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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Student-Trustee Liaison Committee

November 16, 2006

The Student-Trustee Liaison Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Thursday, November 16, 2006, at 12:30 p.m. in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Members present were: Mr. William W. Jones, Jr., Chairman; Mr. William L. Bethea, Jr.; Mr. John W. Fields; Mr. M. Wayne Staton; Mr. Herbert C. Adams, Board Chairman; and Mr. Miles Loadholt, Board Vice Chairman. Members absent were: Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr.; and Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr. Other Trustees present were: Mr. Arthur S. Bahnmuller and Mr. Toney J. Lister.

Others present were: President Andrew A. Sorensen; Secretary Thomas L. Stepp; 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 Campus Recreation Herbert Camp; USC Beaufort, Director of Athletic Development Kim Abbott and Assistant Director of Athletic Development Larry Kimball; Associate Director of Campus Recreation for Programs Kim Dozier; USC Lancaster, Student Government Association (SGA) Advisor Tracey Craig and Director of Student Life Noni Bohonak; USC Sumter, SGA Advisor Shannon Mewborn; USC Upstate, Dean of Students Laura D. Puckett-Boler; Director of Government Affairs & Legislative Liaison John D. Gregory; Director of University Communications, Division of University Advancement, Russ McKinney, Jr.; and Board staff members Terri Saxon, Vera Stone and Karen Tweedy.

Student Government Association (SGA) representatives present were: USC Aiken: President Brenn Hartley; USC Beaufort: President Johnathan Lucky and Treasurer Reginald Thompkins; USC Columbia: President Tommy Preston; and student representatives Tia Milligan and Rebecca Zorch. USC Lancaster: President Mark Santana; USC Salkehatchie: President Christopher Lambert and Vice President Anthony Holmes; USC Sumter: President Kim Singleton; USC Union: Vice President Richard Burgess and Secretary/Treasurer Tyler Shugart; and USC Upstate: President

Michael Berry, Vice President Sarah Branch, Secretary Marletha Booker, Treasurer Tyra Bryant and Freshman President Ashley Cherry.

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 Jones 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 Jones 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. Student Participation Trends in Campus Recreation, Intramurals, Group Exercise, Sport Clubs, and Informal Recreation: Chairman Jones called on Ms. Milligan and Ms. Zorch. Ms. Tia Milligan stated that she was a fifth year Sport and Entertainment Management major and that she worked with the Intramurals program as a Score Keeper, a Supervisor, an Official and as an Office Assistant.

Ms. Rebecca Zorch introduced herself and stated that she was a second year graduate student majoring in Library Science. She had also received certification to teach group fitness.

A. Campus Recreation: Ms. Milligan stated that the Office of Campus Recreation provided appropriate recreational and fitness opportunities for the Carolina community. Campus Recreation operated two facilities on campus, the Solomon Blatt Physical Education Center and the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center. Ms Milligan stated that through these two facilities, Campus Recreation was able to provide excellent formal and informal programs. Currently, over 750,000 visits had been made to the Campus Recreation facilities.

B. Group Exercise: Ms. Milligan stated that some of the popular programs included the Intramural Sports and Group Exercise programs. The Group Exercise program currently offered over 70 different classes each week. Yoga, cycling, and pilates were a few of the classes offered and these classes accommodated all fitness levels from beginner to expert. She stated that the vast majority of class instructors were Carolina students who had been trained through Campus Recreation Programs. During this semester, approximately 1,200 students participated in the Group Exercise programs; a 50 percent increase from last year.

C. Intramurals Sports Program: The Intramural Sports program offered a variety of leagues and tournaments; some of the more popular events were

flag football, basketball, and softball. Students, faculty, and staff could compete in leagues of varying skill levels. The programs were supervised and officiated by Carolina students.

The Blatt field renovation project was completed this semester and as a result there was a record number of flag football teams (167). The completion of the Wellness Center fields would result in higher participation levels in other intramural sports as well.

D. Sports Clubs: USC currently had 28 sport clubs ranging from martial arts to rugby to scuba diving. The newest sport club was the Carolina Table Tennis Club. The purpose of the sport club program was to introduce students to recreational activities that they had not been exposed to, and to give them the opportunity to meet students who had similar interests. Club members were also given the opportunity to compete against other collegiate teams in the region.

Ms. Milligan stated that the field project would give many more clubs the opportunity to practice and compete. Previously, clubs had practiced off-campus, with a very limited schedule.

Ms. Milligan stated that Campus Recreation offered a variety of other programs that were unstructured, which allowed students flexibility to participate whenever their schedule permitted. Some of the programs were:

1. Aquatics: Campus Recreation maintained three swimming pools (an olympic sized pool at the Solomon Blatt Physical Education Center, and indoor and outdoor recreation pools at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center). The pools were open in excess of 100 hours each week. Some of the activities included: water exercise, lap swimming, water polo, and water basketball. In addition, students had the opportunity to earn lifeguard and SCUBA certifications.

2. Strength and Conditioning: The Solomon Blatt Physical Education Center and the Strom Thurmond Wellness Center offered over 30,000 square feet of training space with over 100 pieces of cardiovascular training equipment and 150 strength training stations. Fifty pieces of the cardio equipment had individual viewing screens attached which allowed the user to play a DVD, listen to a CD, or watch TV.

E. Outdoor Recreation: Ms. Zorch stated that one of the highlights of the Wellness Center was the 54 foot high climbing wall. The design of the wall allowed for over 50 different routes to be laid out so that the wall could challenge climbers with any level of skill. She stated that, through a partnership with the University 101 program, over 80% of this year's freshman class would climb the wall.

Campus Recreation also provided an outdoor recreation resource center and outdoor equipment rental. Outdoor trips were scheduled for students and ranged from kayaking the Saluda River to backpacking the Smokey Mountains as well as canoeing the Okefenokee Swamp.

F. Court Sports: Ms. Zorch stated that Campus Recreation provided students with nine multipurpose indoor courts which could accommodate basketball and volleyball; one court was designed for indoor soccer and floor hockey. In addition, there were 10 racquetball courts, 4 squash courts and 3 tennis courts.

In closing, Ms. Zorch stated that Campus Recreation provided the students stress relief and the skills to maintain healthy lifestyles. The program had a positive effect on recruitment and retention efforts and was a point of distinction for the University.

The chairman reported that the report was received as information.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary