

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LANDER UNIVERSITY

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

Tuesday, June 14, 2016
3:00 p.m.

Presiding: Mr. Jack Lawrence, Chair

Members of the Board in Attendance: Mr. Bobby Bowers
Mrs. Holly Bracknell
Mr. Cary Corbitt
Dr. Linda Dolny
Mrs. Catherine Frederick
Mr. Maurice Holloway
Mr. Ray Hunt
Mrs. Marcia Hydrick
Mr. Don Lloyd
Mrs. Mamie Nicholson
Mr. Claude Robinson
Dr. Robert Sabalis
Mr. George R. Starnes
Dr. DeWitt Stone
Mrs. S. Anne Walker

Absent-
Mr. Robert Barber

Others in Attendance: President Richard E. Cosentino; Dr. David Mash, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mr. Greg Lovins, Vice President for Business and Administration; Mr. Andy Benoit, Vice President for Enrollment and Access Management; Mr. H. Randall Bouknight, Vice President for Student Affairs; Mr. Adam Taylor, Vice President for Governmental Relations and Mr. Matt Braaten, Office of the President.

Guests: Dr. David Gardner, Chair, Faculty Senate; Ms. Paula Haynes, Incoming Chair, Faculty Senate; Mr. Van Taylor, University Advancement, Ms. Megan Price, Director, University Relations and Publications; Mr. Deb Nygro and Mr. Dave Lorenzatti, University Relations and Publication; Ms. Ariel Gilreath, Index Journal, Senator Mike Gambrell and Senator Floyd Nicholson.

Chair Lawrence stated for the record that the appropriate publicity for the meeting, in order to comply with the Freedom of Information Act, had been disseminated and this meeting was in compliance with that Act.

The regular meeting of the Lander University Board of Trustees was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Lawrence who acknowledged and welcomed all guests. Chair Lawrence would like to point out that your travel voucher may be signed off and monies donated to The Lander Foundation.

Dates to Remember:

June 21, 2016 – Samuel Lander Golf Tournament

September 19, 2016 – State of the University

September 20, 2016 – September Retreat and Board of Trustees Meeting

MINUTES: IT WAS MOVED (Bowers) and seconded (Dolny) that the minutes of the last meeting, Tuesday March 22, 2016, be approved. A vote was taken; the motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Chair Lawrence introduced Adam Taylor to assist with a special presentation. Senator Gambrell and Senator Nicholson presented retiring Board of Trustees member George Starnes with a Senate resolution for his twenty-four years of service to Lander University. Chair Lawrence thanked Mr. Starnes for his service to the university with a token of appreciation from the Board of Trustees and Dr. Cosentino made a special presentation on behalf of the university. Presentation ended in a round of applause.

Chair Lawrence distributed a birthday card for Margaret Lander Scheibler on behalf of the Board of Trustees to be signed by all members.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Ms. Anne Walker reported on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee. She called attention to the report from the Office of Academic Affairs, which had been distributed earlier. (A copy of the report will be made a part of the official minutes.) Ms. Walker highlighted the following:

Ms. Walker thanked Dr. Gardner for his service as Chair of the Faculty Senate and introduce Ms. Paula Haynes as the incoming Chair of the Faculty Senate.

Ms. Walker stated that the Academic Affairs Committee has several action items to bring before the Board for approval as a recommendation out of committee. She then presented the following action items:

1. Approval for Academic Freedom Policy: Ms. Walker led the discussion.

IT WAS MOVED that the proposed policy be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval for Conflict of Interest Policy: Ms. Walker presented the Conflict of Interest Policy. Dr. Mash led the discussion.

IT WAS MOVED that the proposed policy be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval for Conflict of Interest Policy Annual Affirmation of Compliance and Disclosure Statement: Ms. Walker led the discussion.

IT WAS MOVED that the proposed statement/form be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS: Mr. Don Lloyd called attention to the report from Governmental Relations, which was distributed earlier. (A copy of the report will be made a part of the official minutes).

- Mr. Lloyd thanked Mr. Adam Taylor for his hard work and efforts.

FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Mr. Don Lloyd called attention to the report from the Finance and Facilities Committee, which had been distributed earlier. (A copy of the report will be made a part of the official minutes).

Mr. Lloyd stated that the Finance and Facilities Committee has several action items to bring before the Board for approval as a recommendation out of committee. He then presented the following action items:

1. Proposed Amendment to the FY2015-2016 Budget:

IT WAS MOVED that the proposed budget amendment be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Proposed Approval for Adopting Tuition & General Fees for FY2016-2017:

IT WAS MOVED that the proposed tuition and fees be approved as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following as a yes: Bowers, Bracknell, Corbitt, Dolny, Frederick, Holloway, Hunt, Hydrick, Lloyd, Nicholson, Robinson, Sabalis, Starnes, Stone, Walker and Lawrence. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Proposed Approval for Adopting Residence Hall Fee Increase of 2.9% for Fall 2016:

IT WAS MOVED that the proposed residence hall fee be approved as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following as a yes: Bowers, Bracknell, Corbitt, Dolny, Frederick, Holloway, Hunt, Hydrick, Lloyd, Nicholson, Robinson, Sabalis, Starnes, Stone, Walker and Lawrence. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Proposed Approval for Adopting Food Service fee increase of 3.6% for Fall 2016:

IT WAS MOVED that the proposed food service fee be approved as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following as a yes: Bowers, Bracknell, Corbitt, Dolny, Frederick, Holloway, Hunt, Hydrick, Lloyd, Nicholson, Robinson, Sabalis, Starnes, Stone, Walker and Lawrence. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Proposed Approval for University Budget for FY2016-2017:

IT WAS MOVED that the proposed university budget for FY2016-2017 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lloyd highlighted that there may be an opportunity to refinance our bonds on Centennial Hall – more forthcoming on a board vote when approved by the State.

Discussion followed.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Cary Corbitt called attention to the report from the Office of University Advancement, which had been distributed earlier. (A copy of the report will be made a part of the official minutes.) He then highlighted the following:

- Mr. Ralph Patterson has announced that he is stepping down as Vice President for University Advancement.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Mr. Claude Robinson called attention to the report from Student Affairs, which had been distributed earlier. (A copy of the report will be made a part of the official minutes.) Mr. Robinson highlighted the following:

- University Police and Dining Services has been transferred to Vice President for Business and Administration.
- Mr. Robinson thanked Randy Bouknight for his team's efforts in regards to student engagement, wellness and health.

Discussion followed.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE: Mr. Claude Robinson called attention to the report from Intercollegiate Athletics, which had been distributed earlier. (A copy of the report will be made a part of the official minutes.) Mr. Robinson highlighted the following:

- Lander Baseball Team advanced to the NCAA Division II College World Series.

Discussion followed.

ENROLLMENT AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Ms. Holly Bracknell called attention to the report from Enrollment and Access Management, which had been distributed earlier. (A copy of the report will be made a part of the official minutes.) Ms. Bracknell highlighted the following:

- Development of five year enrollment plan.
- Focus on affinity groups.
- Increasing recruitment efforts.
- Expand regional and out-of-state recruitment.
- Enhance international program.

Discussion followed.

FACULTY SENATE: On behalf of the Faculty Senate, Dr. David Gardner, Chair of the Faculty Senate, shared the following:

- Expressed thanks to the Board for the opportunity to serve. Dr. Gardner thanked Dr. Mash for his guidance and Dr. Cosentino for time and leadership.
- Challenged board for continued growth and development.

Dr. Cosentino expressed his gratitude to Dr. Gardner for his leadership, support and friendship. Dr. Gardner has helped with many initiatives this year. Round of applause from the Board of Trustees.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Chair Lawrence called upon President Cosentino for comments.

This has been an exciting year and he has been thrilled to be a part of the Lander family. Thank you to the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to service this great institution. It has been a great year with the new vision, mission, strategic plan and signature programs in place leading the way for the future of the university.

Focusing on two things – upon graduation we want our students to launch their career or attend graduate school. This is how we will measure our success.

He then shared excitement about the employment center and all that Randy Bouknight has been doing to enhance the student experience.

Dr. Cosentino has brought in two top notch Vice Presidents and looking to expand our talent pool in other areas.

Focus in the coming year will be on our students and the student experience outside of the classroom. He then shared new initiatives coming this year.

We will continue to grow, change and improve in the coming year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made to go into executive session for purpose of discussing personnel issue. Motion approved (Bowers), seconded (Hunt).

Motion made to adjourn the executive session – Motion approved. No votes taken.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made, and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 20, 2016.