

PRESIDENT: Thompson Mefford

MINUTES

Date: June 8th, 2021 **Time:** 2:30 p.m.

Location: Microsoft Teams

Teams: Digital Meeting Materials

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. Faculty Senate Meeting Tuesday, May 11th, 2021

APPROVED

2. SPECIAL ORDERS

a. Mike Nebesky, Travel Policy

Mr. Nebesky gave a report on the past, present, and future of the Clemson University travel policy and fielded questions. Report attached.

REPORT

- **a.** Robert H. Jones, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost No Report.
- **b.** Standing Committees
 - Finance and Infrastructure Committee; Chair Andrew Brown No report.
 - 2. Policy Committee; Chair Lauren Duffy No report.
 - 3. Research and Scholarship Committee; Chair Brian Powell No report.
 - 4. Scholastic Policies Committee; Chair Lindsay Shuller-Nickles No report.
 - 5. Welfare Committee; Chair Andrew Pyle (David Blakesley) No report.
- c. University Committees/Commissions
 - **1.** Committee on Committees; Chair Mary Beth Kurz No report.
 - 2. Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees; Joe Ryan No report.

3. President's Report Report attached.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FSR 202102 Automatic Extension of Probationary Period due to Placement of Child APPROVED by majority

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

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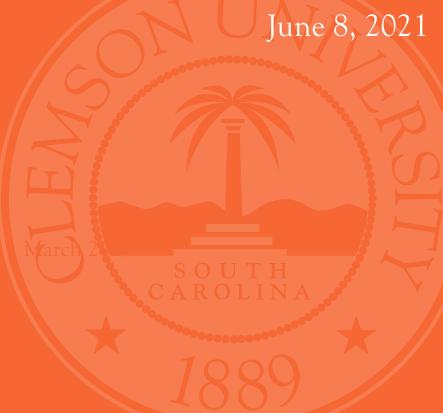
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Faculty Senate Advisory Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021, 2:30 p.m.
- 2. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, July 6th, 2021, 2:30 p.m.
 - 3. Faculty Senate Meeting: Tuesday, July 13th, 2021, 2:30 p.m.

Thompson Mefford	Krista Oldham	Ravi Ravichandran	Mike Giebelhausen
R. Gordon Halfacre	Kristine Vernon	R. Karthi Karthikeyan	Brian Powell
Christopher Norfolk	Jeffrey Appling	V Sridharan	Mary Beth Kurz
John D. Griffin	Melinda Fischer	John M Lopes	Chelsea Waugaman
John Whitcomb	Matthew Turnbull	Yongqiang Wang	Amy Lawton-Rauh
Lauren Nicole Duffy	Jim Strickland	Edward Rock	Lindsay Shuller-Nickles
Angeline Close Scheinbaum	Michael Sears	John T Thames	Laurie Haughey
Elizabeth Baldwin	Liam Ohara	D. Andrew Brown	Brenda L Burk
Karen Kemper	C.J. Smith	Neil Calkin	Linda Li-Bleuel
Feng Luo	Juan C Melgar	David Blakesley	Berinthia Allison
Alyssa Christine Davis	Dave Lamie	Hugo Sanabria	
Kelsey Wylie	Michael Nebesky	Bridget G Trogden	



Travel Update



Outline

- Travel pre-COVID-19
- Travel during COVID-19
- Travel at Clemson the Future



Travel Pre-COVID-19

	FY16	j	FY1	7	FY18	3	FY1	9	AV	ERAGE	PERCENT SPEND
AIR	\$	3,564,227	\$	3,776,373	\$	4,598,784	\$	5,122,458	\$	4,265,461	30%
RENTALS	\$	387,961	\$	471,695	\$	547,913	\$	503,365	\$	477,734	3%
LODGING	\$	3,385,875	\$	3,786,404	\$	4,077,097	\$	4,182,632	\$	3,858,002	27%
MEALS	\$	983,191	\$	993,450	\$	1,089,226	\$	1,130,433	\$	1,049,075	7%
MILEAGE	\$	1,787,209	\$	1,719,397	\$	1,794,596	\$	1,891,855	\$	1,798,264	13%
OTHER	\$	649,650	\$	671,889	\$	670,617	\$	756,687	\$	687,211	5%
REGISTRATION	\$	1,831,592	\$	1,899,882	\$	2,034,114	\$	2,189,959	\$	1,988,887	14%
EMPLOYEE TRAVEL	\$	12,589,705	\$	13,319,090	\$	14,812,346	\$	15,777,419	\$	14,124,640	100%

- Travel restricted by State law per-diem limits and no travel card
- Preferred Travel Management Company (TMC) Christopherson Business Travel
- Pre-approval for International Travel only



COVID-19 Travel Restrictions

- Many lessons learned about travel when COVID-19 hit
- High Risk Travel Policy put in place March 2020 essential travel only
 - International Travel requires approval through OGE
 - Domestic Travel requires approval by Dean/VP
- Required the Use of TMC for ALL travel
 - Duty of Care know locations and status of our travelers
 - Ticket Credits can be more easily managed



COVID-19 Travel Restrictions - Current

- High Risk Travel policy and procedures still in place
- Minor changes:
 - Undergrad students now may possibly travel international if approved
 - Domestic requires department approval no longer Dean/VP
- Required use of TMC still in place clarified for travel with airfare only
- One exception added using airline credits from last year, traveler can go directly to airline and then share itinerary
- Using Christopherson
 - Online tool and \$9 fee (or agent supported for \$26 fee)
 - Same flights in GDS (incl Southwest) as other sites or airlines direct
 - Can book preferred airlines, get frequent flyer credit, etc...



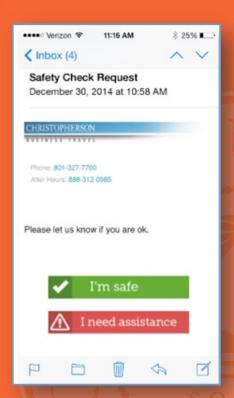
Travel at Clemson – The Future

- Efficient, budgeted, reportable & auditable fully integrated travel program coming in 2022
- Why?
 - Reduce risk Duty of care for international and domestic travel
 - Improve Customer Service Recruiting/Visitors/Guests reimbursement
 - Drive Compliancy with travel policy as well as grant and export control requirements
 - Faster reimbursements removes manual processing of reimbursements
 - Accurate and aggregated metrics leads to university rates and loyalty programs
 - Financial –contracts, spend leakage, and policy adherence



Duty of Care/Risk Management



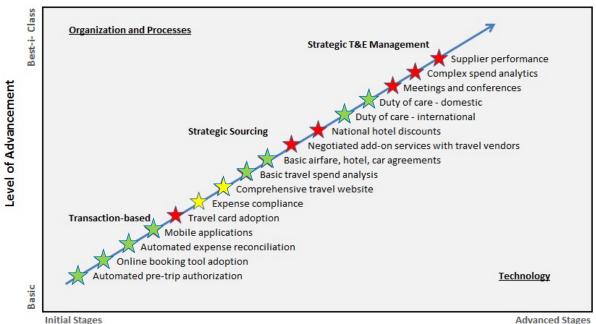






What's Next

- Hired Huron Consulting to help implement new program
- Planning just beginning interviewing stakeholders
- Need testers and travelers to pilot the solution later this year
- Go Live in 2022





Advanced Stages

Questions?



Huron / Concur Implementations

- Since 2015 Concur has helped plan and implement Concur travel solutions at countless universities. The following are a few:
 - UC-San Diego
 - Univ of Colorado
 - Univ of Connecticut
 - Univ of Maryland
 - Penn State University
 - UC Los Angeles
 - Univ of Tennessee
 - Univ of Southern California

- Florida State University
- Purdue University
- Univ of Notre Dame
- Univ of Pittsburgh
- Univ of Oklahoma
- Arizona State Univ
- Princeton University



Good afternoon.

I will keep my comments brief and begin by thanking our committees and their respective chair for the hard work they have already put in. I look forward to hearing the findings and recommendations that you are developing. Please note that time can move fast, so please continue your efforts in earnest.

I realize that we are still operating in times of uncertainty, with much to be determined for what takes place in the fall. Please note, that the Senate has been engaged in these discussions and will continue to provide our feedback and guidance as plans are made.

Finally, I want to encourage all faculty to reach out to their lead senators. The Senate Advisory committee is an extremely valuable resource to better understand the issues that are effecting our faculty throughout the University.

With that, I conclude my report.



1 2 **FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 202102** 3 Policy Committee Approval: May 18, 2021 4 Faculty Senate Consideration: June 8, 2021 5 6 7 **Topic**: "Automatic Extension of Probationary Period due to Placement of Child" 8 9 10 Whereas, Clemson University makes provision for faculty participation in planning, policymaking, and decision-making with regard to academic 11 matters; and 12 13 **Whereas**, the University also provides for such participation in matters of 14 faculty welfare and general university concern; and 15 16 Whereas, the Faculty Manual (Chapter VC3bv(2)(a)) indicates policies 17 18 regarding the extension of the probationary period; and 19 20 Whereas, Policy Committee Report 201914 concluded that changes to the Faculty Manual to clarify the wording that a probationary faculty member 21 could be allowed up to two one-year automatic extensions even for a single 22 instance of birth or placement of a child; and 23 24 Whereas, PCR201914 and its recommendations were accepted by the 25 Faculty Senate on April 13th, 2021; and 26 27 28 Whereas, 9 amendments to the Faculty Manual must be made in order to effect the recommendations of PCR201914; it is 29 **Resolved**, that Chapter VC3bv(2)(a)(i) be amended to **insert** the words 30 "For events including and related to the birth or placement of children in 31 their immediate family," at the beginning of the sentence; and it is 32 33 **Resolved**, that Chapter VC3bv(2)(a)(i) be amended to **strike** the words, "receive up to two automatic one-year extensions of the tenure decision for 34 the birth or placement of a child during their probationary period" and to 35

insert the words, "make written requests to the department chair for

extension of the probationary period."; and it is

postponements of the tenure decision, where each request is for a one-year

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Resolved, that Chapter VC3bv(2)(a)(i) be amended to **insert** the sentence, "The first two such requests shall be automatically granted."; and it is

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Resolved, that Chapter VC3bv(2)(a)(i) be amended to **strike** the word, "however," and begin a new sentence; and it is

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Resolved, that Chapter VC3bv(2)(a)(i) be amended to **strike** the words, "to the department chair and granted upon" and insert the words, "but are subject to", and to **strike** the word, "of" and **insert** the word "by".

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This resolution will become effective upon approval by the Clemson University Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost and its inclusion in the Faculty Manual (2021-2022).

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Final Proposed Language:

- v. Modifications to the probationary period
- (2) Extensions of the probationary period
 - (a) Birth or placement of a child

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(i) For events including and related to the birth or placement of **children in their immediate family, Pprobationary faculty may** receive up to two automatic one-year extensions of the tenure decision for the birth of placement of a child during their probationary period; however, make written requests to the department chair for postponements of the tenure decision, where each request is for a one-year extension of the probationary period. The first two such requests shall be automatically granted. Additional written requests may be submitted to the department chair and granted upon approval, but **are subject to** approval of by the department chair, TPR committee, dean, and Provost.

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These requests must be submitted to the department chair. If the (ii) request for an extension is received between six months before and one year after the date of birth or placement of a child, it is automatically granted, with timely written notification to the Provost and the probationary faculty member by the department chair.

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