The Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Thursday, June 19, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Members present were: Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr., Chairman; Mr. James Bradley; Mr. John W. Fields; Mr. Samuel R. Foster, II; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr.; Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.; Mr. Herbert C. Adams, Board Chairman; and Mr. Miles Loadholt, Board Vice Chairman. Ms. Darla D. Moore was absent. Other Trustees present were: Ms. Rita M. McKinney; Mr. M. Wayne Staton; and Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr.

Faculty Liaison Committee members present were: Dr. C. Eugene Reeder, Chair of the Faculty Senate; Dr. Judith Alexander, Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee; and Dr. Noni Bohonak, USC Lancaster, Regional Campuses Representative. Dr. Marja Warhime, Chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee, was 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 and Chief Financial Officer Richard W. Kelly; Vice President of Human Resources Jane M. Jameson; Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis A. Pruitt; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer William F. Hogue; Vice President for University Advancement Brad Choate; Associate Vice President for Research and Health Sciences Sonya F. Duhé; Associate Vice Provost for Regional Campuses and Continuing Education Carolyn A. West; General Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; Chancellor of USC Aiken Thomas L. Hallman; Associate Provost for Budget and Operations William T. Moore; Associate Provost for Institutional Outreach and Dean of The Graduate School Christine Ebert; Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, USC Beaufort, Rayburn Barton; Associate Professor and Scholar in Residence, Sea Island Institute, USC Beaufort, J. Herman Blake; Assistant Treasurer Susan D. Hanna; Dean of the Arnold School of Public Health Donna L. Richter; Dean of the College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sports Management Patricia G. Moody; Interim Chair of the College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sports Management Charles Partlow, Division of the College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sports Management; Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, USC Upstate, Reginald Avery; University Legislative Liaison John D. Gregory; Director of the Budget Office
Chairman von Lehe called the meeting to order and invited those Board members present to introduce themselves. Mr. McKinney introduced members 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 recommendations, and appointments with tenure which were appropriate for Executive Session.

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

Chairman von Lehe invited the following people to remain for Executive Session: Dr. Sorensen, Mr. Stepp; Dr. Becker; Mr. Kelly, Dr. Hogue, Mr. Choate, Dr. Pruitt, Dr. Duhé, Ms. Jameson, Dr. Plyler, Mr. Farham, Mr. Gregory, Mr. McKinney, Mrs. Saxon, Ms. Stone, and Ms. Tweedy.
Open Session

I. Name Changes:

A. Program Name Changes:

1. Master of International Hospitality and Tourism Management
   College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management:

   Chairman von Lehe called on Dean Moody who stated that the requested name change will reflect the international emphasis in the program, especially in the area of tourism. She noted that the College had hired several international faculty members and were recruiting a number of international students to better reflect the mission of the College.

   Mr. Adams moved approval of the Master of International Hospitality and Tourism Management name change as described in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Fields seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

2. Doctor of Philosophy in Communication Sciences and Disorders - Arnold School of Public Health:

   Chairman von Lehe called on Dean Richter who explained that the request was to bring the title of the Doctor of Philosophy program in line with the new department name.

   Mr. Bradley moved approval of the Doctor of Philosophy in Communication Sciences and Disorders name change as described in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Wienges seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

B. Institute Name Changes:

1. International Institute for Foodservice Research - College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management:

   Chairman von Lehe called on Dean Moody who stated that they had recently hired a new Culinary Institute Director who had numerous international contacts. She explained that the new director would help to expand the program for more international research projects and to better position the College with national corporations for development opportunities.

   Dr. Sorensen stated that Dean Moody’s efforts to expand the horizons of USC’s faculty and students with respect to international hospitality and tourism was commendable.

   Mr. Wienges moved approval of the International Institute for Foodservice Research name change as described in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Fields seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

2. Office of Institutional Assessment and Compliance:

   Chairman von Lehe called on Dr. Becker who stated that the request was to reflect, “the fact that a good amount of what happens in that office is actually compliance, both with our accreditation expectations regionally through The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, as well as complying with Federal and State requirements.”
Mr. Fields moved approval of the Office of Institutional Assessment and Compliance name change as described in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Wienges seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

II. Program Proposals:

A. Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management - College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management, USC Columbia: Chairman von Lehe called on Dean Moody to answer any questions about the proposed program. She explained that it was designed to produce a critical mass of graduates who would assume prominent roles in planning, management and entrepreneurship within South Carolina’s diverse and rapidly growing tourism sector, and to a lesser extent, in the tourism industries of other states and countries. Dean Moody noted that the College expected to have over 200 students enroll and additional costs were not anticipated.

Mr. Hubbard moved approval of the Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management - College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management, USC Columbia, as described in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

B. Certificate of Graduate Study in Public Health, USC Columbia: Chairman von Lehe called on Dean Richter who stated that their interactions with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control convinced them of the need for this program. She explained that this program would be not only for people who were already public health practitioners, but also for individuals in other fields who wanted to add public health to their skills set. In addition, research found that there was a niche for this program. She noted that since the College would be using existing courses there should be no additional cost to add to the program.

Mr. Whittle moved approval of the Certificate of Graduate Study in Public Health, USC Columbia, as described in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Fields seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

III. Institute Proposal: Sea Islands Institute, USC Beaufort: Chairman von Lehe called on Dr. Rayburn Barton, who introduced Dr. Herman Blake. Dr. Barton stated the Campus felt very fortunate to have Dr. Blake on board to develop the Institute. Dr. Barton explained that the Institute would focus on the unique culture of the sea islands in the southern portion of the state, and would be developed using monies received from the General Assembly last year; no new monies would be needed.

Mr. Adams moved approval of the Sea Islands Institute, USC Beaufort, as described in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Whittle seconded the motion.
Dr. Sorensen spoke in support of the approval of the Institute Proposal. He added that Dr. Blake was a highly respected, nationally recognized scholar in the field.

Chairman von Lehe recognized Dr. Blake who said that he was a Gullah descendant and that his father was born and raised on John’s Island. Dr. Blake said it was a privilege to work with Dr. Barton, Dr. Upshaw, and Dr. Sorensen in developing the Institute. He concluded that the Institute would bring distinction and pride to the University.

The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

IV. USC Aiken Faculty Manual Changes:

Secretary Stepp explained that Faculty Manual Changes were brought before the Committee only in June and December; but that there may be an exception this year, since there would be massive changes to the USC Beaufort Faculty Manual to reflect the change from a two-year to a four-year status.

Chairman von Lehe called on Chancellor Hallman, who stated that the majority of the changes were simply editorial, and did not change the meaning or intent of the policies. Secretary Stepp noted for the record that the changes had received review by the Legal and the Provost’s Offices, and institutional approval from the President.

Mr. Bradley moved to approve the USC Aiken Faculty Manual Changes as presented in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Wienges seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

V. USC Columbia Faculty Manual Changes:

Chairman von Lehe called on Dr. Becker who stated that the changes were related to organizational matters.

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

VI. USC Upstate Faculty Manual Changes:

Chairman von Lehe called on Vice Chancellor Avery who stated that the changes for consideration were not substantive.

Mr. Field moved to approve the USC Upstate Faculty Manual Changes as presented in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Wienges seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

VII. Regional Campuses Faculty Manual Changes:

Chairman von Lehe called on Dr. West who stated that the changes were a result of two additions to the manual. The first provided for a Regional Campuses and Productive Scholarship Committee to advise the Vice President for Research and Health Sciences on strategies to encourage and support research and productive scholarship performed by faculty members from the Regional Campuses. The second addition established a procedure
for campuses with insufficient faculty to serve on a tenure and promotion committee to make appropriate recommendations.

Mr. Adams moved to approve the Regional Campuses Faculty Manual Changes as presented in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Whittle seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

VIII. USC Upstate Mission Revision:

Chairman von Lehe called on Dr. Avery who explained that the revision reflected the change from “USC Spartanburg” to “USC Upstate.”

Mr. Fields moved to approve the USC Upstate Mission Revision as presented in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Since there were no other matters to come before the Committee, Chairman von Lehe declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary