The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held its monthly teleconference in Room 514, Bond Hall, at 1:00 p.m. on 1 March 2016, to conduct an executive session for an update on pending legal matters, receive reports from the President and Board committees, and to approve the award of an honorary degree.

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 Tee Hooper (telephone); Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr. (telephone); Colonel Robert H. Nuttall, Sr. (telephone); Colonel Greg A. Lapointe (telephone); Colonel Stanley L. Myers, Sr. (telephone); Colonel Myron C. Harrington, Jr.; 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); 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; Captain E. “Geno” Paluso, Commandant of Cadets; Colonel Joseph Garcia, Vice President for Finance and Business; Colonel Benjamin Wham, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Engineering; Commander William Lind, Executive Assistant to the President; 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 L. E. “Gene” Pinson. 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 Price, seconded, and unanimously passed.

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

Chair Sams reminded BOV members of upcoming college events.

General Rosa advised the Board the college did not fare well in the State House compilation of the upcoming state budget. Our request for a recurring item to finance $550,000 in support of the Engineering Department was reduced to $510,000. No other funding – recurring or non-recurring – was approved. On 16 March General Rosa will testify before the Senate Finance Higher Education Committee in Columbia. A Task Force on Diversity has been established to consider the present environment of the campus community and ways to make improvements. The first meeting of the Task
Force will be held on 9 March. He mentioned Governor Nikki Haley will be the Greater Issues speaker at the Leadership Symposium on Thursday, 17 March.

Captain Paluso updated the BOV on the status of an ongoing investigation of possible hazing incidents. To date there are 24 cadets involved, with various charges being considered. He is also looking into the “command climate and culture” within the battalions.

Colonel McCoy, Chair of the Operations and Risk Management Committee, was called on for a report. He asked Colonel Wham for an update on the current status of the proposed new School of Business, Bastin Hall.

Colonel Wham said Phase I, preliminary design, is complete and project documents will be submitted to State agencies on 17 March. We are hoping for project approval by 16 June, which will allow us to move on to the full design stage, solicitation of the project, and subsequent construction, with a projected completion date of July 2018.

Colonel Garcia and Colonel Wham jointly provided an update on the parking garage. The proposed building will be a three-story structure containing 1,187 parking spaces. They outlined financing, proposed leases from other tenants, the garage operating agreement, projected parking rates, and the next steps in the building process. The anticipated construction completion date would be October 2017.

A general discussion ensued pertaining to various aspects of the project, including responsibility for payment of taxes on the property, liability insurances, and how parking fees would be collected.

Colonel Harrington made the following motion, which was seconded by Colonel McCoy:

**MOTION**

“That the Board of Visitors approves the administration’s request to identify Bulldog Parking, LLC as the successful offeror for the parking garage project and allows the administration to proceed in accordance with the procurement process.”

The motion passed unanimously by all voting members present.

Chair Sams called on the other 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.

Colonel Love, Chair of the Communications and Community Relations Committee, asked all BOV members to contact Colonel Cardon Crawford, Director of Governmental and Community Affairs, if they had spoken to any legislative personnel. The Commission on Higher Education has funding of $3M which has not yet been allocated for reimbursement to higher education institutions for the cost of the
state-mandated requirement for in-state tuition for veterans. She has been checking on reimbursement of the $400,000 expense incurred by The Citadel to meet this requirement.

Colonel Myers made the following motion, which was seconded:

MOTION

“That the Board of Visitors approves the award of an Honorary Degree to Colonel Cole C. Kingseed, Ph.D., USA (Retired) at the 2016 CGC Commencement ceremony.”

General Rosa provided background information on Colonel Kingseed and recommended an Honorary Degree be awarded to him as the speaker at the CGC Commencement.

The motion passed unanimously by all voting members present.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Kinard
Assistant to the President for Board Matters
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