The University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Friday, August 10, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Trustees present were: Mr. Herbert C. Adams, Board Chairman; Mr. Miles Loadholt, Board Vice Chairman; Mr. Arthur S. Bahnmueller; Mr. William L. Bethea, Jr.; Mr. James Bradley; Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr.; Mr. John W. Fields; Mr. Samuel R. Foster, II; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. William W. Jones, Jr.; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Mr. Michael J. Mungo; Mr. James H. Rex; Mr. M. Wayne Staton; Mr. John von Lehe, Jr.; Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr.; Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr.; and Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.

Dr. C. Edward Floyd and Ms. Darla D. Moore were absent.

The faculty representative, Dr. Gene Reeder, and the student representative, Mr. Nicholas Payne, were also present.

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 for Research and Health Sciences Harris Pastides; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer William F. Hogue; Vice President for Human Resources Jane M. Jameson; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Academic Support Dennis A. Pruitt; General Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; Vice Provost for System Affairs and Executive Dean for Regional Campuses and Continuing Education Chris P. Plyler; Chancellor of USC Aiken Thomas L. Hallman; Chancellor of USC Beaufort Jane T. Upshaw; Dean of USC Salkehatchie Ann Carmichael; Dean of USC Sumter C. Leslie Carpenter; Dean of USC Union Hugh Rowland; Vice Provost for Faculty Development Christine Curtis; Dean of the College of Pharmacy Randall C. Rowen; Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Mary Anne Fitzpatrick; Dean of the College of Nursing Peggy O. Hewlett; Director of Athletics Eric Hyman; Budget Director, Division of Business and Finance, Leslie Brunelli; Director of the Office of Internal Audit Alton McCoy; Assistant Treasurer Susan D. Hanna; Director of Governmental and Community Relations, Division of University Advancement, Shirley D. Mills; Director of Periodicals, Division of University Advancement, Chris Horn; Coordinator for Governmental and Community Relations Tommy D. Preston; Director of the Office of University Communications, Division of University Advancement, Russ
Chairman Adams welcomed everyone and especially State Superintendent of Education James H. Rex. He invited Board members to introduce themselves. Mr. McKinney introduced members of the media who were in attendance.

At Chairman Adams' request, The Reverend Tom H. B. Wall, Campus Minister, PALM Campus Ministry, delivered the Invocation.

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

Mr. Bahnmueller moved to enter Executive Session. Mr. Wienges 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, Mr. Kelly, Dr. Moore, Ms. Jameson, Dr. Pruitt, Dr. Hogue, Dr. Plyler, Mr. Parham, Ms. Martin, Mr. McKinney, Mrs. Saxon, Ms. Stone, and Ms. Tweedy.
I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The following six sets of minutes were circulated by mail to the Board for review and were presented for approval:

A. Intercollegiate Activities Committee, June 8, 2007
B. Fiscal Policy Committee, June 8, 2007
C. Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, June 8, 2007
D. Executive Committee, June 8, 2007
E. Board of Trustees, June 28, 2007
F. Executive Committee, July 17, 2007

Since there were no additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes, they stood approved as distributed.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee:
(The Honorable John C. von Lehe, Jr. reported)

The Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee met earlier today. The following items were approved for recommendation to the Board:

1. USC Aiken Faculty Manual Changes: Proposed changes to the USC Aiken Faculty Manual were mailed with the materials for the meeting. These changes received all appropriate academic and administrative approvals.

   On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, Mr. von Lehe moved approval of the proposed changes to the USC Aiken Faculty Manual as described in the materials distributed for this meeting. Mr. Loadholt seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried. [Exhibit A]

2. USC Beaufort Faculty Manual: The proposed USC Beaufort Faculty Manual was mailed with the materials for the meeting. It received all appropriate academic and administrative approvals.

   On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, Mr. von Lehe moved approval of the proposed USC Beaufort Faculty Manual as described in the materials distributed for this meeting.

   Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried. [Exhibit B]

3. Appointment with Tenure: The following request for an appointment with tenure was mailed with the materials for this meeting. It received all appropriate approvals and was presented to the Committee and to the Board in Executive Session without objection.

   - Dr. Harvey Varnet would be awarded tenure at the rank of Associate Professor at USC Beaufort; he will serve as Director of Libraries.

   On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee,
Mr. von Lehe moved approval of this request for an appointment with tenure as presented. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

B. Executive Committee
(The Honorable Herbert C. Adams reported)

The Executive Committee met on July 17th and earlier today. During the July 17th meeting, the Committee approved the following contracts: a one-year contract with Lamont Digital Systems, Inc. d/b/a Campus Televideo to provide cable television programming to all University and Greek housing, and other select campus locations; a five-year contract with the University Development Foundation for lease of the King Air 350 airplane; and a USC Athletics Football Charter Agreement with Delta Airlines to provide charter flights to four University away football games.

Also approved were a five-year employment extension agreement with the University’s Head Women’s Soccer Coach Shelley Smith; and a modification of Amendment #2 of the Head Football Coach Employment Agreement with Coach Steve Spurrier.

Earlier today, the Committee approved twenty-five Indefinite Delivery Contracts for construction services.

The Committee also approved the OneCarolina Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Agreement with Sungard Higher Education, Inc. The seven-year contract will allow USC to purchase ERP Software, Software Implementation and Development Services, and ongoing Software Maintenance for the following areas of responsibility: Academic Administration Services, Human Resources and Payroll Systems, and Finance and Research Accounting Systems.

III. REPORT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

Chairman Adams called on Mr. Bethea who said that he was pleased to report that the Association entered the Fall Semester enjoying its highest ever membership, at just over 34,000 members. This was after the first partial year of their intensive membership campaign intended to take them to 60,000 members. Part of that effort was through the Every-Member-Get-A-Member initiative. He encouraged the Board to reach out to bring in one or more new members as a part of this initiative.

This past Monday evening the Association hosted its annual Fall Sports Preview Party. Coach Spurrier, Eric Hyman, Todd Ellis and the head coaches of the fall sports teams treated the crowd to a look ahead at the upcoming competitions.

The Association continued to host Freshman Send-Off Parties around the country. Average attendance this year was over 100 future students and their
parents joining with alumni, current students and campus and Association representatives.

All August graduates were invited to the Association’s Toast To The Future, as a part of the commencement exercises, to celebrate the new graduates.

Last, but certainly not least, he was very proud to report that Marsha Cole, the Association’s Executive Director, had been elected a Trustee of the Council of Alumni Association Executives (CAAE). The CAAE is a professional organization for alumni association executives made up of chief executives of alumni organizations supporting major, private, public, and land grant institutions. She was also the immediate past president of the Alumni Directors of the Southeastern Conference.

He added that it was quite an honor for Ms. Cole to be elected to serve in that capacity, and that the Association was very proud of the great job that she and her staff were doing for the Association.

IV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

Chairman Adams called on Dr. Sorensen who stated that Mr. Wienges had asked on various occasions about the admissions rates for rural areas of the State. As a result, Dr. Pruitt did an analysis for the Columbia Campus Fall 2006, by county, which showed that the highest rates of admission for the top eight counties were all rural counties. The admissions percentages were as follows: Pickens, 71; Marion, 69; Aiken and Marlboro, 68; Edgefield, 67; Horry, 66; Chesterfield and Georgetown, 65.

The urban counties of Charleston, Greenville, Richland, and Spartanburg had an acceptance rate of 61 percent; with a total of 2,850 applicants for Fall 2006, and 1,757 students accepted.

All other counties had an acceptance rate of 57 percent, which represented 2,699 out of 4,590 applicants being accepted.

Other Fall 2006 admissions statistics mentioned by Dr. Sorensen were that: 23 percent of all undergraduates were out-of-state residents; of those, 33 percent (which is eight percent of all students) paid in-state tuition because of higher academic performance; of these students, 78 were student-athletes; of the 1,984 students who paid less than full out-of-state tuition, 21 percent were student-athletes.

Mr. Wienges asked questions regarding specific admissions requirements and Dr. Sorensen responded.

Dr. Sorensen concluded that USC had the highest rate of in-state students compared to other South Carolina institutions. Forty three percent of all South
Carolinians who go to a public baccalaureate institution were at the University of South Carolina.

V. OTHER MATTERS:

Chairman Adams asked Dr. Reeder to step to the podium and called on Mr. Stepp to read a Certificate of Appreciation for Dr. Reeder’s outstanding contributions and service to the University.

Chairman Adams invited Dean Hewlett to step to the podium, and called on Mr. Stepp to read a resolution:

University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Amy Ellen Viglione Cockcroft, a native of Naples, Italy, and naturalized citizen of the United States of America, served her adopted country in many important ways including as a Commander in the United States Navy and as a consultant to both the United States Public Health Service and the United States Office of Education; and

WHEREAS, Amy V. Cockroft improved the lives of citizens of several states as a result of her innovative consultations to the several governments thereof and as the associate director of the Division of Nursing of the Kellogg Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, she was invited by the political and educational leadership of South Carolina to study the educational needs for nursing in this State and particularly the potential role of a college-based baccalaureate program in nursing; and

WHEREAS, the results of her thorough and thoughtful analysis led her to recommend that a BSN degree program be developed for the State; and

WHEREAS the depth, insight, and careful planning of her recommendation led the leadership of the State to invite her to establish the program she had recommended as the founding Dean of the School of Nursing of the University of South Carolina some fifty years ago and that program of study has led to an exemplary educational opportunity for legions of nursing students to individually and corporately improve the quality of life and health of the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, Amy V. Cockcroft led an exemplary life of service to others, active philanthropy and expressed her religious faith through deep involvement in the work of her Church; and

WHEREAS, Amy V. Cockcroft departed this life on June 16, 2007;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the University of South Carolina conveys its sincere appreciation for her life and work and contributions to her fellow man; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University expresses its sincere condolences to her family by presentation of a copy of this expression of the high esteem in which she continues to be held.

PRESENTED THIS 10TH DAY OF AUGUST 2007
AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Board Chairman, Herbert C. Adams

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University President, Andrew A. Sorensen

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Board Secretary, Thomas L. Stepp
Mr. Bethea moved to pass the Resolution and Dr. Floyd seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

Dean Hewlett thanked the Board on behalf of the College of Nursing and the Cockcroft family, and announced that a memorial for Dean Cockcroft was scheduled for that afternoon.

Mr. Buyck stated that a Board of Trustee member should serve on the University’s Admission Committee. Chairman Adams replied that the request would be received as information for consideration.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Since there were no other matters to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary