CALLED MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Lumus Byrd, Chairman
Dr. John H. Corbitt, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert Nance, Secretary
  Mr. Earl Bridges
Mrs. Linda Edwards-Duncan
  Mr. Frederick R. Gallant
  Mr. Karl V. Green
  Mr. Jonathan Pinson
  Mr. Matthew Richardson
  Mrs. Martha Scott Smith
  Dr. Walter Tobin
  Mr. Maurice Washington
  Mr. Lancelot Wright

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  Dr. Evelyn Fields
  Mr. Nathaniel Howard
  Mr. Zachary Middleton
  Ms. Kay Snider
  Mr. George Quick
  Dr. James A. Boykin, Trustee Emeritus
  Mr. Charles C. Lewis, Sr., Trustee Emeritus
MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
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4:00 P.M.

I. OPEN SESSION/CALL TO ORDER:
Chairman Lumus Byrd called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. upon establishment of a quorum. He stated that board members were present via telephone. Mrs. Mosley to read the public notice and called the roll.

II. PUBLIC NOTICE:
Mrs. Mosley stated that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Code Section 30-4-80. Notice of the meeting and the agenda was provided to all interested persons, organizations and news media.

III. ROLL CALL:
Members Present In Person: Chairman Lumus Byrd and Mr. Matthew Richardson.
Members Present Via Telephone: Vice Chairman John Corbitt, Secretary Robert Nance, Trustees Mr. Earl Bridges, Mrs. Linda Edwards-Duncan, Mr. Reginald Gallant, Mr. Karl Green, Mr. Jonathan Pinson, Mrs. Martha Smith, Dr. Walter Tobin, Mr. Maurice Washington and Mr. Lance Wright.

Members Absent:
None.

Administrators and Others Present: President George Cooper, Executive Director for the Board Ms. Joyce Green, Assistant to the Board Mrs. Eartha Mosley, Attorney Edwin Givens, Director of Public Relation Mrs. Erica Taylor and Mr. Lee Tant of the Times and Democrat Newspaper.

IV. OPEN SESSION:
Chairman Byrd stated the meeting was being called because five trustees contacted Secretary Nance requesting the meeting. Those trustees are: Trustee Wright, Trustee Gallant, Trustee Pinson, Trustee Washington, Trustee Richardson and Trustee Smith. We have only one or two items for the agenda. The first one is a personnel matter and the chair will entertain a motion to move into executive session to discuss that matter.

MOTION: Trustee Pinson moved, seconded by Trustee Washington, to go into executive session. The motion carried, and the Board went into executive session.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
VI. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED:
Chairman Byrd stated that the Board was now out of executive session. He said there was discussion about the President’s planning for the rest of the year. And there would be no action taken on that subject. Chairman Byrd stated that the Board also had discussion on the President’s supplementary salary, and he would entertain a motion addressing that subject.

MOTION: Trustee Corbitt moved, seconded by Trustee Washington, that the Board approve payment in full of the President’s supplementary salary immediately. Chairman Byrd asked that all in favor of the motion say aye.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: Trustees Byrd, Corbitt, Nance, Bridges, Duncan, Gallant, Green, Pinson, Richardson, Smith, Tobin, Washington and Wright.

Chairman Byrd asked if anyone opposed. Hearing no opposition the motion carried.

Chairman Byrd asked if there were any other subjects to be discussed.

Trustee Wright stated he wished to make a motion in reference to the chair. (PAUSE) Chairman Byrd said I hear you.

MOTION: Trustee Wright moved to rescind the previous motion relating to the election of the chair. Second. Chairman Byrd asked who seconded the motion. Trustee Washington responded. Chairman Byrd said the motion has been made and seconded by Washington. The Chairman asked if there were any questions and asked all in favor of said motion to make it be known by saying aye. He asked Mrs. Mosley to do a roll call vote. Trustee Corbitt asked for a Point of Order. He stated that there are no provisions in the by-laws for that motion. Trustee Byrd said he understood that. Trustee Corbitt then said that the motion was out of order because there are no provisions in the by-laws for the motion. Trustee Washington stated that, when there aren’t any provisions in the by-laws, the Robert’s Rule of Order is added under Article IX, Section V – Rules of Procedure. Trustee Washington said it does grant that. Chairman Byrd said he felt this was a legal issue, but if the Board wanted to pursue this they certainly had the right to do so. He asked if there were any other questions. Hearing none, he asked all in favor to say aye and asked Mrs. Mosley to take a roll call vote.

VOTE (RESULTS OF ROLL CALL):
IN FAVOR: Trustees Nance, Bridges, Gallant, Green, Pinson, Smith, Washington and Wright.
IN OPPOSITION: Byrd, Corbitt, Duncan and Tobin
IN ABSTENTION: Trustee Richardson.
Trustee Byrd asked for the total count. Ms. Mosley said: YES – 8, NO –4, ABSTAIN– 1.
Trustee Richardson expressed he wanted to change his vote to yes.
Chairman Byrd said, Trustee Richardson changed his mind, so the vote is YES – 9, NO – 4. The motion carries.

Trustee Tobin said he wanted to remind everyone that this Board will never be an effective body until discussions about board members prior to meetings, during meetings and after meetings is discontinued. He stated he wanted to say that for the record. Chairman Byrd asked if there were any other comments.

**MOTION:** Trustee Washington moved for cessation of the rules for the purpose of electing a new chairman. Chairman Byrd asked Attorney Givens if that motion was in order. Attorney Givens stated that it was if there was a 2/3 majority vote to suspend the rules. Chairman Byrd asked if there was a second. Trustee Washington stated that this was not a debatable motion. Chairman Byrd asked Attorney Givens if this was a debatable motion. Attorney Givens concurred that this was not a debatable motion. Chairman Byrd asked if there was a second. Trustee Wright seconded the motion. Chairman Byrd asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he asked all in favor of the motion to let it be known by saying aye. He asked Mrs. Mosley to do a roll call vote.

**VOTE (RESULTS OF ROLL CALL):**
IN FAVOR: Trustees Nance, Bridges, Gallant, Green, Pinson, Smith, Washington and Wright.
IN OPPOSITION: Byrd, Corbitt, Duncan and Tobin
(9-4)

Chairman Byrd said the motion carried and asked if there were any other comments.

**MOTION:** Trustee Wright moved to elect a new chair for the remainder of the term and offered Trustee Pinson as the nominee. Trustee Nance seconded the motion. Chairman Byrd asked if there were any other nominations. Trustee Nance moved to close the nominations. Chairman Byrd asked for a roll call vote on that.

**VOTE (RESULTS OF ROLL CALL):**
IN FAVOR: Trustees Nance, Bridges, Gallant, Green, Pinson, Smith, Washington and Wright.
IN OPPOSITION: Byrd, Duncan and Tobin
IN ABSTENTION: Trustee Corbitt who stated he would not be a part of this.
(8-3-1)

Chairman Byrd said the motion carried and asked if there were any other comments.

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Trustee Pinson asked to be recognized. He stated that he wanted to thank those board members who have put their confidence in him. Hopefully, the Board can get on one accord and move this University forward. He said he would definitely work with everybody. This is about the University, not about any individual. He continued that he thinks there is a lot of ground to cover, and there are a lot of things that can be acted on to get the University going and get students back in this school. There is also SACS to get past. He said he was thankful and willing to serve as chair for the remainder of this term.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:
Chairman Byrd asked if there were any other comments. Hearing none, he thanked the board members and adjournded the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

[Signatures]
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