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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

June 15, 2012

The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Friday, June 15, 2012, at 1:45 p.m., in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Members present were: Mr. William C. Hubbard, Chairman; Mr. Herbert C. Adams; Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr.; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. William W. Jones, Jr.; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr.; Mr. Miles Loadholt, Board Chairman; and Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr., Board Vice Chairman.

Other Trustees present were: Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; Mr. W. Lee Bussell, Sr.; Mr. Tommy C. Cofield; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Dr. C. Dorn Smith III; Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr.; Mr. Thad Westbrook; and Mr. Charles H. Williams.

In-coming Board of Trustee member Mr. Robert E. Brown; Chair of the Faculty Senate Dr. Sandra Kelly; and Student Government Association President, Kenny Tracy were also present.

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; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer William F. Hogue; Vice President for Communications Luanne Lawrence; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Academic Support Dennis A. Pruitt; Vice President for Human Resources Chris Byrd; Associate Vice President for Finance and Budget Director, Division of Finance and Planning, Leslie Brunelli; Senior Vice Provost and Director of Strategic Planning Christine W. Curtis; General Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; University Treasurer and Associate Secretary Susan D. Hanna; Chancellor of USC Beaufort Jane Upshaw; Chancellor of USC Aiken Thomas Hallman; Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, USC Aiken, Joe Sobieralski; Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Mary Anne Fitzpatrick; Dean of the South Carolina College of Pharmacy, USC Campus, Randall C. Rowen; Director of Athletics Eric C. Hyman; Deputy Athletics Director Marcy Girton; Chief Financial Officer, Department of Athletics, Jeff Tallant; Director of the Department of Internal Audit Phil Iapalucci; Director of Capital Budgets and Financing, Division of Finance and Planning, Charlie Fitzsimons; Assistant to the President J. Cantey Heath, Jr.; Director of State Relations Trey Walker; Director of Governmental and Community Relations and Legislative Liaison Shirley D. Mills; Associate NCAA/SEC Representative for the University and Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policies, College of Education, Zach Kelehear; Director of Golf, Department of Athletics, Puggy Blackmon; Head Women's Golf Coach, Department of Athletics, Kalen Harris; Special Budget Director Harry Bell; Director of Financial Reporting, Controller's Office, Mary Peak; Director of News and Internal Communications Wes Hickman; University Technology Services Production Manager Justin Johnson; and Board staff members Debra Allen, Terri Saxon, and Vera Stone.

Chairman Hubbard called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and asked Board members to introduce themselves. Mr. Hickman introduced members of the media who were in attendance: Scott Hood, Gamecock Central; Pete Iacobelli, Associated Press; Andy Shane, The State Newspaper; and Sydney Patterson and Kathryn Kranjc, The Daily Gamecock..

Chairman Hubbard said that notice of the meeting had been posted; the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda and supporting materials circulated to the Committee; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

I. Introduction of Head Women's Golf Coach and Director of Golf:

Chairman Hubbard called on Mr. Hyman. He said that it was “a great time to be a Gamecock.” He then recognized Kalen Anderson, Head Women's Golf Coach, who he said was entering her fifth year as the head coach of the USC women's golf team on the heels of two straight NCAA Championship appearances and the 2010 NCAA Regional title, the first in school history. Ms. Anderson joined the Gamecocks after two years as an assistant at Duke, where she had an All-American career as a player, and a four-year stint as a professional on the FUTURES Tour.

Ms. Anderson expressed her gratitude to the Board and the Athletics Administrators for their support and to the total system within the University which enables the coaches and student-athletes to reach their full potential on and off the field.

Mr. Hyman also recognized Puggy Blackmon, Director of Golf, who after 12 seasons at the helm of the USC men's golf program, was named director of golf in July 2007. He was inducted into the Golf Coaches' Association of America Hall of Fame in 2005 and the Georgia Tech Hall of Fame in 2008, and is now the unifying presence for Carolina golf, sharing his wealth of knowledge with both the men's and women's teams.

Mr. Blackmon also thanked the President and the Administration for their support. Mr. Loadholt asked Mr. Blackmon to brief the Committee on the new Coop Practice Facility. Mr. Blackmon stated that the USC men's and women's golf programs unveiled The Coop Practice Facility with a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The practice area, which is a short drive from campus, becomes the Gamecocks' primary driving range and short game facility. It is also USC's first athletics facility located in Lexington County. Beau Welling, a golf course architect and USC alumnus, was the designer for the layout.

The Coop Practice Facility project was a culmination of a combined effort from numerous individuals and companies that began with discussions between Mr. Blackmon, Lexington County Administrator Joe Mergo and Par Tee owner Dan Gensamer in 2007. With the help of Lexington County, the Lexington County Gamecock Club, John Brown of New Life Turf, Beau Welling of Beau Welling Design, Lee Dalton of Dalton Irrigation and the N.W. White Company, the vision of Blackmon, Mergo and Gensamer came to fruition.

This site — the former site of a Lexington County Landfill — was finally selected in 2007, but had many hurdles to overcome before this dream could become a reality. The site is known as a Superfund site — an uncontrolled or abandoned place where hazardous waste is located. Because of that, no digging was allowed and

everything had to be built from the ground up. Because it is a Superfund site, Lexington County Council was awarded the "Excellence in Site Reuse" award by the Environmental Protection Agency for redeveloping the area.

## II. Academic Review 2011-12:

Mr. Hyman said that of all student-athletes accomplishments, he was most proud of their academic success. He contributed it to the Associate Athletics Director for Academics and Student Support Raymond Harrison, the academic support personnel, and the coaches.

The combined student-athletes' Grade Point Average (GPA) for Spring 2012 was 3.196, which marked the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive semester with GPA above 3.0. Eighty-one student-athletes graduated in 2011-12, including 20 from the Football Program. An additional 17 student-athletes are on track to graduate in August 2012.

Academic Awards included: (128) student-athletes on the President's List, which requires a 4.0 GPA; (340) student-athletes on the Dean's List, which (over 30 hours) requires a 3.5 GPA; and (under 30 hours) a 3.25 GPA; and (686) student-athletes on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll.

Mr. Hyman reported that all 19 of the University's countable intercollegiate sports posted a multi-year score of 950 or better, according to the Academic Progress Rate (APR) statistics. The APR is a point system based on scholarship student-athletes' eligibility and retention for a pre-determined four-year time period. Each student-athlete has the ability to earn 2 points per semester. The NCAA calculates team APR using the total points earned, divided by total points possible. The NCAA sports falling below the established point cutoff (930) may be subject to penalties including scholarship reductions. The data recently released included the scholarship student-athletes on rosters from the 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 academic years.

Every program had made a marked improvement from the first four-year scores that came out four years ago, including an incredible 69 point jump in men's basketball. Mr. Hyman stated that "Our football team's 11-win season, along with a single year APR of 993 and a four-year mark of 966, really makes a statement. This is a great reflection on our coaches, academic support staff and the student-athletes."

The men's basketball program claimed a perfect 1000 mark for the single year, raising its four-year APR to a record 968. The men's swimming/diving, women's cross country, women's golf, women's tennis and volleyball programs also reported a single year APR score of 1000.

Chairman Hubbard stated that this report was received as information.

## III. Athletics Review Spring 2012:

Mr. Hyman reported that in addition to their academic and team successes, student-athletes logged over 5,317 hours of community service during the 2011-12 academic year.

### Spring 2012 achievements included:

- Hiring of Men's Head Basketball Coach Frank Martin on March 27, 2012.
- The Women's Basketball Team advanced to the Sweet 16; was ranked 25<sup>th</sup> in the nation; and saw Head Coach Dawn Staley and Assistant Coach Nikki McCray inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2012.
- The Equestrian Club won the first Southern Equestrian Championship in program history.
- The Football team won 11 games for the first time in program history; defeated Nebraska 30-13 in the Capital One Bowl; and was ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

- Women's Golf won the NCAA East Regional; and finished 5th at the NCAA National Championship. Men's Golf advanced to the NCAA Championship.
- Men's Soccer won the Conference USA Regular Season Championship and advanced to the NCAA Championship. Women's Soccer won the SEC Regular Season Championship and advanced to the NCAA Championship Round of 32.
- Swimming and Diving - Courtney Forcucci broke the SEC record on 3-Meter Springboard to win gold at the SEC Championship.
- Men's Tennis advanced to NCAA Championship; Women's Tennis advanced to NCAA Championship Round of 32.

Chairman Hubbard stated that this report is received as information.

#### IV. Facilities Update:

Mr. Hyman provided an update on several facilities projects. Included in the Athletics Village Master Plan, the Athletics Village hardscape and landscape projected completion date is November 2012, at an approximate cost of \$2.2 million.

The projected completion date for the Rice Athletics Center is July 2012. The substantial completion is scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Certificate of Occupancy is scheduled for the week of July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Move into the new building is scheduled for the week of July 9<sup>th</sup>. The approximate cost is \$11.7 million.

The Softball Stadium projected completion date is March 2013. The demolition has begun. The approximate cost is \$8 million.

The projected completion date for the Farmer's Market Renovation is August 2012; at an approximate cost of \$15.5 million. The following will be planted throughout the venue: 762 trees; 3200 shrubs; 1600 annuals; and 1500 "ground cover" plants.

The projected completion date for the Video Board and Control Room is September 2012, at an approximate cost of \$6.5 million. Once completed the board will rank 3<sup>rd</sup> in size in the SEC. The steel structure is approximately 60 percent complete and expected to be completed by end of June. Metal stud framing and sheathing is scheduled to begin on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

The estimated savings on three projects (Garage/Maintenance - \$1,925,000; Athletics Venue/Tennis - \$825,000; and Rice Athletics Center - \$7,350,000) allowed for the construction of the softball stadium.

Future projects scheduled and their approximate cost include: soccer stadium infrastructure - \$1 million; football practice fields - \$3 million; football indoor practice facility - \$15 million; a track - \$8 million; a plane - \$3 million; and a multi-purpose facility for basketball and varsity sports – cost to be determined.

Mr. Hyman showed a video of the 2012 Gamecock's Baseball Team's quest for its 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive trip to the College World Series.

Chairman Hubbard stated that this report was received as information.

#### V. Department of Athletics FY 2012-2013 Budget:

Mr. Jeff Tallant presented an overview of the FY 2012-2013 Athletics Department Budget. Chairman Hubbard stated that this budget would be included in the University's FY 2013 budget, which would be considered by the Executive Committee later in the day, and by the full Board at its June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Westbrook said that he had received several inquiries regarding the potential termination of The Spurs and Feathers Newspaper and asked Mr. Hyman for an update. Mr. Hyman responded that at this time there were no definite plans to discontinue the publication. Under consideration is the possibility of fewer issues with the addition of more glossy publications. A decision will be made after further study

Mr. Burroughs asked the total amount of deferred maintenance that was not currently in the planning stages. Mr. Tallant responded that the estimate was between \$75 and \$100 million; and that they maintained a priority list of projects. Mr. Burroughs commended them on their efforts to identify and address deferred maintenance issues.

Mr. Hyman announced that Emily White would retire at the end of June after 45 years' service to the Athletics Department. He said she was a very special person and he planned to bring her back on a part-time basis to assist as needed.

VI. Other Matters:

Chairman Hubbard recognized President Pastides, who reported on the SEC 2012 President and Chancellors Spring Meeting in Destin, Florida which was held May 31 – June 1st. The integration of the University of Missouri and Texas A&M into the SEC was proceeding well. He said he felt that there were three things to know about the SEC: it is the best athletics' conference, from a competitive standpoint, in America; it raises the most money for its member institutions; and it is the most democratic conference.

President Pastides said that following the vote to designate Texas A&M as the University of South Carolina's permanent western division opponent, he told Texas A&M President Dr. R. Bowen Loftin that his opposition to the motion had nothing to do with his affection for the fine University, but was because he felt there should be more of a rotation and because of the distance between the two schools. He said he also told Dr. Loftin that he looked forward to creating new traditions and rivalries with Texas A&M.

President Pastides said that the proposal by Trustee Chuck Allen, and supported by Coach Spurrier, to crown the SEC Eastern Division Champion, did not receive approval. It was heard by the SEC President and Chancellors Consortium.

President Pastides confirmed that there would be a post season Football playoff game, but the details were yet to be determined.

Chairman Hubbard stated that in response to a request arising from the Board Retreat held this past April, a copy of the Guide to NCAA Regulations for Fans, Friends, and Alumni of the University of South Carolina, along with a copy of the proposed Prospective Student-Athlete and Special Seating Policy that included a seating exception for the children and grandchildren of Board of Trustees members was distributed.

Since there were no other matters to come before the Committee, Chairman Hubbard declared the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy E. Stone  
Secretary