MINUTES
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May 15, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Medical University of South Carolina convened Thursday, May 15, 2014, with the following members present: Mr. Thomas L. Stephenson, Esquire, Chairman; Dr. James E. Wiseman, Jr., Vice Chairman; Dr. Stanley C. Baker, Jr.; The Honorable James A. Battle; Mr. William H. Bingham, Sr.; Mr. William B. Hewitt; Dr. Harold W. Jablon; Dr. Donald R. Johnson II; Ms. Barbara Johnson-Williams; Dr. Ragan C. Monteith; Dr. E. Conyers O’Bryan, Jr.; Dr. Thomas C. Rowland, Jr.; Mr. Charles W. Schulze; The Honorable Robin M. Tallon; Dr. G. Murrell Smith, Sr.; Mr. Michael E. Stavrinakis Absent: Dr. Charles B. Thomas, Jr.

The following administrative officials were present: Dr. Mark S. Sothmann, Interim President and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Dean Etta Pisano, Vice President for Medical Affairs, and Dean, College of Medicine; Dr. Patrick Cawley, Vice President for Clinical Operations and Executive Director, MUHA; Dr. Frank Clark, Vice President for Information Technology and CIO; Ms. Lisa P. Montgomery, Vice President for Finance and Administration.

Item 1.  Call to Order.

There being a quorum present, Chairman Stephenson called the meeting to order.

Item 2.  Secretary to Report Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting is Friday, August 8, 2014.

Item 3.  Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Medical University of South Carolina Board of Trustees of April 11, 2014.

Board Action: It was moved that the Minutes be approved. The motion was seconded, voted on and unanimously carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL REPORTS OF THE PRESIDENT.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:


None.

Recommendations of Administration: That the report be received as information.

Board Action: Received as information.

Item 5.  Other Business.  None.

RESEARCH AND INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE.  CHAIRMAN: Dr. CHARLES B. THOMAS, JR.

OLD BUSINESS: None.
NEW BUSINESS

In Dr. Thomas' absence, Chairman Stephenson chaired the meeting.


Statement: Mr. Stephenson stated Dr. Lanier has accepted a position at Wayne State University in Detroit and he will be leaving the university. He said Dr. Lanier has done a great job for MUSC and was given a round of applause.

Dr. Lanier stated in the interest of time, he had no report.

Recommendation of Administration: That this report be received as information.

Board Action: Received as information.


Statement: Mr. Jim Fisher reported everyone was invited to the Golden Grads luncheon today at the Country Club of Charleston. There was a meeting of the Board of Visitors several weeks ago and the meeting went well.

Recommendation of Administration: That this report be received as information.

Board Action: Received as information.

Item 8. Other Business.

EDUCATION, FACULTY AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN: DR. E. CONYERS O'BRYAN, JR.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:


Statement: Dr. Sothmann reported the May meeting is always special and this year the Board will be conferring 573 degrees - 67 bachelor of science; 77 master of science and 429 doctoral degrees. He expressed appreciation to all the faculty, administration and the entire enterprise for an excellent year.

Recommendation of Administration: That the reports be received as information.

Board Action: Report received as information.

Item 10. Other Committee Business. None
Item 11. Conferring of Degrees (CONSENT ITEM).

Statement: Approval is requested to confer degrees upon those candidates who, pending successful completion of all requirements for their degrees by the conclusion of the spring semester, have the recommendation of their college dean and faculty.

Recommendation of Administration: That the conferring of degrees be approved.

Board Action: A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the conferring of degrees.

Item 12. Degree Programs (CONSENT ITEM).

Statement: At the request of the Dean of the College of Medicine, administration presents the following Degree Program Planning Summaries, effective May 15, 2014:

MPH in Biostatistics  
MPH in Epidemiology  
MPH in Health Behavior and Health Promotion  
MS in Integrated Preclinical Medicine

Recommendation of Administration: That these Degree Program Planning Summaries be approved.

Board Action: A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the degree summaries.

Item 13. Academic Charge for RN to BSN Program (CONSENT ITEM).

Statement: At the request of the Dean of the College of Nursing, administration presents for approval the proposed Academic Charge for the RN to BSN Program, effective May 15, 2014.

Recommendation of Administration: That the Academic Charge for the RN to BSN Program be approved.

Board Action: A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the Academic Charge for the RN to BSN Program.

Item 14. Restructuring of the College of Medicine Department of Neurosciences (CONSENT ITEM).

Statement: At the request of the Dean of the College of Medicine, administration presents for approval the restructuring of the Department of Neurosciences (currently comprised of Neurosciences, Neurology, and Neurosurgery). The Neurosciences research unit will become a freestanding Department of Neurosciences under the leadership of Dr. Peter Kalivas effective July 1, 2014, separate from the clinical units of Neurology and Neurosurgery. Once this transition has been accomplished, the
College of Medicine intends to seek formal approval to separate Neurology and Neurosurgery into two freestanding departments.

**Recommendation of Administration:** That the restructuring of the Department of Neurosciences be approved.

**Board Action:** A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the restructuring of the Department of Neurosciences.

**Item 15. Faculty Appointments (CONSENT ITEM).**

**Statement:** At the request of the Deans of the College of Medicine and Nursing, administration presents for approval, the following faculty appointments:

**College of Medicine**

- **David G. Clark, M.D.**, as Associate Professor, on the Academic Clinician track, in the Department of Neurosciences, Division of Neurology, effective July 1, 2014
- **Gregory A. Cote, M.D., M.S.**, as Associate Professor, on the Academic Clinician track, in the Department of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, effective July 1, 2014
- **John Alan Diehl, Ph.D.**, as Professor with tenure, on the Academic Investigator track, in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, effective July 1, 2014
- **B. Joseph Elmunzer, M.D., M.Sc.**, as Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, effective June 1, 2014
- **Bruce Ovbiagele, M.D.**, (dual appointment) as Professor, in the Department of Public Health Sciences, effective May 1, 2014. Dr. Ovbiagele’s primary appointment rests in the Department of Neurosciences, Division of Neuroscience Neurology.
- **Cheves M. Smythe, M.D.**, as Clinical Professor, in the Department of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine, effective March 1, 2014

**College of Nursing**

- **Kenneth J. Ruggiero, Ph.D.**, (dual appointment) as Professor, on the Educator/Researcher track, Department of Nursing, effective April 1, 2014. Dr. Ruggiero’s secondary appointment will be in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

**Recommendation of Administration:** That these faculty appointments be approved.

**Board Action:** A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the faculty appointments.

**Item 16. Changes in Faculty Status (CONSENT ITEM).**

**Statement:** At the request of the Deans of the Colleges of Medicine, administration presents the following changes in faculty status:
College of Medicine

**B. Joseph Elmunzer, M.D., M.Sc.**, from Adjunct Associate Professor to Associate Professor, on the Academic Clinician track, in the Department of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, effective July 1, 2014

**Daniel J. Fernandes, Ph.D.**, from Professor to Professor Emeritus, in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, effective July 1, 2014

**Tatyana I. Gudz, Ph.D.**, from Research Associate Professor to Associate Professor, on the Academic Investigator track, in the Department of Neurosciences, Division of Neuroscience research, effective May 1, 2014

Recommendation of Administration: That these changes in faculty status be approved.

Board Action: A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the changes in faculty status.

**Item 17.** **Endowed Chairs (CONSENT ITEM).**

Statement: At the request of the Dean of the College of Medicine, administration presents the following recommendations for endowed chairs:

**John Alan Diehl, Ph.D.**, as the SmartState Endowed Chair in Lipidomics and Pathobiology, effective July 1, 2014

**B. Joseph Elmunzer, M.D., M.Sc.**, as the Peter Cotton Endowed Chair for Endoscopic Innovation, effective July 1, 2014

Recommendation of Administration: That these endowed chair appointments be approved.

Board Action: A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the endowed chair appointments.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN: MR. CHARLES W. SCHULZE.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Item 18.** **FY 15 Budget Update.**

Statement: Ms. Montgomery reported that MUHA, MUSC and MUSC-P will present the FY 15 budgets at the August meeting. The board members said if the budgets could just be mailed to them prior to July 1, there would be no need for a conference call or meeting and would hear the budgets at the August meeting.
Mr. Schulze stated if anyone had any questions, once they receive the budgets in June, do not hesitate to call to get answers before coming back to the August meeting.

Mr. Hewitt stated the Audit Committee will be bringing the Senior Compensation Plan to the board for approval effective July 1. So if the plan can be retroactive and be approved in August, he was fine with no meeting in June. The board agreed.

**Recommendation of Administration:** That this report be received as information.

**Board Action:** Received as information.

**Item 19.** Financial Status Report of the Medical University of South Carolina.

**Statement:** Patrick Wamsley presented a financial dashboard which represented important points from the March 31, 2014 Interim University Financials. He reported that at March 31st the University had 88 Days of Operating Cash and a Change in Net Position of $11.6 million. He also reported a Current Funds margin of (2.88%). Mr. Wamsley explained that a decrease in federal grant revenue was mostly attributable to the winding down of ARRA funding.

**Recommendation of Administration:** That this report be received as information.

**Board Action:** Received as information.

**Item 20.** Financial Status Report of MUSC Physicians.

**Statement:** Ms. Gina Ramsey reported for March 31st, MUSC Physicians has done well and all indicators being positive. Charges are up $59 million; collections are up $13.8 million and the operating margin is at $35.7 million. The first payment for supplemental Medicaid was received in the month of April so, hopefully, a second payment will be received by June 30.

**Recommendation of Administration:** That this report be received as information.

**Board Action:** Received as information.

**Item 21.** Other Committee Business.

**None**

**Item 22.** Financial Status Report of the MUSC Foundation for Research Development (CONSENT ITEM).

**Statement:** Mr. Schulze stated the financial information for the MUSC Foundation for Research Development was in the agenda for information.

**Recommendation of Administration:** That this report be received as information.

**Board Action:** Received as information.
UNIVERSITY PHYSICAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN: MR. WILLIAM H. BINGHAM, SR.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 23. Facilities Procurements/Projects.

Statement: Mr. Greg Weigle asked for approval of the following:

A budget adjustment to the CSB 7th Floor Orthopedic Surgery Office Renovation Phase 2. The project was previously approved for $490,000 and the revised budget request is for a $200,000 increase to $690,000. The increase is due to the recruitment of a new chair for Orthopedic Surgery arriving in September 2013 and the program has been increased to accommodate a now fast growing clinical faculty.

Recommendation of Administration: That the budget adjustment be approved.

Board Action: A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the budget adjustment to the CSB 7th Floor Orthopedic Surgery Office Renovation Phase 2 to $690,000.

Item 24. Update on Projects.

Statement: None.

Recommendation of Administration: That this be received as information.

Board Action: The report was received as information.

Item 25. Other Committee Business. None.

Item 26. Facilities Contracts Awarded.

Statement: The facilities contracts awarded since the last meeting were presented for information.

Recommendation of Administration: That the report be received as information.

Board Action: Received as information.

OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Item 27. Approval of Consent Agenda.
Statement: Approval of the University Consent Agenda was requested.

Recommendation of Administration: That the consent agenda be approved.

Board Action: It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted that the consent agenda be approved.

Item 28. New Business for the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Stephenson stated he has received “suggestions” on how the board has voted in the past by secret ballot. In an effort to address some of those concerns, he will ask the Audit Committee to take up a proposed bylaw change to, perhaps, end secret ballot and vote publicly. Absent an amendment to the by-laws, the board was required to vote by secret ballot in the past.

Mr. Stephenson stated he was confident that the votes in the past had been proper; however, in an effort to address concerns, he asked the board members to vote once again, publicly for the MUSC President. Fourteen members voted for Dr. Cole; two voted for Dr. Conroy and one member was absent.

Mr. Stephenson asked for an executive session to discuss contractual matters.

At the conclusion of the executive session, Mr. Stephenson stated the board was back in open session and no action had been taken by the board.

Item 29. Report from the Chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting of the University Board of Trustees was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Hugh B. Faulkner III
Secretary

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