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Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee

September 18, 2009

The Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Friday, September 18, 2009, at 1:55 p.m.

Members present were: Mr. William W. Jones, Jr., Chairman; Mr. Herbert C. Adams; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr.; Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.; Mr. Miles Loadholt, Board Chairman; and Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr., Board Vice Chairman. Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr. and Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr. were absent.

Other Trustees present were: Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; Mr. Greg Gregory; Mr. Toney J. Lister; and Ms. Leah B. Moody.

Faculty Liaison Committee representatives present were: Dr. Patrick D. Nolan, Chair of the Faculty Senate; Dr. Charley Adams, Chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee; and Dr. Faruk Tanyel, USC Upstate, Senior Campuses Representative. The following Faculty Liaison Committee representatives were absent: Dr. Harold Friedman, Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee; and Dr. Mary Hjelm, USC Salkehatchie, Extended University Representative.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary Thomas L. Stepp; Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Michael D. Amiridis; Vice President for Finance and Planning William T. Moore; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer William F. Hogue; Vice President for Human Resources Jane M. Jameson; Interim Vice President for Advancement Michelle D. Dodenhoff; Special Assistant to the President J. Cantey Heath, Jr.; Chancellor of USC Beaufort Jane T. Upshaw; Chancellor of USC Upstate John C. Stockwell; Senior Associate Dean for Liberal Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, Steve W. Lynn; Assistant Dean for Administration, College of Arts and Sciences, Mary Ann Byrnes; Vice Provost for Faculty Development Christine W. Curtis; Assistant Provost for Academic Programs Kris H. Finnigan; Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies Helen I. Doerpinghaus; Carolina Distinguished Professor in the Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences, Ronald J. Prinz; Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Chair of the Department of Languages, Literature, and Composition, USC Upstate, Warren J. Carson; President of the Student Government Association Meredith Ross; Director of the Office of Media Relations, Division of University Advancement, Margaret Lamb; University Technology Services Production Manager Justin Johnson; and 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. Ms. Lamb 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, appointments with tenure, and honorary degree nominations which were appropriate for discussion in Executive Session.

Chairman Jones called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Adams 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. Amiridis, Dr. Moore, Dr. Hogue, Mrs. Jameson, Ms. Dodenhoff, Dr. Curtis, Dr. Doerpinghaus, Dr. Stockwell, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Saxon, Ms. Stone, and Ms. Tweedy.

Return to Open Session

I. Program Proposals:

- A. Bachelor of Science with a major in Computational Science, USC Beaufort
- B. Bachelor of Arts with a major in Sociology, USC Beaufort
- C. Bachelor of Arts with a major in Commercial Music, USC Upstate
- D. Bachelor of Science with a major in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, USC Columbia
- E. Doctor of Philosophy with a major in Spanish, USC Columbia

Chairman Jones called on Provost Amiridis who addressed the first program proposal request. He noted that the subject of computational science was central to industries required for the area's economic diversification and development. This proposed program would train students in a multidisciplinary field which used advanced computing capabilities to solve complex problems. The following areas of future employment were frequently and consistently identified by the Department of Labor as those that show the largest growth in the next decade: health care/medical; construction; wholesale trade; and manufacturing. All start-up funding would be generated from a National Science Foundation EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) grant. It was anticipated that continuing costs would be covered by tuition revenue.

The second proposed program, Bachelor of Science with a major in Sociology at USC Beaufort, would fill a significant gap in the USC Beaufort social science program offerings and would not require new faculty or new courses. A large majority of students from USC Beaufort graduating with degrees in Liberal Studies had declared sociology as a concentration. Provost Amiridis advised that lower division and upper division sociology course enrollments had been robust; student demand for the major had significantly grown. By the second year of the program, costs would be fully covered by tuition revenue and state-generated FTE revenues.

The third proposed program, Bachelor of Arts with a major in Commercial Music at USC Upstate, would offer students an integrated curriculum spanning music theory, pedagogy, technology, career management and business. In addition, the program would prepare them for a wide variety of careers in performance venues, music and music publishing stores, entertainment management, teaching, and recording studios. Provost Amiridis commented that the Upstate and surrounding counties offered a diversity of music-career opportunities. Surveys of students had indicated a strong demand for this major; program costs would be offset by tuition funding and state-generated FTE revenues.

The fourth proposed program, Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at USC Columbia, would integrate molecular biology and biochemistry which was a unique undergraduate curricular approach in the state. Provost Amiridis noted that this program would prepare students for research and development professions in biotechnology and health-related businesses. In addition, the program was recommended by an external

panel that reviewed the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry in Fall 2008. The existing biochemistry/molecular biology course sequence already enrolled 70 students annually; no new state funding would be required.

The final program proposal, Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish at USC Columbia, would address a growing demand for faculty in South Carolina to teach Spanish in colleges and universities in order to prepare K-12 Spanish teachers. Provost Amiridis pointed out that this offering would be the only doctoral level program in South Carolina. It was strongly recommended by an external panel that reviewed the Department of Languages, Literatures, & Cultures several years ago. He also emphasized that this proposal was consistent with the University's ranking and mission as a research Carnegie I institution; no new resources would be required to launch the program. In fact, it would most likely attract stronger junior faculty members to the University.

Mr. von Lehe moved approval of the five program proposals as presented. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. He asked that projected revenue information regarding the final proposal be disseminated before the Board of Trustees voted in October. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

II. Center Proposal: Parenting and Family Research Center, USC Columbia:

Chairman Jones called on Provost Amiridis who remarked that the Parenting and Family Research Center had been proposed by Dr. Ron Prinz, professor in the Department of Psychology, who had a notable track record in grant funding (more than \$16 million in the last 6 years). Last December, Dr. Prinz was awarded 5-year funding of over \$1 million to establish the Center which will pursue upcoming federal and private foundation grant opportunities that support early childhood education, child mental/emotional well-being, and preventing child maltreatment and youth substance abuse. Provost Amiridis further stated that collaborative research relationships had already been established with universities in the United States, Great Britain and Australia.

Mr. von Lehe moved approval to establish the Parenting and Family Research Center as presented. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Secretary Stepp reminded Board members that they had been invited to two events on the Columbia campus this afternoon: the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new state-of-the-art patient simulation lab in the College of Nursing which had been deliberately scheduled following the Board committee meetings today; Mr. Loadholt will offer brief remarks at that event. In addition, at 5:00 p.m. a reception will be held honoring Conyers O'Brien for contributing his Winston Churchill collection to the Thomas Cooper Library.

Since there were no other matters to come before the Committee, Chairman Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp  
Secretary