The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held its monthly teleconference in the Executive Conference Room, Bond Hall, at 1:00 p.m. on 1 December 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 Peter M. McCoy, Sr. (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. Jamie A. Khan, President, The Citadel Alumni Association (CAA) (telephone); and Mr. Alfred R. Kennickell, Jr., President, The Citadel Brigadier Foundation (TCBF) (telephone). Also in attendance were: Lieutenant General John W. Rosa, President; Brigadier General Connie L. Book, Provost and Dean of the College (telephone); Colonel Thomas G. Philipkosky, Senior Vice President for Operations and Administration; Captain E. “Geno” Paluso, Commandant of Cadets; Colonel Joseph Garcia, Vice President for Finance and Business; Mr. Mark Brandenburg, General Counsel; Mr. M. Dawes Cooke, Jr., Counsel to the Board of Visitors (telephone); Mrs. Ashley Witherspoon, Paralegal and Compliance Specialist; and Mrs. Patricia M. Kinard, Assistant to the President for Board Matters.

Voting members absent: Colonel Tee Hooper. 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 Harrington, seconded, and unanimously passed.

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

General Rosa said there is a lot of excitement on campus being generated by our recent football victories. The Corps is back after Thanksgiving break and is focused on final exams. The basketball game against the College of Charleston has been rescheduled to 11 a.m. on Saturday, 5 December. He and General Sams had had lunch meetings with some of the state legislators.
The college’s polling results are below the national average pertaining to alcohol abuse, but we are still working to drive those numbers even lower. A letter has been sent to the parents of all of our cadets, reminding them there is “more work to be done” and their input has a tremendous influence. The document also cited the new Blue Book regulation that goes into effect in January 2016, which will result in the loss of parking privileges and forfeiture of parking fees for alcohol-related offenses. Colonel Goff remarked he had seen a copy of the letter sent to freshman parents and it was well done.

Colonel Pinson noted the upstate is “buzzing” about our football team. He complimented the entire athletics staff and noted the basketball team is also doing well.

Chair Sams will send an email no later than 10 December regarding the January 2016 BOV meetings. The deadline for submittal of agenda items for the meetings will be 11 January. In order to allow the staff sufficient time to prepare after the holiday furlough, the January 2016 monthly teleconference has been moved to 12 January at 1 p.m.

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

- Strategy, Vision and Governance Committee - no significant items to report.
- Education and Leadership Development Committee - no significant items to report.
- Operations and Risk Management Committee - no significant items to report.

Colonel McCoy asked for an update on the status of the Naval Jack in Summerall Chapel.

General Sams mentioned that he and General Rosa had an opportunity to address the minority alumni group at Homecoming and reported to them the actions the college is taking.

Colonel Myers said the alumni group wants more minority participation and leadership roles within the college community.

Colonel Philipkosky noted there will be a delay in tearing down the Hagood housing until June 2016 vice March. All residents must vacate the premises by 31 May 2016; tear-down will begin in June.

Colonel Love, Chair of the Communications and Community Relations Committee, complimented General Rosa on his presentation to the State House of Representatives Higher Education Committee. She noted he will be giving a budget briefing to the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on 20 January and encouraged all Board members to attend.

Colonel Pinson noted the Summerall Guards performed at the Atlanta Falcons football game and had gotten a very good response.
Colonel Garcia confirmed sending a letter on 17 November to the potential parking garage contractor, asking that all concerns be resolved by 15 January 2016. The financing portion of the project has been addressed, but four other matters need to be clarified.

The college has prepared a flood damage claim of approximately $150,000 to send to FEMA. The claim will be submitted to our insurance carrier first, and portions of the expense may be covered by the Insurance Reserve Fund. The expenses have already been absorbed into the repair budget.

Mr. Kennickell reported there is lots of activity within TCBF right now because of the football team. They will do their best to capitalize on the team’s winning performance.

Mr. Khan said The CAA board currently has a retreat scheduled for the second week in December and they hope to get a lot accomplished during that time.

Mrs. Spearman told the BOV The Citadel had “rocked Columbia” with its recent football prowess.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Kinard
Assistant to the President for Board Matters
Recorder