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Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee

November 7, 2008

The Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Friday, November 7, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Members present were: Mr. William W. Jones, Jr., Chairman; Mr. Herbert C. Adams; Mr. James Bradley; Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr.; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr.; Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.; and Mr. Miles Loadholt, Board Chairman. Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr.; and Mr. Samuel R. Foster II, Board Vice Chairman, were absent.

Board Trustee J. Egerton Burroughs was also present.

Chair of the Faculty Senate Dr. Robert Best was present. The following Faculty Liaison Committee representatives were absent: Dr. Charley Adams, Chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee; Dr. Mathieu Deflem, Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee; Dr. Carl Eby, USC Beaufort, Senior Campuses Representative; and Dr. Danny Faulkner, USC Lancaster.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary Thomas L. Stepp; Vice President of Planning William T. Moore; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer William F. Hogue; Vice President for Human Resources Jane M. Jameson; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Academic Support Dennis A. Pruitt; Interim Vice President for Advancement Michelle D. Dodenhoff; Assistant Provost for Academic Programs Kristia H. Finnigan; Director of Extended Campuses, Division of System Campuses, Aileen C. Trainer; Dean of the School of Medicine Donald J. DiPette; Dean of the South Carolina College of Pharmacy Joseph DiPiro; Dean of the College of Social Work Dennis Poole; Associate Dean of the College of Social Work Miriam Johnson; Assistant Dean, College of Engineering and Computing, Michael Perkins; Assistant to the President and Athletics Director John D. Gregory; Director of Governmental and Community Relations and Legislative Liaison Shirley D. Mills; Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness, USC Beaufort, Martha A. Moriarty; Assistant Professor, USC Beaufort, Jonathan Goebel; Interim Director of Undergraduate Programs, College of Social Work, Susan Parlier; Director of the Office of Media Relations, Division of University Advancement, Margaret Lamb; Director of Periodicals, University Publications, Chris Horn; Associate Director of Governmental Affairs and Legislative Liaison Casey Martin; College of Social Work Fiscal Officer Beverly Simmons;

President of the Student Government Association Andrew T. Gaeckle; Board staff members Terri Saxon, Vera Stone, and Karen Tweedy.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order and invited those Board members present to introduce themselves. Mr. McKinney indicated that no members of the press 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 circulated to the Committee; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

Chairman Jones stated that there were personnel matters dealing with recommendations for honorary faculty titles and honorary degree nominations which were appropriate for discussion in Executive Session.

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

The following individuals were invited to remain: Dr. Pastides, Secretary Stepp, Dr. Moore, Dr. Hogue, Dr. Pruitt, Mrs. Jameson, Dr. Booze, Ms. Dodenhoff, Mr. Parham, Mr. Gregory, Ms. Mills, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Saxon, Ms. Stone, and Ms. Tweedy.

Open Session

I. Honorary Faculty Titles:

Chairman Jones stated that the Honorary Faculty Titles and Honorary Degree Recipient nominations would be forwarded to the full Board for Executive Session review and Open Session action at their December 15th meeting.

II. Program Proposals:

Chairman Jones called on Dr. Moore to present the program proposals. Dr. Moore stated that he was acutely aware of the budget challenges the University faced. He had examined the economics of each program proposal and at the minimum they would "break even" and had the potential to produce some revenue for the respective units. He added that all University programs were being scrutinized as a result of Focus Carolina.

A. Bachelor of Science in Engineering with a major in Engineering Science:

The University presently had six discipline-specific undergraduate engineering degree programs, and two undergraduate degree programs in computing. This program would provide a non-discipline-specific engineering degree program with two primary objectives. The first would enable students to engage in interdisciplinary studies combining learning outcomes and skills from several of the discipline-specific programs, as well as complementary studies in the sciences, liberal arts, and business. The second would give students the flexibility needed to begin their studies in a graduate professional field such as law, business, medicine, or education, while completing their undergraduate engineering degree.

The program, with a proposed implementation in Fall 2009, would take advantage of existing courses to create the new degree program; no new resources, beyond those needed to accommodate the general growth of the College of Engineering and Computing, would be needed for its implementation.

B. Bachelor of Social Work: This program would build on a broad liberal arts education to produce graduates who would practice as social workers. Two additional faculty and two staff members would be hired over the next two years. If the enrollment targets were met, the program could produce up to \$1 million a year for the College of Social Work. If only half of the enrollment target was met, the program would break even. Proposed implementation of the program would be Fall 2009.

C. Bachelor of Arts with a major in Studio Art: This program, proposed for the USC Beaufort campus, would enhance and improve a curriculum responsive to their mission to meet regional needs and to draw upon regional strengths. The program would prepare graduates both for professional careers in the arts and graduate programs in fine arts. Two new faculty would be required over the next two years. The program would not launch in 2009 unless at least 12 students enrolled, which would be a little better than a "break even" number.

D. Graduate Certificate in Biomedical Studies: This one-year certificate program would offer advanced graduate level training in a number of areas of biomedical sciences. It was designed for individuals seeking to enhance their

background in the basic health sciences prior to entry into professional schools including medical, dental, veterinary, and osteopathic medical schools.

No new faculty or staff resources were anticipated. Existing courses would be utilized. The program was scheduled for implementation in Fall 2009.

E. Confucius Institute: The University was awarded a grant from the Chinese National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language to establish a Confucius Institute at the Columbia campus. The program would foster the teaching and learning of Chinese language and culture in the State, and would promote educational and cultural exchanges in South Carolina and across the Southeast. The USC Confucius Institute would be the 46th in the United States.

Support of the Institute would be from existing faculty resources, in conjunction with a \$100,000 annual grant from the Chinese government. The program was anticipated to break even.

Mr. von Lehe moved to approve the program proposals as presented in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

III. Other Matters:

Chairman Jones requested consent to take up one item which had been distributed after the original agenda and material were mailed. There were no objections to do so.

- Department Name Change:

- Department of Physical Education and Athletic Training:

Chairman Jones called on Dr. Moore, who explained that the inclusion of Athletic Training in the Department title would increase the visibility of the program.

Mr. Adams moved to approve the Department Name Change as presented in the materials distributed for the meeting. Mr. Hubbard seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Chairman Jones called for any other matters to come before the Committee. President Pastides announced that senior piano performance major and Honors College student Elizabeth Nyikos had been named a 2009 Marshall and Rhodes Scholar Finalist. Ms. Nyikos, fluent in three languages, had conducted research in four countries, following her passion of research and performance of medieval music. She was a Palmetto Fellow and National Merit Scholar, who had received a Magellan Fellowship and Honors College Undergraduate Research Grant.

President Pastides noted that Ms. Nyikos was an amazing young woman from Columbia, who had been home-schooled and was the daughter of USC Department of Mathematics professor Peter Nyikos. He said that he along with the faculty committee who had helped prepare her for the scholarship interviews were "dumbfounded by the breadth of her knowledge and her absolute passion for medieval music manuscript research." He concluded

that based on the "brilliance" he observed, he felt sure she would be awarded one of the scholarships.

Chairman Jones asked President Pastides, on behalf of the Committee, to offer Ms. Nyikos their congratulations and good luck in her endeavors.

Mr. Burroughs asked that in light of the economic challenges facing the University that the appropriate Board committee explore avenues to attract more students since the institution was not open to raising tuition at this time. The President noted that the Deans and Vice Presidents had been informed of the specific amount of reduction in their respective operating budgets, and he anticipated recommendations from them as to how they would apply the cuts. Following his review, he would report recommendations to the Board, which would include enrollment management for the entire University system.

Mr. Buyck asked if there were plans for a Board retreat. Secretary Stepp replied that a winter 2009 retreat was under consideration. Mr. Adams asked Dr. Moore when he thought the results of his planning committee's efforts would be finalized. Dr. Moore responded that he did not anticipate *Focus Carolina* being completed until late Summer 2009. However, he did anticipate that several decisions and initiatives would be ready for the Board's consideration by the end of the current calendar year.

President Pastides said that, in advance of a winter retreat, he anticipated being able to provide the Board with a written report on his "vision for moving forward."

IV. Adjournment:

Since there were no other matters to come before the Committee, Chairman Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary