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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Executive Committee

February 10, 2004

The Executive Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met via telephone conference call on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at 3:30 p.m. The call was generated from Room 206B of the Osborne Administration Building.

Members present were: Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr., Chairman; Mr. Herbert C. Adams; Mr. James Bradley; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; and Mr. William C. Hubbard. Mr. Michael J. Mungo was absent.

Others present were: President Andrew A. Sorensen; Secretary Thomas L. Stepp; and Director of the Office of University Communications, Division of University Advancement, Russ McKinney, Jr.

Chairman Whittle called the meeting to order and invited Board members to introduce themselves. Mr. McKinney indicated that no members of the press were in attendance. Chairman Whittle 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 members of the Committee; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

There were personnel matters relative to foundation board appointments which were appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. Chairman Whittle called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Bradley so moved, and Mr. Adams seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

The following persons were invited to remain: Dr. Sorensen, Mr. Stepp, Mr. McKinney, and Ms. Tweedy.

Return to Open Session

I. Review of Agenda - February 12 Meeting of Board of Trustees: Chairman Whittle called on Secretary Stepp who reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, February 12th. He explained that Dr. Larry Faulkner would present a significant report regarding Basic Science Education Collaboration with MUSC; Dr. William Hogue, Chief Information Officer at the University, would provide a brief overview of the institutional Information Technology Strategic Plan; and a representative from Noel-Levitz would summarize findings and conclusions following an extensive Enrollment Management review of the Columbia campus. President Sorensen will deliver his report at the Joint Boards Retreat which was scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Members of the Executive Committee engaged in an extensive discussion of issues surrounding the topic of enrollment management. Because of the significant number of admission applications which had been received for the Fall 2004 semester, it was decided to schedule a special Board of Trustees meeting before the end of February to specifically discuss the pros and cons of increasing the size of the upcoming freshman class. Secretary Stepp will contact members to determine a suitable date.

II. Construction Adjustments to Board Room: Secretary Stepp indicated that pending renovations in the Carolina Plaza for the Arnold School of Public Health would result in the loss of the Ballroom across the hallway from the Board Room; this area was traditionally used as a dining area during meetings of the Board of Trustees. A small dining room was proposed in the Board Room where the gallery seating was currently located; the large podium which the Senate had used will be removed to accommodate gallery seating. An appropriate memorial will be erected to commemorate the use of this room as the former Senate Chamber during the renovation of the State House.

Secretary Stepp further noted that beginning July 1, the Board of Trustees will lose this meeting space for approximately one year as renovations were performed throughout the building.

III. Review of Agenda - Joint Boards Planning Retreat: Secretary Stepp reviewed the itinerary of the Joint Boards Retreat which was scheduled for Thursday and Friday, February 12-13. Of note was President Sorensen's introductory speech entitled "Shaping USC's Future"; he will address the academic, budget and legislative challenges facing the University as well as discuss a proposed Palmetto College.

On Friday, Mr. Rick Kelly, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will present an update of the Facilities Master Plan for the Columbia Campus; Dr. Harris Pastides, Vice President for Research and Health Sciences, will moderate two panels

of individuals who will focus on topics related to Research and the Research Campus and Economic Development; in the afternoon, a panel of students will discuss Carolina: A Student's Perspective; and President Sorensen will close the session with his remarks about the Vision for the University of South Carolina.

Since there were no other matters to come before the Committee, Chairman Whittle declared the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary