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Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee

April 3, 2007

The Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Members present were: Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr., Chairman; Mr. William L. Bethea, Jr.; Mr. James Bradley; Mr. Samuel R. Foster, II; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Ms. Darla D. Moore; Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr.; Mr. Herbert C. Adams, Board Chairman; and Mr. Miles Loadholt, Board Vice Chairman. Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr. was absent.

Other Trustees present were: Mr. Arthur S. Bahnmuller; Mr. John W. Fields; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. William W. Jones, Jr.; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Mr. Michael J. Mungo; Mr. M. Wayne Staton; and Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.

Faculty Liaison Committee representatives present were: Dr. C. Eugene Reeder, Chair of the Faculty Senate; and Dr. Andrew Gowan, Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee. Dr. Marja Warehime, Chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee; Dr. Kathleen Fritz, Continuing Education, Chair of Regional Campuses Faculty Senate; Dr. Pamela Cooper, USC Beaufort, Senior Campuses representative; and Dr. Robert Best, School of Medicine, Faculty Senate Chair-Elect were 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 for Research and Health Affairs Harris Pastides; Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Richard W. Kelly; Vice President for Human Resources Jane M. Jameson; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Academic Support Dennis A. Pruitt; Vice President for University Advancement Brad Choate; Vice President of Health Sciences Russell R. Pate; Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Affairs William T. Moore; Vice Provost and Executive Dean of Regional Campuses and Continuing Education Chris P. Plyler; Vice Provost for Faculty Development Christine Curtis; General Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; Executive Dean of the South Carolina College of Pharmacy Joseph T. DiPiro; Dean of the College of Engineering and Information Technology Michael D. Amiridis; Interim Dean of the School of Medicine Richard A. Hoppman; University of South Carolina Campus Dean for the South Carolina College of Pharmacy Randall C. Rowen; Dean of the Arnold School of Public Health Donna L. Richter; Dean of the School of Nursing Peggy O. Hewlett; Chancellor of USC Upstate John Stockwell; Executive Vice
Chairman von Lehe called the meeting to order and invited those Board members present to introduce themselves. Mr. McKinney introduced the member 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, appointments with tenure, transfer of tenure, and honorary degree nominations which were appropriate for discussion in Executive Session.

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

The following individuals were invited to remain: President Sorensen, Secretary Stepp, Dr. Becker, Mr. Kelly, Dr. Pastides, Dr. Pruitt, Ms. Jameson, Dr. Plyler, Mr. Choate, Mr. Parham, Mr. McKinney, Mrs. Saxon, Ms. Stone, and Ms. Tweedy.
I. Program Name Changes: Department of Health Services Policy and Management, Arnold School of Public Health:

A. Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.), from major in Health Care Administration to major in Health Services Policy and Management

B. Master of Public Health (M.P.H.), from major in Public Health Administration to major in Health Services Policy and Management

C. Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H.), from major in Public Health Administration to major in Health Services Policy and Management

D. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from Major in Public Health Administration to major in Health Services Policy and Management

Chairman von Lehe called on Dean Richter who stated that the Department name had been changed from Health Administration to Health Services Policy and Management, and the request was for the new department name to be mirrored in the degrees.

Mr. Bradley moved approval of the Program Name Changes as described in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Bethea seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

II. Center Name Change: Moore School of Business:

Chairman von Lehe called on Dr. Malhotra, who stated that the name change of the Center for Information Management and Technology Research to the Center for Global Supply Chain and Process Management was to more accurately reflect the Center’s activities.

Mr. Hubbard moved approval of the Center Name Change in the Moore School of Business as described in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

III. College Name Change: College of Engineering and Computing:

Chairman von Lehe called on Dean Amiridis, who stated that the name change of the College of Engineering and Information Technology to the College of Engineering and Computing was to more accurately reflect the College’s mission.

Mr. Bradley moved approval of the College Name Change as described in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Whittle seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

IV. Program Proposal: Bachelor of Arts in Art Education, School of Education, USC Upstate:

Chairman von Lehe called on Executive Vice Chancellor Avery, who stated that USC Upstate was requesting Board consideration of this Bachelor of Arts in Art
Education. He said that the appropriate needs assessment had been done on the request and that current resources would be utilized to implement the program.

Mr. Hubbard moved approval of the Bachelor of Arts in Art Education as described in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

V. Other Matters:

A. Report on Current Academic Initiatives in China: Chairman von Lehe called on Provost Becker, who stated that two USC students were currently at the University of Macau as part of the student exchange program with Macau’s Institute for Tourism. Dr. Becker reported that faculty research collaborations continued to “flourish.”

Dr. Becker gave a “heads-up” that Nankai University in Tianjin was considering a joint venture with USC’s School of Tourism. If the venture came to fruition, it could take two to three years to finalize, due to regulatory processes.

Dr. Becker stated that he, Dr. Pastides, Dr. Amiridis, and Dr. Fitzpatrick were scheduled to visit China in May to seek potential research collaboration opportunities involving USC’s Research Initiatives in Engineering and, in Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Hubbard asked about USC’s efforts to provide USC students opportunities to study in China. Dr. Becker replied that the student exchanges were the first part of the effort, and that three 2007 Maymester groups were scheduled to go to China. And, Dr. Becker noted that the Moore School’s International MBA Program was currently active in China.

Dr. Floyd reported that he had been contacted by University for Peace Executive Director Narinder Kakar, regarding his interest in a collaborate effort with USC. The University’s campus was in Costa Rica. It is part of the United Nations. Mr. Kakar invited USC representatives to visit their campus, or allow them to visit USC. Dr. Floyd encouraged pursuit of the invitation. Dr. Becker stated that he and Dr. Sorensen would follow up on the request.

Dr. Becker stated they had developed a brochure on the summer programs designed to reach future students, beginning as early as the sixth grade, and that copies would be provided to the Board.

B. Other Matters:

Mr. Adams asked for clarification of a newspaper article which stated that the University had committed to rebuild the Fairleigh Dickinson Lab damaged in Hurricane Hugo. Dr. Sorensen replied that the lab was associated with the University’s Environment Sciences program and that he would provide an update on it at the next meeting.
Since there were no other matters to come before the Committee, Chairman von Lehe declared the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary