ACS June 2026 Board Meeting – DRAFT AGENDA
June 3 & 4, 2026 | Furman University, Greenville, SC

Register for the meeting here.

Hotel: Reserve your room at the The Westin Poinsett, Greenville using this booking link. Please make your reservations by May 15th to ensure availability.

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Campus & Parking Information: An interactive campus map is available here. If needed, parking is available at the Trone Student Center. *From the Trone Student Center, you will walk along the lake through the rose garden to the Trustees' Dining Room. On the attached map, use the lot to the left of #27, then walk to #26.*

Wifi Information:
Furman 101: pending (changes monthly)
Trustee's Dining Room: FU-Guest Network (no password required, just an opt in to access)

Transportation: Rideshares are available to and from the airport. The Furman Trolley will provide rides to/from the Westin and Furman. All other locations included in the agenda are walkable (2 blocks/0.2 miles or less).

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Time	Session Details	Location
Wednesday, June 3rd		
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	**Welcome Lunch and Informal Conversation**	Nose Dive 116 S Main St, Greenville, SC
1:00 – 1:15 PM	*Walk from Nose Dive to Furman 101*	.2 mi/~2 blocks
1:15 – 1:30 PM	**Call to Order – *Elizabeth Davis, Furman, Chair*** • Introductions • Agenda overview	Furman 101 101 N Main St.
1:30 – 2:30 PM	**ACS Organizational Update – *Anna Drake Warshaw, ACS*** • Progress against FY26 goals • 2026-2027 ACS programming • Priorities for FY27	Furman 101 101 N Main St.

2:30 – 3:30 PM	**Session 1: Developing an Institution-Wide AI Strategy: Opportunities & Insights for Small Colleges** ***Dave Dixon, Head of AI Education & Innovation, MIT Open Learning*** Dave will share his perspective and research on what an institution-wide AI strategy might look like – from academic policies to enterprise tools and operational support – and what he sees working well for small colleges like ours. We will discuss what we should be thinking about (or not thinking about) and how we can remain adaptive and nimble as the technology environment changes quickly. *Discussion questions:* • Where is your institution focusing AI efforts? • Who is leading your AI strategy? • What goals are you setting around AI?	Furman 101 101 N Main St.
3:30 – 3:45 PM	**Break & Refreshments**	
3:45 – 4:45 PM	**Session 2: Promoting Civil Discourse in Turbulent Times: Campus Strategies & Collaborative Opportunities** ***Doug Hicks, Davidson College*** Doug will share an overview of the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative and the impact it's had at Davidson, discuss how Davidson is developing its newly launched D.G. & Harriet Wall Martin Institute for Public Good, and share how ACS campuses can engage with Davidson's $4M FIPSE grant to scale the DCI model across 100 institutions. *Discussion questions:* • What discourse initiatives are underway on your campus? Who is leading them? • What impact are you seeing and what are you learning from them? • How can ACS colleagues collaborate to promote constructive dialogue within/across our campuses?	Furman 101 101 N Main St.
4:45 – 5:30 PM	*Transition time (return to Westin & refresh)*	
5:30 PM	*Furman Trolley transportation from Westin to White Oaks*	Westin Poinsett, 120 S. Main St.
6:00 – 6:45 PM	**Cocktail Reception**	White Oaks (President's Home)
6:45 – 8:15 PM	**Dinner & Roundtable Discussion** • What successes are you celebrating this year? • What challenges are you wrestling with? • What are your priorities for next year? • What do you want to learn from this group?	White Oaks
8:15 PM	*Furman Trolley transportation from White Oaks to Westin*	

Thursday, June 4th		
7:45 AM	*Furman Trolley transportation from Westin to Furman* *Bring your luggage for secure storage in Hartness Pavillion.* *If needed, parking is available at the Trone Student Center.*	
8:00 – 8:45 AM	**Breakfast**	Furman Dining Hall
8:45 – 9:30 AM	**Campus Tour** *Golf cart tour highlighting academic buildings, Trone Student Center, and athletic facilities.*	Begin at Dining Hall, end at Trustees' Dining Room
9:30 – 10:30 AM	**Session 3: Market Positioning and Program Prioritization for Southern Liberal Arts Institutions: Process Insights, Findings, and Implementation Strategies** ***Elizabeth Davis*, *Furman University*** ***Karen Peterson*, *Hendrix College*** Elizabeth and Karen will discuss recent market positioning work with Bain and Carnegie and how they are aligning programs and market communication based on data and opportunities. We will discuss process insights and lessons learned from engaging with consultants, faculty, staff, and board, takeaways and how they are communicating them, and sustaining next steps and implementation. *Discussion questions:* • What trends are you seeing in student demand for programs and experiences? • Which programs are you concerned about, excited about, or unsure about in our environment? • How are you adapting or refocusing to maximize resources and resilience?	Trustees' Dining Room
10:30 – 10:45 AM	**Break**	
10:45 – 11:30 AM	**Business Meeting** • January meeting minutes • FY26 year-end financials • Proposed FY27 budget • FY27 fundraising priorities • Executive committee transitions	Trustees' Dining Room
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	**Executive Session** *ACS staff will exit during this time.*	Trustees' Dining Room
12:00 – 1:00 PM	**Lunch**	Paddock
1:00 PM	**Adjourn** *Safe travels*	

The SAA Conference will follow in the Trustees' Dining Room from 1:30pm-5:30pm for those participating.