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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Relations

January 24, 2011

The Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Relations of the University Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 24, 2011, at 12:05 p.m. in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Members present were: Mr. Thad H. Westbrook, Chairman; Mr. W. Lee Bussell Sr.; Mr. Greg Gregory; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. William W. Jones Jr.; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Dr. C. Dorn Smith, III; Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr.; and Mr. Miles Loadholt, Board Chairman. Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs was absent.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary Thomas L. Stepp; Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Michael D. Amiridis; Vice President for Communications Luanne M. Lawrence; Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations Michelle Dodenhoff; Associate Vice President for Resource Planning Edward L. Walton; Special Assistant to the President J. Cantey Heath, Jr.; Director of Governmental and Community Relations and Legislative Liaison Shirley D. Mills; Associate Director of Governmental Affairs and Legislative Liaison Casey Martin; and Director of the Office of Media Relations Margaret Lamb and a member of the media.

Chairman Westbrook called the meeting to order and invited those present to introduce themselves. Mrs. Lamb introduced a member of the media who was in attendance.

Chairman Westbrook 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.

Chairman Westbrook announced that the agenda will be amended to include the discussion of a contractual matter in Executive Session at the conclusion of the Open Session.

Open Session

I. Report on Legislative Budget Presentation: Chairman Westbrook called on President Pastides who announced that he will be speaking before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Higher Education on Wednesday regarding the University of South Carolina. He planned to reaffirm the University's commitment to accessibility and affordability and will ask legislators to refrain from imposing caps on tuition and out-of-state enrollment. In addition, he will emphasize that Carolina had always accepted every academically qualified student from South Carolina and was educating more South Carolinians than any institution in the state's history.

II. Report on Expansion of Medical Program at Greenville Hospital System:

Chairman Westbrook called on President Pastides who indicated that on February 3<sup>rd</sup>

the University will formally present to the Commission on Higher Education a plan to expand the USC School of Medicine program for physicians at the Greenville Hospital System to four years of study. A second session will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> to allow interested parties to express points of view.

Provost Amiridis summarized the schedule of events for the 3<sup>rd</sup>. A morning presentation will be given regarding the nature of medical education; in the afternoon the University will present an overview of local and state medical education needs as well as financial information. Written materials will be submitted to the Commission on Higher Education later today including statements from two chief executive officers of hospitals in the state. Meeting details for the 10<sup>th</sup> were still pending.

III. Legislative Update:

- A. Higher Education Transparency Act
- B. Transparency Legislation
- C. USC/Department of Justice Concurrent Jurisdiction Bill

Chairman Westbrook called on Ms. Mills who briefed the committee about the current status of these legislative matters. She also noted that the legislature planned to recognize the University of South Carolina baseball team's historic NCAA championship title during this legislative session; members will be invited to the statehouse for a special recognition ceremony.

IV. Communications Updates:

- A. Data Sheets
- B. Fact Sheets
- C. E-newsletter
- D. Additional Ways and Means Briefing Opportunities
- E. Legislative Tours

Chairman Westbrook called on Ms. Lawrence who distributed a sample "USC Quick Facts" sheet for review and feedback; Board members had requested a one-page summary of the University's message to legislators.

In addition, she displayed an example of a legislative data sheet which will be prepared by legislative district detailing pertinent information about the University within that district. Examples of information included: number of students from the district attending the University; degrees awarded to students from the district; total South Carolina Education Lottery financial support received by students from the district; number of USC alumni in the district; and number of donors to the University from the district.

Also distributed was a list of potential research project tours to be available to legislative delegations with the goal of making members aware of the contemporary relevance of the institution; a menu of opportunities will be posted on the web in the near future.

An e-newsletter to all legislators describing Carolina's current research activities, student successes and events will begin circulation. It was anticipated that the University will generate three "e-blast" newsletters during legislative sessions.

It was announced that President Pastides and the First Lady will host a reception for the South Carolina House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee and their staff on Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the President's House. Invitations to Board members and administrators will be distributed via e-mail in the near future.

There was a contractual matter which was appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. von Lehe so moved and Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

The following individuals were invited to remain: Dr. Pastides, Secretary Stepp, Dr. Amiridis, Mr. Walton, Ms. Lawrence, Ms. Dodenhoff, Mr. Heath, Ms. Mills, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Lamb.

Return to Open Session

Since there were no other matters to come before the Committee, Chairman Westbrook declared the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp  
Secretary