

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LANDER UNIVERSITY

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

Tuesday, March 22, 2016
3:00 p.m.

Presiding: Mr. Jack Lawrence, Chair

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

Absent-
Mr. Cary Corbitt
Mr. Don Lloyd

Others in Attendance: President Richard E. Cosentino; Dr. David Mash, Vice President for Academic Affairs; 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; Mr. Ralph Patterson, Vice President for University Advancement; Mr. Jeff May, Vice President and Athletic Director and Mr. Matt Braaten, Office of the President.

Guests: Mr. Tom Covar, Controller, Dr. David Gardner, Chair, Faculty Senate; Ms. Megan Price, Director, University Relations and Publications; Mr. David Lorenzatti, Office of

University Relations and Publication; and Mr. Greg Lovins, Incoming Vice President for Business and Administration beginning April 15th, 2016. Special Guests Michael Hughes and Chip Fowler from the South Carolina Executive Budget Office.

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:

April 30, 2016 – Spring Commencement

May 6, 2016 – Lander Bearcat Auction

June 14, 2016 – June Retreat and Board of Trustees Meeting

Statement of Economic Interests Forms are due on or before March 30th.

MINUTES: IT WAS MOVED and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting, Tuesday December 11, 2015, be approved. A vote was taken; the motion carried unanimously.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Mr. Robert Barber reported on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee. He 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.) Mr. Barber highlighted the following:

Mr. Barber stated that the Academic Affairs Committee has two action items to bring before the Board for approval as a recommendation out of committee. He then presented the following action items:

1. Program Approval for BS Chemistry with Secondary Education: Mr. Barber led the discussion.

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

2. Program Approval for Mass Communications and Media Studies: Mr. Barber led the discussion.

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

Mr. Barber presented the Conflict of Interest Policy. Dr. Mash led the discussion. Adjourned discussion until June Board meeting.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS: Ms. Holly Bracknell 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).

FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Ms. Holly Bracknell 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).

Ms. Bracknell stated that the Finance and Facilities Committee has one action item to bring before the Board for approval as a recommendation out of committee. She then presented the following action item:

1. Proposed Amendment to the FY2015-2016 Budget:

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

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE: Ms. Marcia Hydrick 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.) She then highlighted the following:

Ms. Hydrick stated that the Institutional Advancement Committee has one action item to bring before the Board for approval as a recommendation out of committee. She then presented the following action item:

1. Proposed Transfer of Bearcat Village to Lander University Contingent upon State Approvals:

IT WAS MOVED that the proposed transfer be approved as presented. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously.

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.)

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.)

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

While developing the strategic plan, President Cosentino has frequently remarked that working together tends to produce a superior decision.

During this process of creating the strategic plan, he has held true to his sentiment and has consistently sought input, data, feedback, consultations, and advice from a wide array of sources. This includes a variety of interactions with the faculty. On behalf of the faculty, I express our gratitude and appreciations for allowing us to contribute to the development of the strategic plan.

Through his leadership and commitment to working together to achieve superior decisions, Dr. Cosentino has won the endorsement of the Faculty Senate and the support of the broader faculty. More importantly, that support is both very broad and very deep.

Dr. Cosentino has done more than simply present his plan for the university. Through his repeated efforts of engagement, he has shared that vision with the university and in the process, the vision is no longer his vision, it has transitioned to become our vision.

Yesterday's inauguration marks as important milestone. And as we celebrate the beginning of a new era in Lander's history, we should pause and reflect for a moment. On one hand, the excitement of new beginnings need to be tempered with the realization that much hard work remains before us. ON the other hand, we recognize how very far we have

already come in so short a time. Looking at the distance already traveled gives us hopes and confidence as we work together to meet the challenges on the road ahead.

(A copy of this will be made a part of the official minutes.)

OTHER BUSINESS: Several action items were presented for approval.

Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan:

IT WAS MOVED that the proposed Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan be approved as presented above, Bobby Bowers presented the motion and George Starnes seconded. The motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the plan will be made a part of the official minutes.)

Enrollment and Access Management Committee:

IT WAS MOVED that the proposed Enrollment and Access Management Committee be approved. Bobby Bowers presented the motion and Anne Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the 2016-2017 committee list will be made a part of the official minutes.)

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

Tuition and Fees Discussion – Data was shared and discussion followed. This topic will be explored further at the June meeting.

Introduction of New Vice Presidents – Vice President for Enrollment and Access Management, Andy Benoit, shared a presentation of his vision for enrollment and Vice President for Finance and Administration, Greg Lovins, shared a presentation of his vision for finance and administration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made to go into executive session. Motion approved.

MOTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

IT WAS MOVED that the employment contract with Dr. Daniel Ball be amended. Bobby Bowers presented the motion and Ray Hunt seconded. The motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the information is included in the Institutional Advancement Committee Report and will be made a part of the official minutes.)

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

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

