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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Student-Trustee Liaison Committee

September 14, 2006

The Student-Trustee Liaison Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Thursday, September 14, 2006, at 12:15 p.m. in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Members present were: Mr. Miles Loadholt, Senior Member, Presiding; Mr. William W. Jones, Jr.; Mr. M. Wayne Staton; Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr.; and Mr. Herbert C. Adams, Board Chairman. Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr. and Dr. C. Edward Floyd were absent. Other Trustees present were: Mr. Arthur S. Bahnmuller; Mr. William L. Bethea, Jr.; Mr. James Bradley; Mr. John W. Fields; Mr. Samuel R. Foster II; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr.; and Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.

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 Research and Health Sciences Harris Pastides; Vice President for Human Resources Jane M. Jameson; Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis A. Pruitt; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer William F. Hogue; Vice Provost and Executive Dean for Regional Campuses and Continuing Education Chris P. Plyler; Legal Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; Director of Student Development, Student Health, and University Housing, Division of Student Affairs, Gene Luna; Faculty Representative, C. Eugene Gene Reeder; Associate Dean for Student Services, USC Salkehatchie, Jane Brewer; Director of Academics and Student Support Services, Division of Regional Campuses and Continuing Education, David Hunter; Associate Professor, USC Lancaster, Noni Bohonak; Director of Student Life, USC Lancaster, Tracey Craig; Director of Student Life, USC Sumter, Shannon Mewborn; Director of University Communications, Division of University Advancement, Russ McKinney, Jr.

Student Government Association (SGA) representatives present were: USC Aiken: President Brenn Hartley; USC Beaufort: President Johnathan Lucky, Vice President Jeremiah Glenn, and Treasurer Reginald Thompkins; USC Columbia: President Tommy Preston and Treasurer Jennifer Guest; USC Lancaster: Sophomore Representative Cesar Alvarez and Freshman Representative Greg LaFlame; USC Salkehatchie: President Christopher Lambert and Parliamentarian Emily Peeler; USC Sumter: Vice President Kim Singleton; USC Union: President Christa Bowers, Vice President Richard Burgess, and Secretary/Treasurer Tyler Shugart; and USC Upstate: President Michael Berry.

I. Small Group Discussions over Lunch

Prior to the meeting, a luncheon was held and students had the opportunity to talk with Trustees and University officials at individual tables.

Following the luncheon, Chairman Loadholt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He invited Board members, administrators, and others in attendance to introduce themselves. Mr. McKinney stated that no members of the media were in attendance.

Chairman Loadholt stated that the agenda had been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda had been circulated to Committee members; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

II. Update of Health Carolina 2010 Initiatives

Chairman Loadholt called on Dr. Gene Luna who explained that USC was the first University nationwide to consider broadly based health initiatives seriously. That led to the creation of the Health Carolina Initiatives Program and to the designation of a director of Healthy Carolina.

Dr. Luna introduced Michelle Burcin, Director, and Debbie Beck Director of Student Health Services. They explained that Healthy Carolina was a campus-wide initiative established to promote a campus environment that encourages the development and maintenance of a healthy body, mind and spirit through the collaborative development, promotion and assessment of a wide-ranging array of programs, services and research for all students, faculty, and staff at the University. They outlined the major components of the program.

Chairman Loadholt stated that the report was received as information.

III. Brief Reports from Campuses

Chairman Loadholt called on each of the campuses to provide a brief update of their campus activities.

A. USC Aiken: President Hartley reported that, once again, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked USC Aiken the top public comprehensive college in the South in its 2007 college guide. It was the only school in their category to consistently be rated in the top three.

For the third consecutive year, the USC Aiken Golf Team won the National Collegiate Athletics Association Division II Championship.

In addition, this year's freshman class was the largest in the school's history, and the increased enrollment had created a waiting list for admission.

The new Convocation Center, a 4,000 seat arena, was expected to open in March.

B. USC Beaufort: President Lucky reported that both enrollment and on-campus housing had increased. The campus was in the process of developing, and passing a Student Government Constitution.

C. USC Columbia: President Preston reported that the SGA was working with Healthy Carolina, especially on the new smoking policy. He said that students not only supported the new smoking policy to limit smoking on campus but also wanted

to expand it. Further, they supported the City of Columbia's non-smoking initiatives.

President Preston stated that they were also working on addressing the high cost of text books, and that they had established an "Eat-in/Speak-out" program to provide students an opportunity to meet with legislative leaders on issues that affect students. Last year, more than 20 former SGA Presidents met on campus and, as a result, Student Government was forming a "Leadership Institute" that would be comprised of former SGA Presidents.

D. USC Lancaster: Sophomore Representative Alvarez reported that the SGA recently held their annual "Back to School Bash," and were focusing on student fellowship activities.

E. USC Salkehatchie: President Lambert reported they had a new Nursing Program and a Technology Support and Training Management Program. The Education program continued to be a strong program with 81 students enrolled this year. Three new athletics teams were established this semester: Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball. The Baseball team, which was re-established last semester, won its conference championship.

F. USC Sumter: Vice President Singleton reported that student enrollment had increased; they were excited about the reopening of their food court, which had been closed for three years; and they were currently considering intercollegiate sports.

G. USC Union: President Bowers reported that as a "commuter-campus" they were working to attract students to campus events. Enrollment had increased and the SGA leaders were working to improve student retention and involve more students in the SGA.

H. USC Upstate: President Berry reported that their enrollment had increased and that the Fall freshman class was the largest in the school's history. He also stated that they had a very active SGA, and he listed their planned activities.

Chairman Loadholt thanked the SGA representatives for their informative reports and stated they were received as information.

He called on Dr. Sorensen who explained that the University had received the American Red Cross award for establishing and staffing a triage center for Hurricane Katrina evacuees, at which 2100 people were processed. The award also recognized the University blood drives held system-wide. For the past five years the University had collected more pints of blood than Clemson in the annual competition.

IV. Adjournment

There being no other matters to come before the Committee, Chairman Loadholt declared the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary