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Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

February 9, 2018

The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met at 1:15 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2018, in the Alumni Center's C. Edward Floyd Boardroom.

Members present were: Mr. Mack I. Whittle Jr., Chairman; Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. Mark W. Buyck Jr.; Ms. Rose Buyck Newton; Mr. John C. von Lehe Jr., Board Chairman; and Mr. Charles H. Williams. Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs joined by telephone. Mr. Toney J. Lister and Mr. Miles Loadholt were absent.

Other Trustees present were: Mr. Thomas C. Cofield; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley, Board Vice Chairman; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Mr. Tommy Preston Jr.; Ms. Molly M. Spearman; Mr. Eugene P. Warr Jr.; and Mr. Thad Westbrook. Dr. C. Dorn Smith III joined by telephone.

Also present were: University Athletics Advisory Committee Chairman Brandon Bookstaver; President of USC Lettermen's Association Mike Ragin; Faculty Senate Chairman Marco Valtorta; and Columbia Student Government President Ross Lordo.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary J. Cantey Heath Jr.; General Counsel Walter "Terry" H. Parham; Provost Joan T.A. Gabel; Chief Operating Officer Edward L. Walton; Chief Financial Officer Leslie Brunelli; Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis A. Pruitt; Vice President for Development Jancy Houck; Vice President for Information Technology Doug Foster; Vice President for Human Resources Chris Byrd; Vice President for System Planning Mary Anne Fitzpatrick; Athletics Director Ray Tanner; Chief Communications Officer Wes Hickman; University Treasurer Pat Lardner; USC Aiken Chancellor Sandra Jordan; USC Beaufort Chancellor Al Panu; Palmetto College Chancellor Susan Elkins; USC Upstate Chancellor Brendan Kelly; Executive Associate Athletics Director Kevin O'Connell; Senior Associate Athletics Director Judy Van Horn; Senior Associate Athletics Director for Academics and Student Development Maria Hickman; Associate Athletics Director, Ticketing and Customer Relations, Lance Grantham; Executive Director for the Office of Economic Engagement William D. "Bill" Kirkland; Chief Audit Executive Pam Doran; Executive Director of My Carolina Alumni Association Jack W. Claypoole; College of Arts and Sciences Dean Lacy Ford; Director of Facilities

Planning and Programming and University Architect Derek S. Gruner; Director of State Government Relations Derrick Meggie; USC Advancement Team Leader Paul Harper Bethea; University Technology Services Production Manager Matt Warthen; and Board staff members Debra Allen and Terri Saxon.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Whittle called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Hickman introduced Mary Ramsey with *The Daily Gamecock*; John Delbanco with *The Big Spur*; and David Cloninger with *The Post and Courier*.

Chairman Whittle said 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 provided to the committee; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

II. Athletics Director's Report

Chairman Whittle called on Mr. Tanner, who reported the Fall 2017 departmental Grade Point Average (GPA) was 3.230 making it the 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive semester with a departmental GPA of at least a 3.0. The women's swimming and diving team achieved the highest GPA of 3.688, followed by the softball team's 3.579, beach volleyball's 3.681, and with the men's track & field team achieving the programs highest GPA at 3.291.

Other academic highlights for the semester included: 14 of 18 teams recording a 3.0 or higher GPA; 74 student-athletes making the President's List (4.0 GPA); 203 student-athletes making the Dean's List (3.5 GPA or 3.25 GPA for freshman); 82 student-athletes making the SEC Fall Sports Academic Honor Roll (3.0 GPA), which includes the Fall 2016, Summer 2017, and Spring 2017 semesters; and 366 student-athletes making the Fall Athletics Director Honor Roll (3.0 GPA).

Mr. Tanner recognized and thanked Senior Associate Athletics Director Maria Hickman for her accomplishments as the person responsible for academic and student development at the Dodie Academic Enrichment Center.

Mr. Tanner reported 24 student-athletes graduated in December 2017. Also, USC earned a 93% Graduation Success Rate (GSR) for all teams, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the SEC.

Mr. Tanner noted statistics in support of the claim that Gamecock fans are the best. USC is the only Division I school in the NCAA where men's and women's basketball average 12,000 or more fans per game. With an average attendance of over 13,402 fans per game, women's basketball ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation and set the record for the most season tickets sold in the history of the program, at 11,256. Men's

basketball is 25<sup>th</sup> in the nation in average attendance with 12,407 fans per game average and 8,893 season tickets sold.

Other 2017 fan statistics include: 49,200 season football tickets sold, football ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the nation in average attendance at 78,586 with a 97.9% stadium capacity for the season; 5,435 season baseball and 726 season softball tickets sold. A total of 19,105 students attended at least one sporting event this year, representing 66% of the undergraduate student body.

Mr. Tanner reported on the following athletic achievements:

- Head Men's Basketball Coach Frank Martin ranks 6<sup>th</sup> in the NCAA Tournament winning percentage among active coaches.
- Head Women's Basketball Coach Dawn Staley secured her 400<sup>th</sup> career win with a victory over Western Carolina on November 30, 2017. Also, Coach Staley remains undefeated against the University of Alabama with the Lady Gamecocks' recent win. Women's basketball player A'ja Wilson scored her 2,000<sup>th</sup> career point during the University of Auburn game and grabbed her 1,000<sup>th</sup> rebound during the team's win over the University of Arkansas.
- Women's Golf finished the Fall 2017 season ranked in the top 10 nationally. Senior Ainhoa Olarra was named 2017 Spanish Amateur Golfer of the Year by Spanish Golf Federation.
- Head Men's Soccer Coach Mark Berson earned his 500<sup>th</sup> career win with a 1-0 victory over the University of Alabama at Birmingham on November 3, 2017.
- Head Women's Soccer Coach Shelley Smith was named the 2017 SEC Coach of the Year for the second straight year. The team captured its second straight SEC regular season title and earned a #1 seed in the NCAA Tournament, before advancing to the Women's College Cup Semifinals. Savannah McCaskill was named the SEC Offensive Player of the Year and Grace Fisk was named the SEC Defensive Player of the Year. Additionally, Ms. McCaskill was drafted by the Sky Blue Football Club in the 2<sup>nd</sup> pick overall in the National Women's Soccer League draft, making her the highest Gamecock pick in league history. She also competed on the U.S. Women's Soccer Team in match against Denmark.
- Track and Field athlete Ncincilili Titi achieved the fastest indoor track time in the world this season by running a 20.45 in the 200 meter competition.
- Tom Mendoza was named the Gamecock's 13<sup>th</sup> Head Volleyball Coach in the program's 45-year history. Mr. Tanner thanked Ms. Judy Van Horn for spearheading the search, and said he was excited about working with Coach Mendoza.

Mr. Tanner concluded his athletic achievements presentation by showing a video of Gamecock athletes in action.

Mr. Tanner reviewed the National Letter of Intent signing dates for recruits enrolling for the Academic Year 2018-19. He announced, by sport, the list of recruits who had committed to be Gamecocks. He said the fact that 13 football signees were already enrolled in the Spring 2018 semester, spoke highly of their academic achievements.

Mr. Tanner began his football update, by noting 27 football student-athletes made the SEC Fall Sports Academic Honor Roll; and football led the SEC with a 98% GSR, tying for 4<sup>th</sup> place in the nation along with Brown University. He said he was excited Marcus Lattimore was back at USC as the Director of Player Development.

Mr. Tanner concluded his presentation by providing an update on the Football Operations Center. Using pictures and a video he showed the construction progress of the \$50 million project. Construction on the 110,000-square foot facility began March 8, 2017, and will finish by the end of 2018. The project is both on budget and on schedule, he reported. He thanked Kevin O'Connell, Ann Derrick and Derek Gruner for their work on the project and noted that Coach Muschamp and his wife gave a monetary gift for the facility.

Mr. Tanner said President Pastides and he had the opportunity to visit with the swimming and diving team to wish them well as they prepared to depart for College Station, Texas to compete in the SEC Championship.

Chairman Whittle called for questions. Trustee Allen asked Mr. Tanner to comment on the SEC's revenue distribution and he responded that he anticipates revenue levels to hold, despite what is discussed in the media.

Trustee Williams asked when the Gamecock Sculpture would be erected at Williams-Brice Stadium. Mr. O'Connell responded the unveiling would take place in June 2018.

Trustee Allen urged Mr. Tanner and his staff to stay on top of Title IX compliance, and that his request to do so be included in the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Tanner said his staff takes Title IX very seriously and does an excellent job of managing compliance.

Trustee Cofield asked Mr. Tanner if the University of Missouri Athletics Director's retraction and apology to Coach Dawn Staley was "on its way yet?" Mr. Tanner said at a recent meeting, he spoke with SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey and Missouri AD Jim Sterk about what transpired at the Lady Gamecocks' January 28, 2018, Missouri basketball game, but he had nothing to report at this time.

President Pastides announced that April 18, 2018, had been designated as “Give 4 Garnet” Day.

The event, he said, will be an 18-hour and 1 minute online effort to collect \$3 million.

III. Other Matters

Chairman Whittle called for any other matters to come before the committee.

IV. Adjournment

There being no other matters to come before the committee, Chairman Whittle declared the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Cantey Heath, Jr.  
Secretary