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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

Friday, June 5, 2020

The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met at 11:40 a.m. on Friday, June 5, 2020, by telephone conference hosted from Room 206B of the Osborne Administration Building.

Committee Members participating by telephone were Mr. Mack I. Whittle Jr., Chair; Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Mr. Miles Loadholt; Mr. Eugene P. Warr Jr.; Mr. Thad H. Westbrook; Mr. Charles H. Williams; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley, Board Vice Chair; and Mr. John von Lehe Jr., Board Chair.

Other Board members on the call were Mr. C. Dan Adams; Mr. A. King Dixon II; Mr. Robert F. Dozier; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. Richard A. Jones Jr.; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Ms. Rose Buyck Newton; Dr. C. Dorn Smith III; and Ms. Molly M. Spearman.

Also participating by telephone were USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Mark Cooper and USC Columbia Student Government President Ms. Issy Rushton.

Others attending in person were President Robert L. Caslen Jr., Secretary J. Cantey
Heath Jr., Vice President for Finance and Budget Kelly Epting, Interim Executive Vice
President for Academic Affairs and Provost Tayloe Harding, Assistant Vice President and
Chief of Staff for Division of Administration and Finance Joe Sobieralski, Director of Public
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Relations Jeff Stensland and Board of Trustees Staff.

Other participating by telephone were Vice President for Human Resources Caroline Agardy, President's Chief of Staff Mark Beiger, Presidential Faculty Fellow Susan Bon, Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Academic Support Stacey Bradley, Interim Chancellor USC Upstate J. Derham Cole Jr., Chief Audit Executive Pamela Dunleavy, Chancellor Palmetto College Susan Elkins, Chief Executive Officer USC Alumni Association Wes Hickman, University Controller Mandy Kibler, Assistant to the President for System Affairs Eddie King, Executive Director Office of Engagement Bill Kirkland, USC Beaufort Chancellor Al Panu, General Counsel Terry Parham, Chief Operating Officer Jeff Perkins, Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost Dennis Pruitt, Special Assistant to the President James Smith, Executive Assistant to the President Equal Opportunity Programs Clifford Scott, Chief Financial Officer for Athletics Jeff Tallant, Director of Athletics Ray Tanner, Vice President for Communications Larry Thomas; Associate Dean for Diversity Interdisciplinary Programs and Social Sciences Tracey Weldon-Stewart.

<u>OPEN SESSION</u>

I. <u>Call to Order</u>

Chair Whittle called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Secretary Heath confirmed those participating by telephone. Chair Whittle asked Jeff Stensland to introduce the press. Members of the press on the call were Mike Fitz and David Klinger with *The Post and Courier*; Chris Clark and Collyn Taylor with Gamecock Central; Josh Kendall with *The Athletic*; Ben Briner and Lucas Daprile with *The State*; Hale McGranahan and John Whittle with The BigSpur.com; and Jack Bingham with *The Daily Gamecock*.

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Chair Whittle stated notice of the meeting and agenda had been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda and supporting materials had been circulated to the Committee; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

II. <u>Athletics Director's Report</u>

Chair Whittle stated this meeting normally included the Athletics Department's budget for approval. However, due to uncertainty surrounding the impact of the coronavirus on college athletics, it was not possible to present a budget for approval at this time. He called on Ray Tanner to present the Athletics Director's Report.

Mr. Tanner stated he anticipated the grade report for this semester would include a 3.0 GPA for all sports and sixty-seven athletes will graduate in the Spring. The project at Williams-Brice Stadium is going well and should be completed in time for football season.

Mr. Tanner advised the budget for fiscal year 2020/2021 was prepared for normal circumstances. However, since these are unprecedented times due to the impact of the coronavirus on college sports, the Athletics Department continues to run daily modeling as decisions are made that impact its budget. He emphasized cost cutting measures are being evaluated to offset a possible decline in revenue pending possible limited play and attendance for the Fall. Mr. Allen asked if the budget would be presented by July 1, 2020, for the next fiscal year. Mr. Whittle advised that a budget would be forthcoming as soon as data becomes available on which to base budget projections.

Mr. Parham advised if a budget were approved by July 1, 2020, the Board of Trustees would adopt a continuing resolution similar to action the General Assembly takes when budget preparations are delayed.

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III. Other Matters

Chair Whittle called for any other matters to come before the committee.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Whittle declared the meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

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J. Cantey Heath, Jr. Secretary

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