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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Buildings and Grounds Committee

November 6, 2009

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Friday, November 6, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Members present were: Mr. Arthur S. Bahnmuller; Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr.; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Ms. Darla D. Moore; Mr. John C. von Lehe, 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; Ms. Leah B. Moody; and Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr.

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 for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Academic Support Dennis Pruitt; Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations Michelle Dodenhoff; Vice Provost and Executive Dean for System Affairs and Extended University Chris P. Plyler; General Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; Special Assistant to the President J. Cantey Heath; 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; Director of Facilities, Division of Business and Finance, Tom Quasney; Director of Facilities Planning and Construction, Division of Business and Finance, Jeff Lamberson; Executive Director of the Office of Foundations Jerome D. Odom; Chair of the Faculty Senate Patrick D. Nolan; Special Assistant to the President and Athletics Director John D. Gregory; 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; Associate Dean in the College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management Ercan S. Turk; Associate Vice President for Facilities, Division of Business and Finance, Tom Quasney; Professor and Director of the Technology Support and Training Management Program, College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management, Robert G. Brookshire; Chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee, Charley Adams; Public Information Officer in the Department 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.

Chairman Lister welcomed everyone. Ms. Petit indicated that no members of the media were in attendance.

Chairman Lister called the meeting to order and 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 members; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

Chairman Lister stated that there were contractual matters related to gift naming opportunities, which were appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. Mr. Loadholt moved to enter Executive Session and Mr. Bahnmuller seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

The following persons were invited to remain: President Pastides, Secretary Stepp, Dr. Amiridis, Dr. Moore, Dr. Plyler, Dr. Pruitt, Mrs. Jameson, Mr. Parham, Ms. Dodenhoff, Dr. Kresovich, Mr. Heath, Mr. Quasney, Mr. Gregory, Ms. Petit, Mrs. Saxon, Ms. Stone, and Ms. Tweedy.

Return to Open Session

I. Election of Committee Chair: Mr. Lister indicated that the floor was open for committee chair nominations. Mr. Hubbard nominated Mr. Buyck to fill that position. Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried. Mr. Lister extended congratulations to Mr. Buyck as newly-elected chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Chairman Buyck asked that Mr. Lister continue to preside during the remainder of the meeting since he was "on site."

II. Gift Naming Opportunities: Mr. Lister explained that the following Gift Naming Opportunities were presented in Executive Session without objection:

A. USC Upstate:

1. "The Johnson Development Associates, Inc. Classroom"
2. "Carolina First Bank Classroom"
3. "The Dr. Lawrence E. Roel Garden Pavilion"
4. "The Corry Oakes Classroom"
5. "The Clarke & Robert Brannon Classroom"
6. "The J M Smith Foundation Technology Wing"
7. "The Duke Energy Foundation Academic Wing"
8. "The Blue Ridge Log Cabins/Mr. Milton A. "Chip" Smith, Jr. '78 Breakout Room"

B. University Libraries:

- "The John C. West South Carolina Political Collections Office"

C. USC Lancaster:

- "Founders Hall"

Chairman Lister called for a motion to approve the gift naming opportunities as presented. Mr. Loadholt so moved and Mr. Bahnmuller seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. Update on Vice President for Facilities and Campus Management Search: Mr. Lister called on Dr. Moore who explained that the search committee, chaired by Dr. Pruitt, had received 149 strong applications. The committee had begun the process of screening that number to a group of semi-finalists; telephone interviews were scheduled for next week. By mid December it was expected that a "short list" of names will be presented to the President.

IV. Development Foundation Report: Mr. Lister called on Dr. Odom who was pleased to report that Adesso units were beginning to sell fairly rapidly.

He noted that the Development Foundation owned a piece of property in the Vista area with a storage facility previously occupied by a company called Consolidated Services. The Department of Health and Environmental Control had determined that the soil around that facility had been contaminated by a fertilizer plant located in the area more than 100 years ago (in the very early 1900s). As a result, several feet of contaminated soil around the structure had been replaced with clean soil. Dr. Odom extended a special thanks to Helen Ziegler who had been instrumental in arranging an agreement through the Budget and Control Board to lease the front part of that facility in order to house Thomas Cooper Library's Movietone News operation.

The back warehouse was also available for lease; recent discussions with Tom Quasney and Jim Demarest had been held to determine whether various University units were interested.

Dr. Odom also referenced the new playing field across from the Colonial Life Arena which had been covered with turf and planted with trees. It was anticipated that students will be using the field in the near future.

Dr. Odom announced that the Foundations will again make available their five acres of property adjacent to the baseball stadium for parking in the spring. Derrick Huggins, Director of Vehicle Services and Parking Management, and the Foundations Office had worked closely to coordinate that effort in the past.

The Development Foundation owned three acres of property on Blossom Street which accommodated the University's women's tennis courts; also included was a facility previously housing the Women's Club. Dr. Odom announced that as soon as the tennis courts were completed in the new athletic facility, that property will be for sale. He characterized the real estate as "a unique three acres of property near Five Points across the street from a city park and bordering a very stable University neighborhood."

And, finally, Dr. Odom advised that the Development Foundation owned over 1,200 acres of undeveloped property in Georgetown County referred to as the "Prince George Property." The recent fires in Horry County had concerned the residents in that area. Milliken Forestry will be cleaning up a lot of undergrowth on that property, logging the loblolly pine and cutting fire breaks.

Mr. Lister stated that the Development Foundation Report was received as information.

VI. Adjournment:

There being no other business, Mr. Lister declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary