee to seek Board of Trustee approval for proposed FY 2018-19 Dining Fees increase of 3%. Motion comes from committee, no second is required. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FY 2018-2019 Course Fee Proposal

A motion from Committee to seek Board of Trustee approval for proposed course fees. Motion comes from committee, no second is required. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Proposal for National Guard, Military Family, and Active Duty Special Tuition Rates

A motion from Committee to seek Board of Trustee approval for proposed Special Tuition Rates for National Guard, Military Family, and Active Military students. Motion comes from committee, no second is required. The motion passed unanimously.

5. FY 2018-2019 Budget Proposal

A motion from Committee to seek Board of Trustees approval for the proposed FY 2018-19 University budget. Motion comes from committee, no second is required. The motion passed unanimously.

Adam Taylor discussed legislative updates. Lander will not know the state budget until after the fiscal year begins. Adam stated that the University received \$1.6 million for classroom renovations and \$400,000 for science and nursing through the Capital Reserve Fund.

Institutional Advancement: Cary Corbitt

No action items to report.

Club 2018 received contributions by 1/3 of the graduating class.

Although absent, board member Don Lloyd was recognized for having received the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Student Affairs/Intercollegiate Athletics: Claude Robinson

No action items to report.

There has been a 20% increase since June 14th in paid applications for housing. It is anticipated that only 100 beds will not be utilized in the fall.

Student athletes had an average 3.167 GPA compared to a non-athlete GPA of 3.006 for spring semester.

New sports coming to campus will be men's and women's lacrosse, men's wrestling, and men's volleyball.

The Drop was very successful, grossing \$70,000 and bringing a net of \$50,000 to Lander Athletics. Over 60 corporate sponsors were involved and three hundred participants attended The Drop. The overall winner is the father of an incoming freshman golfer. The winner donated the \$5,000 prize money back to the golf team. Over half of the additional prize money was also donated back to Lander. The date for next year is expected to be the last Saturday of Baseball season. Dolny Stadium was enjoyed as an event venue and has created interest for future events.

Enrollment and Access Management: Holly Bracknell

No action items to report.

Lander is on pace to reach a 2,900 student enrollment.

V. UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Matt Braaten introduced the following policy for Board approval.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Summer Pay Policy

The Summer Pay policy provides pay guidelines for full-time faculty members teaching regular undergraduate and graduate courses during one or more summer school terms. Bob Sabalis motioned to approve, Anne Walker second. The policy passed unanimously.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Faculty Senate: Albert Dukes

Lander recently launched The Center for Online and Innovative Learning. TD Maze was named Director of Graduate Studies to increase the number of graduate programs offered by the University and to increase enrollment of existing graduate programs.

Faculty from the College of Science and Mathematics and the College of Education collaborated on a grant funded by the Commission on Higher Education to improve the STEM content and pedagogy for Greenwood District 50 middle school teachers.

Faculty from the College of Science and Mathematics are hosting the 15th annual Lander Summer Science Institute, which is funded by a grant from Duke Energy.

Director of Montessori Education Barbara Ervin and Dean of Education Dr. Judi Neufeld collaborated with the Self Family Foundation to film an Informed Series segment for PBS that will highlight Lander's Montessori Education program. The segment will be broadcast nationally in July 2018.

Recently, Lander University was ranked the 33rd best public college in the United States by College Consensus. Unlike other publications, which separate schools by size and type, College Consensus places all public colleges in the same group. This ranking is the result of the excellent work performed by our faculty.

Staff Senate: Rodney Jones

The senate accomplished its number one goal to become established and organized. A total of 71% of staff participated in the recent election. This July 7, 2018, new Senators will begin their two year term.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Robert Barber motioned to enter executive session after a brief break, second by Anne Walker. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ray Hunt motioned to come out of executive session, second by Linda Dolny. The motion was unanimously approved. No votes taken.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Jack Lawrence motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Maurice Holloway. The motion was unanimously approved.