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To: Soura, Christian <ChristianSoura@gov.sc.gov>
Date: 4/15/2014 2:04:40 PM
Subject: FW: SCSU Fiscal Situation, Part Two/

From: Drdjniel [mailto:drdjnielsen@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 2:03 PM
To: drdjnielsen
Subject: Fwd: SCSU Fiscal Situation, Part Two/

Ted: FYI. Blind copy. This is where our Chair is trying to move us. This is way beyond our role as a Board, but fits in with national and local attempts to input racial issues into upcoming political races.

Begin forwarded message:

From: William Small <williamsmalljr@gmail.com>
Date: April 15, 2014 at 12:47:45 PM EDT
To: Vernell Brown <vernell310@att.net>
Cc: "Robert L. Waldrep Jr. (kelli@waldreplaw.com)" <kelli@waldreplaw.com>, Patricia Lott <Lott6813@carolina.rr.com>, "Rev. Corbitt (johncorbitt@charter.net)" <johncorbitt@charter.net>, Tony Grant <atg@grantbusinessstrategies.com>, Cathy Novinger <cathy@novingerqtr.com>, Ronald Henegan <Henegan7@aol.com>, Katon Dawson <kedawson@aol.com>, GAIL FLEMING <flemingail@bellsouth.net>, Pearl Ascue <pearlascue@gmail.com>, "morehouse83@gmail.com" <morehouse83@gmail.com>, "cdredish@charter.net" <cdredish@charter.net>, Drdjniel DENNIS NIELSEN <drdjnielsen@yahoo.com>, "Cassidy, Thomas J." <TCassidy@scsu.edu>
Subject: Re: Fwd: fw: Re: SCSU Fiscal Situation, Part Two/

thanks, this conversation must be expanded as we go forward. The issues regarding the healthy survival of HBCU's and the importance and availability of those institutions to support the comprehensive educational needs of the marginalized and the underserved individuals and communities in this nation just might be the "bell" to re galvanize Black communities. The conversation cannot be reserved for trustees , residents and select legislators. Let us press on

On Tue, Apr 15, 2014 at 2:59 AM, Vernell Brown <vernell310@att.net> wrote:
Good Morning

The National Alumni Association is in the process of adopting some of the suggestions listed as well as addition suggestions. Our Executive Board met on last evening and we are in the process of developing a plan to generate an extensive fundraising effort to include all Alumni and supporters. This effort will include letter writing and media contacts. I will keep the Board of Trustees informed as well as our University Administration as plans are finalized.

Vernell Brown, President
SCSU National Alumni Association

From: William Small <williamsmalljr@gmail.com>
To: "Robert L. Waldrep Jr. (kelli@waldreplaw.com)" <kelli@waldreplaw.com>; Patricia Lott <Lott6813@carolina.rr.com>; "Rev. Corbitt (johncorbitt@charter.net)"

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Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 10:34 PM

Subject: Fwd: fw: Re: SCSU Fiscal Situation, Part Two/

I thought the attached materials from some SCSU alumni are to the point and thus, I am sharing them

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From: Porter Bankhead <pbankhead@aceweb.com>

Date: Sat, Apr 12, 2014 at 2:41 PM

Subject: fw: Re: SCSU Fiscal Situation, Part Two/

To: williamsmljr@gmail.com

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Hi, Dr. Small:

Provided for your information. Urgent action is required by the University leadership to obtain financing. I believe that an aggressive campaign, conducted and lead by the president, should be orchestrated beyond what these alumni are suggesting. Maybe I am dreaming but the budget requested from the state can be more than compensated from business and friends of the university when the appeal is made by university officers.

This will gain support from the state when they see our efforts are based on the key programs being offered and plans for other programs in the university's future. From the emails being generated by alumni they are looking for direction from the university.

Porter Bankhead

From: lew.berry@comcast.net

Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2014 2:12 PM

To: "Clarence Mcneill" <newmac23@gmail.com>

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All,

I agree that calls to the governor and the legislature do not demonstrate that "we have SCSU's back". I disagree that eliminating expensive programs (Nuclear Engineering) that qualify students for jobs of the present or future is part of the solution. A review of the productivity of programs and demand for graduates in those programs and eliminating non-productive programs should be part of a strategy for increasing enrollment and cutting costs. If we don't offer programs that students want then they are not motivated attend

SCSU.

On the subject of issuing a call to members of the Alumni Association to donate, that is spot on. However, asking for a hundred dollars is way to low. \$100 per member from the approximately 2000 active alumni would generate \$200,000, just a drop in the bucket. The alumni association attempted to raise scholarship money this current school year by asking for \$254 per member and barely raised \$45,000. We need to either get serious about supporting our Alma Mater or quit whining about its demise.

We have thousands of alumni that can afford to give \$1000 per year or more. 1,000 alumni giving \$1,000 amounts to \$1 million dollars per year. 1000 alumni giving \$10,000 per year amounts to \$10 million per year, almost enough to cover the current shortfall. And the giving should not be just when we hear that the school is in trouble but **every year**.

The article indicated that athletics drives much of the deficit (we take in \$3 million and spend \$9 million). We are playing competitively with the best teams in the FCS (Appalachian State, Furman, Coastal Carolina) but we only sell approximately 2000 season tickets in a 20,000 seat stadium. Season tickets are only \$130 this year. That is the cost of dinner for two with drinks at a nice restaurant. There is absolutely no reason that we don't sell 10,000 season tickets per year. That would bring in an additional \$1.3 million dollars to the Athletic Program. And most of us that buy season tickets believe that we own the spot that those seats are in. You need to look at Clemson's IPTAY program. The section you sit in is based on how much you donate. At Clemson, if you want to sit near the 50 yard line, you have to donate \$750 per seat to the IPTAY program.

http://www.nmnathletics.com/fls/28500/pdf/tickets/2012-13/seat_equity_plan_brochure.pdf?DB_OEM_ID=28500

Do we really love the Bulldogs or are we content to drop back to Division II as some members of the Board of Trustees have suggested where we have to fund fewer sports and give fewer scholarships? **Not me?** The STATE Club is the perfect vehicle to donate to the Athletic program. All funds raised each year are donated directly to the Athletic program. Buy a season ticket, even if you don't plan to go to every game. Donate the ticket to some high school student in South Carolina so they can be exposed to the fun side of attending SCSU.

My contention is that if you really have President Elzey and the University's back, you need to pull out the check books and put an annual donation to SCSU in you budget. Yes, the University and the Board of Trustees needs to clean up its act and create an environment that makes folks want to give to the University, but we can't sit idly by and commiserate about the state of things in Orangeburg and wait for someone else to rescue our University.

Lew Berry '66

From: "Clarence Mcneill" <newmac23@gmail.com>

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Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2014 12:07:41 AM

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Friends – The following comments from Samuel Tompkins is provided for info, consideration, and action as necessary.

Clarence

From: Samuel Thompkins [mailto:samst250@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, April 11, 2014 6:11 PM

To: 'Clarence Mcneill'

Subject: RE: SCSU Fiscal Situation, Part Two

Sensitivity: Personal

Clarence:

I carefully reviewed the information given below and I think that a more concentrated approach is warranted. Calling or writing members of the South Carolina legislature does not, in itself, demonstrate that there is a tremendous support for the continuation of the institution. I think that we need to consider the following.

1. Since there are several South Carolina University Alumni associations around the country, we should send a memo to each association requesting that each member donate a minimum of \$100.00 to the institution and also request the same amount from each non-members.
2. Request a plan from South Carolina University President and the Board outlining their plan to raise funds to help eliminate the deficit.
3. Evaluate a gradual phase-out of some of the programs (i.e., Nuclear Engineering) that are expensive and the graduates are not in great demand and replace them with programs where there is a high demands for graduates of these programs.
4. Since enrollment at the University has dropped, evaluate the feasibility of closing some of the dormitories and other facilities and concentrating the students in the remaining buildings.
5. Evaluate the feasibility or renting/leasing the closed facilities to non university entities (i.e., private/public schools)

The above identifies some ideas that may help the university with its deficit issues. However, what is missing is a comprehensive plan prepared by the University President and the Board that clearly identifies the plan objectives, shows the steps required to achieve these objectives, gives a time period as when each step will be achieved and identifies the responsible individual. **Without the plan, it is my opinion, that the University will be unable to get buy in from the Governor, the members of the legislature and many of the university graduates.**

Respectfully,

Sam Thompkins

From: Clarence Mcneill [mailto:newmac23@gmail.com]

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Importance: High

Sensitivity: Personal

For action as necessary!!

From: Staley, Frank H [mailto:Frank.Staley@MWAA.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2014 2:04 PM

Subject: SCSU Fiscal Situation, Part Two

Importance: High

Sensitivity: Personal

Upon the request of ones who care, I have been asked to get this out to the “Loyal Sons and Daughters” (aka The Bulldog Faithful), their friends, supporters and allies

I know, yesterday, I sent a request concerning the fiscal situation surrounding the Hugine Suites but this, too is a very serious matter.

PLEASE take action and pass this on . . .

Frank Staley III

Life Member, SCSUNAA

Member, Metro-DC Chapter, SCSUNAA

Member, The S.T.A.T.E. Club

To All SC State University Alumni and Supporters

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT CALL TO ACTION

Recent news reports have revealed that our beloved Alma Mater is experiencing major financial trouble.

President Thomas Elzey has appeared before the SC Budget and Control board to report that the University is experiencing a \$13.6 million cash flow deficit.

It is believed that this deficit comes mainly as the result of drastic decreases in student enrollment, and cuts in state and federal funding along with debt carried over from previous administrations.

Subsequently, an investigation of the University’s finances by the Inspector General revealed that while no fraud existed in the use of federal program funds, the University did, over a number of years, use such funds to make payroll. All the monies used have been paid back to the federal program. This practice over the past several years, reports the Inspector General, is another reason why the University is now faced with a cash flow shortfall.

Now the University is faced with the possibility of losing its accreditation if its financial situation is not resolved.

Among other things, the University has had to drastically reduce expenditures, cut many temporary and part time positions, and institute a hiring freeze. Other cost-cutting measures are planned in the attempt to reduce the deficit.

Meanwhile, the University has made a request to the State of South Carolina for assistance, but lawmakers thus far have failed to make a commitment.

In a recent television news report on WIS-TV, Governor Nikki Haley remarked that she is concerned that “ NOBODY has the University’s back” and that state funds would not be

committed unless there is evidence that there is support from the university community.

The financial clock is ticking as the university has fallen seriously behind on payments to vendors who provide critical services for our students.

YOUR UNIVERSITY NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW!!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Let your voices be heard. Contact SC Governor Nikki Haley as well as legislators and let them know what a valuable asset SC State University is to the State of South Carolina.

Flood lawmakers with phone calls and letters appealing to them to give the University the assistance it needs in order to keep its doors open.

Write letters to the Editors of newspapers in Orangeburg and newspapers across the State of South Carolina.

Pledge your support for South Carolina State University and President Thomas Elzey and show lawmakers how adversely the state will be impacted if there is not a SC State University.

Time is of the essence!

Lawmakers are at the state capitol right now contemplating whether to invest in SC State or not.

Let your voices be heard.

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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley, Office of the Governor, 1205 Pendleton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

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