The Intercollegiate Activities Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Friday, February 18, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. in the Campus Room of Capstone House.

Members present were: Mr. Samuel R. Foster, II, Chairman; Mr. Arthur S. Bahnmuller; Mr. James Bradley; Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr.; Mr. Miles Loadholt; Mr. Robert N. McLellan; Mr. Michael J. Mungo; Mr. M. Wayne Staton; Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.; and Mr. Herbert C. Adama, Board Chairman. Members absent were: Mr. William C. Hubbard and Mr. Toney J. Lister. Other Trustees present were: Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. William W. Jones, Jr.; Ms. Rita M. McKinney; Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr.; and Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr.

Others present were: President Andrew A. Sorensen; Secretary Thomas L. Stepp; Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Richard W. Kelly; Vice President for University Advancement T. W. Hudson Akin; Vice President for Human Resources Jane M. Jameson; Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis A. Pruitt; Legal Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; Director of Athletics Michael B. McGee; Chancellor of USC Beaufort Jane T. Upshaw; Dean of USC Lancaster John Catalano; Senior Associate Athletics Director for Business and Development, Department of Athletics, Brad Edwards; Chief Financial Officer in the Department of Athletics, Shawn Eichorst; Associate Dean for Research, Arnold School of Public Health, Russell R. Pate; Assistant Treasurer Susan D. Hanna; Moore School of Business Professor William O. Bearden; University Legislative Liaison John D. Gregory; Director of University Communications, Division of University Advancement Russ McKinney, Jr.; and members of the media.

Chairman Foster called the meeting to order and invited those present to introduce themselves. Mr. McKinney introduced members of the media who were in attendance. Chairman Foster 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.
I. Athletics Director’s Report: Chairman Foster called on Dr. McGee who reported that all of the student athletes were required to complete a minimum of ten hours of community service during the off season of their sport. In Fall 2004, students had completed a total of 2,250 service hours.

Dr. McGee commented that the Southeastern conference had levied a $5,000 fine against the University for fans entering the court at the conclusion of the Kentucky basketball game; the penalty for a second occurrence would be a $25,000 fine. Dr. McGee stated that the policy was necessary to ensure the safety of athletes, staff, visiting teams, their staff and officials in all sports.

Dr. McGee stated that a report had been provided to the NCAA regarding restoration of eligibility for six athletes; the offense was deemed to be a secondary violation in nature. The athletes would remain ineligible to play for another three games before their eligibility status was restored.

Dr. McGee noted that it had been requested to raise the bond cap for the Athletics Department from $40 million to $60 million. Projects under consideration included a baseball stadium and acquisition of the Farmers Market and ETV properties; the North End Zone project was not included in this figure. Dr. McGee commented that if the Farmers Market was acquired by the University and the Olympic sports venues moved to that location, private funds would be needed to support the various sports.

Dr. McGee deferred comments regarding the baseball stadium to Rick Kelly.

Dr. McGee indicated that there were several alternatives for the use of the ETV property, if acquired, and that half of the property could potentially be used for Sports Medicine. He also noted that Angus McBryde was stepping aside as the Medical Director of the Athletics Department and that Jeffrey Guy would fill the position.

Mr. Mungo asked if basketball tickets prices had been raised. Dr. McGee advised that the “low-end” ($24.00) tickets had been raised to $25.00; all conference tickets had been increased to $30.00. The ticket price for the Carolina/Clemson game was $40.00.

Mr. Foster stated that this report was received as information.

II. Other Matters: Athletics Director’s Search: President Sorensen stated that he had received three dozen unsolicited expressions of interest in the Athletic Director’s position. The majority had come from Athletic Directors at Division I-A nationally known universities. Internally, President Sorensen had interviewed Coach Steve Tanner and Associate Athletics Director Chris Massaro; next week he would interview Associate Athletics Director Brad Edwards.
There were no other matters to come before the Committee, and Chairman Foster declared the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary