The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held its monthly teleconference in Room 514, Bond Hall, at 1300 hours on 2 March 2015, to conduct an executive session for personnel matters and receive reports from the President and Board committees.

The following members were present: Lieutenant General W. Michael Steele, Chair; Colonel Dylan W. Goff, Vice Chair (telephone); Colonel Allison Dean Love (telephone); Colonel Fred L. Price, Jr. (telephone); Lieutenant General John B. Sams, Jr.; Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr. (telephone); Colonel Robert H. Nuttall, Sr.; Colonel L. E. “Gene” Pinson (telephone); Colonel Greg A. Lapointe (telephone); Chairman Emeritus, Colonel Leonard C. Fulghum, Jr. (telephone); member emeritus, Colonel William E. Jenkinson III (telephone); member emeritus, Colonel Douglas A. Snyder. Also in attendance were: Lieutenant General John W. Rosa, President; Brigadier General Samuel M. Hines, Provost and Dean of the College; Colonel Thomas G. Philipkosky, Vice President for Operations; Colonel Joseph Garcia, Vice President for Finance; Captain E. “Geno” Paluso, Commandant; Colonel W. Brett Ashworth, Vice President for Communications and Marketing; Colonel Cardon B. Crawford, Director of Governmental and Community Affairs; Mr. Mark C. Brandenburg, General Counsel; and Mrs. Patricia M. Kinard, Assistant to the President for Board Matters.

Voting members absent: Colonel “Tee” Hooper and Colonel Stanley L. Myers, Sr. A quorum was present.

Colonel Myron C. Harrington, Board Secretary, stated that the meeting was in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act in that notice had been posted 24 hours in advance in Bond Hall and local media sources were notified at the same time by electronic means.

Chair Steele opened the meeting, reviewed the agenda, and called on the President for his report.

President Rosa reported the semester was off to a good start. His recent inspection of the Corps went exceedingly well. He characterized it as being one of the best seen during his tenure. He noted The Citadel Foundation was finalizing plans to announce a major capital campaign in the fall. He then called on the Commandant of Cadets, Captain Paluso, for an update on disciplinary matters.
Captain Paluso briefed the Board on recent breeches of cadet regulations and the status of those cases that had been adjudicated. He emphasized that both he and President Rosa had, on numerous formal occasions, briefed the cadets that hazing will not be tolerated. He went on to say he is working closely with Colonel Ashworth regarding the communication measures being taken to keep constituents apprised of the actual facts of the situation and to refine the college’s social media strategy.

Chair Steele thanked the President and the Commandant. He called for a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters. Motion made by Colonel Nuttall, seconded by General Sams, and unanimously passed.

Motion to come out of executive session made by Colonel Nuttall, seconded by General Sams and unanimously passed.

Colonel Goff made a motion:

**MOTION**

“That the Board of Visitors authorizes the President to confer Honorary Degrees on the graduation speakers for both the South Carolina Corps of Cadets and The Citadel Graduate College ceremonies in May 2015."

General Sams seconded the motion and following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The Chair then called for committee reports.

Colonel Lapointe, Chair of the Strategy, Vision and Governance Committee reported the following:

- He reminded BOV members to provide him with any proposed changes to the *College Regulations*. The proposed changes to the Board Secretary position will be discussed at the April meeting.
- Colonel Lapointe will serve as a member of the Krause Center Executive Director Search Committee.
- An update on the status of the landfill/college park properties will also be provided in April.
- The status of Line of Effort (LOE) number four will be updated.
General Sams, Chair of the Education and Leadership Development Committee, reported:

- Arrangements are in place for two BOV members to attend the AGB National Conference on Trusteeship in Phoenix in April.
- The college is taking advantage of the Chamber of Commerce Survey on Jobs to help place graduates and ensure our curriculum is in line with needs of the community and state.
- Dean Lok will brief the Board at the April meeting, and coordination is being made with the Athletic Department for a coach to brief as well.
- He continues to review College Regulations for governance changes.

Colonel McCoy, Chair of the Operations and Risk Management Committee, reported:

- An update on Citadel compliance and risk management status will be provided at the April BOV meeting.
- The status of the IPAC and independent review recommendations will be briefed in April.
- The administration is on target to have the draft budget ready for discussion at the April meeting.

Colonel Love, Chair of the Communications and Community Relations Committee, reported:

- The committee continues to work on the items cited on the Action Item List.
- A committee meeting will be held no later than 7 April.
- Board members will be asked to update their biographical listing for the BOV website.
- She reminded BOV members of the President’s presentation to the Senate Finance Higher Education Budget Subcommittee on Wednesday, 4 March at 10 a.m. in Columbia.

She called on Colonel Crawford for a legislative update.

Colonel Crawford presented a brief pertaining to the State budget and the proposed Bill S. 391, allowing in-state tuition for veterans and their qualifying dependents.
The proposed State budget is still in the House and will be debated next week. Currently, we are on track to receive $5.29 million in non-recurring funds to support Deas Hall and Byrd Hall renovations, the Mayor Riley initiative and HVAC updates for Duckett Hall and the Library.

The college has requested $25 million be included in the bond bill for the replacement of Capers Hall. Support for a bond bill is fluid and the potential for it to move forward is uncertain; this request puts our need for a new building on record.

Additionally, Bill S. 391 is being introduced to comply with federal law. With approximately 100 veteran students and the potential for many more to enroll, the bill would significantly impact our budget. It is estimated we could lose $1.9 million in revenue, or the equivalent to roughly 20% in the funding we receive from the state. Colonel Garcia will meet with state representatives this week to present our case for financial support to meet this projected shortfall.

In closing, Colonel Crawford discussed a House Measure (H. 3453) that would allow students to have legal representation at disciplinary hearings. This measure could possibly have a financial impact of $150K on the school. Mr. Brandenburg argued against the proposal and the bill’s sponsor has agreed to remove The Citadel from the bill should it move forward.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1400 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Myron C. Harrington, Jr.
Colonel, USMC (Retired)
Secretary to the Board of Visitors