The University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Friday, July 23, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 206B of the Osborne Administration Building.

Members present were: Mr. Miles Loadholt, Chairman; Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr., Vice Chairman; Mr. Herbert C. Adams; Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; Mr. W. Lee Russell, Sr.; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. William W. Jones, Jr.; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Ms. Darla D. Moore; Dr. C. Dorn Smith III; Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr.; Mr. Thad Westbrook; Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr.; and Mr. Charles H. Williams. Members absent were: Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr.; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. Greg Gregory; and Dr. James H. Rex.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary Thomas L. Stepp; Vice President for Finance and Planning William T. Moore; Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies Helen I. Doerpinghaus; Director of Institutional Assessment and Compliance Phil Moore; Special Assistant to the President J. Cantey Heath; Director of Media Relations, Office of Communications, Margaret Lamb; and Board of Trustees staff member Terri Saxon.

Chairman Loadholt called the meeting to order, and 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 members; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

Chairman Loadholt welcomed everyone and asked Secretary Stepp to call the roll because of telephone participation.

Mrs. Lamb indicated that no members of the media were in attendance.

I. Revised Mission Statements:

A. USC Columbia Mission Statement
B. USC Lancaster Mission Statement
C. USC Salkehatchie Mission Statement
D. USC Sumter Mission Statement
E. USC Union Mission Statement
F. USC System Mission Statement

Chairman Loadholt called on Dr. Doerpinghaus, who stated the following on the request to adopt the University's revised mission statements.

I appreciate the Board’s willingness to meet to consider adopting revised Mission Statements for the University.

You all received a packet with the revised statements. Also included were “red lines” of the changes that we are making. CHE requires that we show the changes to make it easy to see how substantial the changes actually are.

Let me tell you why we need to revise our mission statements at this time. As you know we are preparing for SACS reaccreditation. As part of that process, SACS now requires that
distance education be mentioned in the mission statements. They added this requirement in January of this year. We prepared the statement and gave all necessary parties a chance to respond to the modifications. This has taken some time and care. In addition to adding a general distance education section, we took the opportunity to update enrollment numbers and to shorten the mission statements somewhat to be a little more succinct but still meet CHE requirements.

The President, Provost, Council of Academic Deans, and the Executive Council have all had a chance to respond to the modified mission statements. The CHE has tentatively preapproved the mission statements and has declared the changes to be non-substantive...

Chairman Loadholt called for a motion to adopt the mission statements as presented. Mr. Jones so moved, and Mr. Whittle seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

President Pastides reported on the University’s dedication of The Ernest F. Hollings Special Collections Library that was held earlier in the day. Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Former Senator Ernest F. “Fritz” Hollings, and other elected officials and dignitaries participated in the event.

II. Adjournment: Since there were no other matters to come before the Board, Chairman Loadholt declared the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary