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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Executive Committee

September 9, 2005

The Executive Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Friday, September 9, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. in Osborne Building Room 206-B.

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

Others present were: President Andrew A. Sorensen; Secretary Thomas L. Stepp; Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Richard W. Kelly; Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis A. Pruitt; General Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; Chancellor of USC Upstate John C. Stockwell; and Director of University Communications, Division of University Advancement, Russ McKinney, Jr.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence in memory of Board member Robert N. McLellan who had recently died. Secretary Stepp called the roll because of telephone participation and Mr. McKinney indicated that no members of the media were 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.

There was a contractual matter relative to an agreement with Greenville Tech which was appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. Chairman Adams called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Bradley so moved and 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. Kelly, Dr. Pruitt, Mr. Parham, Dr. Stockwell, Mr. McKinney, Ms. Stone and Ms. Tweedy.

Return to Open Session

I. Transient Student Fee Schedule for Hurricane Katrina Students:

Chairman Adams called on Mr. Kelly who stated that under the direction of President Sorensen a team had been working tirelessly to identify ways in which the University could assist the Hurricane Katrina evacuees. During a series of meetings which had included Dr. Dennis Pruitt, Vice President for Student Affairs; Mr. Terry Parham, General Counsel; Mr. Hudson Akin, Vice President for University Advancement; Dr. Mark Becker, Provost; Dr. Harris Pastides, Vice President for Research and Health Sciences; and Mr. Kelly, a fee schedule for transient students from institutions of higher learning in those areas affected by the hurricane had been discussed.

Under consideration was the possibility of offering to them tuition which would mirror the in state rates for the current fiscal year; these rates had been approved by the Board of Trustees during the June 23, 2005, meeting and would apply only for the Fall 2005 semester. Beyond that timeframe, if any wished to remain at the University, following the normal admissions process would be required. For the fall semester, registration in space available classes only would be offered "to keep their education rolling until December 2005." Housing and meal plan costs will be prorated accordingly; these rates did not distinguish between in state and out of state.

President Sorensen noted that anticipated was a strong possibility that the federal government would reimburse the University for the differences in expenses incurred to accommodate these students. Mr. Kelly also remarked that the University's efforts were largely paralleling other institutions around the country; although a few states with strong executive leadership had offered free tuition to Katrina evacuees.

Also requested was deferment of the payment of these fees at a no interest rate until May 2006; the University was asking the students to sign a promissory note.

Mr. Bradley moved approval, on behalf of the full Board, of the Transient Student Fee Schedule for Hurricane Katrina students on behalf of the full Board. Mr. Loadholt seconded the motion. Secretary Stepp called the roll, and the motion carried. Chairman Adams stated that on behalf of the full Board of Trustees of the University of South Carolina, the Executive Committee was approving this fee schedule.

II. Agreement with Greenville Tech: Chairman Adams recognized President Sorensen who iterated that before the Committee was a proposal with Greenville Tech for USC to receive property from this institution. The University intended to

construct at least one building on that site in order to offer upper division academic programs which will be operated and managed by USC Upstate.

The agreement provided that Greenville Tech would transfer the title to land currently located on that campus to the University for the construction of a facility and, hopefully, additional ones in the future - to be used to offer upper division courses to students in the Greenville area. In order for Greenville Tech to provide the land, the University agreed not to offer other lower division courses in that same facility which may conflict or compete with those being offered by that institution.

In order to guarantee this promise, the following provision will be added: under III: RESPONSIBILITIES OF GTC., Paragraph 1 at the very end: "Ownership of the real property and the improvements thereon will revert to GTC in the event USC ceases to use the property for the purposes outlined herein, subject to GTC compensating USC for the costs and expenses incurred by USC in making improvements to or constructing improvements on the real property."

Mr. Whittle moved approval, on behalf of the full Board, to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between the University of South Carolina and Greenville Technical College. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion. Secretary Stepp called the roll to affirm the vote, which was unanimous, and the motion passed.

Chairman Adams informed Committee members that a Board Retreat had been scheduled for Sunday, January 8, 2006 - Monday, January 9; nineteen trustees had indicated that they would be able to attend at that time. He asked everyone to mark their calendars for those dates.

Since there were no other matters to come before the Committee, Chairman Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary