ARTICLE II
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. COMPOSITION. Pursuant to Section 59-117-10, Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended the Board of the University of South Carolina shall be composed of the Governor of this State (or his designee), the State Superintendent of Education, and the President of the Greater University of South Carolina Alumni Association, which three members shall be ex officio members of the Board, and seventeen other members, including one from each of the sixteen judicial circuits, elected by the general vote of the General Assembly as hereinafter provided, and one at-large member appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall make the appointment based on merit regardless of race, color, creed or gender and shall strive to assure that the membership of the Board is representative of all citizens of the State of South Carolina.

Section 2. TERMS. Pursuant to Section 59-117-20, Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended the regular term of office for each member elected by the General Assembly, shall be four years with the terms commencing on July 1 of the year of election and expiring on June 30 four years thereafter; provided, however, that such member shall continue to serve after his term expires until his successor shall have been elected and qualified. The terms are staggered by Judicial Circuits as prescribed by the Legislature. Currently, members from the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 12th and 13th Judicial Circuits are elected at one time and members from the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 14th, 15th and 16th Judicial Circuits are elected two years thereafter. The General Assembly holds regular elections every two years for the purpose of selecting successors of those members whose terms are then expiring which elections shall not be earlier than the first day of April of the year the term expires. The term of the office of the at-large members appointed by the Governor is effective upon certification to the Secretary of State and is four years. If the Governor chooses to designate a member to serve in his stead as permitted by Section 1 hereinabove, the appointment is effective upon certification to the Secretary of State and shall continue at the pleasure of the Governor. The term of the President of the Greater University of South Carolina Alumni Association is for the active term of office as President.

Section 3. VACANCIES. If a vacancy occurs among the sixteen members elected by the General Assembly when the General Assembly is not in session, the Governor may fill such vacancy by appointment until the next session of the General Assembly.

Section 4. COMPENSATION. Each member of the Board shall draw such per diem and expenses as from time to time may be allowed other boards, commissions and committees of the State or its agencies.