Position mergers decrease salary costs

Four senior administrative positions created out of vacancies, given to existing employees

Hannah Jeffrey
SINCE 1908

Seven senior-level positions in USC’s administration have been merged into four in an attempt to increase efficiency. USC President Harris Pastides announced at a Friday board of trustees meeting, “As we examined the structure of the senior administrative staff it became clear there was room for streamlining our operation,” Pastides said in a university release.

The positions merged in finance and planning, facilities and transportation and communications will cut administrative salary costs by more than $480,000, according to the release.

No one was fired in the reshuffle, the newly defined positions merged with vacant posts and were retitled to create four new vice presidents.

Ed Walston, who has served as USC’s chief financial officer, will become senior vice president for administration and chief operating officer. Walston will now oversee facilities, communications, governmental relations, finances and safety.

Walston will be the university’s third-highest paid employee, making $321,473 a year. Only Pastides and provost Michael Amiridis earn higher salaries.

Ed Walton, who has served as USC’s chief financial officer, will become the university’s chief financial officer. Brunelli will also be vice president for finance, a new role created in the merger that was held by past president of USC’s transportation and parking division for 20 years. His salary will rise to $190,000.

University spokesman Wes Hickman will become USC’s transportation and parking division for 20 years. His salary will rise to $190,000.

Students assist ESPN with marketing

Presentations focus on outreach, longevity

Natalie Pitts
SINCE 1908

ESPN has teamed up with the new SEC Network to launch a campaign geared towards combating cable providers’ restrictive practices from watching college athletics at home.

The SEC Network will stream SEC games around the clock and make them available for viewers at their convenience. In order to gain widespread support, particularly from students, to petition the cable provider’s right to stop broadcasting these games.

USC students presented various ways to engage student fans, including social media campaigns, banner ads and a series of photography and video challenges.

“Our goal is to bring community to the SEC network and its fanbase,” international business graduate student Sydney Stevens said.

The photography challenge is aimed for kick-off in early March and will feature bi-monthly themes. Winners of the challenge will receive a trip for two to the SEC Football Championship game in Atlanta.

“You’ll have one photo for each university, and each week fans will vote for their favorite photo until there is only one left,” Stevens said. “The No. 1 goal of the campaign is to bring awareness of this goal.”

Marketing strategies were in full swing as students presented why that campaign to fans and would be a step in the right direction for the SEC Network.

“This was a great opportunity for ESPN to hear from students and to generate new ideas,” said Katherine Bosley, associate director for brand marketing of the ESPN network. "ESPN + 3"
Couple charged in connection to Elvis case

A man and woman were charged with two counts each of indecent exposure and one count of obstruction of justice in connection to the Elvis disappearance case. The (Myrtle Beach) Sun News reported.

The Myrtle Beach couple, 41-year-old Tammy Lorinda Moorer and 38-year-old Sidney St. Clair, were charged Saturday after their home was searched Friday morning. However, it is not clear how the charges are connected to the case. According to the Sun-News, the only thing linking them was a press release about Friday’s search warrant.

Moorer, were charged Saturday after their home was searched Friday morning. The obstruction of justice charge comes on May 2. The obstruction of justice charge comes with a maximum of 10 years in prison if they are convicted, as well as three years for each count of indecent exposure.

— Hannah Jeffery, News Editor

Hilton Head eatery tests positive for Hepatitis A

Both customers and staff who were at Hudson's Seaford House on the Docks Feb. 15 have been recommended to seek medical treatment for Hepatitis A exposure, according to The Island Packet.

A news release from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control stated the Hilton Head eatery had tested positive for Hepatitis A. A Hudson's employee tested positive for Hepatitis A on Friday after being away from work for three days.

The employee had returned to work on Feb. 15, but was later hospitalized.

The DHEC encouraged anyone who dined or worked at the restaurant from 4 p.m. until closing on Feb. 15 to receive a single-dose vaccine before March 1.

Hepatitis A causes inflammation of the liver, according to the DHEC release. Symptoms include fatigue, fever, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain, as well as possible joint pain and jaundice.

— Hannah Jeffery, New Editor

Last original von Trapp child dies at 99

Maria von Trapp, the last surviving member of the family made famous by “The Sound of Music,” died Sunday at the age of 99, according to the Associated Press.

Von Trapp was the third child and second-oldest daughter of Austrian Naval Capt. Georg von Trapp, who wrote the songs for the 1951 film. Trapp died at her home in Vermont last Tuesday, according to Johannes von Trapp, her brother from her father’s second marriage.

“She was a lovely woman who was one of the few truly good people,” he said. “There wasn’t a mean or nasty soul in her body. I think everyone who knew her would agree with that.”

She was portrayed as Leona in the 1959 Broadway musical and Oscar-winning 1965 film. In her life, she played accordion and taught Austrian dance with her sister Rosemarie.

— Hannah Jeffery, New Editor

CRIME BLOTTER

The blotter comes from police reports released by the USC Division of Law Enforcement and Safety and doesn’t include crimes reported by city or county law enforcement.

— Compiled by Hannah Jeffery, News Editor

Briefs don’t include every incident from the last week and suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty. Information could change as investigations continue.

Editor’s note: Records for the majority of last week were not available in time for last Sunday’s blotter. Today’s blotter includes incidents from last week and the web before.

MARCH 3

OUTSTANDING SENIOR

Awards are presented at University Awards Day, April 17, 2014

Applications are being accepted for the Outstanding Senior award. Students notified that they were selected for Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will be considered for this award and do not need to resubmit their application unless they would like to update what was previously submitted.

To be considered for senior awards, students must:

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Gooding from the USC Police Department and Michael Piper, founder of Special Olympics at USC. Since polar plunges are a trend throughout the state and nation, they decided to bring the idea to campus.

Gooding said her favorite part of the event was watching everyone jump in the water and knowing the money raised was going to the Special Olympics.

“Social media is a big influence,” Stevens said. “It’s all about bringing community to the SEC network and its fan base.

The network hopes to launch a more interactive website that will serve as a center of both the SEC community and web advertising strategies.

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think they did a great job with the urgency messages and really giving students a reason to sign up for the network.”

The network is set to launch on Aug. 21, and with six months to campaign and market, students presented ways the network could play around with longevity.

Special Olympics at USC gave out “Golden Plunger” awards for the top individual, business, sorority and fraternity that raised the most money. Awards were also given for the best costumes for both individuals and teams, which went to a participant dressed as a minion from the movie “Despicable Me” and Special Olympics at USC, respectively.

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When it comes to the machinations of USC's administration, the goal of "increased efficiency" are the two major arguments in the English language.

While it may sound like political babble, this administrative shuffling will cut salary costs for USC by $800,000, without firing a single person.

The time when USC is already being short-handed by a state administration obsessed with administrative efficiency, is a find to way to save money in a way that affects no one involved, including students.

While the elimination of long-vacant posts, whose responsibilities were already delegated to one or another, means that these officials will now be transferred to the positions for which they were previously short-staffed.

But the senior-level administrators already know how to do these things. The only difference is that now they are free to do so with less exasperation.

One has to hear this as something other than a positive change.

One of the most basic principles of economics is paying people based on the quality and quantity of services that they provide. We’re glad that Pasidio has seen it fit the hard work of these individuals is aptly rewarded.

We hope that students will now be more willing to jump in and do their part. President Harry Truman said it best: "Men make laws, but they are made by the people, that is, by the act of the people as they hold power, and power is always a volatile force.

As the elimination of long-vacant posts suggests, the other officials that were transferred are used to a stage-five clinger. Happily, we wouldn’t need Cosmo’s "How to be the One-Night Stand. But if that really ended your relationship..." It’s the Princess (or Prince) and the Frog. And you really "connect" before wasting more time and energy. There are sex is just another way to get to know someone and to get it out of the way, if you so choose. It is possible to do that without breaking an actual law.

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When I was a child, I was taught that sex is just another way to get to know someone and to get it out of the way, if you so choose. It is possible to do that without breaking an actual law.
More than 500 eager USC students filled the Russell House ballroom Friday night to see comedian Jay Pharoah perform. A key player on the late night sketch comedy show Saturday Night Live, Pharoah is known for his uncanny impressions of over one hundred different people, such as President Barack Obama, rappers Jay-Z and Kanye West and sports commentator Stephen A. Smith.

During his show on Friday, the comic showed the exact reaction he has been one of the few to succeed on the nation’s late night sketch comedy series, ‘Saturday Night Live’. Pharoah’s uncanny impressions of a collection of sketches rather than the average stand-up, which pays obvious tribute to the time he has spent on SNL.

"Being in an institution such as SNL has really sharpened my writing skills and allowed me to get up on stage more, especially with stand up and having those clap moments," Pharoah said.

Pharoah described "clap moments" as a point when the audience would acknowledge the quality of the show.

"I don’t know if I had that before (SNL) because before it was just mainly voices," Pharoah said.

While voices are a hallmark of Pharoah’s comedic abilities, they are not the only skill in his repertoire. He demonstrated those skills when he began to perform a rap he wrote for USC students during his show. The comic said he spends a lot of his free time writing.

"During week days, I’ll wake up and just write. I write some raps or I’ll write some sketches. I just do a lot of different stuff. No day is the same except Saturday," he said.

Pharoah has demonstrated his talent on the big screen during his performance action comedy “Ride Along” which was released in January. The work flow of a feature film was a change in pace for Pharoah, who performs for a live audience almost every week.”You know the difference is you can do multiple takes whereas on Saturday Night Live where you have one chance,” Pharoah said. “That one chance will define everything.”

The affable funnyman demonstrated his large inventory of impressions during his performance and after the show, Pharoah’s uncanny impressions have helped solidify his presence on SNL as well as draw attention from the celebrities he impersonates. Chris Tucker and Jay-Z are a few of the numerous stars that have said Pharoah’s impressions are accurate.

“Chris Tucker brought me around with him as a party and wanted me to do it for everybody, I thought I would have had a problem with it, ” Pharoah said.

Despite newfound fame, Pharoah remains grounded. The moment he realized his dreams came true was only shortly after being hired on SNL.

“I always told my mother that I wanted a job where I would be around celebrities and a good place to do that was SNL. I walked in my office and there was a message on the door that said ‘Jay Pharoah, I hit up my mom and I said, ‘Guess what? I have a mouse, a desk and a computer.”

While an office job is far from what he does now, Pharoah attended community college briefly with an interest in studying science. However, he has not left his childhood dream completely.

“I wanted to become an astronaut. It didn’t happen. I became a different type of astronaut. You know astronauts, are always in the stars, literally, figuratively,” Pharoah said. “So I am an astronaut.”

Band releases synth-heavy new album

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London-based transcendental indie rockers Bombay Bicycle Club added a heavier synth-sound to their latest album “So Long, See You Tomorrow.”

BBC has taken a journey over the years from the basic soft rock of their first EP to the gentle folk of 2010-release ‘Flaws’ to 2012 electro-pop “A Different Kind of Fix.” The band’s big hits, however, have been known for that spacey sound. The band convincingly moves forward with consistent rhythms. Think “Always Like This” from their’09 record or “How Can You Swallow So Much Sleep” and “Shuffle” from the ‘11 LP “So Long, See You Tomorrow.”

Sonically, the album’s everything you expect from a band that delivers most tracks with eyes closed and between the lips of an intangible electronic echoes while seamlessly moving forward with consistent rhythms. Think “Always Like This” from their’09 record or “How Can You Swallow So Much Sleep” and “Shuffle” from the ‘11 LP “So Long, See You Tomorrow.”

"Bombay Bicycle Club" steers their sound down a far more electronic path with their latest LP, “So Long, See you tomorrow.”

A spellbinding torrent of sound. The new album’s emotive scene eavesdropping blends effortlessly between a variation of the band’s classic rock sound and slower, piano-driven emotional ballads while keeping alive all eras of BBC.

Dissociant, cynical and synth-driven, “Carry On” carries us with angelic interludes and spacey instrumental tangents, while rainforest-personifying “Luna” unfolds the most mainstem-pleasing yet undeniably innovative track on the album.

All the while, a spellbinding Eastern groove resonates as the background inspiration for “Overdose” and “Feel,” and emotions escape through piano keys in “Eyes Off You.” A personal favorite, “Waves (“White Noise” and “A Different Kind of Fix”) is undoubtedly the original sound with a little bit of an upgrade.

The key to success for BBC lies in their emotion-draining delivery executed inescapably with each song. Few performers become entranced with their own sound and you might find something profound.

Impressionist Jay Pharoah (and Jay-Z, Obama and Kanye) perform in the Russell House ballroom on Friday night.
Sindarius Thornwell turned in 18 points in Saturday’s loss. He shot just 4-15 from the field and went 0-2 from three-point territory. Michael Carrera was the catalyst for South Carolina in the rebounding department, making up for his slow night offensively with a game-high 12 boards. A win over Georgia would have meant victories in three of the Gamecocks’ last four games, but the loss sends South Carolina back into a two-game losing streak. And while the team has shown flashes of improvement, Thornwell said losses aren’t getting any easier to swallow.

“We can’t give up. We’ve got to keep playing; we’ve got to keep fighting,” he said. “It’s just frustrating.”

Bulldog forward Nemanja Djurisic gave the Gamecocks headaches in the teams’ first meeting in Athens, but he registered a pedestrian five points and three rebounds in Saturday’s contest. It was guard Kenny Gaines that stole the show this time around. The sophomore scored a game-high 27 points and made five three-pointers on the day, but despite the fact that a perimeter player led the way for Georgia, it was the Bulldogs’ post play that sealed the deal. UGA outscored South Carolina 24-12 in the paint, the result of clear size advantage that the Gamecocks couldn’t manage to overcome.

“You can’t teach height and length,” Thornwell said. “But we’ve still got to play no matter how big they are or anything like that.”

Two other Bulldogs joined Gaines in double-figures, both of them post players, with forwards Marcus Thornton and Brandon Morris each turning in 12 points.

Martin noticed his team’s youth starting to show. And according to the coach, you’re not going to win many games if you hang your head after missed shots.

“We just couldn’t make any shots in the second half,” Martin said. “Then missing all those shots kind of deflated us from the energy that we have to be a good defensive team. It was unfortunate.”
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Women's basketball overcomes early deficit in victory over Florida

The Gamecocks (25-2, 12-1 SEC) fell behind early Sunday, trailing the Gators (7-0, 4-0 SEC) 7-0 just over two minutes into the game. But Mitchell said her team was able to settle in as necessary in order to go on the 10-point run that gave the Gamecocks a lead they would hold until the end.

"We talked in the huddle," Mitchell said. "We just knew we had to settle in and force the ball inside as we tried to do most of the game." The Gamecocks would hold on for 69-55 victory over Florida on Sunday afternoon, giving South Carolina's 2-0 win over the Gators' season.

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