

**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Special Meeting
SCANA Board Room
Columbia, South Carolina
June 5, 2006
10:30 a.m.

Members Present: Mr. Robert W. Marlowe, Chairman; Mr. Donald H. Belk, Dr. L. Cherry Daniel, Mr. Frank H. Gadsden, Mrs. Marie Land, Mr. G. Lee Mikell, Mrs. Annaliza O. Moorhead, Mr. Y. W. Scarborough, III, Dr. Sam Stafford III, and Mr. Joseph F. Thompson, Jr., Chairman of the Finance Committee.

By Conference Call: Mrs. Charlotte L. Berry, Mr. W. Dwight Johnson, and Mr. Lawrence R. Miller

Others in attendance: Mr. John B. Wood, Jr., trustee-elect; Messrs. Sam Jones, Director of Budgeting and Payroll Services; and Gary McCombs, Senior VP for Business Affairs; Mses. Priscilla Burbage, VP for Fiscal Services; Mike Haskins, Vice President for Marketing; Elizabeth Kassebaum, Secretary to the Board of Trustees; and Betty Craig, recording secretary. Mike Robertson of the Office of College Relations and Media Communications also attended the meeting, along with Diane Knich, *The Post and Courier* reporter.

(In accordance with requirements of the *S. C. Freedom of Information Act*, news media was notified of the time, location, and agenda for this meeting).

Chairman Marlowe called a special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of approving the budget and proposed fees for 2006-07 as presented to the Board by the Finance Committee at a special meeting that morning at 10:00 a.m. He thanked Joe Thompson and the Finance Committee, along with President Higdon and staff members Priscilla Burbage, Sam Jones and Gary McCombs, for a responsible budget.

He welcomed new Board members, Frank Gadsden and John Wood, to the meeting.

Chairman Marlowe is pleased that the College's budget is under the HEPI (cap) plus \$250/semester. We have maintained our position in relation to other institutions and being very affordable for our students. It is a good budget that has been well thought out.

It was moved (Belk), and seconded (Stafford), that the budget and proposed fees for 2006-07 be approved as presented by the Finance Committee (a copy is attached for the record). All in favor.

Other items for discussion:

Elizabeth Kassebaum read the Baker-Parker Presidential Search ad:

"The College of Charleston is conducting a nationwide search for the President. The Presidential Search Committee invites letters of nomination, applications (letter of interest, complete CV and references), or expressions of interest to be submitted to the search firm assisting the College of Charleston. Confidential review of materials will begin immediately and continue until the appointment is made. It is preferred, however, that all nominations and applications be submitted prior to August 11, 2006. For a complete position description, refer to www.cofc.edu/search or www.bpasearch.com."

Also, Elizabeth read additional information to be included as the last paragraph of the Baker-Parker Presidential Search ad:

"The College of Charleston, founded in 1770 as the first municipal college in America, became part of the South Carolina public higher education system in 1970. The College, located in beautiful and historic Charleston, South Carolina, has an undergraduate enrollment of 9878 and a graduate enrollment of 1454."

She reported that a position paper is being drafted by Mike Haskins and his staff. Baker-Parker, the search firm, will be meeting with various constituencies on June 13, including faculty, staff, School Advisory Boards, Foundation Board representatives, Alumni Executive Board representatives, and students, to make sure there is not some particular skill that the search firm didn't mention.

Marie Land: It is wonderful that you have hired a search firm. It takes the burden off of everyone at the College.

Chairman Marlowe: Baker-Parker has told us that this is the least thing for concern because the ad won't generate a lot of interest. They are aiming for 35 applicants. They have conducted

successful searches at the University of Georgia, UNC at Wake Forest, etc. He noted that it is the search firm's responsibility to bring quality candidates to the Board, but it is the Board's responsibility to hire a president. He requested that all calls be referred to Elizabeth Kassebaum. Everyone is invited to attend the search firm meeting on June 13.

After the July Board meeting, we will ask Board members who are technically inclined to serve on an ad hoc committee regarding the Swampfox Project. This will be an expensive undertaking that will require some input from the Board. It will not be a standing committee, just an ad hoc committee.

It was moved (Land) and seconded (Scarborough) to go into Executive Session at 10:45 a.m.

Regular session resumed at 11:40 a.m. No action taken in Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.