CALL TO ORDER / OPEN SESSION:

Chairman Walter Tobin called the meeting to order at 9:06AM. The public notice was read. The agenda (Attachment 1) was circulated to the members. The invocation was extended by Dr. John Corbitt. The roll was called.

Members present: Dr. Walter Tobin, Mr. Robert Waldrep, Mr. Maurice Washington, Dr. John Corbitt (via phone), Dr. Gail Joyner-Fleming (via phone), Dr. Dennis Nielson (via phone), Mr. Anthony Grant (via phone), Ms. Patricia Lott (via phone) and Dr. Jackie Epps (via phone) Ex-Officios: Mr. Nathaniel Howard (via phone) and Dr. Jesse Kinard.

Members absent: Mrs. Linda Edwards Duncan and Mr. Robert Nance.

Administrators present: General Counsel Mr. Peter Wilborn (via phone), Assistant VP for Finance and Management Mr. Eric Eaton, Associate Vice President to Institutional Advancement, Mr. Michael Hubbard, Assistant Director for Public Relations, Ms. Anita Dawkins, Administrative Assistant to the Board and Recorder Ms. Eartha Mosley and Real Estate Foundation Property Manager Ms. Robyn Perrineau-Kendrick.

Media: The Times and Democrat Reporter Mrs. Dale Linder-Altman.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chairman asked for adoption of the agenda. Trustee Robert Waldrep so moved, seconded by Trustee Gail Joyner-Fleming, to adopt the agenda. Vote: unanimously approved.

UPDATES TO BY-LAWS (Attachment 2)

Trustee Fleming stated that the following recommendations were being presented by the ad hoc committee to the Board for approval as updates to comply with SACS requirements.

1) Update members of the Board; 2) Update ex-officio members and Board of Visitors; 3) Add the word Administration to the Athletics and Student Affairs Committee; 4) Update the conflict-of-interest policy by adding information from the State Ethic Commission; 5) Add the Code of Conduct Policy for the State of SC from the Ethics Commission; 6) To include the new seat 7 created by the legislature; 7) Update Board’s contact information and 8) Update the University’s organizational chart.

The Chairman asked the Trustees to submit their vitaes to the Board’s Office.
Trustee Fleming motioned to have the By-Laws updated in order to be submitted to SACS, seconded by Trustee Waldrep. Vote: unanimously approved.

CONFlict-OF-Interest POLICY (Attachment 3)

Trustee Fleming pointed out that the previous Conflict-Of-Interest Policy was updated to include additional information stating what is expected of all officers of the University and to serve as guidance for all persons employed by the institution.

Trustee Fleming motioned to accept the updated Conflict-Of-Interest Policy, seconded by Trustee Waldrep. Vote: unanimously approved.

CODE OF CONDUCT (Attachment 4)

Trustee Fleming stated the Code of Conduct was added to the appendix to inform SACS of the State of SC’s code for all state officials. Trustee Fleming motioned to add the Code of Conduct to the Appendix of the By-Laws, seconded by Trustee Corbitt. Vote: unanimously approved.

REAL ESTATE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Attachment 5)

Dr. Jesse Kinard shared that the Real Estate Foundation Board currently has three board members serving on the board out of the seven slots for membership. A recommendation to approve three names to increase the size of the Board which would allow a quorum for meetings is being presented to the Board of Trustees of SC State. Ms. Robyn Perrineau-Kendrick stated that the by-laws indicated that each member is reelected or elected every other year. Trustee Corbitt motioned that Dr. Jesse Kinard be reelected and Mr. Calvin Hastie, Sr. and Mr. Ernie Smalls be approved to serve on the Real Estate Foundation Board immediately, seconded by Trustee Grant. Vote: unanimously approved.

There was dialogue dealing with the memorandum of agreement with Bank of American and the Real Estate Foundation. After some discussion, the Chairman asked for a report to be given at the Board’s retreat on the strategy of where we are on refinancing of the property and what progress has been made thus far. Trustee Waldrep asked for the presentation to be made in the form of options.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair called for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the approval of an honorary degree, so moved by Trustee Waldrep and seconded by Trustee Lott. Vote: unanimously approved.

OPEN SESSION

The Chair called for a motion to come out of Executive Session, so moved by Trustee Epps and seconded by Trustee Corbitt. The Chairman Board indicated while in Executive Session no decisions or actions were taken.
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND FACULTY-LIAISON COMMITTEE

Dr. Fleming motioned to approve an honorary degree of Humane Letters for candidate (Dr. Belle Wheelan) upon her acceptance, seconded by Trustee Corbitt. Vote: unanimously approved.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Policy Recommendation for Sponsored Programs

Dr. Nielsen motioned that until such time that a proper review of related policy may be achieved, signatory authority specific to research grant contracting is designated by the Board to the Assistant Vice President of Sponsored Programs (Mr. Elbert Malone) as Authorized Organizational Signatory (AOR) on all grant contract submissions and related business. A report of each research grant and/or related business signed by Mr. Malone will be given to the Board. In keeping with the current policy, Authority to Sign Contracts, all grant contract proposals over $250,000 will require pre-approval by the Board via its Executive Committee. It was seconded by Trustee Waldrep. Vote: unanimously approved.

Trustee Grant expressed concerns in regards to the reporting. After some discussion, the Chairman suggested a final decision would be made at the retreat.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Washington so moved, seconded by Trustee Waldrep to close the meeting. Vote: unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Edwards Duncan
Secretary

Eartha Mosley
Recorder

Attachment

1-Agenda
2-By-Laws Updates
3-Conflict-Of-Interest
4-Code of Conduct Policy
5-Real Estate Foundation Board of Directors Recommendations