The Health Affairs Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 1:10 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of the Greenville Memorial Hospital.

Members present were: Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr., Chairman; Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Mrs. Amy E. Stone; Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr.; Mr. Miles Loadholt, Board Chairman; and Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Board Vice Chairman. Mr. Arthur S. Bahnmuller was absent.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary Thomas L. Stepp; Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Michael D. Amiridis; Vice President for Finance and Planning William T. Moore; Special Assistant to the President J. Cantey Heath, Jr.; General Counsel Walter “Terry” H. Parham; Vice President for Medical Affairs Donald J. DiPette; Interim Vice President for Communications and Dean of the College of Mass Communications and Information Studies Charles Bierbauer; and Director of the Office of Media Relations Margaret Lamb.

Chairman von Lehe called the meeting to order, welcomed those present and, because of time constraints, dispensed with formal introductions. There were no members of the media in attendance.

Chairman von Lehe stated that the agenda had been posted and the press had been notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda had been circulated to the Committee members; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

Chairman von Lehe stated that the Committee will receive legal advice on contractual negotiations which was appropriate for discussion in Executive Session.

Mrs. Stone moved to enter Executive Session. Mr. Burroughs seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

The following persons were invited to remain: President Pastides, Secretary Stepp, Provost Amiridis, Dr. Moore, Dr. DiPette, Mr. Heath, Mr. Parham, Dean Bierbauer and Mrs. Lamb.

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I. Status Report on Cooperative Education Activities with Greenville Hospital System: Chairman von Lehe called on President Pastides who read the following resolution:

University of South Carolina
Health Affairs Committee

Resolution

WHEREAS, there is a clearly predicted trend of a growing shortage of physicians in the United States and the State of South Carolina in particular in the decades to come; and

WHEREAS, this dire shortage has been recognized by the national medical education regulatory agencies which at this time are encouraging the expansion of medical education opportunities for physicians; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Carolina has had a long working relationship with the Greenville Hospital System to provide two years of education from the USC School of Medicine on the campus of the Greenville Hospital System with great success; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to expand that cooperative agreement to achieve four years of medical education in Greenville, provided by the USC School of Medicine, appears practical and wise for the future of South Carolina;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Health Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Carolina encourages the continued discussion of these possibilities by the administrations of the Greenville Hospital System and the University of South Carolina and looks forward to receiving additional and specific information at its meeting of March 23rd; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee commends the groundwork that has taken place to date to advance these opportunities and recommends to the Board of Trustees its consent and enthusiastic encouragement of this ongoing planning, negotiation, and cooperative effort.

Adopted this 24th day of February, 2010, in session
Assembled at Greenville, South Carolina

Health Affairs Committee Chairman
John C. von Lehe, Jr.

University President
Harris Pastides

Board Secretary
Thomas L. Stepp

Chairman von Lehe called for a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Mr. Whittle so moved and Dr. Floyd seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

II. Adjournment: Since there were no other matters to be considered by the Committee, Chairman von Lehe declared the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary

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