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Health Affairs Committee

August 6, 2010

The Health Affairs Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Monday, August 6, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Members present were: Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr., Chairman; Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr.; Mr. Miles Loadholt, Board Chairman; and Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr., Board Vice Chairman.

Other Trustees present were: Mr. Herbert C. Adams; Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr.; Mr. Greg Gregory; Mr. William W. Jones, Jr.; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Dr. C. Dorn Smith III; Mr. Thad H. Westbrook; and Mr. Charles H. Williams.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary Thomas L. Stepp; Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Michael D. Amiridis; Vice President for Finance and Planning William T. Moore; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Academic Support Dennis A. Pruitt; Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations Michelle D. Dodenhoff; Interim Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs and Dean of the College of Mass Communications and Information Studies Charles Bierbauer; Vice President for Medical Affairs Donald J. DiPette; General Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; University Treasurer Susan D. Hanna; Associate Vice President for Resource Planning Edward L. Walton; Associate Vice President for Finance and Budget Director, Division of Finance and Planning, Leslie Brunelli; Distinguished President Emeritus Andrew A. Sorensen; Associate Vice President for Facilities and Campus Management, Division of Finance and Planning, Tom Quasney; Vice Provost for Faculty Development Christine W. Curtis; Dean of the South Carolina College of Pharmacy Columbia Campus Randall C. Rowen; Dean of USC Sumter Leslie C. Carpenter; Special Assistant to the President J. Cantey Heath, Jr.; Chair of the Faculty Senate Patrick D. Nolan; Deputy Athletics Director Marcy Girton; Director of the Department of Internal Audit Alton McCoy; Director of Governmental and Community Relations and Legislative Liaison Shirley D. Mills; Associate Director of Governmental Affairs and Legislative Liaison Casey Martin; wife of Trustee Toney J. Lister, Cynthia Lister; Director of Media Relations, Division of University Advancement, Margaret Lamb; Board staff members Terri Saxon, Vera Stone, and Karen Tweedy.

Chairman von Lehe called the meeting to order, welcomed those present, and asked everyone to introduce themselves; Ms. Lamb introduced 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 stated that there were contractual matters which were appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. Chairman von Lehe called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Jones so moved and Mr. Whittle seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

The following persons were invited to remain: President Pastides, Secretary Stepp, Dr. Amiridis, Dr. Moore, Dr. Curtis, Dr. Pruitt, Ms. Dodenhoff, Dr. Sorensen, Dr. DiPette, Dean Bierbauer, Mr. Parham, Mr. Heath, Mr. Walton, Ms. Brunelli, Mrs. Hanna, Mr. Gregory, Mrs. Martin, Ms. Mills and Ms. Lamb.

Prior to entering Executive Session, Secretary Stepp requested the Chairman's permission to distribute the most recent version of the proposed foundational agreement between the University of South Carolina and Greenville Hospital System. He wanted to be sure that everyone had a hard copy of the current version. This agreement would be discussed in Executive Session and voted upon in Open Session.

Open Session

I. USC/GHS Joint Academic Affiliation Agreement: Chairman von Lehe called President Pastides, who gave the following report:

Thank you, Mr. von Lehe.

Members of the Health Affairs Committee, I am pleased and proud to be recommending for your approval an agreement that is as important for the people of our state as it is for the two institutions that promulgated it. Earlier this morning, the Greenville Hospital Board of Trustees approved the Foundational Agreement, and I ask that you also grant your approval of this important document.

Currently, South Carolina has a critical shortage and maldistribution of primary care physicians. Experts have suggested that for the United States, the shortage of physicians will be more than 100,000 by 2020 and South Carolina has fewer primary care doctors per capita than most of the 50 states.

Helping and caring for our citizens and our communities has been our mission for over 200 years and for over 30 years our School of Medicine has been doing its part by producing as many physicians as it possibly can, and yet we're still swimming against the tide.

Today, I am recommending for your approval a foundational agreement with the Greenville Hospital System that will expand a productive relationship we've had with them since 1991. We will extend our medical education of 3rd and 4th year medical students to a full four-year program. We're not creating a new medical school; we are not even creating a new campus, as Greenville has been a campus of the USC School of Medicine for nearly 20 years. In a time when there is no state funding for anything new, it is so refreshing to find a partner to step up to the plate and to do what is right. We will continue to plan, and we will do everything we can to innovate in the educational model.

We will also begin detailed planning and negotiations with our strong health care partner right here in Columbia, Palmetto Health. My goal and Palmetto Health's goal is to return to this committee before too long, but after substantive planning efforts, to recommend to you a program to expand our capacity to educate more South Carolina doctors in Columbia. I greatly look forward to this and I know you do, too. Of course, we'll keep the Health Affairs Committee and the Board of Trustees fully informed and fully engaged.

I wish to recognize the hard and fine work and leadership of our Provost, our CFO and their associates, President Emeritus Sorenson, and of course our board members on the oversight committee.

I'm confident that one day, hopefully, in May 2017; a medical student born in the Palmetto State will be the first to have received their diploma from the USC School of Medicine - Greenville. She or he will be returning to our state, or have been admitted to an exciting primary care residency program in our state. We hope that they will never take their eye off South Carolina; and they will return to take care of us and our children, and to contribute in so many ways to the state's well being.

I am appreciative of the work that has been done, and I ask for this Board's positive action today.

Chairman von Lehe thanked President Pastides for his report.

Chairman von Lehe called for a motion that the Health Affairs Committee approve and recommend to the Board of Trustees the Joint Affiliation Agreement between the University of South Carolina and the Greenville Hospital System (GHS) to establish an expanded medical education program in Greenville as distributed. Mr. Allen and Dr. Floyd so moved. Mr. Whittle seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

II. Adjournment: Since there were no other matters to come before the Committee, Chairman von Lehe declared the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp
Secretary