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University of South Carolina

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 4, 2006

The University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Friday, August 4, 2006, at 2:55 p.m. in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Trustees present were: Mr. Herbert C. Adams, Board Chairman; Mr. Miles Loadholt, Board Vice Chairman; Mr. Arthur S. Bahnmuller; Mr. William L. Bethea Jr.; Mr. John W. Fields; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. Samuel R. Foster, II; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. William W. Jones; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Mr. Michael J. Mungo; Mr. M. Wayne Staton; Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr.; Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr.; Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr.; and Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr. Trustees absent were: Mr. James Bradley; Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr.; Ms. Darla D. Moore; and Mrs. Inez M. Tenenbaum. The faculty representative, Dr. Gene Reeder, and the student representative, Mr. Tommy Preston, were also present.

Others present were: President Andrew A. Sorensen; Secretary Thomas L. Stepp; Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Mark P. Becker; Vice President for Human Resources Jane M. Jameson; Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis A. Pruitt; General Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; Chancellor of USC Beaufort Jane T. Upshaw; Dean of USC Sumter C. Leslie Carpenter; Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Mary Ann Fitzpatrick; Dean of the School of Music Tayloe Harding; Associate Dean for Medical Education and Academic Affairs and Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, Richard A. Hoppmann; Clinical Associate Professor and Associate Dean, South Carolina College of Pharmacy, Wayne E. Buff; Assistant Treasurer Susan D. Hanna; Executive Director of the Alumni Association Marsha A. Cole; Director of the Office of Internal Audit Alton McCoy; Campus Minister, Presbyterian Student Association, the Reverend John Cook; Vice President of the USC Columbia Student Government Association Ryan Holt; President Pro Tempore of the USC Columbia Student Senate Chase Stoudenmire; Member of the S.C. House of Representatives and Associate Professor at USC Salkehatchie William K. Bowers; University Publications Senior Writer Marshall Shanson; Public Information Officer, Office of Media Relations, Karen Petit; Director of Media Relations, Division of University Advancement, Margaret Lamb; Board staff members Terri Saxon, Vera Stone and Karen Tweedy; and members of the media.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and stated that notice of the meeting had been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda and supporting materials had been circulated to the members; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

Chairman Adams welcomed new member, Mr. Bill Bethea, to the Board; he was succeeding Rita McKinney as President of the Alumni Association. Mr. Bethea had served on the Board as the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit representative from 1980-1991. In addition, he had served on a Presidential Search Committee and was a former Chairman of the Academics Affairs Committee. The Executive Committee met earlier today and elected Mr. Bethea to serve on the committees on which Ms. McKinney had previously served until the October meeting of the Board.

Chairman Adams welcomed others and invited Ms. Lamb to introduce members of the media who were in attendance.

Chairman Adams invited Reverend John Cook, Campus Minister, Presbyterian Student Association, to deliver the invocation.

Chairman Adams stated that there were personnel matters relative to Board of Visitors nominations and an appointment with tenure which were appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. Chairman Adams called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Warr so moved. Mr. Bahnmuller seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

The following persons were asked to remain: Dr. Sorensen, Mr. Stepp, Dr. Becker, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Jameson, Dr. Pruitt, Mr. Parham, Ms. Lamb, Mrs. Saxon, Ms. Stone, and Ms. Tweedy.

Return to Open Session

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Adams stated that the following six sets of minutes were circulated by mail to the Board for review and were presented for approval:

- A. Fiscal Policy Committee, June 19, 2006
- B. Academic Affairs & Faculty Liaison Committee, June 19, 2006
- C. Intercollegiate Activities Committee, June 19, 2006
- D. Executive Committee, June 19, 2006
- E. Buildings and Grounds Committee, June 29, 2006
- F. Board of Trustees, June 29, 2006

There were no additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes; therefore, they stood approved as distributed.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Executive Committee  
(The Honorable Herbert C. Adams reported)

The Executive Committee met earlier today. During the meeting, the following contracts were approved: a contract with COMPUSULT, INC. for a one year Microsoft campus license agreement for faculty, staff and students; a contract with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources for a faculty member to perform research activities; continuation and adjustment of an athletics contract with Edward Payne as the USC Upstate head basketball coach; contracts with the Army ROTC and Navy ROTC for University educational services; a contract with Delta Air Lines, Inc. to provide charter services associated with the 2006 football season; an agreement with Pepsi Bottling Group for vending services on the USC Upstate campus; and a contract with the Dorn VA Medical Center for the College of Pharmacy to furnish the services of experienced clinical pharmacy specialists for 60 hours per week.

The following items were approved for recommendation to the Board:

1. Board of Visitors Appointments: Earlier today, Secretary Stepp presented a list for Executive Committee approval of those individuals Board of Trustees' members, the President and the Faculty Senate had nominated to the Board of Visitors. The following names had been considered by the Executive Committee and the Board in Executive Session without objection:

Judicial Circuit Appointees

- New Appointments

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Alec Boyd McLeod, III
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Flora C. Hopkins
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mr. Thad H. Westbrook
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Usha Bridges
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Johnna F. Crowe
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dr. Ben W. Wright Jr.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Jennie O'Bryan
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mr. Richard E. Lester

Members-at-Large New Appointments

- Out-of-state Mr. Donald O. Clark
- In-state Mrs. Elizabeth Henry Warner

Presidential New Appointments

Mr. Wilbur L. Cave  
Mr. Marlon E. Kimpson  
Mrs. Rosylin Atkinson Weston

Faculty Representative

Mr. Robert M. Wilcox

- Reappointments

2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Leonard T. Browder  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mr. August J. Cutter  
6<sup>th</sup> Mr. Joe M. Shaw  
8<sup>th</sup> Mr. A. C. Fennell III  
9<sup>th</sup> Mr. William Bobo Jr.  
13<sup>th</sup> Mr. Reid Sherard  
14<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Rose Buyck Newton

Members-at-Large Reappointments

Out-of-state Mrs. Jennifer Byrd Grier  
In-state Reverend G. Todd Wilson

Presidential Reappointments

Mr. J. Kenneth Allen  
Mr. John Miller  
Mr. Kyle D. Pruitt  
Mr. Robert R. Smith II

Chairman Adams called for a motion to elect those nominated to the Board of Visitors. Mr. Whittle so moved. Mr. Von Lehe seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

2. Correction of South Carolina Reading Initiative Fee for

FY 2006-2007: Chairman Adams reported that during the Executive Committee meeting, Provost Becker explained that the proposed fees for FY 2006-2007 included an increase for the *South Carolina Reading Initiative* which was approved at the June 29, 2006, Board of Trustees meeting as part of the University budget. The increase of this fee was a clerical error and the Administration was asking to continue the fee at the current rate of \$160 per student.

Chairman Adams called for a motion to approve the continuation of the *South Carolina Reading Initiative* fee at the rate of \$160 per student. Mr. Lister so moved. Mr. Mungo seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

3. Amendment of a Request for Appointment to Emeritus Status:

During the June 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting, a request for an appointment to emeritus status was approved for Dr. Donald Blount from USC Aiken. The request should have read that during the upcoming academic year, Dr. Blount's final year of service at the University, his title would be Distinguished Professor. With his retirement on June 30, 2007, that title would change to Distinguished Professor Emeritus.

Chairman Adams called for a motion to approve the amendment of Dr. Blount's appointment to emeritus status as presented. Mr. Warr so moved. Mr. Loadholt seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

4. School of the Environment: The Board of Trustees approved the creation of the School of the Environment in June 1995. The Administration had recommended that the School of the Environment should be reorganized with a director and assistant director and should report to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences effective July 1, 2006. This matter was brought to the Board with the concurrence of the Chair of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee.

Chairman Adams called for a motion to reorganize the School of the Environment as presented. Mr. Whittle so moved. Mr. Wienges seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

5. Appointment with Tenure: An appointment with tenure was mailed with the materials for this meeting. It had received all appropriate approvals and was presented to the Committee and to the Board in Executive Session with the concurrence of the Chair of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee without objection.

Dr. Saundra Glover would be awarded tenure at the rank of Associate Professor in the Arnold School of Public Health effective with her appointment as Associate Professor.

Chairman Adams called for a motion to approve this appointment with tenure as presented. Mr. Bethea so moved. Dr. Floyd seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

B. Removal of Name of Honorary Degree Candidate From Table: Chairman Adams called on Secretary Stepp who requested that the name of Samuel Wright Bodman III be removed from the table as an honorary degree recipient. He was Secretary of the Department of Energy and former Deputy Secretary of the Departments of Treasury and Commerce. Secretary Bodman will speak at the commencement ceremony scheduled for tomorrow and will receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

Chairman Adams called for a motion to remove the name of Samuel Wright Bodman III from the table. Mr. Fields so moved. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

III. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REPORT: Chairman Adams called on Mr. Bethea who remarked that today marked a very special homecoming for him and his wife, Paula, to rejoin this institution. The 11 years that he was privileged to have served on this

Board between 1980 and 1991 were truly memorable times for both of them. Today was an especially unique experience because they had previously served with several of the current members.

Mr. Bethea commented that he was extremely grateful to the Alumni Association for granting him this special opportunity. His recent predecessors, Rita McKinney, Alex Shuford and many others, had set a high standard of service for this position and he would do his very best to live up to that standard.

Mr. Bethea shared highlights of the Alumni Association's activities since the last Board meeting.

Mr. Bethea stated that with the new school year right around the corner, a great deal of focus had been placed on the new students coming to Carolina this fall. Alumni Association Clubs in various cities had been hosting parties for incoming students and their parents so they could get to know each other, become acquainted with the Alumni network and provide answers to questions they may have had as they prepared for the fall semester; these events had been well attended and well received. In July, events were held in Philadelphia, Washington, Greenville, Raleigh, Knoxville, Statesville and Charlotte. In addition, events were scheduled for this weekend in Atlanta and next weekend in High Point, North Carolina.

Mr. Bethea was pleased to report that the Alumni Association had met its goal of 1,300 new student members at orientation this year and was approximately halfway to reaching the yearly goal of 4,500.

On September 8, the Association would welcome a new group of Board members at the fall meeting. For the first time, the Alumni Board would include representatives of University schools and colleges through the new Council of Alumni Societies which had its second meeting scheduled for August 15. Mr. Bethea stated that the Association was very excited about the new representation on its Board and felt that it would be of significant benefit to the Association and the schools and colleges as they strived to better serve alumni.

Mr. Bethea stated that he would continue to have as a high priority the realization of an Alumni Center for Carolina. He looked forward to continuing to work with the Board of Trustees and President Sorensen to try to make meaningful progress toward that priority objective.

Chairman Adams stated that this report was received for information.

IV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Chairman Adams called on President Sorensen who reported that on Wednesday evening Dr. Darrell J. Dernoshek, an Associate Professor in the Spanish Department, had regrettably committed suicide. Dr. Sorensen had attended the funeral earlier today; he requested a moment of silence.

President Sorensen welcomed Mr. Bethea to the Board and stated that he had enjoyed working with him in the past. In addition, he had the pleasure of working with his wife, Paula, who was a member of the panel that allocated the monies from the lottery for the endowed chairs; she was a powerful supporter of the University.

President Sorensen stated that the University had anticipated announcing a

capital campaign during the Summer of 2008. Leadership dinners had been held around the country and the enthusiasm for the University was palpable and growing. Of particular interest was the Carnegie Corporation's designation of Carolina as one of the top 62 public research universities in the United States among hundreds of research higher education institutions.

President Sorensen noted that Dr. Jack Pratt, the new dean of the Law School was off to a great start. He had been meeting with members of the South Carolina Bar throughout the state and alumni of the Law School from other parts of the country. He was pleased to report that the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test) scores for the class beginning this fall were the highest in the history of that school. President Sorensen characterized Dean Pratt as a very congenial, intelligent and creative leader and was confident that he would do a wonderful job.

Finally, President Sorensen commented that he and his wife, Donna, were hosting a reception for all of the graduates and their families at 3:30 p.m. this afternoon.

Chairman Adams stated that this report was received for information.

Since there were no other matters to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp  
Secretary