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Student-Trustee Liaison Committee

November 17, 2005

The Student-Trustee Liaison Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Thursday, November 17, 2005, at 12:45 p.m. in the Capstone House Campus Room.

Members present were: Ms. Rita M. McKinney, Chair; Mr. M. Wayne Staton; and Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr. Members absent were: Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr.; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; and Mr. William W. Jones, Jr. Others Trustees present were: Mr. Arthur S. Bahnmuller; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr.; Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.; and Mr. Miles Loadholt, Board Vice Chairman.

Others present were: President Andrew A. Sorensen; Secretary Thomas L. Stepp; Vice President for Research and Health Sciences Harris Pastides; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer William F. Hogue; Vice President for Advancement T.W. Hudson Akin; Vice President for Human Resources Jane M. Jameson; Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis A. Pruitt; General Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; Vice Provost and Executive Dean for Regional Campuses and Continuing Education Chris P. Plyler; Director of the Department of Student Life, Division of Student Affairs, Jerry T. Brewer; Associate Professor, USC Lancaster, Noni M. Bononak; and Public Information Officer, Office of Media Relations, Karen Petit.

Student Government Association (SGA) representatives present were: USC Aiken: President Brenn Hartley; USC Beaufort: President Johnathan Lucky, Advisor Kate Torborg; USC Columbia: President Justin Williams, Vice President Ryan Holt, and Treasurer Tommy Preston; USC Lancaster: Campus Crusade for Christ representative Ryan Whetstine, and Advisor Tracey Taylor; USC Salkehatchie: President Sloan Sauls, Kyle Anderson, and Advisor Kathy West; USC Sumter: President Joe Rodgers, and Staff Member Frank Marsh; USC Union: Vice President Brandi Spencer, Senator Tyler Shugart, Senator Derail Sims, and Staff Member Susan Jett; USC Upstate: President Robert Gideon and Dean of Students Laura Puckett-Boler.

Prior to the meeting, a luncheon was held and students had the opportunity to talk with Trustees and University officials at their individual tables.

Following the luncheon, Chair McKinney called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She invited Board members, the Administration and others in attendance to introduce themselves. Secretary Stepp indicated no members of the media were in attendance. Chair McKinney stated that the agenda had been posted and 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.

I. The Angel Tree Program - USC Upstate: Chair McKinney called on Robert Gideon, SGA President of USC Upstate, who explained that every year during the winter holidays an angel tree was assembled in the Student Life Center; various organizations, academic classes, and student groups sponsored children. This program was supported by Impact, the campus's community service group, which provided information about the children. Hanging on the tree were tags in the shape of garments made by children who attended the on campus Child Development Center indicating items which had been donated by the various sponsoring groups. Mr. Gideon indicated that more than 1,500 children had been sponsored through this program since its inception 11 years ago.

Responding to Chair McKinney's question about the number of students who participated, Mr. Gideon noted that most of the 72 campus organizations sponsored at least one child; each of the residence halls sponsored a child; and the resident advisors in the Palmetto House sponsored a child. Ms. Puckett-Boler, Dean of Students at USC Upstate, also commented that academic classes adopted children. Enthusiasm for this program permeated the entire campus.

II. Brief Reports from Campuses: Chair McKinney asked a representative from each of the campuses to present briefly one campus highlight of interest.

Mr. Brenn Hartley, USC Aiken SGA President, stated that the campus was ready to "break ground" for the new convocation center on December 9th; this facility will serve as the athletic arena for the basketball team as well as the location for various events such as commencement ceremonies.

Mr. Jonathan Lucky, USC Beaufort SGA President, reported that students in Bluffton had been striving to develop a "state of community life" report on the new campus. During this week, for example, the first field day had been held; biology classes had sponsored a health fair; and intramural sports had begun. "It has just been an exciting time for us." He looked forward to updating the Committee at the next meeting about all of the new activities on the South Campus.

President Sorensen commented that he had attended the dedication of four new residence halls at USC Beaufort South Campus this past week; currently 65 students

were residing in those facilities. It was hoped to raise that total to the maximum of 260 in the near future.

Mr. Ryan Holt, USC Columbia SGA Vice President, commented that Justin Williams had recently delivered his "State of the Student Body" address followed by the signing of the SGA contract with Carolina which contained 12 distinct goals to accomplish. The waiting period at shuttle stops had decreased due to the purchase of 2 new buses for the transit system. In addition, the Blossom Street Garage had been outfitted with security cameras. Mr. Holt also mentioned the Presidential Student Issues Commission which was in the process of generating new ideas to help address various concerns. In the spring, officers will visit Washington, D.C. to meet with the South Carolina congressional delegation to express concerns about support for higher education.

Mr. Hubbard commented that Messrs. Williams, Holt, and Preston (USC Columbia SGA Treasurer) had extended greetings on behalf of the University of South Carolina to a recent delegation of ABA (American Bar Association) representatives who had visited the campus. "My chest swelled with pride at the representation they provided for the student body at the University of South Carolina. The group was very impressed with the quality of our student body leadership."

Ms. Sloan Sauls, USC Salkehatchie SGA President, remarked that students had been added to the recruiting staff to help with enrollment numbers. "We are trying to change our image and reach more traditional and nontraditional students." The latter group was suggesting possible recruiting techniques to reach local community members who were interested in the concept of a commuter college. Also, an intramural sports program between the west and east campuses had been initiated. The expansion of degree programs (particularly in the area of nursing) offered at that campus was under consideration.

Mr. Joe Rodgers, USC Sumter SGA President, explained that in order to achieve a more united campus, it had been necessary to alter the student government structure. Several positions had been added to "get things done" because under the former system the chair had performed most of the student government functions. By establishing the new system, officers had been designated and given specific responsibilities.

Mr. Rodgers also noted that a large Carolina Clemson tailgate party had been held the previous evening. The event was unique because originally Sumter had been a Clemson extension campus. Mr. Bahnmuller commented that the Clemson Tiger as well as Cocky and the cheerleaders from Carolina had attended; the event had attracted a large crowd.

Mr. Tyler Shugart, USC Union senator, commented that the annual Thanksgiving luncheon had been held yesterday and had set a record for attendance. The campus was very excited about the upcoming Carolina/Clemson football game on the following Saturday.

Chair McKinney thanked the students for their reports which she characterized as "always so interesting and helpful." She stated that they were received as information.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair McKinney declared the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary