SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
Orangeburg, South Carolina

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOWMAN HALL – BOARDROOM 304
FEBRUARY 26, 2010
9:00 A.M.

PRESIDING: CHAIRMAN JONATHAN N. PINSON

~ AGENDA ~

I. CALL TO ORDER
II. PUBLIC NOTICE
III. INVOCATION
IV. ROLL CALL OF TRUSTEES
V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (December 11, 2009)
VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
IX. STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS - ACTION ITEMS ONLY
   a. Academic Affairs and Faculty-Liaison Committee
   b. Institutional Advancement, Marketing, Public Relations and Fund Raising Committee
   c. Budget, Audit, Facilities and Ground Committee
   d. Athletics and Student Affairs Committee
   e. Research, Economic Development and 1890 Programs Committee

X. OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION
XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION
   ➢ Legal Matters (UPDATE)
   ➢ Personnel Issues

XIII. ADJOURNMENT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Mr. Jonathan Pinson, Chairman
Dr. John H. Corbitt, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert Nance, Secretary
   Mr. Earl Bridges, Jr.
   Mr. Lumus Byrd, Jr.
Mrs. Linda Edwards-Duncan
Mr. Frederick R. Gallant
   Mr. Karl V. Green
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
      Mrs. Kay Snider
   Mr. Jackie Steele
   Mr. George Quick
   Mr. Charlton Whipple
Dr. James A. Boykin, Trustee Emeritus
Mr. Charles C. Lewis, Sr., Trustee Emeritus
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I. OPEN SESSION/CALL TO ORDER:
Chairman Jonathan Pinson called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. and asked Mrs. Mosley to read the public notice and call 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. INVOCATION: Dr. John Corbitt gave the invocation.

IV. ROLL CALL:
Members Present: Chairman Jonathan Pinson, Vice Chairman John Corbitt, Secretary Robert Nance (via telephone), Trustees Mr. Earl Bridges, Mr. Lumus Byrd, Mrs. Linda Edwards-Duncan, Mr. Karl Green (via telephone), Mr. Matthew Richardson, Dr. Walter Tobin, Mr. Maurice Washington and Mr. Lance Wright (via telephone); Ex-officio Members Dr. Evelyn Fields, Mr. Zachary Middleton and Mrs. Kay Snider.

Members Absent: Trustee Mr. Reginald Gallant; Ex-officio Members Mr. Nathaniel Howard, Mr. George Quick, Mr. Charles Whipple, Mr. Jackie Steele, Dr. James Boykin and Mr. Charles Lewis.

Administrators and Others Present: President George Cooper, Mr. John Smalls, Dr. Joyce Blackwell, Dr. Dale Wesson, Dr. Charles Smith, Dr. Holloman, Mr. Edwin Givens, Ms. Charlene Johnson, Executive Director for the Board Ms. Joyce Green, Assistant to the Board Mrs. Eartha Mosley, other staff, Dale Linder-Altman of the Times and Democrat Newspaper and Isreal C. Tyler, recorder.

V. AGENDA ADOPTION:
Chairman Pinson called for a motion to adopt the agenda as printed.

MOTION: Trustee Corbitt moved, seconded by Trustee Bridges, to adopt the agenda as printed.

VOTE: The motion carried.
VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Chairman Pinson called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: Trustee Corbitt moved, seconded by Trustee Washington, to adopt the minutes of the December 11, 2009 board meeting.

VOTE: Motion carried.

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:
Chairman Pinson announced that Trustees Lumus Byrd and John Corbitt would be attending the AGB conference in March. He also announced that the board retreat would be held in Charleston at Charleston Place, June 27-30, 2010. Chairman Pinson said Trustee Richardson was working on the board by-laws and a special meeting would be called in March to discuss them prior to the regular meeting in April at which time it is expected the by-laws would be adopted. Trustee Tobin suggested that a committee be formed to work with Trustee Richardson on the by-laws. Chairman Pinson stated that the draft would be vetted through the executive committee. Trustee Smith added that notices of all meetings in connection with the by-laws should be sent out so that any board member could participate. Chairman Pinson informed the Board that the football team was recognized on February 19, 2010 by the House of Representatives for an outstanding season. He said the Scholarship Gala and Founders Day programs were very successful. The Chairman stated that the House Ways and Means Committee was looking at reducing budgets by another $3.5 million. Ms. Joyce Green indicated that the proposal was to reduce the base budget by the amount of the stimulus, which would result in a $13 million base budget next year instead of $16.4 million. Chairman Pinson said everyone needed to get involved with a very important letter writing campaign with several other HBCUs in objection to such cuts. He added that all spending proposals at the University would be carefully scrutinized, and creative ways of raising funds needed to be put into place.

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
President Cooper informed the Board that he was participating, the previous day, on a SACS Review Team at Texas Southern. He said that experience would be invaluable as SC State prepares for its review in March. He added that there are complex compliance issues to deal with in sports for recertification. Final documents for SC State's visit from SACS on March 28-April 1, 2010 have been submitted. The Review Team will conduct their visit and leave copies of their reports. SC State will have a few days to review the comments, but reaffirmation results will not be announced until later. President Cooper said he was holding weekly meetings with Cabinet to keep everyone in sync on management of declining funds. He said the priorities are academics, security and closing out the year with a balanced budget. Also, if possible, the administration would try to carry forward the allowed ten percent of the funds to next year. The President said
Conversations are also being held on how to stabilize funding so as to right size the University. Fundraising will be a combined effort throughout the campus. Mr. Holloman has been hired as the new Vice President for Institutional Advancement, and he will lead the charge. President Cooper stated that Mr. Holloman brings with him a wealth of experience on fundraising initiatives and getting others involved. Mr. Holloman stated he was excited to be a part of the SC State family and was looking forward to the work ahead in these challenging times. He also stated he was thankful for the hard work and leadership from Trustee Smith. President Cooper announced an adjustment in Edwin Givens’ assignment and that his new title would be Chief of Staff, since he would be working directly with the president and cabinet in following-up on assignments. Trustee Tobin said he felt such a move constituted an organizational change and should be discussed in executive session. Trustee Smith said she wanted to know what Dr. Epps was now doing. Dr. Cooper stated that Dr. Epps returned to his original assignment, but he announced that he would retire at the end of the year. He then stated that Dr. McIntyre is continuing to manage the international textbook and learning materials initiative in the capacity of Special Assistant to the President. He is also continuing to pursue external funding to internationalize curriculum at SC State. President Cooper informed the Board that Coach Buddy Pough’s contract had been renegotiated, and he has a four-year extension. Also, renegotiation of the Head Basketball Coach’s contract is in process. Dr. Cooper expressed that he hoped the Board was pleased with the new Board suite in Lowman Hall. Renovations to Hodge Hall were ahead of schedule by two months and the project will finish under budget. He said the James Clyburn Transportation Center was moving forward with the first Phase. Intent to Award contract was made, and the ten-day protest period would end on March 5, 2010. If there are no issues, construction would start the following week. President Cooper reported that he participated in the retreat for college presidents hosted by CHE. One of the goals of the retreat was to encourage advocacy as a collective group rather than schools working independently of each other. He said 13 four-year institution presidents from around the state participated. CHE presented a draft plan of initiatives for this advocacy group, and he will share the final version with the Board when presented. President Cooper expressed how proud he was of the students who produced a play that told the story of the Orangeburg Massacre and that February 8 marked the 42nd anniversary of the massacre. Plants were donated to be permanently placed at the site. Dr. Cooper reported that the 16 inch water line had been installed to meet the requirement for occupancy permit for the Clyburn Center. Dr. Cooper announced that the First Lady’s Luncheon to raise scholarship funds would be held at Tourville Lodge and The Cinema. A reception on Friday at Tourville Lodge and the luncheon at The Cinema on Saturday. Dr. Cooper explained that use of the lodge was free and there were sponsorships to offset the cost of the luncheon. Trustee Corbitt asked when there would be an official Open House at Lowman Hall. President Cooper answered that something was being planned for May in conjunction with Commencement. Trustee Washington asked about the stress crack throughout the 3rd floor level of Lowman Hall. Dr. Cooper replied that the contractors would be making the necessary repairs at no cost to the University. Trustee Washington stated that there had been some summer school issues last year and wanted to know if the school was properly positioned for the upcoming summer. Dr. Cooper said revenues cover costs. Ms. Johnson said the athletic

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department was helping to generate funds to assist student athletes. Trustee Washington asked what was included in the first Phase of the Clyburn Transportation Center. Mr. Smalls answered that the First Phase would include the research transit center, the library and then the administration building. He added that there were funds to cover the transit phase, the library and portions of the administration building. Mr. Smalls reported that good prices were coming in, and the management firm would see to it that change orders were kept to a minimum. Additionally, the state engineer reviewed the plans in great detail and the architectural drawing has been completed. Mr. Smalls said this project got its first funding ten years ago. Chairman Pinson asked the total cost of the project. Mr. Smalls responded $88 million, including the garage. He said the college has $23 million of the $88 million. Chairman Pinson inquired about the focus of the Transportation Center. Dr. Wesson explained that university transportation centers have different focuses, and SC State’s focus would be consistent with our themes, such as rural transportation. Trustee Smith said, although the First Lady’s Luncheon venue was without cost, she wondered why other events associated with it were not being held on campus. Dr. Cooper explained that the meals would be paid for out of the registration fee, and Dr. Brazille’s cost of $16,000 includes her fee and travel.

IX. STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:
   a. Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee
      Trustee Corbitt stated that his committee has several action items to be considered by the Board.

Honors College:
MOTION: Trustee Corbitt moved, seconded by Trustee Tobin, to move ahead with implementation of the Honors College in August 2010.

DISCUSSION: Board members discussed that the Honors College would be a great recruitment tool. Dr. Blackwell said she has been working closely with Dr. Roland to address concerns previously expressed by the Board.

VOTE: Unanimous

Merger of Child Development Center and Felton Laboratory School:
MOTION: Trustee Corbitt moved, seconded by Trustee Washington, that the Child Development Center and the Felton Laboratory School be merged.

DISCUSSION:
Dr. Blackwell answered questions regarding this merger that were raised by Board members at a previous meeting. She stated that Felton’s accreditation would not be adversely affected by the merger. The merger would save the University $160,000 and will enhance both programs. Felton will come under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education and would be accredited by SACS. Dr. Bill Floyd in Columbia is the director of SACS-COC for the State of South Carolina has asked to visit the Child Development Center after the merger and will look at it for SACS.

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Accreditation as well. Dr. Blackwell said this would be a unique opportunity for the Child Development Center to be accredited by both AYC and SACS. Trustee Smith asked if SC State would still have oversight of tuition at Felton after the merger. Dr. Blackwell answered no.

**VOTE:** IN FAVOR: Trustees Pinson, Corbitt, Bridges, Byrd, Edwards-Duncan, Green, Richardson, Smith, Tobin and Washington

IN OPPOSITION: Trustee Nance

**ABSENT AT TIME OF VOTE:** Trustee Wright

**MOTION CARRIED: 10-1**

**Commencement Recommendations:**

**Honorary Doctorate for Commencement Speaker:**
Trustee Corbitt stated that President Cooper was asking for approval to bestow the Honorary Doctorate Degree upon the spring commencement speaker who had not yet been named. Trustee Washington stated that it would be premature to vote on a blind recommendation without knowing who the speaker would be. He pointed out that, no doubt the President would be recommending someone distinguished as the speaker, but there would be time at the April meeting to vote on that recommendation. Trustee Bridges clarified that there would be no motion at this time, but the recommendation would be brought to the Board at the April meeting.

**Honorary Doctorate for Mrs. Emily Clyburn:**

**MOTION:** Trustee Corbitt moved, seconded by Trustee Richardson, to bestow an Honorary Doctorate Degree upon Mrs. Emily Clyburn during spring commencement.

**DISCUSSION:** Trustee Washington stated he would be enthusiastic about naming the Clyburn Transportation Center library in her honor, but this motion was an unusual recommendation that he felt should be revisited in order to avoid any misunderstanding of the President’s true intent. He said he would not be in favor of the motion on the floor. Trustee Richardson stated that the President and the Committee made this recommendation on the basis of the many contributions made to SC State by Mrs. Clyburn. He said he would certainly support the motion.

**VOTE:** The stenographer was not clear on the vote and asked for a roll call. Trustee Richardson stated that staff could not ask for a roll call vote. After some discussion, Trustee Byrd asked for the roll call vote.

IN FAVOR: Trustees Pinson, Corbitt, Nance, Byrd, Richardson, Smith and Tobin

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IN ABSTENTION: Trustees Bridges, Edwards-Duncan, Green and Washington

ABSENT AT TIME OF VOTE: Trustee Wright

Trustee Washington stated that, according to the by-laws, there needed to be a 3/4 majority vote for the motion to pass. The trustees agreed to get the opinion of legal counsel.

MOTION FAILED: 7-4 (lack of 3/4 majority)

Recommendation for Tenure:
MOTION: Trustee Corbitt moved, seconded by Trustee Washington, to approve Dr. Stevo Bozinovski for tenure. By common consent the motion was withdrawn for discussion in executive session.

b. Institutional Advancement, Marketing, Public Relations and Fundraising Committee
Trustee Smith expressed that she wanted to take this opportunity to publicly thank Dr. Epps for his service as Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement. She inquired about the requested survey on the Institution’s new branding. Mr. Holloman responded that a letter would be sent out to all alumni informing them they would be contacted on a regular basis. He said the survey to measure our brand was ready for distribution and it was asked that feedback be sent directly to Mr. Holloman. Mr. Holloman stated that Razor’s Edge was also ready for implementation, and alumni would be informed of this online software and its capabilities. Mr. Holloman stressed that it was important to get in touch with alumni, not only when asking for money, but to keep the lines of communication open with them so they would understand what was going on at the University and why. Trustee Byrd asked how many of the 30,000 names in the system were persons alive. Mr. Holloman responded that this software would sort and identify those alumni living and deceased. Then the numbers would be clearly defined.

c. Budget, Audit, Facilities & Grounds Committee
Trustee Washington stated that Mr. Smalls would present a report on the following action items: Review of Bond Issue Covenants, Campus Security Systems and Mrs. Anderson would report on the Audit Plan 2010 and Audit Universe Update.

Bond Covenants:
Mr. Smalls stated that the recommendation from the Budget and Audit Committee was to engage external bond counsel to ensure there were no violations of any of the bond covenants.

MOTION: Trustee Washington moved, seconded by Trustees Corbitt and Tobin, to have the President engage the outside counsel previously used for this type review.

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DISCUSSION: Trustee Byrd asked if it was not procedure to allow the President to engage his choice of personnel for this service? Trustee Washington agreed that it was standard procedure that the choice for counsel rests with the President.

VOTE: Unanimous

Security Systems:
Mr. Smalls stated that this was not an action item, since it had been previously approved and a firm had already been contracted to maintain the security cameras and call boxes. Mr. Smalls added that the firm would proceed with needed maintenance.

Audit Performance Plan 2010 and Audit Universe 2010:
Ms. Anderson explained that the Audit performance Plan was driven by the Audit Universe Plan which outlines what needs to be audited for the year. She stated that, during the past year, three audits were delivered and three were partially completed. Trustee Corbitt asked how many were delivered prior to last year. Ms. Anderson answered that 4-5 audits were completed prior to last year. She said the Audit Universe priorities were determined by risk factors. Trustee Byrd stated that it was his understanding that the internal auditor works on about 8-10 during the course of the year. Ms. Anderson stated that was a pretty accurate assessment. Trustee Corbitt asked why some audits were incomplete. Ms. Anderson responded that it was due to slow or no response by management. Trustee Corbitt asked that this issue be discussed in executive session.

MOTION: Trustee Washington moved, seconded by Trustee Richardson, for approval of the 2010 Audit Plan and the 2010 Audit Universe Plan as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Mr. Smalls stated that the state auditor’s office had been asked permission to engage external auditors to perform a scope of work on Management Performance for Grants and Contracts Receivables and Student Accounts Receivables. He said the internal auditor had played a very important role in discovery of some glitches and they wanted her to review the recommendations to be brought back to the Board in a called meeting in two weeks. He said these audits would involve internal systems that go through finance. There was discussion of the internal auditor’s reporting chain. Trustee Smith stated that, at this point, Ms. Anderson reported to the Board. Ms. Anderson stated her line of reporting was dual to the Board with a dotted line to the President. She stated that professional standards stated that she should report to the highest level of authority, which in case of the Board would be the Executive Committee of the Board.
d. **Athletics and Student Affairs Committee**

Trustee Bridges thanked Trustee Richardson for chairing his committee on Thursday. He said there was a personnel issue to be discussed in executive session and three policies were being recommended for approval. Those policies are Freshmen Housing Policy, Sexual Orientation Policy and the Immigration Policy.

**MOTION:** Trustee Richardson moved, seconded by Trustee Byrd, to approve the Freshmen Housing Policy, the Sexual Orientation Policy and the Immigration Policy.

**DISCUSSION:** Trustees received clarification on the policies as presented. Unmarried freshmen under 21, with less than 24 semester hours and who lived within a 40 mile radius would be required to live on campus. The Sexual Orientation Policy requires that all students and staff be treated with equal dignity and fairness, and the Immigration Policy is mandated by law.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

e. **Research, Economic Development and 1890 Programs Committee**

Trustee Wright reported that there were no action items from his committee.

Trustee Washington asked how the university was progressing with the 1890 Plan of Work. Dr. Wesson responded that the plan would be ready in mid March and would be presented to the Board at its next called or regular meeting. Trustee Smith announced that Zachary Middleton and Trustee Tobia had been added to the Institutional Advancement committee because of the contributions they make to that endeavor. Trustee Corbitt wanted to know what would be done about the vacancies on the Board of Visitors. President Cooper responded that potential candidates were being canvassed. There were only seventeen active members out of 31 positions. Trustee Smith said this would be an action item for the next board meeting. Trustee Smith expressed concern for employees on the lower end of the salary scale in light of budget cuts, furloughs and possible reduction in force. She said many are struggling and she hoped that folks were being directed to resources that were available. She added that she felt the University was obligated to assist.

X. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chairman Pinson stated that the Board needed to go into executive session to discuss tenure and promotion, possible organizational changes, personnel issues regarding the audit plan and to receive some legal advice on personnel matters.

**MOTION:** It was properly moved and seconded that, after a short break, the Board would go into executive session to discuss tenure and promotion, possible organizational changes, personnel issues regarding the audit plan and to receive some legal advice on other personnel matters.

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XI. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED:
Chairman Pinson stated that the Board went into executive session to discuss tenure and promotion, possible organizational changes, personnel issues regarding the audit plan and to receive some legal advice on personnel matters. Chairman Pinson stated that no changes would be made to the organizational structure. However, additional duties would be assigned to personnel as deemed necessary by the President. He also stated that a part of the Board’s fiduciary responsibility is to ensure that the internal auditor receives cooperation from management to complete her audits. This will be closely monitored by the Board for further action if necessary. Chairman Pinson then asked if there were any motions coming from the discussions during executive session.

MOTION: It was properly moved and seconded to adopt a proposal presented by the President to bestow upon Coach Willie Jeffries the title of Coach Emeritus.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Trustee Corbitt moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards-Duncan, for approval of tenure for Dr. Stevo Bozinovski.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Trustees Bridges and Edwards Duncan requested that their votes of Abstention be changed to In Favor in regards to bestowing the Honorary Doctorate upon Mrs. Emily Clyburn. Trustee Wright who called into the meeting at 11:45 also voiced his vote to be In Favor of bestowing the Honorary Doctorate to Mrs. Emily Clyburn during spring commencement.

MOTION (Original motion reprinted for the record): Trustee Corbitt moved, seconded by Trustee Richardson, to bestow an Honorary Doctorate Degree upon Mrs. Emily Clyburn during spring commencement.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: Trustees Pinson, Corbitt, Nance, Bridges, Byrd, Edwards-Duncan, Richardson, Smith, Tobin, Wright.

IN ABSTENTION: Trustees Green and Washington

MOTION CARRIED: 10-2

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XII. ADJOURNMENT:
Trustee Byrd moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards-Duncan, for adjournment.
Chairman Pinson declared the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Jonathan Pinson
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Robert Nance
SECRETARY, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Israel C. Tyler, Recorder
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