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Dear Pacer Fans –

USC Aiken is thrilled to announce Jim Herlihy as our new Athletic Director, who will join the University of South Carolina Aiken team May 1.

With more than 25 years of experience in athletic administration – including 9 years as a NCAA Division II Director of Athletics and 12 years on a Division II campus -- Jim brings a unique skill set; a strong experience base, which includes affiliation with the Peach Belt Conference; and dedicated passion for ensuring the success of student-athletes.

We are pleased to welcome Jim to Pacer Athletics and are excited about the vision he has for our athletic program and sports teams.

“I look forward to joining the USC Aiken campus and community, and I am ready to get to work with a talented group of coaches and administrators,” he told me.

“I have experienced firsthand that USC Aiken is a special place with strong campus leadership and talented administrators. I have great admiration for the tradition and spirit of Pacer athletics and the success of the department athletically and academically.

"I have great respect for the work done by my colleague Randy Warrick on behalf of the University.”

Herlihy joins us most recently from the University of Massachusetts where he was the Senior Associate Athletics Director for Administration and Finance. He had previously served as the Director of Athletics at Auburn University at Montgomery, Saint Anselm College and at the University of Montevallo, a fellow Peach Belt Conference member.

Additionally, he brings to USC Aiken experience and expertise from professional baseball. He has served as the Assistant General Manager of the Class AAA minor league Nashville Sounds,

as the Director of Florida Operations and General Manager of the Class A minor league affiliate with the Texas Rangers and as the Assistant Director, Spring Training Operations and General Manager of the Class A minor league affiliate for the Philadelphia Phillies. He began his baseball career as a Marketing Manager with the Phillies.

A graduate of Plymouth State University with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, Jim earned a Master of Science in Sports Management at the University of Alabama. He also completed the Sports Management Institute, a post-graduate executive education program sponsored by the University of Notre Dame and the University of Georgia.

In addition, he has served within the NCAA governance structure in myriad capacities.

This is a wonderful day for Pacer fans. Jim's experience and leadership in intercollegiate athletics is unmatched, and we are delighted that he is going to bring his talents, energy and passion for working with student-athletes to USC Aiken.

I am confident Jim will continue to strengthen USC Aiken's reputation in the Peach Belt and throughout the NCAA, and I look forward to watching his strategic vision for athletics become reality. In his own words, Jim plans to continue the "upward trajectory" USC Aiken has enjoyed under Randy Warrick's leadership by applying his knowledge of industry standards and best practices, including budgets, compliance, sports supervision and fundraising.

As you may recall, Randy's retirement officially begins June 1, so he and Jim will have a month for the turnover process. This will allow Jim to get to know our community, our coaches, our teams and our campus just a little bit better before Randy retires after a stellar career of 39 years, chocked full of impressive accomplishments here.

I am grateful to the search committee, which included Angie Osbon, Mike Carlisle, Rocky Aupont, Randy Duckett, Andy Dyer, Dan Robb, Billy Morris, and Maria Chandler. These dedicated professionals, led by Dr. Deb Klavivko, conducted a nationwide search. From a very competitive pool of highly qualified candidates, the search committee narrowed their selection to a group of four talented, desirable and strategic-thinking finalists. Each of these potential athletic directors visited our campus, met with the search committee and shared their visions to faculty and staff who chose to attend their presentations. I appreciate all of you who participated in this process in some way.

Please join me in extending an enthusiastic Pacer welcome to Jim; his wife, Peggy; and their children, Elizabeth and T.J., who are both in college.

I look forward to seeing you all in the stands of our upcoming spring sports competitions.

Sincerely,

Sandra Jordan
Chancellor