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Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee

September 13, 2013

The Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on September 13, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Members present were: Mr. Thad H. Westbrook, Chairman; Mr. Robert E. Brown, Sr.; Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr.; Mr. Thomas C. Cofield; Mr. A.C. “Bubba” Fennell III; Mr. William W. Jones, Jr.; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley; Mr. Eugene P. Warr Jr., Board Chairman; and Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr., Board Vice Chairman.

Other Board members present were Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Mr. Miles Loadholt; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Dr. C. Dom Smith III; Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr.; and Dr. Mitchell M. Zais. Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs participated by telephone.

Faculty Liaison Committee representatives present were: Dr. James H. Knapp, Chairman of the Faculty Senate; Dr. Erin Connolly, Chairman of the Faculty Advisory Committee; and Dr. Jennifer Vendemia, Chairman of the Faculty Welfare Committee. Representatives absent were Dr. Tom Reid, USC Aiken, Senior Campuses Representative; and Dr. Chris Nesmith, Extended University, Regional Campuses Representative.

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; General Counsel Walter “Terry” H. Parham; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Academic Support Dennis A. Pruitt; Vice President for Human Resources Chris Byrd; Interim Vice President for Communications Wes Hickman; Palmetto College Chancellor Susan Elkins; Senior Vice Provost and Director of Strategic Planning Christine W. Curtis; Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies Helen Doeringhaus; Associate Vice President for Business and Finance and Medical Business Affairs Jeffrey L. Perkins; Athletics Director Ray Tanner; Director of Academic Programs, Office of the Provost, Kristia H. Finnigan; Associate Director of Strategic Planning and Assessment Cameron Howell; Executive Dean,
Chairman Westbrook called the meeting to order and invited committee members to introduce themselves. He 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; and a quorum was present to conduct business. Mr. Hickman introduced a member of the media who was in attendance, Amanda Coyne with *The Daily Gamecock*.

Chairman Westbrook stated that there were personnel matters dealing with recommendations for honorary faculty titles, appointments with tenure, and honorary degree nominations that were appropriate for Executive Session. Mr. Mobley moved to enter Executive Session and Mr. Fennell seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

The following individuals were invited to remain: Dr. Pastides, Secretary Stone, the Faculty Representative and Student Representative to the Board, members of the President's Executive Council, Dr. Howell, Dr. Connolly, Dr. Vendemia and Dr. Fontenot.
Chairman Westbrook called on Provost Amiridis who introduced College of Social Work Dean Scheyett to update the committee on a new educational initiative for the military.

I. Academic Update: College of Social Work

Dean Scheyett described an educational initiative involving active military, veterans, and their families. She then introduced Associate Professor Nancy Brown and Social Work Graduate Student John Gough. Dr. Brown described a teaching and training process to improve the College's research in military-related issues; to develop specific training in military matters for social workers; and to improve community knowledge in working with the military. She described how the program was developed, the courses required, and offered student feedback. Mr. Gough, a 26-year army veteran, briefly described his experience with the new program and recommended it to any social worker looking to support the military community.

Chairman Westbrook called on Provost Amiridis to present the open session agenda items.

II. New Programs

A. Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Children's Law, School of Law, USC Columbia:

The School of Law request is to create a Certificate in Children’s Law that would be offered in connection with the completion of the Juris Doctor degree. This proposed certificate program would combine the knowledge and experience of those in the Children’s Law Center with that of the law school faculty to create a specialized and multi-faceted educational experience benefitting law students who are interested in careers that address children’s legal issues. No additional faculty hires are necessary in order for the certificate program to be offered.

Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to recommend approval of the new program by the full Board. Mr. Jones so moved and Mr. Mobley seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Child Advocacy Studies, College of Arts & Sciences, USC Upstate:

The Certificate in Child Advocacy Studies would address the inadequacies of the current child protection system in South Carolina by training baccalaureate-level professionals in the prevention of physical, emotional and behavioral health problems among child victims of abuse and neglect. The program is designed for professionals in the field who want to expand their knowledge and for individuals with baccalaureate degrees who are interested in entering this field. At this
time, no additional new faculty or resources are needed for this program. The existing resources in the USC Upstate’s College of Arts and Sciences would support the proposed program for the first several years. However, it is anticipated that one new faculty member may be required in the third or fourth year, if the program enrollment increases.

Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to recommend approval of the new program by the full Board. Mr. Brown so moved and Mr. Fennell seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Science, with tracks in Exercise Science, Medical Fitness, and Strength and Conditioning, School of Education, USC Upstate: USC Upstate currently offers a B.S. in Education (B.S.Ed.) in Physical Education with two concentrations: 1) Exercise and Sport Science and 2) Teacher Education. This proposal would leave the B.S.Ed. in Physical Education with the concentration in Teacher Education unchanged, but would convert the B.S.Ed. with the concentration in Exercise and Sport Science into a stand-alone Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree. The change would enable specializations to be offered that better prepare students for the most promising and sustainable segments of the job market. The program would require one new full-time instructor in its first year. The Medical Fitness concentration would be among the first in the nation in this emerging field, for which the Columbia Campus has no undergraduate equivalent. Tuition income would cover program costs from its inception.

Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to recommend approval of the new program by the full Board. Mr. Mobley so moved and Mr. Fennell seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. New Dual Degree Program

- Dual Juris Doctor J.D./Accelerated Master of Business Administration (A.M.B.A.) School of Law and Darla Moore School of Business, USC Columbia: This dual degree would offer an alternative to the current JD/IMBA dual degree program, which due to curriculum changes in IMBA, students will no longer be able to complete in four years. The JD/AMBA program can be completed in approximately three and a half or four years, offering students seeking a dual degree a more practical alternative to the existing JD/IMBA degree. No additional costs or loss of revenue will result from this program.
Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to recommend approval of the new program by the full Board. Mr. Fennell so moved and Mr. Buyck seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. New Department

Department of Integrated Technology, College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management, USC Columbia: The request is for the Integrated Information Technology (IIT) Program to be established as an independent department in the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management (HRSM). IIT is currently a program in the Retailing Department. However, the program operates independently from Retail with a program chair, physical location, faculty, meetings, operations, and reporting. Allowing IIT to evolve into a department recognizes the operational structure already in place. No new costs would apply to the implementation.

Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to recommend approval of the new department by the full Board. Mr. von Lehe so moved and Mr. Cofield seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. Other Matters

Since there were no other matters to come before the committee, Chairman Westbrook declared the meeting adjourned at 3:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Amy E. Stone
Secretary