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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Health Affairs Committee

November 7, 2008

The Health Affairs Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Friday, November 7, 2008 at 1:40 p.m. in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Members present were: Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr., Chairman; Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. Arthur S. Bahnmuller; Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Ms. Amy E. Stone; Mr. Mack I. Whittle; Mr. Miles Loadholt, Board Chairman; and Mr. Samuel R. Foster II.

Other Trustees present were: Mr. Herbert C. Adams; Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr.; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. William W. Jones, Jr.; Mr. Miles Loadholt; Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr.; and Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary Thomas L. Stepp; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Academic Support Dennis A. Pruitt; Vice President for Strategic Planning William T. Moore; Vice President for Human Resources Jane M. Jameson; Interim Vice President for Advancement Michelle Dodenhoff; Vice Provost for Health Sciences Russell R. Pate; Assistant Provost for Academic Programs Kristia H. Finnigan; Dean of the School of Medicine Donald J. DiPette; Dean of the College of Social Work Dennis Poole; Dean of Students and Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student and Diversity Affairs, USC Upstate, Laura D. Puckett-Boler; Assistant Dean of the College of Engineering and Computing Michael Perkins; Associate Dean of the College of Social Work Miriam Johnson; Interim Director of the new Proposed Bachelor of Social Work Program, College of Social Work, Susan Parlier; Fiscal Officer, College of Social Work, Beverly Simmons; Director of Extended Campus, System Affairs and Extended University, Airleen C. Trainer; Director of Governmental Affairs and Community Relations, Division of University Advancement, Shirley Mills; Director of Governmental Affairs and Legislative Liaison, Division of University Advancement, Casey Martin; Director of Periodicals, University Publications, Chris Horn; Special Assistant to the President and Athletics Director John D. Gregory; Interim Director of University Communications, Division of University Advancement, Margaret Lamb; Board staff members Terri Saxon, Vera Stone, Karen Tweedy. There were no members of the media in attendance.

Chairman von Lehe called the meeting to order, welcomed those present, and asked everyone to introduce themselves. There were no members of the media in attendance.

Chairman von Lehe stated that the agenda had been posted and the press had been notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda had been circulated to the Committee members; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

Chairman von Lehe directed the attention of the Committee to the agenda and called on Dr. Pastides and Dr. DiPette.

I. Status Report on Pee Dee Health Education Consortium: President Pastides stated that the Pee Dee Health Education Consortium was a collaboration among Francis Marion University, the Carolinas Hospital System of Florence and McCloud Regional Medical Center. He stated this was an exciting opportunity for bringing USC health education programs to the Pee Dee region.

President Pastides called on Dr. DiPette to give a brief presentation regarding this initiative. Dr. DiPette thanked the Board for the opportunity to make a presentation, and he especially thanked those members who were helpful in bringing this consortium together at a grassroots level. He stated that the program was within their mission of serving all citizens of South Carolina.

Dr. DiPette reported that approximately one year ago, he had presented a proposal to the Board regarding the physician shortage. It had become obvious that there was not only a shortage of physicians but there were shortages and needs in all of the health care disciplines. He, along with members of the Board, President Pastides and others, held meetings and began discussing the possibility of bringing the institutions of higher education together in the Pee Dee.

The concept was to form a consortium so there would be a vehicle for resources, collective thinking, programmatic development and strategic planning across a wide variety of health issues including those related to the medical school, pharmacy, nursing and others.

The mission of this proposal was to improve the health of people in the communities served in a caring, cost effective manner. If approved, this would open up the second phase of a journey which would be even more exciting. Also, this would formalize the agreement so programmatic planning could begin.

Dr. DiPette stated that one of the first plans was initiated by Dr. Fred Carter, President of Francis Marion, who was concerned about the need for a Physicians Assistance Program in the Pee Dee. Data had revealed that individuals who were trained in an area were more likely to remain in that area. This held true for students in medical school, physician's assistants and nurses.

Dr. DiPette stated that the beauty of this consortium was that it would bring the collective wisdom and intellectual capital of the institutions together; and it would regionalize and energize philanthropy in various regions in South Carolina.

A member asked whether Coastal Carolina and other institutions would be invited to participate. Dr. DiPette responded, yes. However, they wanted to begin with the primary stakeholders but this would not be exclusionary.

Dr. DiPette reported that as programs were developed and brought to various communities it would open up philanthropy, both at the individual and corporate level. Secondly, it would bring a lot more ammunition legislatively.

Dr. Floyd commended Dr. DiPette for his efforts and stated that he had done a magnificent job. Also, he stated that Dr. DiPette had made a presentation to the medical staff in Florence which was really what initiated this consortium.

Additionally, Dr. Floyd reported that the program may be delayed because it was his understanding that Senator Leatherman would assist in securing funding for the program but because of the economic situation this may not be feasible at this time. However, regarding philanthropy, he said one of Mr. Burroughs' very close friends was interested in making a significant gift to this program and that his Foundation was currently at Emory. Dr. Floyd said he felt positive that there would be other people who would make contributions to this program.

Dr. DiPette stated that he had wonderful conversations with family members of the particular Foundation referenced by Dr. Floyd. Presently, the Foundation was located at Emory but they were willing to entertain moving that Foundation physically from Georgia to the Pee Dee. The consortium would be a vehicle to bring dollars centrally and dollars for strategic initiatives.

Chairman von Lehe called for a motion to approve the MOU as distributed in the materials for this meeting. Mr. Burrroughs so moved. Ms. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

## II. Board Representation on Greenville Hospital Program Oversight Committee:

Chairman von Lehe called on President Pastides who stated that there was a lot of energy being maintained relative to their efforts in the Upstate, particularly, at the Greenville Hospital System (GHS). He stated that Dr. Sorensen continued to be very active in the University's educational research and outreach efforts.

President Pastides stated that Dr. Pate, Vice Provost for Health Sciences, was available to answer any questions.

President Pastides reported that a Joint Oversight Committee was being formed. Two board members of the Greenville Hospital System had been appointed by their board: Mr. Hunter Howard, the former head of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce; and Rita McKinney a former USC board member.

President Pastides respectfully requested that Chairman von Lehe and Mr. Whittle be recommended by this committee to the full Board to be the University's appointees to serve on the Greenville Hospital Program Oversight Committee.

Mr. Burroughs moved to appoint Mr. von Lehe and Mr. Whittle to serve as the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees representatives on the Greenville Hospital Program Oversight Committee. Mr. Bahnmuller seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

There were no other matters to come before the Committee. Chairman von Lehe declared the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp  
Secretary