

Clemson University  
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES  
**Educational Policy Committee**  
**CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Executive Board Room  
Madren Center  
Clemson, SC  
April 3, 2024  
8:45 a.m.

Call to Order

Notification as required by the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act was given at least twenty-four hours before the meeting by posting the notice and agenda on the bulletin board located on the ground floor public entrance of Sikes Hall, Clemson University and on the Clemson University Board of Trustees website. Additionally notice of, and the agenda for, the meeting was sent via email to the distribution list maintained by the Office of Media Relations which includes approximately 80 reporters and editors at the major daily newspapers, television, and radio stations in S.C.

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Trustee Peeler called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. with the following present:

Committee Members: Bob Peeler, *Chair*; Joe Swann, *Vice Chair*; Nikki Haley, Ronnie Lee, Louis Lynn, Mark Richardson; J.J. Britton, *Emeritus* and Allen Wood, *Emeritus* (via web)

Trustees: David Dukes, Patti McAbee, Nicky McCarter, Smyth McKissick, Cheri Phyfer-Kubu, Bill Smith, Kim Wilkerson

Trustees Emeriti: David Wilkins

Administration: James P. Clements, *President*; Tony Wagner, *Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations*; Max Allen, *Vice President and Chief of Staff*; April Purvis, *Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees*; Robert Donato, *Chief Strategy Officer*; Robert H. Jones, *Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*; Chip Hood, *General Counsel and Special Advisor to the Board of Trustees*; Lisa Knox, *Associate Vice President and Executive Director for Office of Institutional Excellence*; Chris Miller, *Vice President for Student Affairs*; Felicia Benton-Johnson, *Vice President for Diversity and Inclusive Excellence*; Greg Yarrow, *Interim Dean of CAFLS*; Angie Leidinger, *Senior Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Advisor to the Board of Trustees*; Rick Petillo, *Chief Financial Officer*; Tracy Arwood, *Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer*; Brian O'Rourke, *Vice President of Advancement*; Julio Hernandez, *Assistant to the President for Community Engagement and Outreach*; and Graham Neff, *Director of Athletics*

Guests: Jon Clayton, *CCIT*; Danielle Arrington, *Office of the Board of Trustees*; Leslie Hossfeld, *Dean, College of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences*; Brian Powell, *Faculty Representative to*

*the Board of Trustees; David Blakesley, Faculty Senate President; Brian Dean, College of Engineering, Computing and Applied Sciences; Sean Brittain, Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Learning; Katie Vogl; Office of the Provost; Lauren Duffy, College of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences; Kristen Gehsmann; Dean, College of Education; David Kuskowski; AVP for Enrollment Management; Steve Marks, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine; and George Petersen, Interim Dean of the College of Architecture, Art and Construction*

Media: Representatives from *The Tiger* and *The Post and Courier*

April Purvis called roll of the committee. She noted a quorum was present.

Max Allen introduced media in attendance.

#### Approval of the Minutes

Trustee Lynn moved to approve the February 1, 2024 meeting minutes. Trustee Swann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### Approval of New PhD in Health Psychology Program

Provost Jones presented the request to approve a new, 90 credit-hour Ph.D. in Health Psychology. The program and its core curriculum intend to offer a non-clinical pathway to meaningful health psychology research and academia.

Trustee Swann moved to approve the new Ph.D. in Health Psychology. Trustee Lynn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### Approval of New Educational Specialist in Teaching and Learning

Provost Jones presented the request to approve a new Educational Specialist in Teaching & Learning. The program would be “in between” Masters and Ph.D. degrees and would satisfy the Masters +30 requirement for K-12 educators to receive a higher salary.

Trustee Richardson moved to approve the new Educational Specialist in Teaching & Learning. Trustee Lee seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### Approval of new Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Provost Jones presented the request to approve a new Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. The program is designed to meet accreditation requirements for the College of Veterinary Medicine.

President Clements thanked Dean Marks and team for their hard work on curriculum planning.

Trustee Lynn moved to approve the new Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Trustee Lee seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### Approval to Modify BS in Construction Science & Management Program

Provost Jones presented the request to modify the B.S. in Construction Sciences & Management by adding a hybrid modality option. The hybrid modality would provide an option for junior and senior students to continue taking courses while participating in internships outside of commuting range.

Trustee Lynn moved to approve the request to modify the B.S. in Construction Sciences & Management by adding a hybrid modality option. Trustee Swann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### Approval to Modify M.S. in Computer Science Program

Provost Jones presented the request to modify the M.S. in Computer Science by adding a second online modality option. This option would be more affordable and flexible, but with the same quality as existing programs.

Trustee Richardson moved to approve the request to modify the M.S. in Computer Science by adding a second online modality option. Trustee Swann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### Approval to Modify Ph.D. in Planning, Design and the Built Environment Program

Provost Jones presented the request to modify the Ph.D. in Planning, Design and the Built Environment Program to:

- 1) Change the name to the “Ph.D. in Design and the Built Environment”
- 2) Add two new concentrations to organize the curriculum
- 3) Add hybrid modality
- 4) Change the CIP Code from 04.0401 (Environmental Design/Architecture) to 04.0902 (Architectural and Building Sciences/Technology) to reflect the scope of research.

Trustee Richardson moved to approve the modifications to the Ph.D. in Planning, Design and the Built Environment Program. Trustee Lynn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### Approval of Growth Concept for BS in Nursing

Provost Jones presented the request to approve a plan to grow the B.S. in Nursing. The plan adds 96 freshman nursing students beginning in FY27, requires five (5) new faculty and two (2) staff positions, and expands nurse preceptors and clinical sites as well as interdisciplinary education and clinical training.

Trustee Haley moved to approve the plan to grow the B.S. in Nursing. Trustee Lee seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Faculty Senate President Report

David Blakesley provided his final report as Faculty Senate President. He highlighted updates to the Faculty Manual and an increase to the size of the Faculty Senate. He introduced the Faculty Senate President elect, Lauren Duffy.

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees Report

Faculty Representative to the Board of the Trustees, Brian Powell, provided his final report to the Board. He highlighted the faculty hiring and recruitment process and thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as the faculty representative.

Advising Experience

Sean Brittain, Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Learning, presented. He highlighted areas of student support, including the Academic Success Center, the Spectrum Program, and Student Accessibility Services. He provided an overview of the different advising models at Clemson.

Undergraduate Admissions Update

David Kuskowski, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, provided an admissions update. He noted that the word “deferred” will not appear in Admissions communications next year.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Trustee Peeler adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*April S. Purvis*

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Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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