The Executive Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, July 19, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 206B of the Osborne Administration Building. Members present were: Mr. Herbert C. Adams, Chairman; Mr. Miles Loadholt, Vice Chairman; Mr. James Bradley; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; and Mr. Michael J. Mungo. Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr. was absent. Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr. was also present.

Others present were: President Andrew A. Sorensen; Secretary Thomas L. Stepp; Vice President for University Advancement T.W. Hudson Akin; General Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; Chancellor of USC Beaufort Jane T. Upshaw; Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, USC Upstate, Reginald Avery; Senior Director of Advancement Administration, Division of University Advancement, J. Cantey Heath, Jr.; Assistant Vice President of University Development Michelle Dodenhoff; Public Information Officer, Office of Media Relations, Karen Petit; and Assistants to the Secretary, Office of the Board of Trustees, Barbara R. Salmons and Vera Stone.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and invited Board members to introduce themselves. There were no members of the media in attendance.

Chairman Adams 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.

Chairman Adams stated that there was a personnel matter relative to an appointment with tenure and a contractual matter relative to naming opportunities which were appropriate for discussion in Executive Session.

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

The following persons were invited to remain: Dr. Sorensen, Mr. Stepp, Mr. Parham, Dr. Avery, Dr. Upshaw, Ms. Salmons and Ms. Stone.
I. Appointment with Tenure: Chairman Adams called on Dr. Avery who was requesting Committee approval of the appointment of Dr. Marsha Dowell as Professor with tenure at USC Upstate. Dr. Dowell will serve as the new Dean of the Mary Black School of Nursing. Dr. Dowell served from 1977 to 2005 as Associate Dean and Associate Professor of the College of Nursing, University of Alabama in Huntsville. She had an extensive record of teaching, research, and service, including grant writing experience, numerous publications and academic honors.

With the Executive Committee acting on behalf of the full Board of Trustees, Mr. Mungo moved approval of the appointment with tenure as presented. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion. The roll was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

II. Naming Opportunities: Secretary Stepp reported that the following three gift naming opportunities, in conjunction with appropriate donations, had been received and were recommended by the Gift Naming Opportunities Committee earlier today; the three naming opportunities were presented to the Executive Committee in Executive Session without objection.

A. “Osher Lifelong Learning Institute” - USC Beaufort: This contribution from the Bernard Osher Foundation will support the lifelong learning program at USC Beaufort.

Mr. Mungo moved approval of this gift naming opportunity as presented with the Executive Committee acting on behalf of the full Board. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion. The roll was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. “Carole Ray Dowling Health Services Center” - USC Lancaster:

The Carole Ray Dowling Foundation had contributed this gift to the USC Lancaster Educational Foundation. In addition, the University Baptist Church had disbanded and donated their property to USC Lancaster.

Mr. Bradley moved approval of this gift naming opportunity as presented with the Executive Committee acting on behalf of the full Board. Mr. Loadholt seconded the motion. The roll was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

C. “Charles F. Denny Classroom” - USC Sumter: USC Sumter was requesting approval to name classroom 110B in the Science Building as the result of a gift from Dr. Hendrikus E. and Mrs. Margaret W. van Bulck.

Mr. Loadholt moved approval of this gift naming opportunity as presented with the Executive Committee acting on behalf of the full Board. Mr. Mungo seconded the motion. The roll was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

III. Contracts Valued in Excess of $250,000:

A. Synopsis Inc.: Mr. Parham reported that the University had received a software gift from Synopsis Inc; the University would receive 50
licenses. The high frequency electronic software would be used by USC researchers and students to study electronic systems and circuits as well as to assist in research and development of enhanced cell phones, communications equipment, wireless networks and military application. The software was valued at $1,050,000 which included maintenance of equipment for one year.

Mr. Bradley moved approval of the contract as presented. Mr. Mungo seconded the motion. The roll was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Ansoft Corporation: Mr. Parham reported that this corporation had donated 25 fee licenses, valued at $4,437,562.50, for the use of High Frequency Bundle of software which would allow researchers and students to model electromagnetic fields in order to predict high frequency performance in cell phones and microwave ovens; the state-of-the-art software had very limited availability. The University would not incur any expenditures and the software would give students a “leg up” in the job market.

Mr. Bradley moved approval of the contract as presented. Mr. Mungo seconded the motion. The roll was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Other Matters: Mr. Mungo recommended that Secretary Stepp send an expression of the Board’s appreciation to both companies for their generous gifts. In addition, he recommended that the Board adopt a policy in the future to send appreciations to all companies who make contributions of this magnitude to the University. The Committee concurred and Secretary Stepp stated that he would prepare and send appropriate encomiums to the companies on behalf of the Board.

Since there were no other matters to come before the Committee, Chairman Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary