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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Executive Committee

September 1, 2005

The Executive Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Thursday, September 1, 2005, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 855 of the Moore School of Business.

Members present were: Mr. Herbert C. Adams, Chairman; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. Miles Loadholt; Mr. Michael J. Mungo; and Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr. Mr. James Bradley was absent. Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr. was also present.

Others present were: President Andrew A. Sorensen; Secretary Thomas L. Stepp; and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Mark P. Becker.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and invited Board members to introduce themselves. Secretary Stepp indicated that no members of the media were in attendance.

Chairman Adams 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 members of the Committee; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

Chairman Adams directed the attention of the Committee to the first agenda item and called on Dr. Becker.

I. Appointments with Tenure:

A. Dr. Peggy O'Neill Hewlett: Dr. Hewlett would be awarded tenure at the rank of Professor in the College of Nursing effective with her appointment as Professor; she will serve as the Dean of the College of Nursing.

B. Dr. Tom Vogt: Dr. Vogt would be awarded tenure at the rank of Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Arts and Sciences, effective with his appointment as Professor; he will serve as the Director of the NanoCenter.

C. Dr. Chris Rorden: Dr. Rorden would be awarded tenure at the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Arnold School of Public Health, effective with his appointment as Professor.

Dr. Becker commented that the normal recruiting procedures for these three individuals had been followed. All of the proposed candidates were appropriate for their particular positions and highly qualified.

Mr. Mungo moved approval of the three appointments with tenure as presented. Mr. Whittle seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

II. Greenville Tech Agreement: Chairman Adams called on President Sorensen who explained that the University had developed close ties with Greenville Technical College through the years. Further, 80 percent of the courses offered at the University Center at Greenville were taught by University of South Carolina Upstate faculty. Tom Barton, President of Greenville Technical College, was offering to deed to the University approximately 9 acres of land on the main Greenville Tech campus, to make it possible to offer Junior and Senior level courses from USC Upstate on the same geographic site students had achieved Freshman and Sophomore classes from Tech.

President Sorensen further noted that the General Assembly had given \$1 million of recurring dollars to USC Upstate in order to expand faculty offerings in Greenville; with that money and a bond resolution, Chancellor Stockwell would be in a position to fully finance the cost of constructing a building on the parcel of land to be donated by Tech.

President Sorensen was seeking Executive Committee approval to proceed with further discussions regarding this matter. Mr. Whittle moved approval on behalf of the full Board to give President Sorensen the authority to continue discussions. Mr. Mungo seconded the motion. Executive Committee approval of these negotiations, if successful, on behalf of the University's Board, would open the way for Tech President Barton to present the matter to his governing board.

Mr. Whittle asked that President Sorensen establish an agreement with Greenville Tech that will require exclusive relationships between the two institutions and that the land will be deeded to the University. He stressed that no competition should arise from other colleges or universities in the academic program area.

Dr. Becker commented that he and the provost from Clemson University had discussed Greenville Tech on numerous occasions. There was a "gentleman's agreement" between the two institutions that Carolina would offer undergraduate courses and that Clemson would offer graduate courses at the University Center of Greenville. However, he expressed concern that Clemson may become interested in offering undergraduate degrees because of expanding enrollment in undergraduate courses at the University Center.

Discussion ensued regarding the manner in which the University would maintain legal control of the Greenville Technical College deeded property and any buildings constructed on that site.

The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Since there were no other matters to come before the Committee, Chairman Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp  
Secretary