THE CITADEL BOARD OF VISITORS
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES
1 DECEMBER 2012

The Citadel Board of Visitors held its monthly teleconference in the Bernard Gordon Seminar Room, Grimsley Hall, at 1100 hours on 1 December 2012 to discuss a cadet appeal, contractual matters, a Citadel Alumni Association item, receive the Commandant’s update, and to take action on Finance Committee recommendations.

The following members were present in person: Colonel Douglas A. Snyder, Chair; Colonel Allison Dean Love; Colonel Glenn D. Addison; Lieutenant Colonel Ben W. Legare, Jr.; Lieutenant General W. Michael Steele; Lieutenant General John B. Sams, Jr.; Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr.; Chairman Emeritus Colonel Leonard C. Fulghum, Jr.; Member Emeritus, Colonel William E. Jenkinson, III; and Mr. Frank E. Gibson, III, President, The Citadel Alumni Association. Members present via teleconference phone: Colonel James M. McQuilla; Colonel Dylan W. Goff; Colonel “Tee” Hooper; Mr. Claudius E. Watts, IV, Chairman, The Citadel Foundation; and Mr. A. Foster McKissick, III, President, The Citadel Brigadier Foundation. Also present in person were President John W. Rosa and senior members of The Citadel staff. Mr. M. Dawes Cooke, Jr., Citadel attorney, and Mr. Joseph McCulloch, Special Counsel to the Board of Visitors, also participated via teleconference phone.

Voting members absent: Colonel Fred L. Price, Jr., Vice Chair.

The meeting followed the agenda at enclosure 1.

Mr. Mark Brandenburg, General Counsel, stated that the meeting was in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act in that notice had been posted in accordance with called meeting procedures. Local media sources were immediately notified.

A quorum was present.

Chair Snyder opened the meeting and called for a motion to go into executive session to discuss a cadet appeal. Colonel Love made the motion, seconded by Colonel Addison, and unanimously passed.

Colonel McQuilla motioned to come out of executive session, seconded by Colonel Legare; motion passed unanimously.
General Sams made the following motion, seconded by General Steele:

**Motion**

“That the Board of Visitors denies the appeal of Cadet Bisnov and the punishment of expulsion is upheld.”

Following discussion, the motion was rejected by a split vote of six nays and four ayes.

Colonel Goff made the following motion, seconded by Colonel Legare:

**Motion**

“That the Board of Visitors remands the appeal of Cadet Bisnov to the President for action.”

Following discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

The Board of Visitors voted to remand this case back to the President. *College Regulations* do not require that any instructions or guidance accompany a remand. However, it was the sense (though not a vote) of the members of the Board that the President’s decision to expel the cadet was proper, but that in the interest of compassion the cadet should be permitted to take his exams before the expulsion becomes effective.

The President has indicated that this was his intention anyway. This being so, the President should be advised that the Board concurs in this course and the Order of Remand should be interpreted in this light.

General Sams motioned to go back into executive session for cadet appeal matters, seconded by Colonel Love, and unanimously passed.

Colonel Love motioned to come out of executive session, seconded by General Sams, and unanimously passed.

Chair Snyder called on Colonel Hooper, Chair of the Finance Committee, for presentation of action items.
Colonel Hooper presented the following Finance Committee-approved resolution:

**Resolution**

"That The Citadel Board of Visitors recommends that The Citadel Trust Board of Directors amends the Trust bylaws as soon as possible to reflect that the Chair of The Citadel Board of Visitors has the authority to expend up to $10,000 of Trust unrestricted funds for contingency purposes as long as the details of that expenditure are reported at the next scheduled Board of visitors meeting."

The resolution was not seconded, and therefore was denied.

The President and Board Chair will work together to ensure financial contingencies are responded to in a timely and appropriate manner.

Colonel Hooper presented the following Finance Committee-approved motion:

**Motion**

"That the Finance Committee recommends the Board of Visitors approves the proposed FY 2013 expenditures of Trust unrestricted gifts as presented in the 19 November 2012 memo to the BOV, amending expenditures for BOV events from $25,000 to $40,000."

Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Hooper called on Brigadier General Thomas J. Elzey, Executive Vice President, to review the use of The Citadel Trust unrestricted funds.

General Elzey reviewed previously approved items as well as items requiring BOV approval. He outlined the rationale for the expenditures and responded to Board concerns and questions.

Following General Elzey’s summary, Colonel Love motioned to go into executive session for contractual matters, seconded by Colonel McCoy. Motion passed unanimously.

Colonel Addison motioned to come out of executive session, seconded by Colonel Love, and passed unanimously.
Colonel Hooper presented the following Finance Committee-approved motion:

**Motion**

“That the Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Visitors approves using unrestricted funds from The Citadel Trust for payment of an amount not to exceed $364,000 based on an Estimated Cost for External Review memorandum dated November 28, 2012 for the independent review.”

Following discussion, the motion passed by a vote of nine to one, Colonel Addison dissenting.

Colonel Addison made the following motion, seconded by Colonel Legare:

**Motion**

“That the Board of Visitors approves the president to use up to $25,000 from The Citadel Trust unrestricted funds for his Presidential Emergency Fund.”

Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Snyder called on Colonel Legare for the Commandant of Cadets brief.

Colonel Legare called on Colonel Mercado for a brief on the current state of Summerall Guard/Bond Volunteers training.

Colonel Mercado pointed out some fine tuning/tweaking had been done to the Summerall Guards’ Transformation Plan to meet training requirements. He stated that with increased supervision all training to date has been appropriate and strictly controlled. He continues to monitor their training closely.

Colonel Legare then addressed the Board regarding his findings when he reviewed the manual for managing the Fourth Class System, *The Red Book*. 
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His review determined that The Red Book was in need of a comprehensive rewrite to bring it in line to support the college’s values and standards and reinforce the Leadership Curriculum being taught by the Krause Center.

Colonel Legare then motioned to go into executive session, seconded by Colonel Love, and unanimously passed.

Colonel Love motioned to come out of executive session, seconded by Colonel Addison, and passed unanimously.

Due to time restraints, the following agenda items will be carried over to the February 2013 Board meeting: The Citadel Alumni Association museum resolution; Board governance to support the LEAD 2018 plan; and a review of the BOV list of open items.

The President reported on a trip to Washington, DC with 25 cadets, accompanied by Mallory Factor.

The trip was outstanding, with the cadets able to meet with 21 senators and representatives during the course of the day. They gained a new perspective of the state of our country, and the cadets’ interaction with the politicians was insightful. The students asked in-depth questions and demonstrated a strong grasp of national issues in their discussions with the politicians.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1620 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary to the Board of Visitors