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Buildings and Grounds Committee

June 15, 2012

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Friday, June 15, 2012, at 11:10 a.m. in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Members present were: Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr., Chairman; Mr. Herbert C. Adams; Mr. Thomas C. Cofield; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. William W. Jones, Jr.; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr.; Mr. Miles Loadholt, Board Chairman; and Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Board Vice Chairman.

Other Trustees present were: Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; Mr. W. Lee Bussell, Sr.; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley; Mr. Thad Westbrook; Mr. Mack I. Whittle; and Mr. Charles H. Williams.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary Amy E. Stone; 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 for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer William F. Hogue; Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations Michelle D. Dodenhoff; Vice President for Communications Luanne M. Lawrence; Vice President for Human Resources Chris Byrd; General Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; University Treasurer Susan D. Hanna; Senior Vice Provost and Director of Strategic Planning Christine W. Curtis; Associate Vice President for Business and Finance and University Budget Director, Leslie Brunelli; Associate Vice President for Business and Finance and Medical Business Affairs Jeffrey L. Perkins; Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Mary Anne Fitzpatrick; Executive Director of University Foundations Jerome D. Odorn; Director of Athletics Eric C. Hyman; Director of the Department of Internal Audit Phil Iapalucci; Chief Financial Officer, Department of Athletics, Jeff Tallant; Associate Athletics Director Marey Girton; Director of Capital Budgets and Financing, Division of Finance and Planning, Charlie Fitzsimons; Chief Financial Officer, University Foundations, Russell H. Meekins; Director of Governmental and Community Relations and Legislative Liaison Shirley D. Mills; Associate Budget Director Harry Bell; Director of Financial Reporting, Controller’s Office, Mary Peak; Director of News and Internal Communication Wes Hickman; Director of State Relations Trey Walker; President, University Development Foundation, James W. Cantey, Jr.; Special Assistant to the President J. Cantey Heath, Jr.; Chair of the Faculty Senate Sandra Kelly; Student Government Association President Kenny Tracy; University Technology Services Production Manager, Justin Johnson; Board staff members Debra Allen, Terri Saxon, and Vera Stone.

Chairman Buyck called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Hickman introduced members of the media who were in attendance: Andy Shane, The State Newspaper; and Sydney Patterson, The Daily Gamecock.
Chairman Buyck 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 electronically posted for the Committee; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

Chairman Buyck stated that there were contractual matters which were appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. Mr. Lister moved to enter Executive Session and Mr. Adams seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

The following persons were invited to remain: Dr. Pastides, Secretary Stone, Dr. Amiridis, Mr. Walton, Dr. Pruitt, Mr. Parham, Ms. Dodenhoff, Ms. Lawrence, Ms. Brunelli, Mr. Hyman, Ms. Ziegler, and Mr. Heath.

Return to Open Session

I. Naming of Graduate Science Research Center Building:

Chairman Buyck read the following statement:

I would like to propose that the Graduate Science Research Center Building be named in honor of the University’s 26th President Dr. John M. Palms.

As many of you are aware, Dr. Palms presided over an 11-year period of substantive change at the University. Many of his accomplishments were made possible by strategic financial planning and reallocation of resources from administrative functions to academic needs. He directed what was at that time the state’s largest-ever capital campaign, raising nearly $500 million.

He articulated a vision to significantly improve the University. From 1991 to 2002, he led Carolina in raising admission standards four times, adopted the Carolinian Creed, established the residential Preston College, and established the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs, along with other student-oriented programs such as the First-Year Reading Experience and the Office of Pre-Professional Advising.

And while we readily remember the undergraduate emphasis and the 684 new scholarships that were added under his watch, we often fail to remember that it was Dr. Palms who in 1994 encouraged the faculty to raise tenure and promotion requirements. It also was under his direction that faculty garnered ever-increasing amounts of research funding, achieving a growth rate of 173 percent over a 10-year period. And during his tenure, the University’s National Science Foundation ranking rose to 88 out of 615 universities.

Significantly, it was during Palms’ administration that $300 million was invested in one million square feet of academic and research space, residence halls, and student recreational facilities – including the Graduate Science Research Center Building.

Thus it is with great pleasure I place the motion before you that we name the Graduate Science Research Center Building the John M. Palms Center for Graduate Science Research.

Chairman Buyck called for a second to his motion and Mr. Adams so moved. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

II. Gift Naming Opportunities:

Chairman Buyck called on Secretary Stone, who explained that the following gift naming opportunities were presented in Executive Session without objection:

A. Athletics Department:

1. “The Burroughs Tutor Room” in the Dodie Anderson Academic Enrichment Center
2. “The Carter Assistant Director’s Office” in the Coaches Support Building
3. “The Comer Director’s Office” in the Coaches Support Building
5. “The Nichols Assistant Director’s Office” in the Coaches Support Building
6. “The Witherspoon Assistant Director’s Office” in the Coaches Support Building

B. School of Law:

3. “The McGowan, Hood & Felder LLC Faculty Terrace”

C. USC Aiken:
   - “The Rahe Family Nursing Classroom”

D. University Libraries:
   1. “The Bauknight Study Room” in the Thomas Cooper Library
   2. “The Class of 2012 Study Room” in the Thomas Cooper Library

E. School of Journalism and Mass Communication:
   - “The Mary W. (Mimi Wilkinson) and Thomas G. Cunningham Classroom”

Chairman Buyck called for a motion to approve the gift naming opportunities as presented. Mr. Cofield so moved and Mr. Adams seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. Foundations Office Relocation:

Dr. Odom explained that the Cooperative Agreement with the University Neighborhood Association was approved as a policy that future University and Foundation land acquisition would not occur to the north of Pendleton Street and to the east of Pickens Street in accordance with the Bicentennial Master Plan adopted in 1994. The Neighborhood Association strongly supported the purchase of a building in their neighborhood by the Foundation for use as the Foundation headquarters.

Dr. Odom stated that the Foundation was requesting the Board’s approval to pursue an amendment to the Agreement that would allow the University to buy or lease the property from the Foundation if they ever vacated the property. He clarified that this amendment would not mean that the University was committed to buy or lease the building in the future, but that the University would have the option. He clarified that the possibility of leasing or selling the building to the University in the future was important because it gave the Foundation a better exit strategy from the building if the neighborhood was successful in restricting the sale of the building to a nonprofit organization.

Chairman Buyck called for a motion to allow the Foundations to pursue an amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with the University Neighborhood Association (as well as the Addendum thereto) dated July 9, 2003, that would allow the University to buy or lease from the Foundations the property located at 1027 Barnwell Street, if the Foundations ever vacated the property. Mr. Lister so moved and Mr. Adams seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. Adjournment:

There being no other business, Chairman Buyck declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy E. Stone
Secretary