

SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL
FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, December 1, 2021

The South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities Board of Directors meeting was held Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 10:00 am by Zoom conference call and in-person in Room B126.

Board Members in Attendance in person:

Irv Welling, Vice-Chair

Board Members in Attendance via Zoom:

Dick Elliott, William Floyd, LeShawn Goodwin, Bob Horger, Harriett Jaworowski, Anne Pressley

SCGSAH Faculty/Staff in Attendance

Dr. Cedric Adderley, President; Carol Baker, Director of Outreach and Community Engagement; Betsy Beam, Vice President of Finance and Administration; Matthew Burns, VP for Student Development; Joseée Garant, Chair of the Dance Department; Richard Jones, Director of IT; Jennifer Thomas, Dean, and VP of Arts and Academics; LaTomya Doctor, Director of Human Resources; Rebecca Evatt, Exec. Asst. to the President and Sect. to the Board; Rose Jenkins, Chair of Faculty Council; Adair Kempf, Chair of Staff Council; Nikki Parton, Director of Enrollment Strategies; Linda Raines, Procurement Specialist; and Rochelle Williams, Executive Director of the GSA Foundation

Welcome

Vice-Chairman Irv Welling called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He welcomed everyone in attendance.

Notice of Meeting

Vice-Chairman Welling stated that notice of this meeting had been provided to all persons, organizations, and news media, which have requested notification, as required by Section 30-4-80(e) of the SC Code of Laws.

Approval of the Minutes (Exhibit #1 & #2)

Vice-Chairman Welling called for a motion to delay the approval of the minutes of September 2021 and the Special Meeting of October 2021 due to an error; the motion was made by Harriett Jaworowski, seconded by Bob Horger, and passed unanimously.

President's Report to the Board (Exhibit #3)

Dr. Adderley reviewed the President's report noting the successful return to campus and highlights of the fall semester from each department. Dr. Adderley stated that COVID-19 testing remains available on the Governor's School campus every Tuesday and Thursday, with an average of 50 persons being tested each week.

The President's Report (emailed to all participants before the meeting) was received as information with no further questions or discussions. It will be established as a permanent component of these minutes.

Financial Report (Exhibit #4)

The VP of Finance and Administration, Betsy Beam, reviewed the Financial Report noting the transition plan for the School from the Dept. of Education to the Department of Administration. Ms. Beam reported on the budget request summary, which will be presented to the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee early next year, and reviewed the Capital Projects for 2022 and 2023.

The Financial Report (emailed to all participants before the meeting) was received as information with no further questions or discussions. It will be established as a permanent component of these minutes.

Student Development Report (Exhibit #5)

VP of Student Development, Dr. Matthew Burns, reviewed the Student Development report noting the admissions team's work with "Go Govie! Day", campus tours and talks, and the partnership with the other two Governor's Schools. Dr. Burns reviewed the alumni and summer programs and our student's health, welfare, and safety measures taken during the student's return to campus. A discussion about non-residential day students was deliberated. It was suggested that the conversation be tabled until more information could be presented at the next Board of Directors meeting.

The Student Development Report (emailed to all participants before the meeting) was received as information with no further questions or discussions. It will be established as a permanent component of these minutes.

Dean's Report (Exhibit #6 a and b)

Dean and VP of Arts and Academics, Jennifer Thomas, reviewed the Dean's report noting faculty and departmental news, professional development engagement, curriculum review, and ABC Certification. Dr. Thomas also reviewed data on student outcomes being key to tracking student and school success. This data includes standardized (nationally normed) test data for SAT, ACT, and Advanced Placement; the annual Gallup student poll; numbers of National Honor Society inductees; and GPA trends of incoming and graduating students. Data disaggregated by grade level, art department, and demographic information whenever possible. Each set of data provides a unique insight into the well-being and success of our students. Comparative data will also be provided at the December meeting. Dr. Thomas also reviewed the key findings of the 2018 Gallup Student Poll.

The Dean's Report (emailed to all participants before the meeting) was received as information with no further questions or discussions. It will be established as a permanent component of these minutes.

Foundation Report (Exhibit #7)

Terry Grayson-Caprio, Chair of the GSA Foundation's Board, and Rochelle Williams, Executive Director of the GSA Foundation, reviewed the Foundation Report noting their fundraising and grant-making strategies. Ms. Williams welcomed two new staff members, Katie Mallak and Karen Vander Mei, to the Foundation and reviewed the annual budget report.

The Foundation Report (emailed to all participants before the meeting) was received as information with no further questions or discussions. It will be established as a permanent component of these minutes.

Faculty Council Report (Exhibit #8)

Rose Jenkins, Chair of Faculty Council, reviewed the Faculty Council report, which was received as information with no further questions or discussions. It will be established as a permanent component of these minutes.

Staff Council Report (Exhibit #9)

Adair Kempf, Chair of Staff Council, reviewed the Staff Council report, which was received as information with no further questions or discussions. It will be established as a permanent component of these minutes.

Old Business:

Betsy Beam reviewed the findings and understandings of the Greenville County easement request.

New Business:

No new Business was noted.

Executive Session

Vice-Chair Welling proposed that an Executive Session was needed to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70(a)(1) Anne Pressley moved to go into Executive Session, and Terry Grayson-Caprio seconded the motion. No votes were made during the Executive Session.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Welling asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion for adjournment was made by Anne Pressley and seconded by Terry Grayson-Caprio. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Adjournment

Chairperson Prosser asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion for adjournment was made by Irv Welling, seconded by Bob Horger, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Evatt
Recording Secretary to the Board

Irv Welling, Vice-Chairman SCGSAH Board of Directors