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Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee

November 6, 2009

The Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Friday, November 6, 2009, at 11:20 a.m.

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

Other Trustees present were: Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Ms. Darla D. Moore; and Mrs. Amy E. Stone.

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. Mary Hjelm, Extended University Representative. The following Faculty Liaison Committee representatives were absent: Dr. Harold Friedman, Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee and Dr. Faruk Tanyel, USC Upstate, Senior Campuses 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 Human Resources Jane M. Jameson; Vice President for Research and Graduate Education Stephen Kresovich; Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations Michelle D. Dodenhoff; Special Assistant to the President J. Cantey Heath, Jr.; General Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Academic Support Dennis A. Pruitt; Vice Provost and Executive Dean for System Affairs and Extended University Chris P. Plyler; Dean of USC Union Hugh C. Rowland; Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Mary Anne Fitzpatrick; Dean of the College of Nursing Peggy O. Hewlett; Dean of the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management Brian J. Mihalik; 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; Associate Dean of Medical Education and Academic Affairs, School of Medicine, Joshua T. Thornhill; Associate Dean in the College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management Ercan S. Turk; Special Assistant to the President and Athletics Director John D. Gregory; Professor and Director of the Technology Support and Training Management Program, College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management, Robert G. Brookshire; Public Information Officer in the Office of Media Relations, Division of University Advancement, Karen

Petit; University Technology Services Production Manager Matt Warthen; and Board staff members Terri Saxon, Vera Stone, and Karen Tweedy.

Mr. Loadholt called the meeting to order and invited those Board members present to introduce themselves. Ms. Petit indicated that no members of the press were in attendance.

Mr. Loadholt 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.

Mr. Loadholt stated that there were personnel matters dealing with recommendations for honorary faculty titles, an appointment with tenure, and honorary degree nominations which were appropriate for discussion in Executive Session.

Mr. Loadholt called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Gregory so moved and Mr. Adams 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, Mrs. Jameson, Dr. Kresovich, Dr. Pruitt, Dr. Plyler, Mr. Heath, Mr. Parham, Ms. Dodenhoff, Dr. Curtis, Dr. Doerpinghaus, Mr. Gregory and Ms. Petit.

Return to Open Session

I. New Program: Doctor of Philosophy in Hospitality Management: Mr. Loadholt called on Provost Amiridis who indicated that this program will be housed within the College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management. He noted that the hospitality and tourism industry was the largest in the state and that there was a marketplace demand for academics which addressed this topic; currently only 15 doctoral programs existed nationwide, none of which were located in South Carolina. A related doctoral program at Clemson University focused on the development of natural resources for the creation of parks. The proposed program will be more holistic in nature and will focus on food services, hotel, restaurant and tourism administration. Provost Amiridis advised that Clemson University colleagues supported this proposal and hoped to collaborate with the University in various course offerings. Also important to note was the fact that the University was creating this program at the same time that a Director for the Center of Economic Excellence in Tourism and Economic Development had been recruited; in addition a new dean, who was an expert in tourism, had been recently hired. Therefore, it was anticipated that adding the doctoral program would substantially impact the quality of the HRSM programs.

Mr. Gregory moved approval of the Doctor of Philosophy in Hospitality Management program proposal as presented. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

II. New School/Name Change: School of the Earth, Ocean and Environment: Provost Amiridis explained that the creation of this particular school will combine the administrative organization of four existing units: the Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences; the Marine Science Program; the School of the Environment; and the Baruch Institute for Marine and Coastal Sciences. The new school, he stressed, will provide the same services within the framework of a more efficient and cost saving structure.

In addition, two external panels which reviewed the Marine Science program and the Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences in spring 2009 had recommended this structure because it would create an identity for the University's environmental efforts. And, the faculty believed that this arrangement would allow increased competition for new private and federal resources as well as creating an impression in environmental research.

Mr. von Lehe moved approval of the creation of the School of the Earth, Ocean and Environment within the College of Arts and Sciences. Mr. Gregory seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. Name Changes:

A. School of Medicine:

1. Division of Neurology to Department of Neurology
2. Division of Neurosurgery to Department of Neurosurgery

3. Department of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Sciences to
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Provost Amiridis explained that proposed was three name changes in the School of Medicine. Currently, the two divisions were housed within other departments (neuropsychiatry and surgery respectively) which had developed significant clinical units with anticipated continued growth in academic activities; therefore, it was proposed to elevate those divisions to departments. It was believed that this elevation from division to department would better facilitate the recruitment of faculty and the establishment of residency. The two divisions were separated financially and operated independently; in addition, the respective departments and division faculty had concurred with the proposal.

Ms. Moore commented that she supported the elevation of the two divisions to departments; however, she questioned the name change from "neuropsychiatry" to "psychiatry." She believed that it was "more modern to be a neuropsychiatry department rather than a psychiatry department."

Dr. Thornhill indicated that when the neuropsychiatry department was originally founded, both neurologists and psychiatrists were associated with that department. He advised that the term "neuropsychiatry" was very specific in the field and no "neuropsychiatrists" were actually in the psychiatry department; therefore, it was hoped that the requested name change would clarify the fact that in the department were psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and other mental health workers rather than neuropsychiatrists.

Ms. Moore further questioned this fact because she believed the field was developing in that direction. Provost Amiridis added that he would address the matter with the Dean of the School of Medicine emphasizing that it was an issue of substance. Ms. Moore requested that further dialogue be conducted because of the inherent strategic implications.

President Pastides requested approval of the name changes from "divisions" to "departments" because a very impressive department chair was "in waiting" in North Carolina and to delay the approval of the renaming of the existing department in order to conduct further discussion at a later date. It was determined that School of Medicine educational strategic initiatives will be discussed during the next Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning scheduled for early December; a full Board presentation will follow.

Mr. Hubbard moved approval of the proposed name changes as President Pastides stated above. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management, USC Columbia:

- Technology Support and Training Management Program to Integrated Information Technology Program

Provost Amiridis explained that it was proposed to change the name of the Technology Support and Training Management Program to Integrated Information Technology Program because the new name more fully reflected the curriculum and faculty, student and employer expectations.

Mr. Gregory moved approval of this name change as presented. Mr. Buyck seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

Since there were no other matters to come before the Committee, Chairman Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary