The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held its monthly teleconference in Room 514, Bond Hall, at 1:00 p.m. on 3 October 2016 to: conduct an executive session for an update on pending legal matters; receive reports from the President and Board committees; conduct an executive session to consider recommendations from the Honorary Degree Selection Committee; approve honorary degree recipients for 2017; receive an update on ROTC requirements; and approve minutes from previous Board meetings.

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 L. E. “Gene” Pinson (telephone); Colonel Greg A. Lapointe (telephone); Colonel Stanley L. Myers, Sr. (telephone); Colonel Myron C. Harrington, Jr.; members emeritus Colonel William E. Jenkinson, III (telephone) and Colonel Douglas A. Snyder (telephone); Dr. Valerie Evans Harrison (telephone), designated representative of Mrs. Molly Spearman, SC State Superintendent of Education; Mr. Claudius E. Watts, IV, Chairman of The Citadel Foundation (telephone); and Mr. Jamie A. Khan, President of The Citadel Alumni Association (telephone). Also participating in the teleconference were: Lieutenant General John W. Rosa, President (telephone); Brigadier General Connie L. Book, Provost and Dean of the College; Colonel Thomas G. Philipkosky, Senior Vice President for Operations and Administration (telephone); Colonel Joseph Garcia, Vice President for Finance and Business; Captain E. “Geno” Paluso, Commandant of Cadets; Colonel Cardon B. Crawford, Interim Vice President for Communications and Marketing; Colonel Mark A. Bebensee, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs; 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, Special Assistant to the President for Board Matters; and Mrs. Patricia M. Kinard, Recording Secretary to the Board of Visitors. Also in attendance were: Colonel Clay Hall, USAF, Professor of Aerospace Studies; Colonel Mark Raschke, USA, Professor of Military Science; and Commander William D. Marks, USN, Executive Officer of Naval Science.

Voting members absent: none. A quorum was present.

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 called the meeting to order and introduced Dr. Harrison, Mrs. Spearman’s newly-designated representative. Dr. Harrison is currently serving as the Interim Chief Academic Officer of the Charleston County School District.

BG Book advised the Board that the work on the East Side stands of the stadium has been completed and will be available for the football game during Parents’ Weekend.

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 Love, seconded, and unanimously passed.
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General Rosa began his report by stating he has been meeting with the Top 9 every Monday. The group is very focused and things are going well with the Corps. He, along with Captain Paluso, visited the Pittsburgh Citadel Alumni Club, where he presented a Distinguished Life Member award. He noted the football team had played well the previous weekend, and The Citadel Alumni Association did a great job hosting the alumni events at the game. A college crisis action team will be meeting three times a day until final decisions can be made concerning the impact of the potential hurricane threat; a determination regarding the football game will be made by Southern Conference officials. We anticipate a good crowd for the Leaders in Philanthropy events on 28 and 29 October. In closing, he noted the Commandant's Department will oversee a trip to the Wofford football game by a large portion of the freshmen class.

Colonel McCoy, Chair of the Operations and Risk Management Committee, called on Colonel Garcia to summarize the FY2016 end of year report. Topics delineated included income statement and balance sheet highlights for both The Citadel and The Citadel Trust. Colonel Garcia also outlined a summary of legislative "asks" affiliated with the FY18 budget.

Mr. Watts noted he and several of the Trust Directors recently attended the Spider Partner Forum in Virginia and came away feeling comfortable with the information provided during that event.

Colonel Garcia stated now that he has obtained 2016 financial information, he will rerun the financial metrics and report back to the Board.

Colonel Myers, Chair of the Education and Leadership Development Committee, said he had received several questions by alumni regarding changes to ROTC requirements. He requested the Provost provide information to the Board in this regard.

BG Book, along with Colonel Hall, Colonel Raschke, and Commander Marks, gave a detailed analysis of the current ROTC requirements being piloted this year for seniors only. The classes offered for seniors in the pilot program who will be commissioned are similar to those in a graduate-level curriculum; seniors who are not commissioning are taking very rigorous leadership classes.

After a comprehensive discussion of the pilot program, President Rosa noted he is given an update by the three professors of military science each year. He emphasized qualifications for commissioning have gone up as the military has downsized. Colonel Bebensee also noted our seniors have been enthusiastic supporters of this new approach. This topic will be added to the January 2017 Board agenda for further discussion.

Colonel Lapointe, Chair of the Strategy, Vision and Governance Committee, said there were no significant items to report.

Colonel Love, Chair of the Communications and Community Relations Committee, thanked Colonel Crawford for taking over the role as Interim Vice President. Candidates for the position will be interviewed during the period of 12 - 17 October.
Chair Sams called for a motion to go into executive session to discuss honorary degree nominations. Motion made by Colonel Harrington, seconded, and unanimously passed.

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

Colonel Goff, Chair of the Ad Hoc Honorary Degrees Selection Committee, presented the following motion:

**MOTION**

"That the Board of Visitors authorizes the awarding of Honorary Degrees to candidates A, B, C, and D as discussed in executive session at the Monday, 3 October 2016 teleconference."

The motion was seconded. Chair Sams recused himself from the vote.

Voting members voting aye: Goff, Love, Price, Hooper, McCoy, Nuttall, Pinson, Lapointe, Myers, and Harrington. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

**MOTION**

"That the Board of Visitors approves the following meeting/teleconference minutes as submitted:

- 10 and 11 June 2016 meetings
- 1 August 2016 teleconference
- 25 August 2016 onsite meeting"

Voting members present voting aye: Goff, Love, Price, Hooper, McCoy, Nuttall, Lapointe, Myers, and Harrington. The motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Kinard
Recording Secretary to the Board of Visitors