THE CITADEL BOARD OF VISITORS
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES
1 NOVEMBER 2016

The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held its monthly teleconference in Room 514, Bond Hall, at 1:00 p.m. on 1 November 2016 to: conduct an executive session for an update on pending 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 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); 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; Brigadier General Connie L. Book, Provost and Dean of the College; Colonel Thomas G. Philipkosky, Senior Vice President for Operations and Administration; Colonel Joseph Garcia, Vice President for Finance and Business; Captain E. “Geno” Paluso, Commandant of Cadets; LTC F. Ward Logan, Controller; Commander William Lind, Executive Assistant to the President; Mr. Mark Brandenburg, General Counsel; Mrs. Ashley Witherspoon, Special Assistant to the President for Board Matters; and Mrs. Patricia M. Kinard, Recording Secretary to the Board of Visitors.

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. He advised the Board that Lt Col Richard “Dick” Cole, USAF (Retired), the last living member of Doolittle’s Raiders, has donated his Congressional Gold Medal to The Citadel; it will be presented at Homecoming.

Chair Sams announced the election of Colonel John C. “JC” Dominick, USAF (Retired), Class of ’71, by the members of The Citadel Alumni Association, as a voting member of the Board of Visitors effective 1 July 2017. He will ask Colonel Dominick to join Board teleconferences and meetings as of January 2017, and a Board orientation session will also be scheduled.

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 the most recent financial metrics will be presented to the Board today by Colonel Garcia. The college staff has been challenged by several recent events – Parents’ Weekend, the impact of Hurricane Matthew, and Leaders in Philanthropy activities - but has handled everything well.
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Homecoming will take place next weekend, 4 and 5 November. The college is looking at FCS playoff implications, as it is important for us to obtain home field advantage. Mid-term exams are complete. The Commandant’s Inspection last week went well.

Colonel McCoy, Chair of the Operations and Risk Management Committee, called on Colonel Garcia to provide a financial metrics update.

Colonel Garcia began his analysis by explaining that, "Challenging financial times underscore the need...to have a deep understanding of financial health," and that metrics "...offer essential baseline perspectives on critical factors." He reviewed three categories in detail: Moody’s benchmark ratios, Composite Financial Index (CFI) ratios, and college specific ratios. He concluded that overall, the financial strength of the college is sound, as The Citadel continues to execute the Strategic Financial Plan 2018.

Colonel Love commented on the excellent information provided. The Commission on Higher Education is looking at requesting financial metrics from all higher education institutions in South Carolina. The Chairman of the Commission will be meeting with the President and the Provost in this regard.

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, said the college will be honoring first responders at the Homecoming game. Two candidates for the position of Vice President for Communications and Marketing have been recommended to the President for consideration.

Colonel Myers, Chair of the Education and Leadership Development Committee, stated there will be a report presented to the Board at the January meeting pertaining to current changes in the ROTC program.

BG Book told the Board advertising for the nursing program has started; as of 9 October, we received 125 inquiries. The “Plus 2” program will begin in January 2017, and the full program will be available to the Corps in fall of 2017. The day and evening programs will be conducted separately. It was noted this program will provide an opportunity to fill available scholarships for nursing offered by the military (ROTC) departments, as well as help with an identified need within the Charleston community.

Colonel Myers also noted the information for BOV development training will be discussed at the January meeting.

Chair Sams said Mrs. Witherspoon will attend the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) Board Professional workshop being held in Dallas in March.

A schedule of upcoming events was reviewed.
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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Patricia M. Kinard
Recording Secretary to the Board of Visitors