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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

September 16, 2016

The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met at 1:35 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2016, in the Alumni Center's C. Edward Floyd Boardroom.

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

Other Trustees present were: Mr. Tommy C. Cofield; Mr. A. C. "Bubba" Fennell; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Mr. Tommy D. Preston Jr; Dr. C. Dorn Smith III; Mr. Eugene P. Warr Jr.; and Mr. Thad Westbrook.

Chairman of the Columbia Faculty Senate August E. "Augie" Grant and Columbia Student Government President Micheal Parks were present. Also in attendance were Gamecock Club Executive Committee Chairman Kent Eddy; University Athletics Advisory Committee Chair Toni Torres-McGehee; and University Faculty Athletics NCAA/SEC Representative Valinda Littlefield.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary Amy E. Stone; 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 Information Technology and Chief Information Officer William F. Hogue; Vice President for Research Prakash Nagarkatti; Chief Communications Officer Wes Hickman; University Foundations Executive Director Russell H. Meekins; Athletics Director Ray Tanner; Palmetto College Chancellor Susan Elkins; Vice President for System Planning and USC Upstate Interim Chancellor Mary Anne Fitzpatrick; Deputy Provost Helen Doerpinghaus; Associate Vice President for Finance Kelly Epting; Associate Vice President for Finance Jennifer Muir; Associate Vice President for Human Resources Programs and Services Caroline Agardy; Associate Vice President for Administration and Finance and Medical Business Affairs Jeffrey L. Perkins III; USC School of Medicine Senior Associate Dean Caughman Taylor; Executive Director of Audit & Advisory Services Pam Doran; Senior Associate Athletics Director Judy Van Horn; Executive Associate Athletics Director Kevin O'Connell; Chief Financial Officer, Athletics Department, Jeff Tallant;

Associate Athletics Director, Ticketing and Customer Relations, Lance Grantham; Senior Associate Athletics Director, Development & Gamecock Club, Jeff Crane; Executive Director for the Office of Economic Engagement William D. “Bill” Kirkland; Director of Strategic Planning Cameron Howell; Chief Diversity Officer John H. Dozier; Chief of Staff, President’s Office, J. Cantey Heath Jr.; Executive Director of My Carolina Alumni Association Jack W. Claypoole; USC Aiken Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Jeff Priest; USC Aiken Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Joe Sobieralski; Faculty Senate Chair-Elect Marco Valtorta; University Technology Services Production Manager Matt Warthen; and Board staff members Debra Allen, 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. Mr. Hickman introduced members of the media who were in attendance: John Whittle and John Delbanco with *The Big Spur*; Scott Hood and Chris Clark with *Gamecock Central*; Rodney Welch with the *Free Times*; Avery Wilks with *The State*; Willie Smith with *The Greenville News*; Hale McGranahan with seccountry.com; and Jack Kuenzie with WIS-TV.

Chairman Whittle said that 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.

II. Athletics Director’s Report

Chairman Whittle called on Mr. Tanner for his report

Development Report – Mr. Tanner began by commending Mr. Jeff Crane and his staff for their efforts to continue to provide great financial resources for Athletics.

Mr. Tanner reviewed major gift revenue, which included gifts, pledges and planned gifts.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016 (to-date)	\$12,206,552	2012	\$15,321,220
2015	\$18,814,911	2011	\$ 6,225,356
2014	\$10,312,361	2006-2010	\$22,851,378
2013	\$10,250,379	Prior to 2005	\$ 4,266,942

Mr. Tanner noted that the University’s Capital Campaign ended in 2015, and in that same year Athletics received a \$5 million gift.

Gamecock Club Report – The Roost giving level for 2016 was increased from \$55 to \$100.

Although the 2016 club membership was slightly down from 2015, Mr. Tanner said that total giving had increased.

Ticket Office Report – Tickets for the East Carolina University game sold out. Mr. Tanner said he anticipates a sell out for the University of Georgia and the University of Tennessee games. A total of 50,339 season football tickets had been sold as of September 15, 2016. Last year 51,110 season tickets were sold. Thus far in the Fall 2016 semester, students claimed over 8,040 tickets for at least one athletic event, including 73% of the freshman class. Men's Soccer and Women's Volleyball set attendance records with 6,892 and 2,041 fans respectively.

Facilities Report – Projects completed include the Carolina Soccer Center for both men's and women's teams; the signage and graphics projects on the Jerri & Steve Spurrier Indoor Practice Facility; the King Family Practice Field – Film Towers; the Gamecock Park Garnet Society Parking Lot; and at Williams-Brice Stadium the football locker room renovation, field renovation project, and the zone waterproofing/seating project.

Mr. Tanner noted that Athletics had already collected over \$1 million in cash and pledges for the 57 parking places in the Gamecock Park Garnet Society Parking Lot. The project cost was \$800,000. The cost of a space requires a \$25,000 gift as well as an annual parking fee.

The Cregger Track will be completed in time for the University to host the SEC Spring Outdoor Track Championship. The Field House Conversion/Indoor Track Facility Project is expected to begin in Fall 2016.

The Coliseum Office and Team Spaces Renovation Project, and the Golf Practice Facility are underway.

The Baseball Recruiting Lounge and the Video/Media Room projects are set to begin in Fall 2016.

Achievements

- Academics – The Gamecocks sit atop the Southeastern Conference First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll for the 2015-16 school year for the 9th consecutive year with 99 student-athletes. In addition, more than 113 student-athletes made the SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll. Spring 2016 marks the 19th consecutive semester in which student-athletes earned a 3.0 or above grade point average.
- Learfield Sports Directors' Cup – USC placed 31st nationally and 7th in the Southeastern Conference final 2015-16 Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings. This is the Gamecocks' highest finish since the 2002-03 Season. The Learfield Directors' Cup is awarded annually to the nation's best overall collegiate athletics program. Mr. Tanner noted that the Gamecocks finished ahead of Clemson in 18 of the last 23 years.

- Palmetto Series – USC clinched the 2015-16 Palmetto Series in its inaugural year. Out of a total 15 possible points, the Gamecocks earned 10, while Clemson earned 5. The award is based on overall success in head-to-head competition and academics.

- Gamecock Olympians – Current student-athletes who competed in the 2016 Summer Olympic games held in Rio were: Julia Vincent in diving; Akaram Mahmoud in swimming; and Aliyah Abrams in track & field. Former Gamecocks who competed included: Sabrina D'Angelo in soccer, and Jeannelle Scheper, Natasha Hastings and Kierre Beckles in track & field. Gamecock coaches included: Dawn Staley, Women's Basketball Assistant Coach; Curtis Frye, Men's Track & Field Assistant Coach; and Todd Sherritt, Women's Diving Coach.

Coach Dawn Staley earned her 5th Olympic gold medal in Rio. Mr. Tanner anticipates Coach Staley being named Women's Basketball Head Coach for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

- Football – Coach Will Muschamp earned his first USC win over Vanderbilt University after a 55-yard field goal in the final seconds of the game. The Gamecocks beat the Commodores 13 to 10 on September 1, 2016.

- Student-Athlete Education – Coach Will Muschamp has arranged for speakers to address the football team. Mr. Tanner shared the 2016 list of speakers.

Mr. Tanner's report included a statistical representation of the student-athletes currently in each of the 16 South Carolina judicial circuits. Trustee Hubbard from the 5th Judicial Circuit, representing Richland and Kershaw Counties, had the largest USC student athlete representation at 25.

Mr. Tanner concluded his presentation by showing a video of Gamecock athletes in action.

Chairman Whittle thanked Mr. Tanner for his informative presentation that was received as information, and he asked if there were any questions.

Trustee Floyd asked Mr. Tanner about the decision to turn the old field house into an indoor track. Mr. Tanner said the decision was based on the available space being a perfect fit for a track.

Student Government President Michael Parks thanked Mr. Tanner for seeing that all students who wished to attend the East Carolina game the next day received tickets. Mr. Tanner said Mr. Grantham had worked diligently with Dr. Anna Edwards, from Student Life, to ensure all students who requested tickets for the first home game received them. Mr. Tanner recognized Mr. Grantham who was in attendance.

On behalf of the faculty, Dr. Grant thanked Mr. Tanner for emphasizing the "student" in student-athlete. He said that academic achievements are just as important as athletic achievements and he commended the Athletics' academic staff.

Chairman Whittle introduced Gamecock Club Executive Committee Chairman Kent Eddy; University Athletics Advisory Committee Chair Toni Torres-McGehee; and University Faculty Athletics NCAA/SEC Representative Valinda Littlefield; and thanked them for attending.

III. Other Matters

There being no other matters to come before the committee, Chairman Whittle declared the meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy E. Stone
Secretary