University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee

November 16, 2011

The Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room at 12:00 p.m.

Members present were: Mr. William W. Jones, Jr., Chairman; Mr. W. Lee Bussell, Sr.; Mr. Thomas C. Cofield; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Dr. C. Dorn Smith, III; Mr. Thad H. Westbrook; and Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr., Board Vice Chairman. Members absent were: Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr; Mr. Charles H. Williams; and Mr. Miles Loadholt, Board Chairman.

Other Board members present were: Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley; Ms. Leah B. Moody; and Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr.

Faculty Liaison Committee representatives present were: Dr. Sandra J. Kelly, Chair of the Faculty Senate; Dr. Varsha Kulkarni, Chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee; Dr. Charles Keith, USC Beaufort, Senior Campuses Representative; and Patrick D. Nolan, Past Chair of the Faculty Senate. Dr. James Knapp, Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee, and Dr. Sarah Miller, Regional Campuses Representative were absent.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary Thomas L. Stepp; Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Michael D. Amiridis; Chief Financial Officer Edward L. Walton; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Academic Support Dennis A. Pruitt; Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations Michelle Dodenhoff; Vice President for Communications Luanne M. Lawrence; Vice Provost and Executive Dean for Extended University Chris C. Plyler; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer William F. Hogue; Vice President for Human Resources Chris Byrd; General Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; Senior Vice Provost and Director of Strategic Planning Christine W. Curtis; Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies Helen Doerpinghaus; Associate Vice President for Business and Finance and Medical Business Affairs Jeffrey L. Perkins; Executive Dean of the South Carolina College of Pharmacy Joseph T. DiPiro; Dean of the Moore School of Business Hildy Teegen; Dean of the College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sports Management, Brian Mihalik; Dean of the College of Engineering and Computing Anthony Ambler; Campus Dean of the South Carolina College of Pharmacy Randall C. Rowen; Dean of the School of Law Robert M. Wilcox; Chair of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing, Jamil A. Khan; Executive Dean and Senior Associate Dean For Graduate Education, College of Arts and Sciences, Roger H. Sawyer; Executive Associate Athletics Director for External Affairs Kevin O’Connell; Interim Executive Director of the Carolina Alumni Association
and Secretary-Elect Amy Stone; Associate Professor and Program Director of Integrated Information Technology, School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management Elizabeth Regan; Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Arnold School of Public Health, Cheryl Addy; Associate Dean of International Programs and Continuing Education, College of Engineering and Computing, Hanif Chaudhry; Director of Academic Programs Kristia H. Finnigan; Associate Director of State Relations Trey Walker; Special Assistant to the President J. Cantey Heath, Jr.; Director of Governmental and Community Relations and Legislative Liaison Shirley D. Mills; Director of the Office of Media Relations, Division of University Advancement, Margaret Lamb; USC Sumter Professor, Dan Kiernan; Student Government Association President, Joe Wright; Student Government Association President, USC Sumter, Christopher Sumpter; University Technology Services Production Manager, Justin Johnson; Board staff members Terri Saxon, and Karen Tweedy; and members of the press.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order; and invited those Board members present to introduce themselves. Mrs. Lamb introduced members of the press who were in attendance.

Chairman Jones 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 e-mailed to the Committee; and a quorum was present to conduct business. He stated that he would have to leave the meeting at 12:30 and had asked Dr. Smith to chair in his absence at that time, should the meeting still be in progress.

Chairman Jones stated that there were personnel matters dealing with recommendations for honorary faculty titles, an appointment with tenure and honorary degree nominations which are appropriate for Executive Session.

Chairman Jones called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Cofield so moved and Mr. Bussell seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

The following individuals were invited to remain: Dr. Pastides, Secretary Stepp, Dr. Amiridis, Mr. Walton, Mrs. Stone, Dr. Pruitt, Dr. Hogue, Mr. Parham, Mr. Byrd, Ms. Lawrence, Mr. Walker, Ms. Dodenhoff, Dr. Flyler, Ms. Brunelli, University Chancellors, Dr. Curtis, Dr. Doerpinghaus, Mr. Heath, Ms. Mills, and Mrs. Lamb.
Chairman Jones called on Dr. Amiridis to present the Open Session items.

I. New Programs:

A. Accelerated Master of Business Administration, USC Columbia:

Dr. Amiridis explained that the Darla Moore School of Business (DMSB) had done an extensive analysis of “today’s markets” for MBAs and they believed to better serve the market and the State they need to advance the curriculum of their nationally ranked International Masters in Business Administration (IMBA) program and create the Accelerated Master of Business Administration. The IMBA currently had two primary tracts: a Language Tract where students spend the second semester of their first year learning one of seven different languages at an overseas partner institution, and a Global Tract where students spend the second semester of their first year learning about practical aspects of doing business in overseas locations as well as taking a supervised two week overseas business survey trip.

This new program would focus more on the Language Tract and would include an extended overseas internship.

Mr. von Lehe asked what would be “accelerated” with the addition of this new program. Dean Teegen responded that it was “accelerated” largely because they could focus on the curricular course work that the student undertakes in Columbia without the extensive overseas internship, nor the course hours devoted to language instruction. Therefore, the DMSB would be better able to cover all of the functional and foundational course work traditionally that one would see in an MBA program in a 12-month format, through the new program.

B. Master of Health Information Technology, USC Columbia: The purpose of Program would address the need for highly skilled health IT professionals as the nation moves toward a more technologically advanced health care system.

C. Master of Science in Engineering Management, USC Columbia:

This program was designed to prepare those in the engineering profession to be better managers. It will equip engineers in the fields of economics, finance, marketing, human resources, and other management related disciplines.

D. Master of Science/Master of Engineering in Aerospace Engineering, USC Columbia: The program would lead to the curriculum and research activities that would provide new engineering graduates and engineers already in the workplace, with the skills and education needed to enter the aerospace workforce.

Mr. Westbrook moved approval of the four new programs as presented. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman Jones asked that the Committee be provided a summary of the programs that the University had eliminated and cost savings therefrom, and programs that had been
continued and were proceeding according to the University’s financial model. Dr. Amiridis said that they would prepare the summary.

II. New Dual Degree Program:

- **Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) and Master of Public Health (MPH) in General Public Health, USC Columbia:** This program, which is a part of a national trend, would allow students to complete the Doctor of Pharmacy and Master of Public Health in General Public Health. Students are admitted to the PharmD program after two or more years of undergraduate study. After completing the first year of study in the professional program, students with more than 90 credit hours would be eligible to apply to the MPH program. These students would take some public health courses during the pharmacy program, but would typically require one additional year of study after completing the PharmD.

Dr. Smith moved approval of the new dual degree program as presented. Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. Name Change:

- **Addition of Mr. James Buchanan Duke to the South Carolina SmartState Endowed Chair for Healthcare Quality:** Mr. L. Neil Williams Jr., Chairman, and Mr. Eugene E. Cochrane, President, of the Duke Endowment respectfully requested that the University add the name of Mr. James Buchanan Duke to the University of South Carolina SmartState Endowed Chair for Healthcare Quality. The proposed new name would be the James Buchanan Duke SmartState Endowed Chair for Healthcare Quality.

Dr. Smith moved approval of the name change as presented. Mr. Cofield seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. USC Columbia Faculty Manual Changes:

The revisions, all in Section 3, Research and Scholarship, were recommended by the USC Columbia Faculty Advisory Committee and were approved at the September 7, 2011 General Faculty Meeting. The revisions updated the information regarding research and scholarship; brought the information into compliance with Federal laws and regulations; and included web addresses for up-to-date information on research policies and procedures.

Dr. Smith moved approval of the USC Columbia Faculty Manual changes as presented. Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. USC System Campuses Faculty Manual Changes:

Dr. Amiridis explained that in addition to “housecleaning” changes to ensure compliance with current University policies, procedures, and practices; there was one substantive change. The change was to introduce the requirement for a “teaching summary” for the tenure and promotion files. This requirement exists in the Columbia Faculty Manual.
Dr. Smith moved approval of the USC System Faculty Manual changes as presented. Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

At this point in the meeting, Chairman Jones passed the gavel to Dr. Smith.

VI. Law School Update:

Dr. Smith called on Dr. Amiridis who stated that his update was on Law School’s academic issues raised over the past year. In response to the concern regarding the number of faculty members, Dr. Amiridis reported that there were currently five searches being conducted for faculty members. He and Dean Wilcox had discussed in some detail the status of each search.

Dean Wilcox stated that in Fall 2011 the University’s School of Law entered into an agreement with the National Advocacy Center (NAC), in which the NAC opened up some of its courses for the University’s law students, on a space available basis. The NAC would also hire three Carolina law students as interns to work on their publications.

Mr. von Lehe stated that at the time the Board asked Dr. Amiridis to conduct a review, about a year ago, “the atmosphere was that the Law School had fallen in its national ranking.” He asked if the School of Law had regained some ground in the rankings. Dean Wilcox responded that the US News ranking, to which he referred, placed the University’s School of Law at 104. The survey for this year’s rankings was conducted last month and he did not believe they would move into the top 100 this listing.

Dean Wilcox noted that it was too early to realize the effects of the changes already made at the Law School. However, with the resources the University had put into the Law School, which were the key to improving the national rankings, he anticipated an improvement in the near future.

Dr. Smith stated that this report was received as information.

VII. Other Matters:

A. BTRU 2.01 Honorary Degree Policy - Criteria Change: Dr. Smith stated that during the honorary degree subcommittee meeting on Monday, November 14th, it was recommended to add the word “University” to Board of Trustees Policy, BTRU 2.01, Honorary Degree Recipients, under the heading of “Criteria” as follows:

Recipients of honorary degrees are restricted to those persons outstanding in their contributions or service to the University, State of South Carolina, the nation or the international community, or in their profession or field of endeavor.

Dr. Smith called on Mr. von Lehe, a member of the Academic Affairs Honorary Degree Subcommittee. Mr. von Lehe explained that in recently reading the Honorary Degree Policy he noticed that there was no provision in the degree policy to recognize service to the
University of South Carolina. This fact was discussed among the subcommittee, and they recommended an amendment to the honorary degree criteria to add the University.

Dr. Smith stated that the Subcommittee hereby moved the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee’s approval of this addition. He called for a second to the motion to amend BTRU 2.01 Honorary Degree Policy as presented. Mr. Cofield seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Dr. Smith called for any other matters to be considered by the Committee. Provost Amiridis briefed the Committee on the Board of Trustees’ Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning meeting, which was scheduled for November 29th. He explained that working with Mr. Whittle, chair of the Committee, they determined that the agenda would include discussion of the University’s “Academic Dashboard.” It would also include a presentation by the Huron Consultants, hired by the University, in which they would provide a preliminary version of their study of accessibility, efficiency and affordability across the University’s system.

VIII. Adjournment:

Since there were no other matters to come before the Committee, Chairman Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary