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# University of South Carolina BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### Buildings and Grounds Committee

November 7, 2008

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Friday, November 7, 2008, 11:30 a.m. in the 1600 Hampton Street Board Room.

Members present were: Mr. Toney J. Lister, Chairman; Mr. Arthur S. Bahnmuller;
Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr.; Mr. William C. Hubbard; Mr. William W. Jones, Jr.; Mr. Eugene P.
Warr, Jr.; and Mr. Miles Loadholt, Board Chairman. Ms. Darla D. Moore; Mr. Othniel H.
Wienges, Jr.; and Mr. Samuel R. Foster II, Board Vice Chairman were absent.

Other Trustees present were: Mr. Herbert C. Adams; Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; and Mrs. Amy Stone.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary Thomas L. Stepp; Vice President of Planning William T. Moore; Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Richard W. Kelly; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Academic Support Dennis Pruitt; Vice President for Human Resources Jane M. Jameson; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer William F. Hogue; General Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Department of Student Life, Jerry T. Brewer; Associate Vice President for Business and Facilities Helen Zeigler; Special Assistant to the President and Athletics Director John D. Gregory; Director of Facilities, Division of Business and Finance, Tom Quasney; Director of Facilities Planning and Construction Jeff Lamberson; Director of the University Development Foundation, Office of USC Foundations, Richard H. Rockafellow; Chair of the Faculty Senate Robert G. Best; Director of Governmental and Community Relations and Legislative Liaison Shirley D. Mills; Senior Director of Advancement Administration, Division of University Advancement, J. Cantey Heath, Jr.; Associate Director of Governmental Affairs and Legislative Liaison Casey Martin; Director of Plant and Endowment Funds, Controller's Office, Deborah Crews; Campus Planning and Construction Executive Assistant Donna Collins; Student Government Association (SGA) President Andrew Gaeckle; Director of the Office Media Relations, Division of University Advancement, Margaret Lamb; President of the Graduate Student Association Reed Curtis; Heather Mitchell, The Boudreaux Group; Board staff members Terri Saxon, Vera Stone, and Karen Tweedy; and members of the media.

Chairman Lister welcomed everyone. Mrs. Lamb introduced members of the media who were in attendance.

Chairman Lister 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 to the members; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

Chairman Lister stated that there were contractual matters related to gift naming opportunities, which were appropriate for discussion in Executive Session.

Mr. Bahnmuller moved to enter Executive Session and Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

The following persons were invited to remain: President Pastides, Secretary Stepp, Dr. Moore, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Jameson, Dr. Pruitt, Dr. Hogue, Mr. Parham, Ms. Dodenhoff, Dr. Booze, Ms. Zeigler, Mr. Quasney, Mr. Gregory, Ms. Martin, Ms. Lamb, Mrs. Saxon, Ms. Stone, and Ms. Tweedy.

## Return to Open Session

# I. Project Approval (Phase II):

- <u>Cliff Apartments</u>: Chairman Lister called on Mr. Kelly who stated that the Apartments were constructed in 1973 and served Family and Graduate student housing needs, with 105 apartment units with a maximum capacity of 145 bed spaces.

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In February 2008, a project to fund the initial design and development of a cost estimate for renovations to the apartment kitchens was approved by the Board of Trustees. The kitchen renovations were to include installation of new cabinets (including countertops, sinks and faucets), installation of range hoods, and new finishes including painting and flooring. Also included in the project was the replacement of bathroom vanities.

Chairman Lister called for a motion to fully fund the project for construction with a budget of \$850,000 funded with Housing Reserve Funds. Mr. Buyck so moved and Mr. Bahnmuller seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

#### II. Other Approvals:

- <u>Harper/Elliott Life Safety Upgrades</u>: Chairman Lister called on Mr. Kelly. He stated that Harper/Elliott, constructed in 1848, was located on the Horseshoe, and that the project would fund life safety upgrades to the center section of the building which housed the Honors College. It would be implemented in conjunction with a previously approved project to install fire protection systems in the housing portion of the building.

Work would include upgrades to the fire alarm system and installation of a sprinkler system. Minor structural/seismic upgrades to the chimneys and parapets would also be included. Approval was being requested to fund the entire project.

Chairman Lister called for a motion to establish this project with a budget of \$450,000 funded with Institutional Capital Project Funds. Mr. Jones so moved. Mr. Buyck seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

## III. Gift Naming Opportunities:

Chairman Lister explained that the following Gift Naming Opportunities were presented in Executive Session without objection:

### A. USC Upstate

- 1. "The White Oak Estates Lecture Room"
- 2. "The David B. Dedmon, DMD Classroom"
- 3. "The AT&T Conference Room"

## B. <u>USC Columbia - School of Law</u>

- 1. "The Belser & Belser Student Meeting Room"
- 2. "The Alexander M. Bullock Library Study Carrel"
- C. USC Beaufort "The Wes and Margaret Jones Oval Garden Plaza"

Chairman Lister called for a motion to approve the gift naming opportunities as presented. Mr. Bahnmuller so moved and Mr. Buyck seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried. Mr. Jones abstained from voting.

### IV. Development Foundation Report:

Chairman Lister called on Richard Rockafellow, who reported on four of the Foundation's properties:

#### • The Inn at USC

- $\blacktriangleright$  October gross revenues were up over \$8,000 from the previous year
- > The Inn was completely booked for Parents' Weekend

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- > Visiting athletic teams were staying at The Inn
- > The average daily rate had increased from \$114 to \$116 per night
- > Occupancy rate was down from 65.6 percent to 62.4 percent
- > Revenues were down approximately \$60,000 this year to-date

#### • Adesso

- > 20 units currently sold
- > The traffic and quality of the traffic touring Adesso had improved
- > The project was "essentially" complete
- ➤ The Board was invited to a Brunch and a tour of Adesso, on November 8th from 10-11:30
- > Baker Bros. Deli opened on the ground level and was doing very well

#### • Wheeler Hill

- > The Planned Urban Development for Wheeler Hill was in the process of being amended and resubmitted to the City for review
- > The first phase would have approximately 20 lots located behind DiPrato's Restaurant
- > The Foundation was not in a "great rush" to put the lots on the market due to the current state of the economy
- <u>Property at Williams and Blossom Streets</u> (more than five acres of high ground)
  - > The Foundation was committed to allowing the Athletics Department use this property on an interim basis for parking for the new Baseball Stadium
  - > The ultimate plan for was for the property to be sold or developed

Following Mr. Rockafellow's report, Chairman Lister called for questions or comments. Mr. Buyck said that while staying at The Inn the previous night he learned that Coach Horn had been encouraging visiting teams to stay there. President Pastides stated that The Inn was a "beacon" and "stellar asset" for the University, and his staff was encouraging the academic community to use it when accommodations were needed. Mr. Hubbard noted that he was hosting an American Bar Association meeting at The Inn in December.

Mr. Buyck requested that historical pictures of the University be displayed at The Inn, in addition to the ones of the City of Columbia currently displayed.

### V. Other Matters:

Chairman Lister called on Cantey Heath for a report on Standardized Recognition for Donors. Mr. Heath stated that the University's Gift Naming Opportunities Committee proposed the following language in addition to their guidelines.

## Donor Recognition

The Committee has established standards for donor recognition plaques to identify and celebrate the naming of University space and facilities as well as endowment funds as appropriate. Such standards will insure visual effectiveness and campus-wide consistency in design and application. The standards are Board sanctioned and mandatory.

Colleges and units which may have previously implemented a recognition program will follow these new standards henceforth and are encouraged to comply with approved standards for past donors as funding will allow.

Secretary Stepp explained that the language was an effort to standardize

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recognition signage.

Chairman Lister stated that the report was received as information.

Chairman Lister called for any other matter to come before the Committee. Mr. Hubbard asked for an update on the US Department of Justice (DOJ) and Moore School of Business proposal. Mr. Kelly responded that the DOJ was currently working with Federal Office of Management and Budget on the proposal.

Mr. Bahnmuller asked for an update on the purchase of the Farmers Market. Mr. Kelly stated that he still anticipated closing on the property by December 31, 2008, and that the Board and the Budget and Control Board had approved the Bond Resolution to purchase the property. Occupancy of the Farmers market by the University was tentatively scheduled for March 2010.

Mr. Bahnmuller noted that the University's lease on the Fairgrounds property would expire after the 2009 Football season, and that the State Fair Association did not plan to renew it. Mr. Kelly clarified that there were communications between the Athletic Department and the State Fair Association, and that he had been assured by the parties involved that adequate parking for football games would be available.

#### VI. Adjournment:

There being no other business, Chairman Lister declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Stepp Secretary

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