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Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee

June 8, 2007

The Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Thursday, June 8, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Members present were: Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr., Chairman; Mr. William L. Bethea, Jr.; Mr. James Bradley; Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr.; Mr. Samuel R. Foster, II; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. Herbert C. Adams, Board Chairman; and Mr. Miles Loadholt, Board Vice Chairman. Ms. Darla D. Moore and Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr. were absent.

Other Trustees present were: Mr. John W. Fields; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Mr. Michael J. Mungo; Mr. M. Wayne Staton; Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr.; and Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.

Faculty Liaison Committee representatives present were: Dr. C. Eugene Reeder, Chair of the Faculty Senate; Dr. Robert Best, School of Medicine, Faculty Senate Chair-Elect; and Dr. Andrew Gowan, Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee. Dr. Marja Warehime, Chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee; Dr. Kathleen Fritz, Continuing Education, Chair of Regional Campuses Faculty Senate; and Dr. Pamela Cooper, USC Beaufort, Senior Campuses representative were absent.

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 Affairs Harris Pastides; Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Richard W. Kelly; Vice President for Human Resources Jane M. Jameson; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Academic Support Dennis A. Pruitt; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer William F. Hogue; Vice Provost and Executive Dean of Regional Campuses and Continuing Education Chris P. Plyler; Vice President for University Advancement Brad Choate; Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Affairs William T. Moore; Vice Provost for Faculty Development Christine Curtis; General Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; University of South Carolina Campus Dean for the South Carolina College of Pharmacy Randall C. Rowen; Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, USC Upstate, Reginald Avery; Chancellor of USC Aiken Thomas L. Hallman; Dean of USC Lancaster John Catalano; Vice Chancellor

for Business Affairs, USC Upstate, Robert Connelly; Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences Mary Anne Fitzpatrick; Director of Athletics Eric Hyman; Associate Vice President for Finance and Personnel, Division of Student Affairs, Stacey Bradley; Associate Vice President of Marketing and Communications Gary Snyder; Budget Director Leslie Brunelli; Controller Patrick Lardner; Assistant Treasurer Susan D. Hanna; Chief Financial Officer, USC Research Foundation, Edward Walton; Director of Governmental and Community Relations Shirley Mills; Director of Government Affairs and Legislative Liaison Johnny D. Gregory; Associate Director of Government Affairs and Legislative Liaison Casey Martin; Director of University Communications, Division of University Advancement, Russ McKinney, Jr.; Board staff members Terri Saxon, Vera Stone and Karen Tweedy; and a member of the media.

Chairman von Lehe called the meeting to order and invited those Board members present to introduce themselves. Mr. McKinney introduced the member of the media in attendance.

Chairman von Lehe 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 Committee; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

Chairman von Lehe stated that there were personnel matters dealing with recommendations for honorary faculty titles, tenure and promotion, and appointments with tenure which were appropriate for discussion in Executive Session.

Chairman von Lehe called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Bradley so moved. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

The following individuals were invited to remain: President Sorensen, Secretary Stepp, Dr. Becker, Dr. Pastides, Dr. Moore, Mr. Kelly, Dr. Hogue, Mr. Choate, Dr. Pruitt, Ms. Jameson, Dr. Plyler, Mr. Parham, Mr. Gregory, Ms. Martin, Mr. McKinney, Ms. Brunelli, Ms. Mills, Mrs. Saxon, Ms. Stone, and Ms. Tweedy.

Return to Open Session

I. Program Proposal: Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology and Criminal Justice - College of Arts and Sciences, USC Columbia:

Chairman von Lehe called on Dr. Koons-Witt, Graduate Director, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. She explained the need for the program by citing statistics and noted that more positions were available in this field than there were qualified candidates.

Mr. Adams questioned the funding required to implement the program and Dr. Koons-Witt responded that current resources would be utilized, while maintaining all existing programs.

Mr. Buyck moved approval of the Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology and Criminal Justice - College of Arts and Sciences, USC Columbia as described in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

II. USC Columbia Faculty Manual Changes:

Chairman von Lehe called on Dr. Becker who stated that there were three *Faculty Manual* changes for consideration, none of which were significant. Two of the changes dealt with membership on faculty committees. The third change was a clarification of the rules by which a faculty member was considered for promotion or tenure.

Mr. Buyck moved to approve the USC Columbia *Faculty Manual* Changes as presented in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

III. University Campuses Faculty Manual Changes:

Chairman von Lehe called on Dr. Plyler who stated that the first change in the "Criteria for Tenure and Promotion - Additional Considerations" section clarified an inconsistency regarding "de facto tenure."

The second change was the addition of language to strengthen the "Tenure and Promotion Process" by adding an external peer review procedure.

The third change included language to be consistent with the Columbia manual, to clarify that there can be no faculty romantic relationships with students.

Dr. Sorensen commended Dr. Plyler and Dr. Becker for getting all of the two-year campuses to concur in the standards so that there would be uniformity across all the campuses.

Mr. Hubbard moved to approve the USC University Campuses *Faculty Manual* changes as presented in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Mr. Stepp noted that normally faculty manual changes were brought before the Board in June and December. However, current work on extensive changes to the four-year campus manuals would most likely be ready for the Board's August meeting.

IV. Other Matters:

Dr. Sorensen reported that Academic Analytics' June 5th "Rank Order of Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index of Ph.D. Programs in Selected Research Universities," showed that USC had more productive faculty and Ph.D. programs than Texas A & M, Tulane University, Louisiana State University, University of Georgia, University of Alabama, Auburn University, and Clemson University. This report provided proof of how the University has improved in the past years through its hiring of endowed chairholders and very bright faculty.

Mr. Buyck stated that a number of years ago USC reduced the number of its graduate programs and asked if the current 41 programs was back to the original number, prior to the cuts. Dr. Sorensen told Mr. Buyck that he would get an answer to his question.

Mr. Wienges stated that at the last Academic Affairs Committee meeting on April 3rd, there was discussion about the "high number of out-of-state students." He understood that discussion was to continue in this meeting. Chairman von Lehe responded that since that meeting he, Mr. Adams, Mr. Wienges, Dr. Becker, Dr. Pruitt, Mr. Stepp, and others met by phone on the issue.

Mr. Adams clarified that following that phone conversation there were still some unanswered questions such as "How many of our out-of-state students are on scholarship, therefore paying a lesser tuition?"

Mr. Stepp explained that it was his understanding that, through Dr. Becker, work would be done to address the unanswered questions this summer, and that following receipt of fall admission data, a comprehensive report would be prepared.

Mr. Adams recommended that answers to the questions be provided to the Committee at their next meeting in September, and there were no objections.

Chairman von Lehe thanked everyone for their support during the illness and at the time of the death of his wife, Harriet.

Since there were no other matters to come before the Committee, Chairman von Lehe declared the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary