

University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 24, 2015

The University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met at 3:10 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2015, in the Board Room at 1600 Hampton Street.

Members present were: Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr., Chairman; Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr.; 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; Ms. Molly Spearman; Mr. Thad H. Westbrook; Mr. Mack I. Whittle, Jr.; and Mr. Charles H. Williams.

Members absent from the meeting were Mr. Chuck Allen; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; and Dr. C. Dorn Smith.

Also present was student representative Jonathan Kaufman.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary Amy E. Stone; General Counsel Walter “Terry” H. Parham; Chief Operating Officer Edward L. Walton; Interim Provost Helen Doerpinghaus; Chief Financial Officer Leslie Brunelli; Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis A. Pruitt; Vice President for Human Resources Chris Byrd; Vice President for Facilities and Transportation Derrick Huggins; Chief Communications Officer Wes Hickman; Athletics Director Ray Tanner; USC Aiken Chancellor Sandra Jordan; Palmetto College Chancellor Susan Elkins; College of Arts and Sciences Dean Mary Anne Fitzpatrick; Executive Director of Audit & Advisory Services Pam Doran; Executive Director for the Office of Economic Engagement William D. “Bill” Kirkland; Associate Director of Strategic Planning and Assessment Cameron Howell; Director of Governmental and Community Relations and Legislative Liaison Shirley D. Mills; Director of Facilities Planning and Programming and University Architect Derek S. Gruner; Director of Academic Programs, Provost’s Office, Kristia Finnigan; Director, Center for Information Technology, College of Engineering and Computing, Jason O’Kane; Chair of Accounting, Darla Moore School of Business, Brad Tuttle; College of Mass Communications and Information Studies Dean Charles Bierbauer; Executive Director of My Carolina Alumni Association Jack W. Claypoole;

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 introduced members of the media in attendance: Hannah Jeffrey with the *Daily Gamecock* and Jamie Self with *The State*.

III. Invocation

Chairman Warr invited The Reverend Emily Hylden, Episcopal Campus Chaplain and Canon for Young Adults, to deliver the invocation.

Motion for Executive Session

Chairman Warr called for a motion to enter Executive Session for personnel matters. Mr. Whittle so moved and Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman Warr invited the following persons to remain: President Pastides, Secretary Stone, the President's Executive Council, Dr. Fitzpatrick; Ms. Doran, and Mr. Kaufman.

Return to Open Session

IV. Approval of Minutes

The following eight sets of minutes were presented for approval:

- A. Buildings and Grounds Committee, February 20, 2015
- B. Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, February 20, 2015
- C. Executive Committee, February 20, 2015
- D. Board of Trustees, February 20, 2015
- E. Board of Trustees, March 3, 2015
- F. Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, March 27, 2015
- G. Health Affairs Committee, March 27, 2015
- H. Audit and Compliance Committee, March 27, 2015

Chairman Warr stated that there were no additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes;

Mr. Westbrook said 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 March 27, 2015, and to the full Board in Executive Session earlier today.

1. Honorary Faculty Titles

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

For the title Distinguished Professor Emeritus:

Arthur D. Cohen

Peter Kilmann

Kevin Lewis

Thomas Powers

Richard G. Vogt

William Word

For the title Distinguished Professor Emerita:

Sandra H. Glover

Lynn Weber

For the title Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus:

Masanori Sono

For the title Distinguished Professor Emeritus and Solid Oxide Fuel Cells SmartState Endowed Chair Emeritus:

Kenneth L. Reifsnider

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, Mr. Westbrook moved approval of the 10 honorary faculty titles as presented. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

2. Appointments with Tenure

Three requests for appointments with tenure were posted on the Board Portal. On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee, Mr. Westbrook moved approval of the requests. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed to appoint the following individuals with tenure:

- Dr. Phillip Buckhaults – Appointment with tenure at the rank of associate professor in the South Carolina College of Pharmacy, USC Columbia.
- Dr. Leslie W. Hall – Appointment with tenure at the rank of professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, and as Executive Dean in the School of Medicine.
- Dr. Alberto Maydeu-Olivares – Appointment with tenure at the rank of professor in the

the Board Portal. Mr. Fennell seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed to promote the following individuals from associate professor to professor:

- Dr. Thomas R. Brown, History, College of Arts and Sciences, USC Columbia
- Dr. John R. Rose, Computer Science and Engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science, USC Columbia
- Dr. Denise R. Shaw, English/Women's and Gender Studies, USC Union

4. New Programs

- a. Graduate Certificate (GCERT) in Enterprise Resource Planning Systems, Darla Moore School of Business, USC Columbia
- b. Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Clinical Laboratory Science, USC Aiken

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee,

Mr. Westbrook moved to approve the two new programs as described in the materials posted on the

Board Portal. Mr. Burroughs seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

5. Program Modification: Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communications, USC Columbia

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

Westbrook moved to approve the program modification as described in the materials posted on the Board Portal. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

6. Program Name Changes

- a. From Graduate Certificate (GCERT) in Financial and Resource Management to Cost Management Certificate, Darla Moore School of Business, USC Columbia
- b. From Graduate Certificate (GCERT) in Social Work with Military Members, Veterans and Military Families to Graduate Certificate (GCERT) for Social and Behavioral Health with Military Members, Veterans and Military Families, College of Social Work, USC Columbia

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee,

Mr. Westbrook moved approval of the two program name changes as described in the materials posted on the Board Portal. Mr. Fennell seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

7. Unit Name Changes

- a. From Center for Information Technology to Center for Computational

Mr. Westbrook moved to approve two unit name changes as described in the materials posted on the Board Portal. Mr. Lister seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Also in its meeting on March 27, 2015, the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee received an academic update on the Preston Residential College at USC Columbia. Mr. Westbrook submitted a written report stating that Preston Residential College was a creative and vibrant community that was open to all undergraduates and academic majors on the University's Columbia campus.

According to his report, Preston housed 229 students who support “four pillars” — knowledge, passion, responsibility and community. These “four pillars” were adopted by the college to reflect Preston's commitment to academic excellence. With longstanding traditions, innovative programming, student initiatives, faculty mentoring, and a unique dining facility, Preston Residential College fostered a dynamic living and learning environment that promotes intellectual exchange, leadership development, social interaction, and creative expression beyond the traditional confines of the classroom. Preston College will celebrate its 20-year anniversary in October, 2015.

B. Audit and Compliance Committee, March 27, 2015
(The Honorable Egerton Burroughs reported)

Mr. Burroughs said that the Audit and Compliance Committee met March 27, 2015, and the following Board of Trustees policies required Board approval.

1. BTRU 1.06 Audit & Advisory Services

On behalf of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Mr. Burroughs moved approval to update the policy BTRU 1.06 Audit & Advisory Services as described in the materials posted on the Board Portal. Mrs. Bethea seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

2. BTRU 1.14 University Designated Funds Policy

On behalf of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Mr. Burroughs moved approval to update the policy BTRU 1.14 University Designated Funds Policy as described in the materials posted on the Board Portal. Mr. Cofield seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

3. BTRU 1.20 Dishonest Acts and Fraud Policy

On behalf of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Mr. Burroughs moved approval to update the policy BTRU1.20 Dishonest Acts and Fraud Policy as described in the materials

Regulations as described in the materials posted on the Board Portal. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

5. BTRU 1.24 Internal Control Policy

On behalf of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Mr. Burroughs moved approval to update the BTRU 1.24 Internal Control Policy as described in the materials posted on the Board Portal. Mr. Mobley seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Also at the March Audit and Compliance Committee meeting, Mr. Tom McNeish with the audit firm of Elliot Davis presented the following audits: Horizon and Discovery Parking Garages for FY 2013 and 2014; USC Columbia and Regional Campuses, USC Aiken, USC Beaufort, and USC Upstate for FY 2014; and USC Columbia and Upstate Department of Athletics Agreed-Upon Procedures for FY 2014.

Pam Doran, Executive Director of Audit & Advisory Services (AAS), presented the University Libraries – Special Collections Audit Report; HIPAA Security Audit Report – Student Health Services; Darla Moore School of Business Construction Progress Report VI; and Unlimited Travel Authorization Memorandum.

In the AAS Tracking Report, Ms. Doran said that outstanding audit issues had been resolved in connection with USC Lancaster’s Native American Pottery Special Collection. She also said that progress was being made on the findings identified in the University Libraries – Special Collections Audit Report and with the HIPAA Security Audit Report.

Ms. Doran said there were no reportable issues and that expenses were being properly managed within the scope of the Review of President’s Office and Board Office Expenditures for Fourth Quarter FY14 and First and Second Quarter FY15. She noted that the Controller’s Office had assumed responsibility for the reporting and review of these expenses; and as a result, AAS had observed significant improvement in the level of detail and organization of the supporting documentation for these expenses.

Mr. Burroughs said that the committee also was provided an updated committee matrix; and that Ms. Doran recommended no changes to the committee’s charter.

a. Phase II Approval

– Men's Basketball Offices and Team Spaces Renovation

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Jones moved to fund Phase II design and construction of the Men's Basketball Offices and Team Spaces Renovation for a total project budget of \$4,000,000 funded with Athletic Operating Funds. Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

b. Phase I Approvals

i. North Energy Plant Expansion and Chilled Water Loop Extension

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Jones moved to establish the North Energy Plant Expansion and Chilled Water Loop Extension project for Phase I Design with a budget of \$177,750 funded with Johnson Controls (JCI) Settlement Proceeds. Mr. Cofield seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

ii. Emergency Generators for Critical Research Buildings

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Jones moved to establish the Emergency Generators for Critical Research Buildings project for Phase I Design with a budget of \$22,500 funded with JCI Settlement Proceeds. Mr. Loadholt seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

c. Other Approvals

i. Fuel Storage Tanks at East and West Energy Plants

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Jones moved to establish and fully fund the Fuel Storage Tanks at East and West Energy Plants project with a budget of \$900,000 to be funded with JCI Settlement Proceeds. Mr. Mobley seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

ii. West Energy Plant Automation Project

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

moved to establish and fully fund the Uninterrupted Power Service Support Installation project with a budget of \$500,000 to be funded with UTS Operating Funds. Mr. Burroughs seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

iv. Coker Classroom 215 Renovation

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Jones moved to establish and fully fund the Coker Classroom 215 Renovation project with a budget of \$550,000 to be funded with \$275,000 of Institutional Capital Project Funds and \$275,000 of Institutional Funds from the College of Pharmacy. Mrs. Bethea seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

v. Arnold School of Public Health Memorial Plaque for Dr. Raja Fayad

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Jones moved to install a small metallic plaque at the base of a tree that had been planted as a memorial to Dr. Raja Fayad, with text as presented and provided in the meeting materials. Mr. Cofield seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

vi. George Rogers Sculpture Plaques

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Jones moved to install four separate cast metal plaques at the base of the George Rogers sculpture to be placed at Springs Brooks Plaza at Williams-Brice Stadium, with additions and corrections to context as voted on by the Buildings and Grounds Committee earlier in the day. Mr. Loadholt seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

2. Project Budget Adjustment

– USC Aiken Pedestrian Bridge Project Increase

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Jones moved to increase the budget for the USC Aiken Pedestrian Bridge Project by \$1,500,000 funded with USC Aiken Institutional Funds, resulting in a total project budget of \$2,800,000 funded with \$500,000 from the Aiken County Transportation Committee, \$200,000 from South Carolina Department of Transportation

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

- a. Alumni Center
 - i. “Lynn and John Bradley Office”
 - ii. “Gayle and Eddie Brown Reception/Welcome Area”
 - iii. “Claypoole Family Office”
 - iv. “DesChamps Family Executive Suite Small Office”
 - v. “Jo Ann and Bubba Fennell Board Room Courtesy Space”
 - vi. “Jaggard Family Student Lab”
 - vii. “Emily and John Lumpkin Executive Office Conference Room”
 - viii. “Telencio Family Office”
- b. Athletics
 - i. “Adams Gate”
 - ii. “Bignon Gameday Center”
 - iii. “Jeffcoat Gate”
 - iv. “Long Gate”
 - v. “Mitchell Gate”
 - vi. “Mungo Gate”
- c. Darla Moore School of Business
 - i. “W.W. Hootie Johnson Performance Hall”
 - ii. “Dr. Olin S. Pugh Trading Room”
 - iii. “SCANA Study Commons”
 - iv. “Wells Fargo Undergraduate Division”

Mr. Jones reported that the committee also received an update on planning items, including instructional labs, Greene Street and Foundation Square, and other projects.

D. Health Affairs Committee, March 27, 2015
(The Honorable Hubert F. Mobley reported)

Mr. Mobley reported that the Health Affairs Committee met March 27 and was introduced to Dr. Leslie W. Hall, the new Executive Dean of the USC School of Medicine (USCSOM) and CEO of the Palmetto Health-USC Medical Group. Dean Hall reported on new and developing programs at the School of Medicine, including the Nurse Anesthesia Doctoral Program and the Physician Assistant Program.

Dean Hall informed the committee that the Master’s Program in Nurse Anesthesia is a USC

in line with meeting the health care workforce needs of the state. The program's proposed start date is January 2017.

Mr. Mobley said the committee also heard from Dr. Meera Narasimhan, the Associate Provost for Health Sciences, who reported that the University had six great health sciences colleges of which to be proud - Public Health, Nursing, Pharmacy, Social Work and the Schools of Medicine in Columbia and Greenville. Together these colleges brought in more than \$110 million in research funding in 2014, which translated to about 50 percent of the University's total research portfolio. They also received several accolades and national recognition in the areas of Novel/Integrated Curricula, Personalized Medicine, Population Health and Health Care Innovations. She told the committee that some of the challenges facing the health sciences colleges are insufficient facilities, not being located in proximity of each other, the need for additional training sites and impending health care changes.

Dr. Angelo Sinopoli, Chief Medical Officer of Greenville Health System, shared a presentation with the Health Affairs Committee on Care Coordination and Clinical Integration to illustrate current healthcare delivery system changes. Dr. Sinopoli reported on the strategic goals of the Greenville Health System and its belief that the future of healthcare is in population health. Dr. Sinopoli also provided examples of newly developed programs that started with a Duke Endowment grant. These initiatives resulted in a 26 percent decrease in emergency room visits and a 55 percent decrease in inpatient hospital days within one year among the patient group. Dr. Sinopoli discussed several outcomes of other grant-funded, clinical integration initiatives. He said that Greenville Health System was in the process of developing a knowledge bank called the Care Coordination Institute. Modeled after the Kaiser Care Management Institute on the west coast, the institute will support the ongoing activities of the newly formed *MyHealthFirst* Network, which is a clinically integrated network of physicians and healthcare providers that share a common goal of improving health outcomes, reducing healthcare costs and enhancing the patient experience. Currently, this new network is focused in the Greenville area. However, Greenville Health System has partnered with Palmetto Health to begin taking this network statewide. Dr. Sinopoli told the Health Affairs Committee that the Greenville Health System is looking for a partner like USC to provide training and education in support of these activities.

USCSOM Greenville, pointing out that the number of applications continued to rise each year. For the 2015 class of 100 students, 3111 applications had been received of which 525 were from South Carolina residents. The JBLC also heard Dr. Sinopoli's presentation and a report on the concept of a Shared Academic Health Center from Dr. Spence M. Taylor, USCSOM Greenville's Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Diversity.

E. Student-Trustee Liaison Committee, April 24, 2015
(The Honorable A.C. "Bubba" Fennell Reported)

Mr. Fennell reported that the Student-Trustee Liaison Committee met earlier in the day with student leaders from the University's two-year campuses. He reminded Trustees that the committee had adopted a new format to allow more time for input from student leaders. He said that two-year campus Student Government (SG) presidents and a student representing Palmetto College's online students joined Trustees at the board table while other officers and advisors observed from the gallery.

In advance of the meeting, SG presidents were asked to submit topics for the panel discussion and the committee received an overwhelming response. Trustees had the opportunity to discuss the student experience at the University's two-year campuses and the services and resources that aid their academic success. They also talked with the students about issues such as diversity, social media, and how working part-time or full-time affected them. Mr. Fennell said that it was enlightening to hear their observations and advice.

Following the panel discussion, Dennis Pruitt shared his insights about President Pastides' Focus Group on the Student Experience. Mr. Fennell reported that President Pastides has commissioned the focus group under Dr. Pruitt's leadership to examine issues related to student life with the goal of producing a document that will help create a more positive student experience. The focus group will address topics such as hazing, alcohol and drug abuse, campus sexual assault, diversity and inclusion, harassment and discrimination.

F. Executive Committee, April 24, 2015
(The Honorable Eugene P. Warr, Jr. reported)

During the Executive Committee earlier in the day, Chairman Warr said an update was received on the FY16 budget planning process, as well as a presentation on the University's succession

agreement with Integrated Micro-Chromatography Systems for 3,720 square feet on the first floor of the Horizon building at 541 Main Street. The committee also approved four subscription agreements for Thomas Cooper Library: 1) a \$350,000 agreement with YBP Library Services, 2) a \$291,836 agreement with LYRASIS, 3) a \$283,036 agreement with ProQuest, and 4) a \$258,283 agreement with PASCAL.

Chairman Warr said that the Executive Committee approved five items for recommendation to the full Board for action. These were:

1. EBSCO Information Services

On Behalf of the Executive Committee, Chairman Warr moved approval of a one-year contract with EBSCO Information Services to provide online access to electronic journals and databases at a total cost of \$4,609,752, for which EBSCO, acting as the University Libraries' agent for negotiating with journal publishers, will be paid up to \$115,244.

Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

2. Construction Services Indefinite Delivery Contracts

On Behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. Warr moved approval of five construction services indefinite delivery contracts for on-call plumbing services for various University projects. The University uses such contracts as a way to have companies readily available to respond to campus needs in a timely manner. The contract terms for each company listed in the agenda materials are identical and are established by the state. The contract term is two years. During this time period, the maximum amount of work that can be performed by any one company cannot exceed \$1 million as regulated by the state engineer. The University is not under any obligation to give any of these companies a certain amount of work, or any work at all. The companies are merely on call if needed.

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

3. Canteen Group USA, Inc.

On Behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. Warr moved approval of a seven-year snack vending services contract with Canteen Group USA, Inc. The University will receive an annual guarantee of \$145,000 for a total contract value of at least \$1,015,000. Canteen will provide new or like new state-of-the-art automatic vending machines for use at campus locations specified by the University that

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

4. Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc.

On Behalf of the Executive Committee, Chairman Warr moved approval for the McCausland Center for Brain Imaging to purchase a magnetom prisma upgrade for its magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) system at a cost of \$950,000 from Siemens Medical Solutions.

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

5. Health Sciences South Carolina: Amendments to Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Master Cooperative Agreement

On Behalf of the Executive Committee, Chairman Warr moved approval of the Amended Governing Documents, consisting of the amended and restated Articles of Incorporation, amended and restated Bylaws, and amended and restated Master Cooperative Agreement; provided however, that the amended Articles identified as Attachment 1 shall additionally be subject to each Additional Supported Organization's consent to be named therein, and in the event that any Additional Supported Organization declines to be named as a Supported Organization in the amended Articles, as provided in Attachment 1, the President of HSSC shall delete such reference to the Additional Supported Organization prior to the amended Articles being filed with the South Carolina Secretary of State.

Mrs. Bethea seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

VI. Report of the Alumni Association President

Chairman Warr called on Mrs. Bethea who reported that construction of the new Alumni Center was slightly ahead of schedule and on budget. Staff is expected to move into the new facility in late June and the first public function will be held on August 3. She said that a lot of the rooms in the center were now named, including the Board Room and the Presidential Dining Room. Fund-raising efforts were still underway, she said, noting that an opportunity remained for naming of the building in consideration of a \$10 million gift. Grand opening has been planned for Homecoming Week, October 15-17.

Building the building is only the first step, she said, noting that new programs are planned to help create an energy and synergy in the new facility to connect all of campus with its 270,000 alumni.

Mrs. Bethea said that she and the President would participate in the Ring Ceremony on the

was available online at MyCarolina.org. She said that in the first three weeks of going online and with little publicity, over \$4,000 in sales had been made.

In conclusion, Mrs. Bethea said that with the opening of the new Alumni Center, with the momentum being experienced at the University, with the positive things that the University has going, the Alumni Association has the opportunity to be without peer in what it does for the University.

VII. Report of the President

Chairman Warr called on President Pastides who added his personal welcome to South Carolina Department of Education Superintendent Molly Spearman and USC Student Government President Jonathan Kaufman to their first Board meeting.

President Pastides said that the University had an active year and was busy processing acceptances. It looked to be another great year across the system, as all campuses bucked the trend of declining enrollments. He made no guarantees, but said that increased enrollments throughout the system were anticipated. On the Columbia campus, the goal was to enroll the biggest and best class of freshmen ever.

President Pastides made special mention of Gamecock Gateway that he said continued to gain popularity. The program has about 350 spaces and already there were 70 on the waiting. The program has experienced a 108 percent growth since 2012. There is great diversity in terms of ethnic background and 33 of the state's 46 counties are represented in the program.

“Gateway students so badly want to attend Carolina but they will benefit from a year of coursework taken at Midlands Tech. They adjust to college life before they fully matriculate here at Carolina, and they matriculate with resounding success. The transfer rates into the sophomore year are about 75 percent, which is terrific. And for the first time this year, they will be able to acquire football tickets like the rest of freshmen at the University,” he said.

President Pastides went on to recognize the “great” Student-Trustee Liaison Committee meeting earlier in the day that featured five young people who represented the future of the state.

He said that everyone was “gearing up for a great commencement, again.”

“As of this week we expect 6,991 graduates across the system. In Columbia, we will have 5,504 of those graduates. That will bring the total, if everyone passes their final exams, since I became president to

Salkehatchie, David Seaton at USC Upstate, and Chancellor Jane Upshaw was the invited speaker for her last commencement at USC Beaufort.

He noted that the University also was graduating outstanding students. He recognized the three Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award winners — Connor Bain and Adam Mayer, the male award winners, and Lindsay Richardson, the female winner. President Pastides also announced that USC Law students won the nation's oldest, longest running private moot court competition, bringing home the 2015 Sutherland Cup, while eight Gamecocks won National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships that averaged about \$150,000 for pursuit of graduate studies.

In athletics, he said that the men's and women's golf teams finished 2nd in the SEC while the equestrian team won its third national championship, having beaten the Georgia Bulldogs after being defeated by the Bulldogs in the SEC. And the University, he said, was the collegiate fishing champion as the USC team beat out Liberty University in competition held on Lake Murray.

In closing, President Pastides noted that the coming academic year would feature the 50th anniversary celebrations of USC Salkehatchie and USC Union. The coming days, he said, would be spent wrapping up Carolina's Promise, the University's billion dollar capital campaign that would end June 30.

VIII. Recognition of the Outgoing Student Government President

Chairman Warr asked Lindsay Richardson to come forward. This is the time of year, he said, when the Board recognized the outgoing Student Government President. In addition to thanking Ms. Richardson for a job well done, he congratulated her on being recognized as the 2015 female recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award that recognizes excellence of character and service to humanity. "Lindsay has served our University and students well and we wish her the best in her future endeavors," Chairman Warr said.

Chairman Warr and Dr. Pastides presented Ms. Richardson with a framed certificate as Secretary Stone read the following:

Presented to Lindsay Richardson
by the Board of Trustees of the
University of South Carolina
in appreciation for outstanding contributions
and service to the University

year ago about this time, I came into this room and I wasn't sure what to expect; I was very nervous.

She continued, "This has been the most intimidating, but awesome group of people that I've ever been able to know. I thank you so much for the time and great work you invest in this University. It really moved my heart to see so many people who would ask so many questions, all to make sure the University maintained its excellence. As a student, I really appreciate all of you for doing that and making sure that the University is a great place for me and for future Gamecocks to come. I hope you invest just as much in our new Student Government President Jonathan Kaufman as you did in me because it has really changed my life to get to know you and I hope he has the same great experience. Thank you for a great year. It has been wonderful." At President Pastides prompting, she announced that she would be attending the USC School of Law in the fall.

IX. Other Matters

Chairman Warr reminded Trustees that the 2015 Legislative Reception would be held from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at the Darla Moore School of Business with parking in the Discovery Garage on Park Street. He next reminded Trustees that if they had not yet taken the opportunity to donate to the Carolina Trustee Professorship that they could leave a check following the meeting or mail one to the Board Office next week.

Chairman Warr then announced that the first game of the football season would be Thursday, September 3, against the University of North Carolina and would be played in Charlotte. He asked if there was interest in an organized trip to attend the game. Several Trustees expressed interest and Secretary Stone said that information would be emailed so that a determination could be made about the extent of transportation required.

X. Adjournment

There being no other matters to come before the committee, Chairman Warr declared the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy E. Stone
Secretary