

Minutes for the Meeting of the Committee of Nine – August 26, 2020

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Mark Cooper, Chair of the Faculty Senate, chaired the meeting. The meeting began at 1:00.

Members Present:

Prof. Mark Cooper
Prof. Derek Black
Prof. Gloria Boutte
Prof. Tena Crews
Dr. Heather Heckman
Prof. Coretta Jenerette
Prof. Marco Valtorta
Prof. Thomas Vogt
Prof. Patrick Wright

Non-voting members present:

Prof. Alexander Beecroft
Prof. Shirley Staples Carter
Prof. Susan Cutter
Prof. Carol Harrison
Prof. Scott Weiss

The following were also present:

Tayloe Harding
Dennis Pruitt
Joe Sobieralski
Julian Williams

Professor Cooper called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the August 19th meeting were approved and will be placed on the Faculty Senate webpage found here:

https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/faculty_senate/committees/committee_of_9/index.php

Following the approval of the minutes, Professor Cooper began a discussion regarding the Committee's previous meeting with EAB.

Main points of the discussion included appreciation for the opportunity EAB provided to the Committee of Nine to help develop the conversation and the desire for EAB to begin presenting data for further analysis.

Professor Cooper then called on Joe Sobieralski to give an overview of goals and objectives of the new University strategic plan titled "For South Carolina: A Path to Excellence."

Mr. Sobieralski walked through the details of the priorities, goals and objectives of the strategic plan as found online here:

https://sc.edu/about/our_leadership/president/strategic_plan/index.php

Other contributors to the conversation outside of the Committee of Nine included Dr. Tayloe Harding, Dr. Julian Williams.

Committee members asked general questions and were provided responses throughout the presentation.

Following the strategic plan presentation there was a short discussion on next steps and preliminary thoughts on the next meeting agenda.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned just after 2:00pm.