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Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee

March 23, 2010

The Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room at 12:35 p.m.

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

Other Trustees present were: Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; and Mrs. Amy E. Stone.

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

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 Information Technology and Chief Information Officer William F. Hogue; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Academic Support Dennis A. Pruitt; Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations Michelle D. Dodenhoff; General Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; University Treasurer Susan D. Hanna; Associate Vice President for Finance and Budget Director, Division of Business and Finance, Leslie Brunelli; Interim Vice President for Communications and Dean of the College of Mass Communications and Information Studies Charles Bierbauer; Special Assistant to the President J. Cantey Heath, Jr.; Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies Helen I. Doerpinghaus; Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Jerry T. Brewer; Associate Dean, South Carolina Honors College, Jim Burns; Director of Undergraduate Studies-Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences-College of Arts and Sciences Mary Ann Byrnes; Assistant Provost for Academic Programs Kris H. Finnigan; Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Mary Ann Fitzpatrick; Professor in the Department of Instruction and Teacher Education, College of Education, Ed Dickey;

Associate Professor in the Department of Instruction and Teacher Education, College of Education, Irma VanScoy; Chair of the Department of Physical Education, College of Education, Karen French; Associate Professor, USC Aiken, Elaine Lacy; Director of Governmental and Community Relations and Legislative Liaison Shirley D. Mills; Director of Governmental Affairs and Legislative Liaison Casey Martin; President of the Graduate Student Association Alan Tauber; President of the Student Government Association Ebbie Yazdani; Director of the Office of Media Relations, Division of University Advancement, Margaret Lamb; University Technology Services Production Manager, Justin Johnson; 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 introduced a member of the press who was 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. 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. Pruitt, Dr. Hogue, Dean Bierbauer, Ms. Dodenhoff, Mr. Heath, Mr. Parham, Dr. Doerpinghaus, Ms. Brunelli, Ms. Mills, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Saxon, Ms. Stone, and Ms. Tweedy.

Return to Open Session

Chairman Jones called on Provost Amiridis to present the Open Session items.

I. Program Terminations: Provost Amiridis explained that the Board had been informed of new programs as well as program modifications. Terminations had not historically come before the Board without substantial reason, but as a matter of policy, in the future they will be presented on a regular basis.

Currently, fourteen programs were being discontinued: eleven in the College of Education at USC Columbia; one in the College of Arts and Sciences; and two at USC Aiken due to either low enrollments, or modification and reorganization of programs (particularly in the College of Education where several programs had been combined into one larger program due to changes in market conditions).

Chairman Jones asked if the same criteria for termination was used in every evaluation. Provost Amiridis indicated that those decisions were made by the colleges. For example, the College of Education would consider the number of students who would most likely be attracted to the individual programs.

In response to Mr. Buyck's question about the termination of the Master of Arts in Applied Art History, Dean Fitzpatrick explained that the college offered a masters degree in art history; the masters degree in applied art history had not been sought for several years.

Mr. Hubbard requested a list of programs which had been terminated within the last five years. Provost Amiridis advised that the University was required to maintain an updated list because the SACS accreditation agency and the Commission on Higher Education must be notified every time a program was terminated.

II. New Programs

A. Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training, Department of Physical Education and Athletic Training, College of Education, USC Columbia:

Provost Amiridis explained that this program would be housed within the Department of Physical Education and Athletic Training in the College of Education. In reality, he noted, the program already existed as a concentration within the Bachelor of Science in Physical Education.

The Commission of Accreditation of Athletic Training Education required that programs accredited as "athletic training" included those words in the titles.

The program will not incur additional costs because the courses were being offered under another name. Provost Amiridis believed that graduation from this program would provide a better competitive edge.

Mr. Adams moved approval of the program as presented. Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. Dr. French, Chair of the Department of Physical Education, indicated that 70 students were currently enrolled in the athletic training program. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Doctor of Philosophy in Teaching and Learning, Department of Instruction and Teacher Education, College of Education, USC Columbia:

Provost Amiridis advised that this program will be housed in the Department of Instruction and Teacher Education in the College of Education and will be a consolidation of the Ph.D. programs in Elementary Education and Secondary Education.

The goal was to prepare professionals for teaching and research in higher education institutions with a focus on K-12 education. The degree will accommodate both educators focusing on a particular curriculum (English/Mathematics/Science/Social Sciences) and/or on a particular age whether elementary school, middle school or high school. The name "teaching and learning" was intentional and embraced the current practice nationwide in the discipline of education.

Mr. von Lehe moved approval of the program as presented. Mr. Gregory seconded the motion. It was noted that the budget was revenue neutral and would lead to savings because it was anticipated that the consolidation would increase efficiencies in office management; staff supporting these programs would continue to staff this degree.

The vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. Name Changes

A. South Carolina Honors College to The Honors College at the University of South Carolina: Chairman Jones initially noted that there was a slight change in the proposed Honors College name change; rather than "The Honors College at the University of South Carolina," the request should indicate "The University of South Carolina Honors College."

Provost Amiridis stated that the current name seemed to create questions and confusion. For example, was there a South Carolina Honors College somewhere else in the state. It was believed that the proposed name which was "cleaner and more clear."

Mr. Adams moved approval of the proposed name change as presented. Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion.

Mr. Hubbard commented that the naming was very intentional because it connoted the distinction that it was the Honors College for the state and, as such, offered deeper and more comprehensive honors programs than those at other state schools. Therefore, it was a point of great pride that this school was the South Carolina Honors College as well as incorporating the original name of South Carolina College. "I cannot see any reason to make this change because I think it has historical significance and it is also more descriptive that we are the best and the most comprehensive college among all programs in the state."

Associate Dean Burns responded that in this day of "googling" South Carolina Honors College was very difficult to find on the Internet. If potential applicants googled

University of South Carolina Honors College, they were able to immediately locate the University's Honor College.

President Pastides explained that when this proposal was presented to him, he had held the same feelings Mr. Hubbard had expressed.

I had lengthy meetings with Dean Baird so I am conflicted about this name change. The tradition, the reputation that we have vs. the way the game is played today was also described to me. When you google South Carolina Honors College, you get a listing of honors colleges within the state of South Carolina. It came to an issue of defending, if you will, the tradition and respect and reputation that we have and at some level that is priceless on one hand. And, on the other hand, taking a more competitive attack and trying to obviate the young person who is a high schooler in some other state who says I have heard good things about that Honors College in South Carolina, let me see what I can find out about it."

President Pastides suggested a friendly amendment to table this agenda item.

Mr. Adams expressed that he would rather not vote today because of Mr. Hubbard's observation as well as the consideration of former graduates. The motion and the second were withdrawn.

Mr. Hubbard suggested that alumni of the Honors College should be consulted to ensure that they "buy into it."

Provost Amiridis believed that there may be strategies available to correct the google problem.

Mr. Hubbard moved to table this agenda item until the administration chose to bring it forward. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Master of Media Arts (MMA) to Master of Arts (MA) with a major in Media Arts: Provost Amiridis stated that this designation was consistent with current practices in the discipline and reflected more accurately the fact that the degree is academic rather than professional in the Department of Art.

Mr. von Lehe moved approval of this program name change as presented. Mr. Warr seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. Bachelor of Science with a major in Geology to Bachelor of Science with a major in Geological Sciences: Provost Amiridis advised that this name change was consistent with the current trends in the discipline. Names of the doctoral and masters programs had already been changed accordingly.

Mr. Adams moved approval of the proposed name change as presented. Mr. Warr 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 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary