

University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Student-Trustee Liaison Committee

April 17, 2013

The Student-Trustee Liaison Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at 12:15 p.m. in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Members present were: Ms. Leah B. Moody, Chair; Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. Robert E. Brown; Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; Mr. Thomas C. Cofield; Mr. A. C. "Bubba" Fennell; Dr. C. Dorn Smith III; Mr. Thad H. Westbrook; Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr., Board Chairman and Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr. Vice Chairman.

Other Board members present were: Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr.; Dr. C. Edward Floyd, Mr. Toney J. Lister; Mr. Miles Loadholt; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley; Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr.; Mr. Charles H. Williams; and Dr. Mitchell M. Zais.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary Amy E. Stone; 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; Interim Vice President for Communications Wes Hickman; Palmetto College Chancellor Susan A. Elkins; Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies Helen I. Doerpinghaus; University Registrar Aaron Marterer; Chair of the Faculty Senate Sandra J. Kelly; Communications Coordinator, Division of Information Technology, Elwood Hamilton; guest Callie Allen, the daughter of Mr. Chuck Allen; University Technology Services Production Manager, Matt Warthen; and Board staff members Debra Allen and Terri Saxon.

Student Government Association (SGA) representatives present were: USC Aiken: SGA Vice President Christen Torres and School of Business Senator Tomas Greizenger; USC Beaufort: SGA President Devin Mock and Vice President Michael Alexander; USC Columbia: SGA President Chase Mizzell, Vice President Ryan Bailey, Treasurer Haley Guyton, GSA President Danielle Schoffman, and Immediate Past SGA President Kenny Tracy; USC Lancaster: SGA President Tyler Reeves and Vice President Brandon Newton, Secretary/Treasurer Brooke Watts; USC Salkehatchie: SGA President Rosie Curiel; USC Sumter: SGA President Jared Buniel; Secretary Dominique Mitchell, Vice President-Nominee Sherry Burke, and Secretary Nominee Aly Shelton; USC Union: SGA President Derrick Means and

President-Elect Madison Jett; USC Upstate: SGA President Greg Williams, Vice President Alexander Duke, Treasurer Sandy Vang, and Chief of Staff Andrew White.

SGA advisors present were: USC Beaufort, Kate T. Vermilyea; USC Columbia, David Hunter; USC Lancaster, Laura Humphrey; USC Salkehatchie, Jane Brewer; USC Sumter, Dan Kiernan; USC Union, Brad Greer; and USC Upstate, Laura Puckett-Boler.

Chair Moody welcomed everyone and invited them to participate in discussions about their campuses with the Trustees at their tables.

I. Call to Order – Following lunch, Chair Moody called the meeting to order, again welcomed everyone and invited them to introduce themselves. Mr. Wes Hickman stated that there were no members of the media in attendance.

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

II. Featured Campus Reports – Chair Moody stated that for several years SGA officers from all campuses were asked to give a brief report at each meeting. It had been a good experience. However, in an effort to allow campuses to provide more substantive reports, it was decided to feature two campuses (a two-year and a four-year campus), at each of the Committee meetings during the year. She said that she believed that this change in meeting format would allow each campus a chance to shine.

Chair Moody welcomed SGA Presidents from USC Salkehatchie and from USC Upstate to report on their campus activities and highlights.

A. USC Salkehatchie: SGA President Rosie Curiel said that this year they had combined fun with educational opportunities and community service thru their student activities.

Both campuses recently held “Salk’s Got Talent” contests and discovered a wealth of very talented students. This year is the first annual USC Salkehatchie “Capture the Spear” competitions between their two campuses. Walterboro Campus won the spear in the Fall basketball competition; but Allendale Campus plans to reclaim it in the upcoming kickball competition.

This year USC Salkehatchie was very involved in Black History Week. The SGA helped sponsor a walk around the Allendale campus to commemorate Dr. King’s march on Washington, which culminated with the SGA Vice President delivering Dr. King’s “I Have a Dream Speech” to the audience. On the Walterboro campus the program was “Black History through Legend and Music” with a local singer/storyteller from Walterboro presenting a wonderful mix of stories and songs along with a special

appearance by student Brittany George singing “We Shall Overcome” accompanied by basketball player, Cory Thomas, on the piano.

The SGA sponsored “Pink Out Week” in October for Breast Cancer Awareness. Included was a bake sale with all proceeds going to American Cancer Society; and a Pink Out Day featuring a speaker, a reception with all pink refreshments, and all students in pink; and at the Men’s and Women’s soccer teams home games that day the teams wore pink socks and armbands. The Walterboro SGA formed a “Relay for Life” team with team captain, freshman student and cancer survivor, Kendra Crosby. This year’s theme for the Colleton Relay for Life was College Traditions.

On the Allendale campus many students are involved in Abba’s Kitchen, a local ministry through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Allendale First Baptist Church. The SGA recently sponsored a bake sale with all proceeds going to Abba’s Kitchen. Students volunteered at Allendale Elementary School, and worked with the Church’s English as a Second Language program. A mission trip to Washington, DC over the Christmas break provided students the opportunity to see Washington and to help with mission work there.

The USC Salkehatchie basketball team was honored by the Colleton County School Board for their volunteer work as partners for the Black Street Early Childhood Center in Walterboro. This ongoing partnership now includes the players going to the center on Fridays to read to students, take them to recess, but really serve as mentors. In return, the Black Street children visit the players on campus once a semester to practice “warm-ups and dunks” with their heroes.

University 101 classes have a component of learning outside the classroom to complement the learning in the classroom. Students are introduced to USC Connect early on and get involved in as many learning opportunities outside of the classroom as possible. Last year USC Salkehatchie students volunteered over 2,400 hours of service in the local communities and plan to top that mark this year.

This year, the USC Salkehatchie basketball team qualified and traveled to Hutchinson, Kansas for the NJCAA Division I National Championship Tournament. This is the first time a USC Salkehatchie athletic team played in a national championship tournament. Viewing parties were held on both campuses. On the morning of the game, to cheer the team on, the students from both campuses surprised the team by skype. Chair Moody was given a program and a shirt from the tournament.

Ms. Curiel reported on students involved in research. Chris Bates, a freshman pre-med major (and catcher for the baseball team), traveled with Dr. Eran Kilpatrick, a biology professor to Santa Barbara, California to present USC Salkehatchie biology students’ research as part of a grant coordinated by a

professor from Washington and Lee University. The presentation “Toads, Roads, and Nodes” was presented at the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis. Earlier in the semester, Dr. Brian Lai and Dr. Fidel Ngwane, math professors, took three students to the Mathematical Association of American Southeastern Section conference where they presented three different topics. Robbie Bacon, a member of the men’s soccer team, presented a winning paper called “Rock, Paper, Scissors, Lizard, Spock” which she said would sound familiar to those who were Big Bang TV show fans. It was an analysis of the odds of each of those options coming up in a typical game. Five students were planning to present papers at the Carolina Emerging Scholars Day.

Ms. Curiel said that students were proud of their professors who were receiving grants to work on courses for Palmetto Programs, and five of whom had received RISE grants for the coming summer. Dr. Brian Lai, was a finalist for the Governor’s Professor of the Year Award this year. There are eleven international students at USC Salkehatchie and another ten who are permanent residents now, but were born in other countries. Dr. Lai assists these students and helps them to learn about American culture. Recently, they attended concerts and international festivals in Walterboro, Beaufort and Columbia. Last Fall, Dr. Lai took a group to Columbia where they were invited to participate in the USC Columbia international student organization soccer World Cup. Dr. Lai organized a team from the group and coached them past teams from three different countries, before beating a team of players from several different countries in the championship game. Ms. Curiel said “Dr. Lai says he is now 4-0 as a soccer coach so he thinks he will retire undefeated!”

The USC Salkehatchie student body selected Professor Joe Siren, History and Speech, as the Distinguished Professor of the year.

Ms. Curiel said that during her short time this year at USC Salkehatchie, she had enjoyed the wonderful opportunities to be a part of the greater University, such as participation in this meeting. She had been invited, along with other students, to have lunch with Dr. Susan Elkins, Chancellor of Palmetto Programs, when she visited the campus. She also participated in Carolina Day at the Statehouse in February, where she was able to meet legislators and to tell them “what a great place USC is!” At the lunch, that day, she had her picture taken with both Coach Ray Tanner and Dr. Pastides. She said to Dr. Pastides, “I hope you don’t mind but I used our picture together on my campaign posters when I ran for SGA president and I won! So I thank you for your help!”

USC Salkehatchie recently held their annual academic reception where thirty-five scholarship winners for the 2013-14 academic year were recognized, as well as eleven student academic award winners

in various disciplines for the current year. USC Board of Trustees Chairman Gene Warr was the speaker. He stayed afterward to talk with the winners. Ms. Curiel thanked Mr. Warr for participating.

Events still to come this spring include welcoming of the Regional Campuses Faculty Senate to USC Salkehatchie; and the athletic banquet, where in addition to recognizing athletic ability, Dean Carmichael will present 45 athletes with certificates for having over a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (one-third of the student athletes). The main event of the year is May 6 Commencement at which 217 associates degrees plus 4 year degrees in education, BLS and BSN in nursing degrees will be awarded.

In closing Ms. Curiel, talked about her plans as the USC Salkehatchie SGA President 2013-14.

B. USC Upstate: SGA President Gregory Williams announced that the SGA, the Facilities Management Division and the Natural Science and Engineering Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences, were in the process of creating a “Community Garden” on the USC Upstate campus.

Mr. Williams said that the 2013 “Bowties and BBQ” event, with Chancellor Moore, was scheduled for Wednesday, April 24 from 5-8 p.m. The event will feature games, live music, novelties and dinner. This year’s “Bowties and BBQ” will include three competitions with \$100 USC Upstate Bookstore voucher prizes: the Dr. Moore Look-A-Like Competition; the Best Bowtie; and the Bow Tying Contest. This event is free.

Mr. Williams reported that USC Upstate was seeking USC Board of Trustees’ approve later in the day, to reduce tuition and housing rates at USC Upstate for this year’s Maymester, Summer I and Summer II terms. This would be accomplished by implementing a 28 percent reduction in the credit hour rate, bringing it to \$289 for in-state students and \$587 for out-of-state students. Also being requested was a 19 percent reduction in the housing rate in order to offer a \$1,000 flat fee for summer housing in The Villas. These requests were endorsed by USC Upstate’s Faculty Senate, the Student Government Association, academic deans and leadership, and the campus’ executive cabinet. The reduced summer tuition would benefit students and the campus in several ways, by lowering the rate of summer tuition. The hope was that students could meet the requirements to keep their scholarships, earn credits toward early graduation, focus on one or two courses rather than a full load, and have the opportunity to take an Internet course.

Mr. Williams thanks Ms. Moody and the Committee for the chance to talk about USC Upstate.

III. Self Service Carolina: Registration and Financial Aid Utility

Chair Moody called on Dr. Pruitt who introduced the University Registrar Aaron Marterer. Mr. Marterer presented an overview of “Self Service Carolina: Registrations and Financial Aid Utility.” This was an opportunity to update student leaders on the introduction of the new student information software

that will replace the old VIP system. The new Banner system modernizes how students register, apply for financial aid, and perform other student-based functions.

IV. Other Matters:

Chair Moody stated that in response to a request from members of the Board to receive SGA contact information, she was happy to report that the names, titles and email addresses of all SGA officers and their advisors were now accessible in the resource center of the web-based Board Portal.

Chair Moody asked that, in order to facilitate an opportunity for Board members to serve as mentors to SGA officers, interested Trustees should email Terri Saxon in the Board of Trustees Office so that assignments could be made. She noted that this was a great chance for Board members to experience greater involvement with students.

Chair Moody called on Dr. Pruitt who invited the SGA officers and advisors to remain after the Committee meeting to network with their peers.

There being no other business to come before the Committee, Chair Moody declared the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy E. Stone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Amy E. Stone
Secretary