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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

September 18, 2015

The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met at 10:55 a.m. on Friday, September 18, 2015, in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Members present were: Mr. Mark W. Buyck Jr., Chairman; Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. William W. Jones Jr.; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Mr. Mack I. Whittle Jr.; Mr. Charles H. Williams; Mr. Eugene P. Warr Jr., Board Chairman; and Mr. John C. von Lehe Jr., Board Vice Chairman. Ms. Leah B. Moody participated by telephone. Dr. C. Edward Floyd was absent.

Other Trustees present were: Ms. Paula Harper Bethea; Mr. Tommy C. Cofield; Mr. A. C. "Bubba" Fennell; Mr. Miles Loadholt; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley; Dr. C. Dorn Smith III; Ms. Molly M. Spearman; and Mr. Thad Westbrook.

Chairman of the Faculty Senate August E. "Augie" Grant and Student Government President Jonathan Kaufman were present. Also in attendance were the University's NCAA/SEC Representative Valinda Littlefield; University Athletics Advisory Committee Chair, Stacie Fritz; and USC Lettermen's Association President Ryan Brewer.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary Amy E. Stone; 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 Human Resources Chris Byrd; Vice President for Information Technology William F. Hogue; Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Jancy Houck; Vice President for System Planning Mary Anne Fitzpatrick; Vice President for Facilities and Transportation Derrick Huggins; Chief Communications Officer Wes Hickman; Athletics Director Ray Tanner; Palmetto College Chancellor Susan Elkins; Associate Vice President for Business Affairs, Division of Administration and Finance, Helen T. Zeigler; Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Academic Support, USC Columbia, Jerry Brewer; Senior Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies Lacy Ford; University Treasurer Pat Lardner; University Controller Jennifer Muir; University Foundations Executive Director Russell H. Meekins; Executive Director of Audit & Advisory Services Pam Doran; Executive Director for the Office of Economic

Engagement William D. “Bill” Kirkland; Arnold School of Public Health Dean G. Thomas Chandler; Executive Associate Athletics Director Kevin O’Connell; Director of Facilities Planning and Programming and University Architect Derek S. Gruner; Senior Associate Athletics Director Judy Van Horn; College of Arts and Sciences Interim Dean Roger Sawyer; College of Nursing Dean Jeannette Andrews; Assistant Director, Facilities Design and Construction, Thomas Opal; Chief of Staff, President’s Office, J. Cantey Heath Jr.; USC Aiken Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Jeff Priest; USC Aiken Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Joe Sobieralski; Associate Director of Bands and Director of Athletic Bands Cormac Cannon; Director of the NanoCenter Educational Foundation/Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry/Inorganic Thomas Vogt; Director of Governmental and Community Relations and Legislative Liaison Shirley D. Mills; Heather Mitchell, President of The Boudreaux Group; University Technology Services Production Manager Matt Warthen; and Board staff members Debra Allen, Terri Saxon and Ina Wilson.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Buyck 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: John Whittle with *The Big Spur*; Chris Clark with *Gamecock Central*; Hannah Jeffrey with the *Free Times*; David Cloninger with *The State*; Pete Iacobelli with the Associated Press; and David Caraviello with the *Charleston Post & Courier*.

Chairman Buyck 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.

Chairman Buyck called for a motion to enter Executive Session for a proposed contractual matter related to facility naming rights. Mr. Jones so moved and Mr. Lister seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman Buyck invited the Trustees, President Pastides, Secretary Stone, Mr. Parham, Mr. Tanner, Mr. Walton, Ms. Brunelli, Ms. Gabel, and Ms. Doran to remain.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. Athletic Director's Report

Chairman Buyck called on Mr. Tanner who introduced Dr. Stacie Fritz, Chair of the University Athletics Advisory Committee; and Ryan Brewer, President of the USC Lettermen's Association. Dr. Fritz is an Associate Professor and Director of the physical therapy program in the Department of Exercise Science. Mr. Brewer was a member of the Gamecock Football Team from 1999 to 2002, and had been named the 2001 Outback Bowl "Most Valuable Player."

Prior to his report, Mr. Tanner showed a brief video of Gamecock athletes' achievements.

Development Report – Mr. Tanner began by commending Mr. Jeff Crane and his staff for their efforts to continue to provide great financial resources for Athletics.

Mr. Tanner reviewed major gift revenue since 1995, which included gifts, pledges and planned gifts.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016 (to-date)	\$844,078	2011	\$ 6,225,356
2015	\$18,814,911	2010	\$ 4,120,543
2014	\$10,312,361	2006-2009	\$18,730,835
2013	\$10,250,379	2005-2000	\$ 1,320,815
2012	\$15,321,220	1999-1995	\$ 2,946,127

The total FY 2015 gift revenue of \$18,814,911 was received through pledges of \$13,963,308 (74%); planned gifts of \$2,758,000 (15%); and gifts of \$2,093,603 (11%).

Gamecock Club Report – Mr. Tanner reviewed the 15 levels of giving and the number of memberships for each giving level since 2008. With three months remaining in the calendar year, Gamecock Club membership is at 18,789. The total number of memberships for 2014 was 19,120.

Ticket Office Report – Tickets for the Kentucky game sold out. The Clemson, LSU, University of Florida, and University of Central Florida games are expected to sell out. Students claimed over 15,300 tickets for the Kentucky game. A total of 51,250 season football tickets had been sold as of September 8, 2015. Last year 54,005 season tickets were sold.

Facilities Report – Mr. Tanner said that the Women's and Men's Swimming and Diving Locker Rooms project was completed in January 2015. The Tennis Complex addition was finished in March 2015.

Athletics projects completed in September 2015 were the Practice Soccer Fields and the Springs Brooks Plaza at Williams-Brice Stadium. Housed on the plaza is a bronze sculpture of USC Heisman Trophy Winner George Rogers and the Bignon Gameday Center.

Mr. Tanner updated the committee on the progress of the following Athletics projects:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Anticipated Date of Completion</u>
Indoor Football Practice Facility	October 2015
Women's Basketball Office Renovation	November 2015
New Soccer Building	March 2016
Outdoor Track and Field Complex	May 2016
Men's Basketball Office/Basketball and Volleyball Team Space Renovations	April 2017

Achievements

- Athletics Director Ray Tanner will be inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Hall of Fame on Friday, January 8, 2016, in Nashville, Tennessee; making him the first coach in Gamecock history named to the ABCA Hall of Fame.
- Assistant Woman's Basketball Coach Nikki McCray was inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame in July 24, 2015.
- Women's Soccer was ranked #11 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Preseason Poll, the highest preseason rank in program history.
- Swimming and Diving – Nineteen men and women's swimmers and divers earned Scholar All-American honors from the College Swimming Coaches Association of America. Both teams also secured Scholar All-American Team honors.
- Women's Tennis – The recruiting class ranked 12th nationally and topped all SEC schools.
- Track and Field – Head Track & Field Coach Curtis Frye was selected as an assistant coach for Team USA for the 2016 Rio Olympics. Assistant Head Track Coach Dee Quarles served as the head women's coach for Team USA at the International Association of Athletics Federations World Championships held in August in Beijing. Olivia Hassler was one of six recipients of the prestigious Wilma Rudolph Student-Athlete Achievement Award.
- Academics – The Gamecocks sit atop the Southeastern Conference with 362 student-athletes on the academic honor roll for the 2014-15 school year for the 8th consecutive year; with 98 student-athletes making the 2014-15 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll (freshmen and transfers).
- Student-Athlete Education – Coach Steve Spurrier annually arranges for speakers to address the football team. Mr. Tanner shared the 2015 list of speakers.

Mr. Tanner's report included a statistical representation of the student-athletes currently in each of the 16 South Carolina judicial circuits. The 5th Judicial Circuit, representing Richland and Kershaw

Counties, had the largest USC student athlete representation at 29. Mr. Tanner then quizzed Board members about various Gamecock trivia.

Mr. Tanner concluded his presentation with the video story about the George Rogers statue. He recognized Trustee Allen, Mr. O'Connell, and Mr. Gruner who played significant roles in the Springs Brooks Plaza and the George Rogers statue projects.

III. Introduction: Director of Athletic Bands, Dr. Cormac Cannon

Chairman Buyck called on Mr. Tanner to introduce Dr. Cormac Cannon the Associate Director of Bands and Director of Athletic Bands at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Cannon guides all aspects of the athletic band program including directing the 350-member "Mighty Sound of the Southeast" USC Marching Band. Also, he conducts the Symphonic Winds and teaches undergraduate conducting.

Dr. Cannon joined the USC faculty following six years on the music faculty at Michigan State University, where he was Associate Director of Athletic Bands, conducted the Concert Band and Spartan Youth Wind Symphony, and taught courses in conducting and music education. Dr. Cannon earned his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in conducting at the University of Texas at Austin; his Master of Music degree in wind conducting from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music; and his Bachelor of Music degree in percussion performance and music education from the University of Iowa.

Dr. Cannon is an active composer, arranger, lecturer, and author. He has composed original works on commission from school and university ensembles throughout the United States and has collaborated as an arranger for marching, concert, country and western, and electronic ensembles.

Mr. Tanner welcomed Dr. Cannon who said it was overwhelming and an honor to be part of the Gamecock community. He expressed his and his students' gratitude to Mr. Tanner, President Pastides and the Trustees for their support.

President Pastides asked Mr. Tanner to update the Trustees on the University's celebration of 25 Years in the SEC. Mr. Tanner said that plans included a panel discussion with SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey and former Commissioners Mike Slive and Roy Kramer to be held on Friday, September 25, at the Darla Moore School of Business. Following the panel discussion, a reception and dinner will be held at the USC Alumni Center. At the football game the following day, in addition to being Parent's Weekend, the commissioners will be recognized.

President Pastides invited the Trustees to a brunch with the SEC commissioners on Saturday, September 26, prior to the University of Central Florida game.

Chairman Buyck thanked Mr. Tanner for his informative presentation which would be received as information, and asked if there were any questions.

Trustee Fennell asked if all Athletics Department projects were on time and on budget and Mr. Tanner responded yes.

IV. Other Matters

Chairman Buyck called on Chancellor Elkins, who announced that USC Salkahatchie had added a women's volleyball program. She noted that the program had been dropped years prior, as a result of budget cuts. With this addition, the campus now had three men's and three women's athletic programs.

Chancellor Elkins congratulated the USC Sumter Fire Ants and the USC Lancaster Lancers' Baseball teams for making it to the National Junior College Athletic Association championship tournament. USC Sumter advanced to the junior college world series.

Chancellor Elkins introduced the Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Hennie Van Bulck, an Associate Professor of Business Administration at USC Sumter.

There being no other matters to come before the committee, Chairman Buyck declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy E. Stone
Secretary