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University of South Carolina  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 12, 2017

The University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met at 2:35 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2017, in the JM Smith Boardroom at USC Upstate's Health Education Complex.

Members present were: Mr. John C. von Lehe Jr., Chairman; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley, Board Vice Chairman; Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; Mr. Mark W. Buyck Jr.; Mr. Thomas C. Cofield; Mr. A.C. "Bubba" Fennell; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Mr. Miles Loadholt; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Mr. Tommy Preston Jr.; Dr. C. Dorn Smith III; Mr. Eugene P. Warr Jr.; Mr. Thad H. Westbrook; and Mr. Mack I. Whittle Jr.; with Dr. C. Edward Floyd and Mr. Charles H. Williams joining by telephone. Ms. Molly Spearman was absent.

Also present were Columbia Faculty Senate Chairman Marco Valtorta and Columbia Student Government President Ross Lordo.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary J. Cantey Heath Jr.; General Counsel Walter "Terry" H. Parham; Chief Operating Officer Edward L. Walton; Chief Financial Officer Leslie Brunelli; Deputy Provost Helen Doerpinghaus; Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis A. Pruitt; Athletics Director Ray Tanner; Vice President for Information Technology Doug Foster; Vice President for Human Resources Chris Byrd; Chief Communications Officer Wes Hickman; Vice President for System Planning Mary Anne Fitzpatrick; Palmetto College Chancellor Susan Elkins; USC Upstate Chancellor Bendan Kelly; USC Beaufort Chancellor Al Panu; USC Aiken Chancellor Sandra Jordan; Executive Director of Audit & Advisory Services Pam Doran; University Treasurer Pat Lardner; Executive Director of Economic Engagement William D. "Bill" Kirkland; USC Aiken Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Jeff Priest; Director of State Government Relations Derrick Meggie; Spartanburg County Commission on Higher Education Chairman Tommy Young; Executive Director, USC Upstate's Greenville campus, Stacey Mills; Ms. Patricia Moore-Pastides; and Board staff member Debra Allen.

I. Call to Order

Chairman von Lehe called the meeting to order. Before proceeding, he recognized Chancellor Kelly and his staff for their hosting of the Board of Trustees. Chairman von Lehe offered a

special welcome to a group of USC Upstate supporters “who have stood beside us to help this institution prosper since its founding 50 years ago,” thanking Mr. Tommy Young, chairman of the Spartanburg County Commission on Higher Education, for his attendance at the meeting. Chairman von Lehe then recognized the University’s new Director of Governmental Relations Derrick Meggie.

He stated 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. Mr. Hickman confirmed there were no members of the news media in attendance.

Chairman von Lehe invited Pastor Stacey Mills, senior pastor at Mountain View Baptist Church in downtown Greenville and executive director of USC Upstate’s Greenville campus, to deliver the invocation.

### **Motion for Executive Session**

Chairman von Lehe requested a motion and second for an Executive Session for personnel matters dealing with honorary academic titles, appointments with tenure and honorary degree nominations, as well as a proposed contractual matter dealing with the proposed acquisition of real estate.

Mr. Burroughs made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cofield. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

The following persons were invited to remain: President Pastides, Secretary Heath, Dr. Valtorta, Mr. Lordo, the President’s Executive Council and Ms. Doran.

### **Executive Session**

### **Return to Open Session**

#### II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Audit and Compliance Committee, August 18, 2017
- B. Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, August 18, 2017
- C. Buildings and Grounds Committee, September 15, 2017

Chairman von Lehe stated there were no additions, deletions or corrections and these three sets of minutes stood approved as provided for review on the Board Portal.

III. Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, September 15, 2017  
(The Honorable Leah Moody reported)

In addition to receiving the Annual Review of New Programs reports from USC Columbia, USC Aiken, USC Beaufort and USC Upstate, Ms. Moody said the committee recommended several items for approval by the full Board. The following matters received all appropriate academic and administrative approvals before being brought forth for action, she said.

1. Honorary Academic Titles

Ms. Moody said 12 requests for honorary academic titles were posted on the Board Portal with the materials for the meeting. On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, she moved approval of the honorary academic titles. The vote was taken and the motion passed approving the following individuals to be awarded the title indicated, effective with his or her retirement:

For the title Professor Emerita  
Kellah M. Edens

For the title Professor Emeritus  
Kenneth W. Gaines

For the title Distinguished Professor Emerita  
Pamela Cooper-Hoel  
Lisa S. Lever

For the title Distinguished Professor Emeritus  
Charles Bierbauer  
James R. Cox, Jr.  
James N. Kellogg  
Manoj K. Malhotra  
Raymond J. Merlock  
Francis G. Spinale  
Charles Spirrison

For the title Clinical Professor Emerita  
Lydia Zager

For the title Dean Emeritus  
Charles Bierbauer

For the title Jeff B. Bates Professor Emeritus  
Manoj K. Malhotra

For the title Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Personalized Medicine  
Francis G. Spinale

2. Appointments with Tenure

Ms. Moody said nine requests for appointments with tenure were posted on

the Board Portal with the materials for the meeting. On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, she moved approval of the tenure appointments. The vote was taken and the motion passed approving the following appointments:

Dr. Fenice Boyd – Appointment with tenure at the rank of professor in the Department of Instruction and Teacher Education in the College of Education. She is also appointed chair of the department.

Dr. Michelle Bryan – Appointment with tenure at the rank of associate professor in the Department of Educational Studies in the College of Education. She is also appointed as the Associate Dean of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the college.

Dr. Catherine Compton-Lilly – Appointment with tenure at the rank of professor in the Department of Instruction and Teacher Education in the College of Education. She is also appointed as the John C. Hungerpillar Professor in the college.

Dr. Rose Ylimaki – Appointment with tenure at the rank of professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policies in the College of Education. She is also appointed as the chair of the department.

Dr. Ming Hu – Appointment with tenure at the rank of associate professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering in the College of Engineering and Computing.

Dr. Kostas Kyriakopolous – Appointment with tenure at the rank of professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering in the College of Engineering and Computing. He is also appointed as the Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the college.

Dr. William Mustain – Appointment with tenure at the rank of professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering in the College of Engineering and Computing.

Dr. Mark Rosenbaum – Appointment with tenure at the rank of professor in the Department of Retailing in the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management.

Dr. Samuel Todd – Appointment with tenure at the rank of professor in the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management. He is also appointed Associate Dean of Faculty and Operations in the college.

3. Transfer: Non-Tenure Track to Tenured Professor

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, Ms. Moody moved approval of the request for the transfer of Dr. John R. Monnier from non-tenure track to tenured professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering in the College of Engineering and Computing.

The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

4. Distinguished Fixed-Term Professorships, College of Engineering and Computing, USC Columbia

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, Ms. Moody moved approval of seven distinguished fixed-term professorships in the College of Engineering and Computing as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal.

The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

5. Unit Name Change: Distributed Learning Support Services to Office of Distributed Learning, Office of the Provost, USC Columbia

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, Ms.

Moody moved approval of the unit name change from Distributed Learning Support Services to Office of Distributed Learning as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal.

The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

6. Change in Academic Organizational Structure, USC Beaufort

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, Ms.

Moody moved approval of the change in academic organization structure at USC Beaufort as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal.

The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

- B. Buildings and Grounds Committee, September 15, 2017  
(The Honorable William C. Hubbard reported)

In addition to receiving planning updates, Mr. Hubbard said the committee recommended several projects and gift namings for approval by the full Board.

1. Phase I Project Approvals

- a. Barnwell Exterior Renovation

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Hubbard moved to establish and fund Phase I design of the Barnwell exterior renovation with a budget of \$22,500 funded with Institutional Capital Project Funds. The University hereby declares its official intent, pursuant to Federal Regulations, to reimburse itself from the amounts of proceeds of the tax-exempt bond issue. The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

- b. Upfit for the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Hubbard moved to establish and fund Phase I design of the upfit for the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders with a budget of \$30,000 funded with private gifts. The University hereby declares its official intent, pursuant to Federal Regulations, to reimburse itself from the amounts of proceeds of the tax-exempt bond issue. The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

- c. Honors College Residence Hall Expansion

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Hubbard moved to establish the Honors College Residence Hall expansion project for Phase I design with a budget of \$279,000 funded with State Appropriations. The University hereby declares its official intent, pursuant

to Federal Regulations, to reimburse itself from the amounts of proceeds of the tax-exempt bond issue.

The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

d. West Campus Parking Garage

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Hubbard moved to establish the West Campus Parking Garage project for Phase I design with a budget of \$519,000 funded with Institutional Funds. The University hereby declares its official intent, pursuant to Federal Regulations, to reimburse itself from the amounts of proceeds of the tax-exempt bond issue. The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

2. Other Project Approvals

a. Campus Masonry III

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Hubbard moved to establish and fully fund the Campus Masonry III project with a budget of \$500,000 to be funded with Institutional Capital Project Funds. The University hereby declares its official intent, pursuant to Federal Regulations, to reimburse itself from the amounts of proceeds of the tax-exempt bond issue. The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

b. Steam and Condensate Utility Replacement – Lieber College to South Caroliniana Library

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Hubbard moved to establish and fully fund the Steam and Condensate Utility Replacement (Lieber College to South Caroliniana Library) project with a budget of \$500,000 to be funded with Institutional Capital Project Funds. The University hereby declares its official intent, pursuant to Federal Regulations, to reimburse itself from the amounts of proceeds of the tax-exempt bond issue. The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

c. UTS Main Data Center HVAC Replacement

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Hubbard moved to establish and fully fund the UTS Main Data Center HVAC Replacement project with a budget of \$425,000 to be funded with Institutional Funds. The University hereby declares its official intent, pursuant to Federal Regulations, to reimburse itself from the amounts of proceeds of the tax-exempt bond issue. The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

d. Taylor House Phase II Renovation

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Hubbard

moved to establish and fully fund the Taylor House Phase II Renovation project with a budget of \$995,000 to be funded with private gifts. The University hereby declares its official intent, pursuant to Federal Regulations, to reimburse itself from the amounts of proceeds of the tax-exempt bond issue. The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

e. School of Nursing – Classroom 409 Renovation

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Hubbard moved to establish and fully fund the School of Nursing Classroom 409 Renovation project with a budget of \$975,000 to be funded with Institutional Funds. The University hereby declares its official intent, pursuant to Federal Regulations, to reimburse itself from the amounts of proceeds of the tax-exempt bond issue. The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

f. Colonial Life Arena Suite and Trophy Display Renovation

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Hubbard moved to establish and fully fund the Colonial Life Arena Suite and Trophy Display Renovation project with a budget of \$400,000 to be funded with Athletics Operating Funds. The University hereby declares its official intent, pursuant to Federal Regulations, to reimburse itself from the amounts of proceeds of the tax-exempt bond issue. The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

g. Men’s Basketball Practice Facility Locker Room Renovation

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Hubbard moved to establish and fully fund the Men’s Basketball Practice Facility Locker Room Renovation project with a budget of \$995,000 to be funded with private gifts. The University hereby declares its official intent, pursuant to Federal Regulations, to reimburse itself from the amounts of proceeds of the tax-exempt bond issue. The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

3. Gift Naming Opportunities

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Hubbard moved to approve gift namings as recommended by the Gift Naming Opportunities Committee and distributed in the Board materials. The vote was taken and the motion passed, approving the following gift namings:

a. Athletics

- i. “Coker Family Bench”
- ii. “Huskey Dietrich Golf Practice Facility”
- iii. “Jim Schaper Walk of Champions”
- iv. “Paige Wheeler Court”

b. USC Sumter

- i. “Farmers Telephone Cooperative Science Lab”
- ii. “Palmetto Health Tuomey Lobby and Student Study Space”
- iii. “Professor Jean-Luc Grosso Office”

C. Health Affairs Committee, September 15, 2017

(The Honorable Bubba Fennell reported. At its September 15, 2017, meeting, Mr. Fennell was elected chairman, replacing Mr. Miles Loadholt who had been elected to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee.)

The committee received a USC School of Medicine Greenville Joint Board Liaison Committee (JBLC) report, an overview of the Galen Health Fellows Program, and updates on various programs at the USC School of Medicine Columbia. In addition, Mr. Fennell said the committee recommended the following action item.

– JBLC Chairship – Recommendation for Change in Length of Term

On behalf of the Health Affairs Committee, Mr. Fennell moved approval that the Operating Agreement between the University of South Carolina and the Greenville Health System for the operation of the USC School of Medicine Greenville be amended to change the term of the JBLC Chair from one to two years, with the chair position continuing to rotate between the Greenville Health System and the University of South Carolina and direct University Counsel to prepare the appropriate document to so amend the Operating Agreement.

The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

D. Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, September 15, 2017

(The Honorable Mack I. Whittle Jr. reported)

The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee met on September 15, 2017.

Trustee Warr congratulated Trustee Chuck Allen on his induction into the USC Athletics Hall of Fame, which was scheduled for September 21. Trustee Warr said he had witnessed first-hand his undergraduate classmate’s numerous accomplishments on the Gamecock football team from 1977-1980.

Athletics Director Ray Tanner began his presentation by introducing new USC Head Baseball Coach Mark Kingston. Coach Kingston discussed what is shared with recruits and their families, including the staff’s baseball career credentials. He showed the baseball recruiting video, which showcases the University’s academic and athletic accomplishments.

Following a question and answer session with Coach Kingston, Mr. Tanner showed a Fall Sports highlights video.

Mr. Tanner announced major gift revenues totaled \$16,031,928 in Fiscal Year 2017. The football game against Kentucky was a sell-out, with additional sell-outs expected for the Arkansas, Florida and

Clemson games. Thus far for the 2017 football season, 49,600 season tickets have been sold, which compares to football ticket sales of 50,339 for the 2016 season.

Mr. Tanner provided a facilities update on recently completed projects: the Coliseum Men's Basketball Offices and Team Areas Project; graphics at the event level and the video and ribbon boards at the Colonial Life Arena; the tennis film and the training rooms in the Athletics Village; the Cregger Track and Field Complex; the media room and the player's lounge at Founders Park; the Golf Practice Facility; and the new press box and end zone signage at Williams-Brice Stadium.

Projects underway in the Athletics Village include the Dodie Nutrition Station and the Indoor Track and Field facility. Mr. Tanner also shared conceptual renderings of the Football Operations Center, which is underway.

Achievements of USC student-athletes and coaches were noted. Most significant was the Gamecocks were 2<sup>nd</sup> in the SEC Academic Honor Roll for the 2016-17 school year, including 93 first-year student-athletes who earned a 3.0 or higher grade point average.

USC placed 21<sup>st</sup> nationally and 7<sup>th</sup> in the SEC final 2016-17 Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings. This was the Gamecocks' highest finish since the 2002-03 season. Gamecocks clinched the 2016-17 Palmetto Series for the second year by earning eight points, while Clemson earned seven points. The award is based on overall success in head-to-head competition and academics.

Six Gamecocks were drafted by Major League Baseball teams, two were drafted by the National Basketball Association, and a third Gamecock was drafted by a Polish basketball team.

Mr. Tanner shared the list of Student-Athlete Education Speakers for the 2017 Football Team.

In addition, Mr. Tanner's PowerPoint presentation included a statistical report of student-athletes in each of South Carolina's 16 judicial circuits.

E. Audit and Compliance Committee, August 18, 2017  
(The Honorable C. Dorn Smith III, M.D., reported)

Dr. Smith said three items required full Board approval as a result of the committee's meeting earlier in the day.

1. BTRU 1.18 Conflicts of Interest and Commitment Policy

On behalf of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Dr. Smith moved approval of the revised BTRU 1.18 Conflicts of Interest and Commitment Policy as presented earlier in the day and as described in the Board Portal materials. The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

2. Title Change from Executive Director to Chief Audit Executive

On behalf of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Dr. Smith moved approval of the title change from Executive Director of Audit & Advisory Services to Chief Audit Executive. The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

3. BTRU 1.06 Audit & Advisory Services Policy

On behalf of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Dr. Smith moved approval of updates to BTRU 1.06 Audit & Advisory Services Policy as presented earlier in the day and as described in the Board Portal materials. The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Also in the meeting, Dr. Smith said Mr. Brian D'Amico with the audit firm of Elliott Davis Decosimo presented the FY 2016-17 Financial Statement Audit and System Audit Management Letter. Pam Doran, Executive Director of Audit & Advisory Services, presented the Hiring Practices Audit Report and said efforts were underway to address noted findings. She also said the results of the School of Law Construction Final Progress Report determined that Facilities Design and Construction had properly managed the project.

Ms. Doran said the committee's Tracking Report listed five of 28 audit findings (from August 2017) had been implemented. Of the remaining 23 findings, 14 were deferred and nine were not yet due. She reported efforts were underway to address the concerns in the remaining findings.

Ms. Doran also demonstrated the new online University Conflicts of Interest reporting system, expected to be available for use by University staff in January 2018. An updated copy of the Committee Matrix was provided and committee members were asked to complete a self-assessment. And, in the absence of University Foundations Executive Director Russ Meekins, Dr. Smith said a report on The Inn at USC was provided by USC's Chief Operating Office Ed Walton. The Inn, which is owned by the USC Development Foundation, is managed by Wyndham Hotels and Resorts.

F. Executive Committee, October 12, 2017  
(The Honorable John C. von Lehe Jr. reported)

During the Executive Committee's meeting earlier in the day, the committee approved the following contracts:

- A grant to the Small Business Development Center from the S.C. Department of Commerce in the amount of \$500,000.
- Two charter flight agreements, one each for the Men's and Women's Basketball Teams' 2017-2018 season, with STM Charters, Inc. The contract for the Men's Basketball Team is in the amount of \$487,900, while the contract for the Women's Basketball Team totals \$462,800.
- An amendment to the Ticketmaster Software and Services Agreement granting Ticketmaster the right to provide an online platform for the re-sale of University event tickets.

Ticketmaster will pay the University 55% of the revenues it receives from the re-sale of tickets. The University expects to receive approximately \$500,000 during the five-year term of the agreement.

- A five-year agreement establishing Gatorade as the exclusive sports beverage of the University for which the University will receive fees in the amount of \$525,000, as well as a \$200,000 credit annually toward the purchase of Gatorade products on the Gatorade Team Zone website.

In addition to these approvals, the committee elected Trustee Mobley to serve on the Health Affairs Committee and received the FY2016 Year-End Review from Chief Financial Officer Leslie Brunelli. The committee recommended seven items for approval by the full Board.

1. USC Alumni Association Service Agreement

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Chairman von Lehe moved approval of a Service Agreement with the USC Alumni Association under which the Alumni Association will provide designated services designed to strengthen the University's alumni network for a period of five years, in exchange for which the University will pay the Alumni Association the sum of \$2,677,570 annually in equal quarterly installments. The vote was taken and the motion approved.

2. JDA Software, Inc. Gift Agreement

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Chairman von Lehe moved approval to authorize acceptance of a software license gift from JDA Software, Inc. for use by the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sports Management. The gift is valued at \$6,252,000. The vote was taken and the motion approved.

3. IBM Service Agreement

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Chairman von Lehe moved approval of an agreement with IBM to provide maintenance and support personnel for the PeopleSoft Finance module (4 positions) and the Human Resources – Payroll module once implementation is complete (10 positions) at a cost of \$13,489,000. The vote was taken and the motion approved.

4. USC School of Medicine Greenville/Greenville Health System Memorandum of Understanding Addendum

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Chairman von Lehe moved approval of Addendum A to the Master Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation of Services Exchange between the USC School of Medicine Greenville and the Greenville Health System confirming the budgeted value of professional services and non-personnel expenses to be provided by the Greenville Health System for 2017-2018 in the sum not to exceed \$15,055,908. The vote was taken and the motion approved.

5. Off-Cycle Fee Requests

a. Nursing, USC Aiken

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Chairman von Lehe moved approval of an off-cycle fee request from USC Aiken to reduce tuition to \$306 per credit hour for the online RN-BSN degree with no additional nursing fees for both in-state and out-of-state students, to be effective January 2018. The vote was taken and the motion approved.

b. Nursing, USC Upstate

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Chairman von Lehe moved approval of an off-cycle fee request from USC Upstate for a reduction in tuition for the online RN-BSN degree offered through Palmetto College, adopting the in-state, full-time tuition of \$5,082 per semester, and the part-time tuition of \$423.50 per credit hour for both in-state and out-of-state students, to be effective January 2018. The vote was taken and the motion approved.

c. Meal Plan, USC Sumter

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Chairman von Lehe moved approval of an off-cycle fee request from USC Sumter to introduce a student meal plan at the Fire Ant Café, beginning Spring 2018. The optional plan can be purchased at a cost of \$150, \$400 or \$700 per semester and will allow students to use financial aid directly. The vote was taken and the motion approved.

IV. Election of Member to the Board of Visitors

Chairman von Lehe said President Pastides had nominated Brian Frerichs for a two-year term on the Board of Visitors. Mr. Frerichs serves as senior vice president in the Private Client Group at Stephens Inc. and resides in Sumter. He called for a motion to appoint Mr. Frerichs to the Board of Visitors. Mr. Burroughs so moved. Ms. Moody seconded. The vote was taken and the motion approved.

V. USC Upstate Report

Chairman von Lehe called on Chancellor Kelly who welcomed Trustees to USC Upstate and discussed the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the campus. In the past 50 years, he described USC Upstate as having developed into “a workforce driver and a talent manager, making certain it was making the communities it served better.” He expressed his excitement about his investiture ceremony, scheduled for the following day, noting again the positive energy and support he had found in the surrounding community, the Board of Trustees, the USC Upstate Foundation and the Spartanburg County Commission on Higher Education.

Chancellor Kelly then called on Mr. Young who welcomed everyone on behalf of the Spartanburg County Commission on Higher Education. “We believe you have sent us the right man at the right time”

to lead USC Upstate, he said.

Chancellor Kelly concluded by noting enrollment was up; then announced, those attending the investiture should report no later than 9:45 a.m. to the Stockwell Administration Building.

VI. Report of the President

Chairman von Lehe called on President Pastides who said he was proud to be in attendance and to support Chancellor Kelly as the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the campus was celebrated. He noted USC Upstate was ranked by U.S. News and World Report second in the southeast among regional public colleges, as well as second for taking care of veterans, and number six for ethnic diversity.

In other news, President Pastides noted *Forbes* magazine cited the University of South Carolina Columbia as one of the top 100 places to work in the United States, with Michelin being the only other South Carolina entity on the list. There were 14 other universities among the top 100, he said, but only two flagship universities, which is a university that carries the state's name. The University also has been identified as having the top sports science program in the United States and fourth in the world.

President Pastides said the University had received its highest ever grant from the National Science Foundation recently with the awarding of a \$20-million grant to a 10-university collaboration, which includes USC Beaufort. The public-private collaboration also includes Boeing, IBM, Milliken and BMW.

He continued, noting that he had taken thousands of "selfies" and enjoyed thousands of "high-fives" but he did his first slam a week ago when students invited him to the Koger Center to tell his story on stage with the spotlight on him talking without notes. President Pastides said October is possibly the busiest month of the year, with thousands being hosted at the University. In the past week at the President's House there were 229 President's Society members who committed to donating \$1,801 or more annually; 710 for the Parents Weekend reception, with 8,653 parents registered for events on campus – the largest number ever; 572 attended the Faculty Open House from the system; and 556 faculty, staff and students attended the International Open House.

The Tennessee game takes place this Saturday and Homecoming against Vanderbilt will be the following week. USC Upstate will celebrate homecoming in February 2018 as it welcomes Florida Gulf Coast University in men's basketball, he said. USC Aiken's homecoming also will be in February when it will host Lander for men's and women's basketball and USC Beaufort has its homecoming this weekend, having hosted a soccer game last night against Ava Maria.

In conclusion, President Pastides said he looked forward to the evening reception and to Friday's investiture of Brendan Kelly, at which everyone would have a chance to meet the Chancellor's family.

VII. Other Matters

Chairman von Lehe thanked the President for his remarks and asked if there were any other matters to come before the Board.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no other matters to come before the Board, Chairman von Lehe adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Cantey Heath, Jr.  
Secretary