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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

September 15, 2017

The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met at 1:20 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2017, in the Alumni Center's C. Edward Floyd Boardroom.

Members present were: Mr. Mack I. Whittle Jr., Chairman; Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; Mr. Mark W. Buyck Jr.; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Mr. Miles Loadholt; and Mr. John C. von Lehe Jr., Board Chairman. Mr. Charles H. Williams joined by telephone.

Other Trustees present were: Mr. Thomas C. Cofield; Mr. A. C. "Bubba" Fennell; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley, Board Vice Chairman; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Dr. C. Dorn Smith III; Mr. Eugene P. Warr Jr.; and Mr. Thad Westbrook. Mr. William C. Hubbard joined by telephone.

Also present were: Gamecock Club Executive Committee Chairman Kent Eddy; University Athletics Advisory Committee Chairman Brandon Bookstaver; University Faculty Athletics NCAA/SEC Representative Valinda Littlefield; 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; 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 Development Jancy Houck; Vice President for Information Technology Doug Foster; Vice President for Facilities and Transportation Derrick Huggins; Vice President for System Planning Mary Anne Fitzpatrick; Athletics Director Ray Tanner; Executive Associate Athletics Director Kevin O'Connell; Senior Associate Athletics Director Judy Van Horn; Senior Associate Athletics Director, Development and Gamecock Club, Steve Eigenbrot; Associate Athletics Director, Ticketing and Customer Relations, Lance Grantham; Director of Baseball Operations Tyson Lusk; Chief Communications Officer Wes Hickman; Palmetto College Chancellor Susan Elkins; Arnold School of Public Health Dean Thomas Chandler; Executive Director for University Foundations Russell H. Meekins; Executive Director for the Office of Economic Engagement William D. "Bill" Kirkland; Executive Director of Audit & Advisory Services Pam Doran;

Associate Vice President for Development and Student Life Facilities Jerry Brewer; Associate Vice President for Administration and Finance and Medical Business Affairs Jeffrey L. Perkins III; Director of Facilities Planning and Programming and University Architect Derek S. Gruner; Director of Facilities Design and Construction Jeffrey D. Lamberson; Director of Capital Budgets and Financing Charlie Fitzsimons; Director of State Government Relations Derrick Meggie; University Treasurer Pat Lardner; Communication Sciences & Disorders Chair, Arnold School of Public Health, Kenn Apel; Executive Director of My Carolina Alumni Association Jack W. Claypoole; USC Aiken Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Jeff Priest; Associate Director of Public Relations, USC's Office of Communications and Public Affairs, Jeff Stensland; Caitlin Cofield, daughter of Trustee Cofield; Cynthia Lister, spouse of Trustee Lister; Ann Loadholt, spouse of Trustee Loadholt; Maggie Metcalf, guest of Trustee von Lehe; Charlie Koors, student intern; University Technology Services Production Manager Matt Warthen; and Board staff members Terri Saxon and Ina Wilson.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Whittle called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

Chairman Whittle recognized Trustee Warr who congratulated Trustee Chuck Allen on his election into the USC Athletics Hall of Fame. Trustee Warr said he witnessed his undergraduate classmate's numerous accomplishments on the Gamecock Football team from 1977-1980. Trustee Warr recalled numerous highlights of Trustee Allen's football career as an outstanding defensive tackle for the Gamecocks, including helping lead Carolina to the 1979 Hall of Fame Bowl and the 1980 Gator Bowl. Trustee Allen and seven other outstanding Gamecock athletes will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Thursday, September 21, at the Zone at Williams-Brice Stadium and recognized at the South Carolina-Louisiana Tech football game on Saturday, September 23.

Trustee Allen received a round of applause and thanked Trustee Warr for his kind remarks.

Mr. Hickman introduced Larissa Johnson with *The Daily Gamecock*; John Whittle with *The Big Spur*, and David Cloninger with *The Post and Courier*.

Chairman Whittle said 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.

Athletics Director Ray Tanner introduced USC Head Baseball Coach Mark Kingston, who he said had been on the job for just over two months. Mr. Tanner said he was excited to have Coach Kingston lead the Gamecocks, and was looking forward to the team's first season scrimmage later in the day. Mr. Tanner noted Coach Kingston's numerous baseball career accomplishments.

Coach Kingston thanked Trustees for their warm welcome and discussed what Athletics shares with recruits and their families, including the baseball staff's player and coaching career credentials. He also showed the baseball recruiting video, which highlights the University's academic and sports accomplishments before discussing in order of importance why recruits should choose USC: academics, facilities, tradition, conference, and the coaching staff's track record.

Coach Kingston noted the following Gamecock Baseball traditions:

- College World Series appearances – 11 including six in the last 15 years
- Back-to-Back National Championships in 2010 and 2011
- NCAA Regional appearances – 31 in school history
- Second highest win total in Division I Baseball since 2000, with 791 victories
- Major League Baseball (MLB) draft picks – 147
- Major Leaguers – 50 former Gamecocks
- 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Americans – 23 Gamecocks
- 1<sup>st</sup> Round MLB draft picks – 16 former Gamecocks

Coach Kingston closed by stating the three goals expected for each recruit: graduate, participate in the College World Series and be drafted by MLB. Recruits are told if they don't share these same goals, they should enroll elsewhere.

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

Mr. Tanner announced major gift revenue totaled \$16,031,928 in Fiscal Year 2017, and he briefly reviewed giving levels by category, for the past six years. The Athletics Department recently hired Kelsey Kearney and Stephen Green to assist with athletics development efforts.

The football game against Kentucky is sold out with sell outs expected for the Arkansas, Florida and Clemson games, Mr. Tanner reported. Also, the Kentucky game student ticket claim was the biggest in school history. Thus far for the 2017 football season, 49,600 season tickets have been sold.

Mr. Tanner provided a facilities update of recently completed projects: the Coliseum Men's Basketball Offices and Team Areas Project; the basketball 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 Founder's Park; the Golf Practice Facility; and the new press box and end zone signage at Williams-Brice Stadium.

Mr. Tanner reviewed the projects underway in the Athletics Village including the Dodie Nutrition Station and the Indoor Track and Field facility. He also shared conceptual renderings of the Football Operations Center that is underway, including a video.

Mr. Tanner noted achievements of USC student-athletes and coaches. Most significant was: the Gamecocks placing second in the SEC Academic Honor Roll for the 2016-17 school year, including 93 first-year student-athletes who earned a 3.0 or above grade point average; the highest number of student-athletes (379) was recognized for academic achievements among SEC schools; and the Gamecocks 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.

Additionally, 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: Alex Desino, Tyler Johnson, and John Parke, Chicago White Sox; Will Crowe, Washington Nationals; Josh Reagan, Oakland A's; and Clarke Schmidt, New York Yankees. Drafted by the National Basketball Association were Sindarius Thornwell, Los Angeles Clippers; and P. J. Dozier, Dallas Mavericks. Also, Duane Notice was drafted by BM Slam Stal Ostrow WLKP in Poland.

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 the number of student-athletes in each of South Carolina's 16 judicial circuits.

Mr. Tanner concluded his presentation with an athletics motivational video.

#### IV. Other Matters

Chairman Whittle called for any other matters to come before the committee. Trustee Allen asked Mr. Tanner to comment on the utilization, on a select basis, of the new football helmet technology. Mr. Tanner said the University was testing three helmets, but noted the helmets were not yet being mass-produced.

Mr. Tanner told Trustees of two new experiences added to football game day – a disc jockey and pyrotechnics.

Trustee Buyck asked before adjournment, to acknowledge the passing of former Gamecock football standout Alex Hawkins.

V. Adjournment

There being no other matters to come before the committee, Chairman Whittle declared the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Cantey Heath, Jr.  
Secretary