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University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 17, 2014

The University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met at 4:35 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2014, in the Board Room at 1600 Hampton Street.

Members present were: Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr., Chairman; Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr., Vice Chairman; Mrs. Paula Harper Bethea; Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr.; Mr. Thomas C. Cofield; Mr. A. C. "Bubba" Fennell III; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. William W. Jones, Jr.; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Mr. Miles Loadholt; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Mr. Thad H. Westbrook; and Dr. Mitchell M. Zais. Joining by telephone was Dr. C. Dorn Smith III, Mr. Charles Williams and Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr. Absent were Mr. Chuck Allen and Dr. C. Edward Floyd.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary Amy E. Stone; Chief Operating Officer Edward L. Walton; General Counsel Walter "Terry" H. Parham; Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis A. Pruitt; Chief Financial Officer Leslie Brunelli; Vice President for Information Technology William F. Hogue; Vice President for Human Resources Chris Byrd; Athletics Director Ray Tanner; Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, USC Aiken, Jeff Priest; Senior Vice Provost and Dean for Graduate Studies Lacy Ford; Assistant Dean for Operations, College of Nursing, Rod West; Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, College of Nursing, Kathleen LaSala; Associate Dean, South Carolina College of Pharmacy, Wayne Buff; Executive Director of Audit & Advisory Services Pam Doran; Chief Communications Officer Wes Hickman; Chief of Staff, President's Office, J. Cantey Heath, Jr.; Director of Facilities Planning and Programming and University Architect Derek S. Gruner; Executive Director of My Carolina Alumni Association Jack W. Claypoole; Director of Special Projects, Division of Administration and Finance, Patrick Lardner; University Technology Services Production Manager Wes Reardon; Board staff members Debra Allen and Terri Saxon.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Warr called the meeting to order and stated that 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.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Hickman stated that Andy Shain with *The State* newspaper was the only member of the news media in attendance.

III. Invocation

Chairman Warr invited The Reverend Tom Wall with the Methodist Campus Ministry to deliver the invocation.

Chairman Warr stated there was no need for an executive session and moved directly into the open session agenda items.

IV. Approval of Minutes

The following 13 sets of minutes were presented for approval:

- A. Called Executive Committee, August 8, 2014
- B. Board of Trustees, August 8, 2014
- C. Executive Committee, August 8, 2014
- D. Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, August 8, 2014
- E. Audit and Compliance Committee, August 8, 2014
- F. Buildings and Grounds Committee, August 8, 2014
- G. Health Affairs Committee, August 8, 2014
- H. Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, August 8, 2014
- I. Student-Trustee Liaison Committee, August 8, 2014
- J. Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, September 12, 2014
- K. Buildings and Grounds Committee, September 12, 2014
- L. Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, September 12, 2014
- M. Health Affairs Committee, September 12, 2014

Chairman Warr stated that there were no additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes; therefore, they stood approved as provided for review on the Board Portal.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee
(The Honorable Thad Westbrook reported)

Mr. Westbrook reported that the following personnel matters received all appropriate academic and administrative approvals and were presented without objection to the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee on September 12, 2014.

1. Honorary Faculty Titles

Twelve requests for honorary faculty titles were posted on the Board Portal with the materials for this meeting. If approved, the following individuals will be awarded the titles indicated effective with their retirement:

For the title Professor Emerita:

Donna M. Shannon

For the title Clinical Professor Emerita:

Eileen Leaphart

For the title Distinguished Professor Emeritus:

Charles A. Blake

Robert E. Botsch

Hugh G. Hanlin

S. Thomas Mack

Michael N. Huhns

Robert Pruzin

For the title Distinguished Clinical Professor Emeritus:

John C. Voris

For the title Dean Emeritus:

Chris P. Plyler

For the title NCR Chair Emeritus of Computer Science and Engineering:

Michael N. Huhns

For the title Dag Hammarskjold Professor of International Affairs Emeritus:

Harvey Starr

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, Mr. Westbrook moved approval of the 12 honorary faculty titles as presented. Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

2. Appointments with Tenure

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, Mr. Westbrook moved approval to award tenure to the two individuals listed below. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

- Dr. Theodore M. Besmann – Appointment with tenure at the rank of Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering in the College of Engineering and Computing and as SmartState Chair in the General Atomics Center for Development of Transformational Nuclear Technologies.
- Dr. Bernadine Pinto – Appointment with tenure at the rank of Professor and as Associate Dean for Research in the College of Nursing.

3. New Program: Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences, USC Columbia

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, Mr. Westbrook moved approval of the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences as presented and described in the materials posted on the Board Portal for this meeting. Mr. Buyck seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

4. Removal of Honorary Degree Candidates from the Table

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

Westbrook moved to remove from the table the names of the four honorary degree recipients listed below.

Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

- Leif E. Maseng
- James L. Solomon
- Jerome D. Odom
- Henrie M. Treadwell

Mr. Westbrook reported that at its meeting on September 12, 2014, the committee received an academic update on the Native American Studies Program at USC Lancaster (USCL). Chris Judge, Associate Director of the Native American Studies Center, presented an update on the center and the Native American Studies Program. Mr. Judge said that USCL began the Native American Studies program in 2005 and, in partnership with the City of Lancaster, opened the Native American Studies Center in 2012. He said the majority of the artifacts in the center were Catawba Indian and that a large collection of Catawba Indian archives and pottery had been donated to the center. The center also offers local residents the opportunity to conduct genealogical and historical research. USCL's long-term goal is to offer a four-year degree in Native American Studies.

The committee also received a report on the First-Year Reading Experience at USC Columbia from Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus. She showed a brief video of Carolina Orientation Leaders sharing information about the 2014 book selection, *The Circle*, and gave the committee an overview of the selection process, whereby a committee spends three months reading and reviewing 20-30 books before making a final selection. Incoming freshman student Grace Porter shared her impressions of the book and the First-Year Reading Experience. USC Upstate Chancellor Tom Moore and Jeff Priest, Associate Vice Chancellor for USC Aiken, also shared the book selection processes for their campuses.

B. Buildings and Grounds Committee
(The Honorable William W. Jones, Jr., reported)

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on September 12, 2014, and the following items required Board approval. First, Mr. Jones asked Secretary Stone to read a statement that is required for the minutes.

Secretary Stone stated: "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."

1. Phase I Approval: Men's Basketball Offices and Team Spaces Renovation, Carolina Coliseum

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Jones moved to

establish the Men's Basketball Offices and Team Spaces Renovation for Phase I Design with a budget of \$60,000 funded with Athletic Operating Funds. Mr. Mobley seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

2. Phase II Approval – South Tower Bathroom Renovations

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Jones moved to fund the South Tower Bathroom Renovations Phase II Design and Construction for a total project budget of \$3,800,000 funded with Housing Maintenance Reserve Funds. Ms. Bethea seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

3. Other Approvals

a. Women's Basketball Offices Renovation, Athletic Practice Facility

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Jones moved to establish and fully fund the Women's Basketball Offices Renovation with a budget of \$940,000 to be funded with Athletic Operating Funds. Mr. Cofield seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

b. Fiscal Year 2014-2015 State Funded Deferred Maintenance Projects

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Jones moved to approve the following FY15 deferred maintenance projects with "not to exceed" the budgets and funding sources indicated.

- USC Columbia FY15 Maintenance Needs not to exceed \$4,700,000 to be funded with \$2,328,429 from S.C. Education Lottery Funds; \$1,400,000 from University Technology Services Operating Funds (65200-E001); and \$971,571 from USC Columbia Institutional Capital Project Funds (ICPF).
- USC School of Medicine FY15 Maintenance Needs not to exceed \$660,000 to be funded with \$329,563 from S.C. Education Lottery Funds and \$330,437 from School of Medicine ICPF.
- USC Aiken FY15 Maintenance Needs not to exceed \$325,000 to be funded with \$161,142 from S.C. Education Lottery Funds and \$163,858 from USC Aiken ICPF.
- USC Upstate FY15 Maintenance Needs not to exceed \$950,000 to be funded with \$224,687 from S.C. Education Lottery Funds and \$725,313 from USC Upstate ICPF.

Mr. Jones stated that approval of each of the listed items was contingent upon the availability and release of state funds and that actual state fund amounts may decrease and the scope of work may be adjusted. Mr. Fennell seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

- c. Repair and Renewal for Science Labs and Nursing Simulation Project, USC Lancaster

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Jones moved to establish and fully fund USC Lancaster's Repair and Renewal for Science Labs and Nursing Simulation Project with a budget of \$495,000 to be funded with State Appropriation Funds. Mr. Mobley seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

- d. Butler Derrick Recognition Plaque at Swearingen Engineering Center

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Jones moved approval to install a plaque at the Swearingen Engineering Center recognizing Butler Derrick. He noted that the text on the plaque had been distributed in the Board materials. Mr. Hubbard seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

- e. Name Change: West Quadrangle to Green Quadrangle

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Jones moved to change the current name of the West Quadrangle housing complex to Green Quadrangle. Mr. Hubbard seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

4. Gift Naming Opportunities

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

- a. Alumni Center: "The Dan and Lorna Brown Meeting Room"

- b. Athletics

- i. "The King Family Practice Field"
- ii. "The Ken Wheat '69 ACC Championship Field"

- c. Law School Amendment: "The Stephen G. Morrison Student Services Suite"

- d. The Darla Moore School of Business Amendments

- i. "AgFirst Farm Credit Bank Classroom"
- ii. "The Daniel-Mickel Center for Executive Education"
- iii. "James C. Leventis Administrative Office"
- iv. "First Citizens Classroom"
- v. "John P. Harloe Conference Room"
- vi. "Governor Jim and Rachel Hodges Conference Room"
- vii. "The IIABSC Foundation Faculty Office"
- viii. "The Robert E. and Mylla F. Markland Focus Room"
- ix. "The McKissick Family Foundation Dean's Suite"
- x. "The MIBS Class of 1977 Classroom"
- xi. "The NBSC Conference Room"

- xii. “The James C. Self Business Research Hub Fund”
 - xiii. “The Sonoco International Business Department and the Sonoco Pavilion”
 - xiv. “The South State Bank Group Study Room”
- e. The Darla Moore School of Business New Gift Agreements
 - i. “AT&T Dean’s Office and AT&T Dean’s Office Terrace”
 - ii. “BlueCross BlueShield Lecture Hall”
 - iii. “The Brittingham Group Conference Room”
 - iv. “Anthony A. Callander Classroom”
 - v. “J. Thomas Dodson Terrace”
 - vi. “The Nikko Chemicals Company Conference Room”
 - vii. “The Suddeth Group Study Room”
 - viii. “The John C. Troutman Group Study Room”
 - ix. “The Springs-Close Staircase”
 - f. USC Aiken: “The Stewart Bell Fox, Jr. Classroom in the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center”

Mr. Jones said that the committee also was briefed on five deferred maintenance projects on campuses outside of Columbia and received an update on the University’s Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

C. Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
(The Honorable Mark W. Buyck, Jr., reported)

The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee met on September 12, 2014. Athletics Director Ray Tanner reported on numerous items from the Athletics Department. Most significant was that major gift revenues totaled \$10,312,361 in FY14, and that Gamecock Club membership increased from 16,404 in calendar year 2013, to 18,495 members as of September 10, 2014. He also said the first four home games in the 2014 football season had sold out, noting that the sale of 54,005 season football tickets reflects an increase over 2013 of 3.9 percent.

A facilities update was provided on the following projects: Women’s and Men’s Swimming and Diving Locker Rooms; Swimming and Diving Lounge; Basketball Practice Venue; Tennis Team Facility; Outdoor Track Facility; Field House Conversion/Indoor Track Facility; new Soccer Building; Women’s and Men’s Soccer Locker Rooms; Football Practice Fields; Indoor Football Facility; and the Williams-Brice Plaza/ETV Game Day Building.

Athletics expects to produce between 110-120 sporting events to be broadcast on the new SEC ESPN Network. The Department of Athletics and the School of Journalism and Mass Communications are exploring collaboration opportunities to provide practical work experience for USC students related to the new network.

Achievements of University of South Carolina student-athletes and coaches were noted. Most significant was the fact that the Gamecocks completed their 15th consecutive semester with a departmental

GPA above 3.0 and were at the top of the SEC with 336 student-athletes on the academic honor roll for the 2013-14 school year.

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

D. Health Affairs Committee
(The Honorable Hubert F. Mobley reporting)

The Health Affairs Committee of the University of South Carolina met on September 12, 2014, at which time it received the following reports for information.

Mr. Whittle presented a report from USC School of Medicine Greenville Joint Board Liaison Committee's (JBLC) May 13, 2014, and September 5, 2014, meetings. In the JBLC's May meeting, a review of the year-to-date financial results for March 31, 2014, were presented along with the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget. The FY15 budget is based on 75 first-year students starting in July 2014 and about 106 returning second- and third-year students. The JBLC approved the budget and submitted it to this Board for approval.

Also at the May meeting it was clarified that since JBLC is a committee of the University's Board of Trustees as well as the Greenville Health System Board, the JBLC should not have a separate conflict of interest statement. Rather, the membership of the JBLC was subject to the conflict of interest rules, regulations and policies of its respective boards.

In the September JBLC meeting, an overview was presented of the proposed comprehensive partnership with the Greenville Health System – the GHS/USC Collaborative for Future Healthcare. This collaborative would serve as the organizing framework for comprehensive collaboration in workforce development, student pipeline programs, and research engagement.

An update of the 2012, 2013 and 2014 class profiles also was received, including information that the school's application numbers continued to be strong and represented high-caliber students. It was reported that the site visit by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education in July had gone very well, with the school receiving only one citation that already is being addressed. The committee also received an update showing the financials were on target and in line with the May 2014 budget presentation.

The question regarding the location of commencement exercises (Columbia or Greenville) for the inaugural class in 2016 was raised and it was agreed that a decision needed to be reached soon.

An update from the Arnold School of Public Health was received at the September 2014 meeting. It included information that the school had doubled in size over the past four years, with the student population increasing from 1,200 in 2010 to 2,400 in 2014. During this time, 42 tenure-track faculty and 20

clinical faculty also were hired. Public Health Dean Thomas Chandler introduced faculty member Heather Brandt, undergraduate student Kelsie Dirksing, and doctoral student Deonna Farr who shared information about their current research with the committee.

E. Audit and Compliance Committee
(The Honorable Paula Harper Bethea reported)

The Audit and Compliance Committee met earlier today and received reports on the following items.

1. External Audits – Prepared and Presented by Elliott Davis

a. Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Upstate Athletics Agreed Upon Procedures

The NCAA Bylaws require that certain financial procedures be performed related to the Athletics Department. In the past, the University had included this process in the full University Financial Statement, which met NCAA requirements. It had been determined that it would be more effective, and more in the spirit of the NCAA Bylaws, to use the agreed-upon procedures format, which is more specific.

b. Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Financial Statement Audit

Tom McNeish, a shareholder with Elliott Davis, presented the financial statement audit for the year ended June 30, 2014. The auditors have completed their audit work and based on the audit procedures performed, Elliott Davis intends to issue an unmodified opinion on the University's financial statements. An unmodified opinion indicates that the University has fairly presented its financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Fair presentation in accordance with GAAP is of great importance to the primary users of the University's financial statements such as bond underwriters and federal granting agencies. The University's financial statements are currently in draft form, have been submitted to the State Comptroller General and will be finalized upon approval by the Board of Trustees. Following the completion of these statements, the University financial staff will compile the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and submit that document late this fall to the Government Finance Officers Association.

c. Single Audit (OMB A-133)

This audit is to determine if the University is materially in compliance with requirements of its major federal programs. It is used by federal granting agencies. No internal control weaknesses or significant deficiencies were identified and the auditor's report on compliance for the major programs is unmodified. Mr. McNeish discussed the omission of federal expenditures regarding the Center for Manufacturing and Technology.

d. System Audit Management Letter

Mr. McNeish presented the University's management letter, which includes items that are not audit findings but are possible deficiencies or weaknesses. If a significant or material weakness was identified, government auditing standards require notification to the University by Elliott Davis. There were no items added to the management letter following the 2014 audit. The three items that were noted date from the 2011 fiscal year audit and will be addressed with the implementation of the OneCarolina Finance system.

2. Internal Audits – Presented by Pam Doran

Audit & Advisory Services conducted a University risk assessment. Based on the results of this assessment, the staff prepared and presented a three-year audit plan that the committee approved.

Reporting on internal audits and reviews, the Executive Director of Audit & Advisory Services indicated that there were no reportable issues in the College of Nursing – Business Operations Audit Report; the Darla Moore School of Business Construction Progress Report V; or the Review of Third-Quarter Fiscal Year 2013-2014 President's Office and Board Office Expenditures.

In her Tracking Report, Ms. Doran said that the outstanding reconciliations noted in the Payroll Audit had been resolved and that internal audit staff will conduct a limited testing of the processes in December to assure the reconciliations have remained current. She reported that issues found during the Study Abroad and the Lancaster Special Collections audits were being resolved.

An updated copy of the committee matrix also was provided during the morning's meeting.

F. Executive Committee
(The Honorable Eugene P. Warr, Jr. reported)

During the Executive Committee's meeting earlier today, Chairman Warr said that five contracts were approved. These included a contract with Northeast Document Conservation Center in the amount of \$605,857 that will be paid by the USC Educational Foundation for conservation of the University's four-volume double-elephant folio of John James Audubon's *Birds of America* that is housed in the Hollings Special Collection Library. Approval also was given for two contracts with STM Charters, Inc. – one in the amount of \$414,096 for transporting the men's basketball team this season and the second in the amount of \$408,000 for transporting the women's basketball team this season; a student recruitment and marketing contract in the amount of \$379,949 with Royall & Company; and a library services agreement in the amount of \$350,000 with Baker & Taylor YBP.

The Executive Committee considered two additional items; one was not brought forward for action, while a second was approved for recommendation to the full Board for action. These were:

1. Beaufort-Jasper Higher Education Commission Agreement

The committee did not bring this item forward for action.

2. Off-Cycle Fee Request: Pre-Nursing Fee, College of Nursing, USC Columbia

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Chairman Warr moved approval of the College of Nursing request for a \$408 per semester pre-nursing fee for resident and non-resident undergraduate students, beginning with the Fall 2015 semester. The College requested the fee begin with freshmen only, and not apply to sophomores in the first year of implementation.

The part-time rate requested is \$34 per credit hour. Revenue generated by the fee is expected to total approximately \$571,200 upon full implementation. Expenditures associated with this fee will include a new advisor for the lower division students to focus on retention of high-risk students for progression and success to the upper division. A new advisor and data manager will provide operations support, student enrollment management and records management. This advisor would also assist with student information sessions, tours, and orientation. Proceeds for the new fee also will support the hiring of four faculty members to enhance the undergraduate nursing program. Funds also will be used to support faculty and staff training that is focused on student advisement, enrollment management, and innovations in Nursing teaching and instruction.

Mr. Fennell seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

VI. University Treasurer

Chairman Warr noted that Susan Hanna would retire at the end of this month from her position as University Treasurer. He thanked Ms. Hanna for her more than 31 years of service to the University, specifically for her past six years of service as University Treasurer.

Chairman Warr then moved that Patrick M. Lardner be elected as Treasurer of the University of South Carolina, effective November 1, 2014. As University Treasurer, Mr. Lardner will report directly to and serve at the will of the Board of Trustees, and will be vested with the authority and responsibility to (1) sign on behalf of the University of South Carolina in its fiduciary capacity, (2) open such bank accounts as are necessary for the proper and efficient operation of the University, (3) disburse funds by check in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and University policies and procedures, and (4) perform such duties and responsibilities as Treasurer as are prescribed by the Board of Trustees in Article XIII of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees.

Chairman Warr further moved that the Resolution of the Board of Trustees dated August 8, 2008, granting Susan Hanna, in her capacity as Treasurer, the authority to act and sign on behalf of the University of South Carolina in its fiduciary capacity be rescinded effective at the close of business on October 31, 2014, and superseded hereby; and that the action of the Board of Trustees dated August 8, 2008, granting President Harris Pastides the authority to act and sign on behalf of the University of South Carolina in its fiduciary capacity remain in full force and effect.

Mr. Buyck seconded the motion. In response to a question from Mr. Lister, Chairman Warr said that the appointment was interim, but it could become a permanent appointment for the Treasurer's role. He further noted that those appointed by the Board served at the will of the Board and their status could change whenever the Board so determined. The vote was taken and the motion passed. Chairman Warr recognized and welcomed Mr. Lardner who was present at the meeting.

VII. Board of Visitors Election

Chairman Warr stated that nominations had been received for two vacancies on the Board of Visitors. The first nomination was from the Faculty Senate for appointment of a faculty representative, Professor Venkat Lakshmi of the Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences. The second nomination was from President Pastides for appointment of USC alumnus William Norwood Smith of Wilmington, North Carolina, to fill a vacant Presidential Appointee position on the board.

Mr. Buyck moved the nominations be approved. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

VIII. Report of the Alumni Association President

Due to the hour of the day, Ms. Bethea relinquished her position on the agenda to facilitate Trustees' attendance at planned Homecoming activities.

IX. Report of the President

Chairman Warr called on President Pastides who said it promised to be a beautiful weekend for Homecoming, beginning that evening as he attended a reception for the 60th reunion class (the Class of 1954), followed by a reception for the 50th reunion class (Class of 1964), followed by a gathering of the Darla Moore School of Business International Business alumni celebrating their 40th anniversary, and finally a reception honoring the 2014 Alumni Association award recipients. Saturday morning there were over 700 alumni registered for the pre-game tailgate before the game with Furman. President Pastides observed that it had been a beautiful fall, as well. He noted that he had visited USC Aiken to attend a Rotary meeting; participated in the opening of Founders Hall at USC Lancaster; and attended a Sumter

Partnership Board meeting. He noted that USC Union had celebrated its 19th Founders Day while the Board of Trustees was meeting.

President Pastides said there had been great announcements this week, one being that the University had acquired the archives of Elmore Leonard, one of the most important American writers of the second half of the 20th century. He was very prolific, with 45 best-selling novels, and the collection of 150 boxes of materials will join the works of Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, George Higgins, Joseph Heller, Pat Conroy and so many others. “We must recognize that the Thomas Cooper Library has become one of the best special collection libraries in the United States. A point of great pride,” he said, before continuing:

Another important acquisition this week was that of Dr. Les Hall, MD, who has accepted our offer to become Executive Dean of the USC School of Medicine and CEO of the Palmetto Health-USC Medical Group. He will assume his new role beginning Feb. 1, 2015. He comes to us from the University of Missouri, where he was interim dean of medicine and chief medical officer for MU Health Care.

This past Monday, our SEC Commissioner Mike Slive informed the presidents of his intention to retire in summer 2015. The next commissioner will certainly be working within a new reality relative to intercollegiate athletics. It continues to be a volatile time for college athletics. Critics argue that student-athletes are not being well taken care of and battles continue to flare up in the press and in courtrooms.

That’s why I couldn’t be more proud of our newly publicized Gamecock Promise that assures every student-athlete, male and female, in every sport, will have the commitments of: lifetime educational opportunities; commitment to personal and career development; comprehensive health care; and, of course, a commitment to athletic excellence, second to none.

Our Athletics Director Ray Tanner, Deputy AD Charles Waddell and all of the senior personnel and coaches are to be commended for ensuring that our student-athletes will receive the finest student-athlete experience available anywhere in the United States.

President Pastides concluded his report by wishing everyone a Happy Homecoming.

X. Other Matters

Chairman Warr reminded Trustees that earlier in the week they received an updated meeting schedule for Calendar Year 2015. Specifically, the update moved the meetings originally scheduled for June 19 and June 26 to June 5 and June 19, respectively. The dual meeting dates in June are necessary to facilitate budget preparation and approval.

XI. Adjournment

Since there were no other matters to come before the Executive Committee, Chairman Warr declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy E. Stone
Secretary