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Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee

December 17, 2013

The Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on September 13, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Members present were: Mr. Thad H. Westbrook, Chairman; Mr. Robert E. Brown; Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr.; Mr. Thomas C. Cofield; Mr. A.C. "Bubba" Fennell III; Mr. William W. Jones, Jr.; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley; Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr., Board Chairman; and Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr., Board Vice Chairman.

Other Board members present were Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Mr. Miles Loadholt; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Dr. C. Dorn Smith III; Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr.; Mr. Charles H. Williams; and Dr. Mitchell M. Zais.

Faculty Liaison Committee representatives present were: James H. Knapp, Chairman of the Faculty Senate; Erin Connolly, Chairman of the Faculty Advisory Committee; and Tom Reid of USC Aiken, Senior Campuses Representative, who participated by phone.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary Amy E. Stone; Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Michael D. Amiridis; Chief Financial Officer Edward L. Walton; General Counsel Walter "Terry" H. Parham; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Academic Support Dennis A. Pruitt; Vice President for Human Resources Chris Byrd; Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Jancy L. Houck; Chief Information Officer William F. "Bill" Hogue; Interim Vice President for Communications Wes Hickman; Palmetto College Chancellor Susan Elkins; USC Upstate Chancellor Thomas Moore; Senior Vice Provost and Director of Strategic Planning Christine W. Curtis; Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies Helen Doerpinghaus; Associate Vice President for Finance and Planning Leslie Brunelli; University Controller Jennifer Muir; Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences Mary Anne Fitzpatrick; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the College

of Education Zach Kelehear; Executive Director for the Office of Economic Engagement William D. “Bill” Kirkland; Executive Director for the Office of Institutional Research Assessment Donald Miles; Senior Associate Dean for International Programs and Partnerships Kendall Roth; Director of Business Study Abroad Sara Easler; Director for the Biomedical Engineering Interdisciplinary Program Abel Bayoumi; Associate Director of Strategic Planning and Assessment Cameron Howell; Interim Dean, School of Medicine Columbia, Caughman Taylor; Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, USC Aiken, Jeff Priest; Director of Accounting Services Ann Smith; Director of Academic Affairs Kristia H. Finnigan; Special Assistant to the President J. Cantey Heath, Jr.; University Technology Services Production Manager Matt Warthen; Board staff members Debra Allen and Ina Wilson; and members of the media.

Chairman Westbrook called the meeting to order and invited committee members to introduce themselves. He 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; and a quorum was present to conduct business. Mr. Hickman introduced members of the media in attendance: Thad Moore with *The Daily Gamecock*, Rodney Welch with *Free Times*, and Andy Shain with *The State*.

Chairman Westbrook stated that there were personnel matters dealing with recommendations for honorary faculty titles, appointments with tenure, and honorary degree nominations that were appropriate for Executive Session. Mr. Mobley moved to enter Executive Session and Mr. Cofield seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

The following individuals were invited to remain: Dr. Pastides, Secretary Stone, the Faculty Representative and Student Representative to the Board, Members of the President’s Executive Council, Dr. Howell, and Faculty Liaison committee members Dr. Connolly and Dr. Reid.

Executive Session

Return to Open Session:

Chairman Westbrook called on Provost Amiridis who introduced College of Arts and Sciences Dean Mary Anne Fitzpatrick to update the committee on undergraduate research initiatives in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

I. Academic Update: College of Arts and Sciences

Dean Fitzpatrick informed the Board that the College of Arts and Sciences was both the oldest and largest college of the University of South Carolina. She said that the college had 600-700 teaching and research faculty and educated approximately 15,000 students per year. She introduced Professor Steve Morgan, a senior member of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, who developed a program in Forensic Chemistry that has become very popular with students in the sciences as well as in the criminology and criminal justice programs. Professor Morgan and three of his students presented information about ongoing undergraduate research projects demonstrating the real world applications of chemistry.

II. USC Columbia – Faculty Manual Changes

Provost Amiridis said that there were two substantive recommendations for revisions to the USC Columbia Faculty Manual. The first revision is a request for the creation of an associate member status for non-tenure track faculty members. This would allow non-tenure track faculty the opportunity to supervise thesis and dissertations as well as teach graduate level courses. The second revision is a request to address workplace bullying. In essence, the recommendation is to move the Carolinian Creed from the preface to the main body of the Faculty Manual, which would then allow for disciplinary action to uphold its values and standards. The first revision was recommended by the USC Columbia Graduate Council, approved by the Faculty Advisory Committee and then approved at the September 4, 2013, General Faculty Meeting. The second revision was recommended by the USC Faculty Welfare Committee and approved at the October 23, 2013, Special Called Faculty Meeting. These revisions were also vetted by the Office of General Counsel. In response to a question from Mr. Fennell, Provost Amiridis explained that in comparison to other universities nationwide, the proposed Workplace Bullying policy is middle of the road. Mr. von Lehe asked a question regarding the elimination of the requirement for meetings of the graduate faculty each semester. Dr. Knapp explained that the graduate faculty, a subset of the university faculty, was represented by the Graduate Council that meets regularly to conduct business. Therefore, a requirement for per semester meetings of the entire graduate faculty was unnecessary.

Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the USC Columbia Faculty Manual revisions as recommended. Mr. von Lehe so moved and Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. Establishment of a Third Peter and Bonnie McCausland Professorship

Provost Amiridis said the purpose of the professorship is to recruit or retain an outstanding professor in the liberal arts area of the college who is recognized nationally and internally as a leading scholar in his/her discipline and an excellent teacher. Since the professorship will be fully funded by Peter and Bonnie McCausland, the college is requesting that the professorship be named after them.

Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the establishment of a Third Peter and Bonnie McCausland Professorship. Mr. Buyck so moved and Mr. Mobley seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. Academic Proposals

A. Review Process for Academic Programs

Provost Amiridis asked Dr. Curtis to discuss the proposals. Dr. Curtis explained that the SC Commission for Higher Education had changed its approval process for academic programs, making it lengthier. In order to move academic program proposals through this new review process more expeditiously, it was recommended that proposals would be presented to the Board for approval earlier in the process. Currently, the Board reviews and approves academic program proposals once they have gone through the entire review process of the Commission for Higher Education.

Chairman Westbrook added that a report would be made to the Board once a program had been approved by the Commission for Higher Education and been implemented.

Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of the proposed review process. Mr. Mobley so moved and Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Reporting Guidelines for New Academic Programs

Dr. Curtis reported that there had been a request from the Board that all USC campuses submit an annual status report on new programs during the first five years of the programs' active student enrollment. In response to this request, the Provost's Office will coordinate the collection of this data (beginning with new programs that received final Board approval during Academic Year 2012-2013) into a new program follow-up report to be presented at the June Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee and the meeting.

Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of these new reporting guidelines. Mr. Mobley so moved and Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman Westbrook called on Provost Amiridis to present the remainder of the agenda items.

V. Name Changes

A. Program Name Change

- M.Ed. Educational Research, USC Columbia

Dr. Amiridis presented a request from the College of Education to change the program name from Master of Education in Educational Research to Master of Education in Educational Psychology and Research. He said the program name of Educational Psychology and Research will better reflect the course content and attract more students into the program. These changes are consistent with educational psychology and research programs at peer research institutions.

Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board. Mr. Buyck so moved and Mr. Cofield seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Department Name Changes

1. System Affairs and Extended University, USC Columbia

Provost Amiridis presented a request to change the department name System Affairs and Extended University to Palmetto College.

Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board. Mr. Brown so moved and Mr. Mobley seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

2. Office of Institutional Assessment and Compliance, USC Columbia

Provost Amiridis presented the request to change the department name Office of Institutional Assessment and Compliance to Office of Institutional Research and Assessment. This change more accurately describes the work of this office and more closely conforms with naming conventions common to institutions of higher education. He also introduced Dr. Donald Miles, the department's new executive director, to the Board.

Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board. Mr. von Lehe so moved and Mr. Buyck seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

VI. New Programs

A. Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Studies, USC Columbia

Provost Amiridis presented a request to establish the new undergraduate degree, Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Chinese Studies. The proposed major in Chinese Studies would be housed in the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures and would serve students wishing to focus on the core skills of Chinese language and cultural competency. It would also capitalize on the faculty strengths that the college has built in recent years and address the explosion of interest in Chinese language and society among university students. In response to a trustee's question regarding funding of the program, Provost Amiridis responded that the net financial effect to the college would be zero. Although the program projections show an initial deficit this would be absorbed by the repositioning of funds across departments in the college. Mr. Burroughs requested that a more detailed explanation be given at a future meeting to provide a deeper understanding of how the redistribution of funding decisions are reached and their potential impact. President Pastides added that the fiscal responsibility of a college including how funds are transferred within the college, lies with the dean.

Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board. Mr. Buyck so moved and Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Master of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering, USC Columbia

Provost Amiridis presented a request to establish the new graduate degree Master of Engineering with a Major in Biomedical Engineering. The proposed Master of Engineering degree program would offer intensive, focused training in the professional practice of biomedical engineering. The distinction between this professional degree and the Master of Science degree, which is already offered at USC, is that it will not require the writing of a thesis.

Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board. Mr. Buyck so moved and Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

VII. New Dual Degree Programs

A. Master of International Business (MIB), USC Columbia / Master of International Management (MIM), Universita Bocconi, Italy

Provost Amiridis presented a request to establish the new dual degree program, Master of International Business (MIB), USC Columbia / Master of International Management (MIM), Universita Bocconi, Italy. He said the program was designed as double/dual degree programs, which

allows students to pursue degrees at both the University of South Carolina and the Universita Bocconi, Italy. The addition of this and similar programs is part of a global strategy adopted by the Darla Moore School of Business.

Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board. Mr. Mobley so moved and Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Master of International Business (MIB), USC Columbia / Master of International Management, Tecnologico de Monterrey

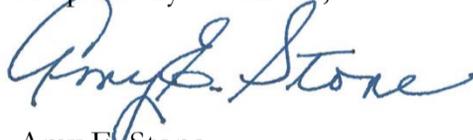
Provost Amiridis presented a request to establish the new dual degree program, Master of International Business (MIB), USC Columbia / Master of International Management, Tecnologico de Monterrey. He said the program was designed as double/dual degree programs, which allows students to pursue degrees at the University of South Carolina and the Tecnologico de Monterrey, Campus Guadalajara, Mexico. The addition of this and similar programs is part of a global strategy adopted by the Darla Moore School of Business.

Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to recommend approval by the full Board. Mr. Warr so moved and Mr. Cofield seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

VIII. Other Matters

Since there were no other matters to come before the committee, Chairman Westbrook declared the meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy E. Stone
Secretary