

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LANDER UNIVERSITY

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

Tuesday, September 20, 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
Dr. DeWitt Stone
Mrs. Angela Strickland
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; Mr. Van Taylor, Interim Vice President for University Advancement and Mr. Matt Braaten, Office of the President.

Guests: Dr. Jason Lee, Chair, Faculty Senate; Mr. Kevin Pederson, Associate Athletic Director for Operations; Ms. Megan Price, Director, University Relations and Publications; Mr. Deb Nygro, University Relations and Publication; and Ms. Ariel Gilreath, Index Journal

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.

Items in your packet:

University Parking Pass
Board of Trustees Member Directory

Dates to remember:

October 22, 2016 – Family Day
November 3, 2016 – Scholarship Banquet
December 13, 2016 – December Board Meeting
December 14, 2016 – Commencement Ceremony

MINUTES: One correction to be made: change to affinity groups (page 5) noted by Sabalis. IT WAS MOVED (Bowers) and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting, Tuesday, June 14, 2016, be approved. A vote was taken; the motion carried unanimously.

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 stated that the Academic Affairs 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. Approval for Program Modification Proposal for B.S. in Chemistry, Forensics Science: Ms. Walker led the discussion.

IT WAS MOVED that the proposed policy 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).

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 one action item to bring before the Board for approval as a recommendation out of committee. He then presented the following action item:

1. Proposed Amendment to the FY2016-2017 Budget:

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

Discussion followed. Mr. Greg Lovins shared an update on the bond refinance.

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. Van Taylor, Interim Vice President, is currently working on policies and procedures.

Discussion followed.

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.) He then highlighted the following:

- Great activity in all areas, and Mr. Robinson thanked Vice President for Student Affairs Randy Bouknight and his team for their hard work.

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:

- Thrilled with the new hires in Athletics. Mr. Robinson thanked Kevin Pederson and Les Robinson for their hard work during this transition.

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:

- Strategic enrollment plan is in place and we are reaping the benefits of this plan.
- Overall enrollment is up.

Discussion followed.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

- Bob Sabalis shared his thoughts on having a charge (tasks) for each board committee, establishing expectations, etc., and ultimately having an agenda and possible minutes from each committee meeting to help keep the committee on track. Discussion followed.

FACULTY SENATE: On behalf of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Jason Lee, Chair of the Faculty Senate, shared the following:

- Dr. Lee shared a statement, which will be included as part of the official minutes.

Discussion followed.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

- Board of Trustees By-Laws:

Chair Lawrence passed out a copy of the Board of Trustees By-Laws. There are two items that need to be reviewed. 1.5 deals with the Executive Committee and the make-up of the Executive Committee. Chair Lawrence shared that we may consider having just the immediate past board chair, rather than all past board chairs,

participate in the Executive Committee. This is one item that may need to be addressed in the future. At times, we may have eight to nine members of the board participating in this meeting. We will work on the wording to reflect past board chairs, not past committee chairs.

Chair Lawrence pointed out, with George Starnes' retirement, we have the position of Vice Chair vacant. Chair Lawrence recommends leaving this seat vacant until 2017, when we will have nominations in March and elections in June for Board of Trustees officers. Discussion followed. The decision was made to leave the Vice Chair seat vacant.

- Chair Lawrence shared that Governor Haley will appoint Peggy Makins to serve out the remaining term for Board of Trustees Seat 10, which was previously held by Mamie Nicholson.
- Chair Lawrence shared that Dr. Cosentino has been appointed to serve on the South Carolina Coordinating Council for Workforce Development. This is an amazing development and opportunity for Lander University.
- Chair Lawrence shared a list of activities that First Lady Jessie Cosentino has been a part of since the Cosentinos' arrival, emphasizing that she is making a large impact on this campus and in the community. She is working hard for Lander University.

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

Dr. Cosentino shared a letter he received from our art students thanking him for their new desks and how this investment in their needs is impacting them in the classroom. Cathy Lee read the letter to the Board.

Revisit recruitment – all of our employees are important and we need every employee. We hire because we need a very specific talent. We are hiring a domestic recruiter, a retention expert, two international recruiters, an Athletics Director, a Vice President for University Advancement, and Deans for the College of Business and School of Nursing. We continue to hire positions that will have direct contact with students other than faculty.

At the next board meeting, I will present to you a dashboard. This will be a visual tool to help you see where we are putting our time and attention. This will provide very detailed and specific information as we continue to move the university forward.

Student health and well-being are very important. It is our job to make sure our students feel loved, safe and able to share their challenges with us.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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, December 13, 2016.