

University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee

10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 19, 2026
In Person, Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center
and By Microsoft Teams

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. USC Columbia

A. Approval of New Hires with Tenure

1. Rhiannon Luyster, hire with tenure at the rank of Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Arnold School of Public Health
2. Jane Sumner, hire with tenure at the rank of Professor in the Department of Political Science, McCausland College of Arts and Sciences

B. Approval of Honorary Academic Titles

1. College of Pharmacy

- i. Dr. Eugenia Broude, Distinguished Professor Emerita, January 20, 2026
- ii. Dr. Igor Roninson, SmartState Endowed Chair Emeritus, January 20, 2026

2. McCausland College of Arts and Sciences

- i. Dr. Kirstin Dow, Distinguished Professor Emerita, August 15, 2025
- ii. Dr. Susan Felleman, Distinguished Professor Emerita, May 31, 2026
- iii. Dr. Steven D. Smith, Research Professor Emeritus, December 31, 2025

3. Molinaroli College of Engineering and Computing

- Dr. Michael E. Meadows, Professor Emeritus, December 31, 2025

4. School of Medicine – Columbia

– Dr. Sandra J. Kelly, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, December 1, 2025

C. Approval of Program Modifications

– Ph.D., Economics, Change CIP Code

D. Approval of Program Name Changes

1. B.A., Media Arts to B.A., Film and Media
2. M.A., Media Arts to M.A., Film and Media

E. Approval of New Certificate

– Postbaccalaureate Certificate, Asset Management in Hospitality

F. Approval of New Dual Degrees

1. M.A., Journalism and Mass Communication with masters in Global Communication and Innovation Technology at National Chengchi University in Taipei, Taiwan
2. M.M.C., Journalism and Mass Communication with master in Global Communication and Innovation Technology at National Chengchi University in Taipei, Taiwan

G. Approval of 100% Online Delivery

– M.A., International Studies

III. USC Aiken

– Approval of New Certificates

1. Undergraduate Certificate in Entrepreneurship
2. Undergraduate Certificate in Human Resource Operations

IV. USC Beaufort

A. Approval of New Hire with Tenure

– Lawrence P. Shao, hire with tenure at the rank of full Professor, Department of Business, Hospitality, and Communication Studies, University of South Carolina Beaufort

B. Approval of Program Termination

- B.A., Spanish

C. Approval of Revisions to the USC Beaufort Faculty Manual

V. USC Upstate

- Approval of New Certificates

1. Undergraduate Certificate in Community Health Policy and Research
2. Undergraduate Certificate in Foundations in Community Health Promotion
3. Undergraduate Certificate in Public Health Preparedness

VI. Report from the McCausland College of Arts and Sciences

VII. Report from the College of Education

VIII. Other Matters

IX. Adjournment