The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held its monthly teleconference in the Executive Conference Room, Bond Hall, at 1:00 p.m. on 2 November 2015, to conduct an executive session for legal matters and receive reports from the President and Board committees.

The following members were present: Lieutenant General John B. Sams, Jr., Chair; Colonel Dylan W. Goff, Vice Chair (telephone); Colonel Allison Dean Love (telephone); Colonel Fred L. Price, Jr. (telephone); Colonel Robert H. Nuttall, Sr. (telephone); Colonel L. E. “Gene” Pinson (telephone); Colonel Greg A. Lapointe (telephone); Colonel Stanley L. Myers, Sr. (telephone); Colonel Myron C. Harrington, Jr.; Mrs. Molly Spearman, SC State Superintendent of Education (telephone); Chairman Emeritus, Colonel Leonard C. Fulghum, Jr. (telephone); member emeritus, Colonel William E. Jenkinson III (telephone); Mr. Claudius E. Watts, IV, Chairman, The Citadel Foundation (TCF) (telephone); and Mr. Alfred R. Kennicell, Jr., President, The Citadel Brigadier Foundation (TCBF) (telephone). Also in attendance were: Brigadier General Connie L. Book, Provost and Dean of the College; Colonel Thomas G. Philipkosky, Senior Vice President for Operations and Administration; Captain E. “Geno” Paluso, Commandant of Cadets; Mr. Mark Brandenburg, General Counsel; Mr. M. Dawes Cooke, Jr., Counsel to the Board of Visitors (telephone); and Mrs. Patricia M. Kinard, Assistant to the President for Board Matters.

Voting members absent: Colonel Tee Hooper and Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr. A quorum was present.

The meeting followed the agenda at enclosure 1.

Mrs. Kinard affirmed the meeting was in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in that notice had been posted 24 hours in advance in Bond Hall and on the college website, and local media sources were notified at the same time by electronic means.

Chair Sams opened the meeting and briefly reviewed the agenda.

Chair Sams called for a motion to go into executive session for an update on legal matters. Motion made by Colonel Goff, seconded, and unanimously passed.

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

As General Rosa is currently driving to the SoCon Presidents’ fall meeting, he will not be able to participate in the teleconference.

Chair Sams commented about the exceptionally well done capital campaign kickoff event. He felt the quality of the entire event would set a benchmark for the future.
The legislative “asks” for the coming year have been finalized. The BOV Action Item list will be sent out to Board members electronically for their guidance in preparing for upcoming meetings. A list of Homecoming activities will also be forwarded to all BOV members.

Mr. Scott Tucker, current President of The Citadel Alumni Association (CAA), will be replaced at Homecoming by Mr. Jamie A. Khan, Class of 2000. Mr. Khan’s term of office as CAA President will be two years.

Colonel Philipkosky presented the President’s report in his absence. He commented very positively on the activities of the prior weekend.

He noted there are still some concerns regarding the construction of a parking garage. A complete list of items will be compiled and sent to the potential contractor this week, with a deadline for a response.

Several members of the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) senior administration, including General J. H. Binford Peay, III, Superintendent, will be attending the upcoming football game at Johnson Hagood stadium on 7 November. The Citadel Vice Presidents will hold a meeting to be sure all of the appropriate protocols are followed while hosting our VMI guests.

The college’s legislative “ask” – which varies from $2.5 to $25 million – may be broken down into smaller portions or may become part of a bond bill.

Captain Paluso reported the final candidate for the Chaplain position will be on campus in two weeks for interviews. Tim Smith, a retired Marine Corps Band Director, has been hired and will report on 4 January 2016. He will spend two to three weeks working with Commander Alverson prior to the end of the year.

The college will be sending approximately 300 cadets to the conference championship football game in Chattanooga. They will stay overnight in an area outside Atlanta prior to the game and will return to campus immediately following the game. Both The CAA and TCF are helping to fund the trip.

Chair Sams called on committee chairs for any significant items to report:

Strategy, Vision and Governance Committee - no significant items to report.

Colonel Price, Vice Chair of the Education and Leadership Development Committee, said a new faculty senate structure will replace the former faculty council. The college has received
approval to proceed with the establishment of a nursing program. Additionally, four new Master’s Degree programs are in the process of being approved.

Operations and Risk Management Committee – no significant items to report.

Colonel Love, Chair of the Communications and Community Relations Committee, mentioned the billboards on I26 and in the Dallas and Reagan National airports advertising the college. Colonel Crawford, Director of Governmental and Community Affairs, has had lots of meetings with state legislators to discuss the college’s funding needs. Colonel Love was elected as the Vice Chair of the Commission on Higher Education. The Commission will be holding a series of meetings, and President Rosa is scheduled to testify before the commission on 13 November. She anticipates performance funding issues will be discussed as well as the possible establishment of a State Board of Regents. She will send out a note to the BOV with details about the 13 November meeting.

Mr. Watts said TCF held a board meeting last week. They are a highly motivated group and they are very proud of the way the alumni are responding to our capital campaign. Year-to-date, over $28 million has been collected or pledged, with a goal for of over $30 million by year end. He is confident TCF will be able to meet its goals in support of LEAD 2018 for the year.

TCF will be increasing its yearly fundraising goal to $40 million, with earlier stage programs taking hold in 2016. The athletics fundraising vector is also going well. TCBF, CAA and TCF are all cooperating efficiently, thereby generating higher goals for what can be achieved.

A presentation was given to TCF regarding the establishment of a real estate foundation. Approval was subsequently granted to take all of the necessary actions to establish the entity by the end of the first quarter of 2016.

Colonel Fulghum congratulated the Commandant on the decision to take our freshman to the Furman football game. He noted how well their presence was received and thought they made a difference in showing support for the team.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Kinard
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