

**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

President's Board Room
College of Charleston
Charleston, South Carolina

October 17, 2008
8:30 a.m.

Presiding:
Robert W. Marlowe, Chairman

Members of the Board Present: Mr. Donald H. Belk, Mr. John H. Busch, Mrs. Demetria Noisette Clemons, Dr. L. Cherry Daniel, Mr. Frank M. Gadsden, Mr. James F. Hightower, Mr. William D. Johnson, Mrs. Marie Land, Mr. G. Lee Mikell, Mr. Lawrence R. Miller, Mrs. Annaliza O. Moorhead, Mr. Gregory D. Padgett, Dr. Sam Stafford III, Mr. Joseph F. Thompson, Jr., and Mr. John B. Wood, Jr.

Trustee Emeritus: Mrs. Sylvia Harvey

Absent: Mr. J. Philip Bell

Others in attendance: President George Benson; Drs. Elise Jorgens, Provost; Bob Cape, Senior VP for Information Technology/CIO; Dr. Joe Kelly, Speaker of the Faculty; Renee Anderson, Co-Chair of the Institutional Advancement Joint Committee; and Sue Sommer-Kresse, VP for Strategic Planning; Mike Haskins, Executive VP for External Relations; Jack Huguley, Director of Alumni Relations; Joe Hull, Director of Athletics; Sam Jones, Director of Budgeting and Payroll Services; David Hay, President, Alumni Association Board; Steve Osborne, Executive VP for Business Affairs; Tom Trimboli, Senior VP for Legal Affairs/General Counsel; George Watt, Executive VP for Institutional Advancement; and Victor Wilson, Executive Vice President for Student Affairs; Jane Benson, First Lady; Priscilla Burbage, Vice President, Fiscal Services; Elizabeth Kassebaum, Secretary to the Board of Trustees; Gail Long, Internal Auditor; Monica Scott, VP for Facilities Planning; Deni Mitchell, Senior Executive Assistant to the President; and Seaton Brown, President, Student Government Association; and Mike Robertson of the Office of Media Relations.

(In accordance with requirements of the *S. C. Freedom of Information Act*, news media was notified of the time, location, and agenda for this meeting).

The regular meeting of the College of Charleston Board of Trustees was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Marlowe.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

First, Chairman Marlowe thanked President and Mrs. Benson and the Musical Theatre students for such a nice event last evening. The students provided great entertainment as usual.

Chairman Marlowe welcomed George Watt who has been named the College's new Executive Vice President for Institutional Advancement. He began work at the College on September 2. George brings the highest level of professional expertise to the College. He has an enormously successful track record building strong fundraising and alumni relations organizations that have delivered very impressive results.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved (Padgett), and seconded (Thompson), to amend the August 12, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes to include for the record Guy Beatty's March 31, 2008 letter outlining the conditions of his generous gift to the College. Mr. Beatty's letter was discussed during Executive Session. However, in order to comply with Mr. Beatty's request, the letter should have been read during Regular Session for inclusion in the August Board Meeting Minutes.

“Trustees to the College of Charleston, Gentlemen, in my last will and testament I provided for a \$100,000,000 trust that will be distributed at a rate of 6.75% per year or \$6,750,000. The College of Charleston will be the recipient of 30% of this trust in which you will receive in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 annually over 30 years. It is my request that these funds be used for the welfare of these students and the infrastructure of the College. I request that 50% be expended for student tuition and the remaining for Building and Infrastructure. Thank you. Truly yours, Guy E. Beatty.”

George Watt talked briefly about the terms of the Beatty Gift and assured the Board that he and his staff will work to ensure that the conditions of Mr. Beatty's gift are met.

Chairman Marlowe called for approval of the minutes. It was moved (Thompson), and seconded (Land), that the minutes of the August 12, 2008, Board of Trustees meeting be approved as amended. All in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Strategic Planning Update:

President Benson briefly mentioned that the Strategic Planning Process was discussed yesterday at the Working Lunch. The Umbrella Plan is scheduled to be completed in December. Updates will be provided as the process continues. The final plan is scheduled to be ready for approval by next summer. Sue Sommer-Kresse will provide further updates in “Old Business.”

Meetings with Presidents of The Citadel and MUSC:

President Benson has talked to the presidents of The Citadel and MUSC about meeting on a regular basis, maybe quarterly, in an effort to find ways to conserve resources (purchasing, etc.). This is a joint project to share information from external areas. In addition, the President agreed to begin the review of a Consortium agreement for the Lowcountry Graduate Center.

New Glebe Street Courtyard:

The new Glebe Street Courtyard is new outdoor space which is available for use by the entire university for events.

Arena Update:

President Benson asked the Board to pay particular attention to the “Cougar Suite” when they tour the Arena this afternoon. He explained that the plans were changed to add a “Cougar Suite” on the west side of the Arena for development and entertainment purposes. Basketball games are a great way to open the door to potential donors. This area also will be used by the Schools and other Programs at the College. In addition, it will be leased to corporations and should pay for itself in a couple of years.

Dixie Plantation:

At this time, we will move ahead with the nature trails since the Paolozzi Foundation has agreed to fund the project. And second, we have talked to the architect regarding ideas for a possible conference center. President Benson would like the Board members to see Dixie Plantation.

Dean Searches Update:

Two searches are underway:

- Dean, School of Sciences and Math – George Pothering is Interim Dean.
- Dean, School of Business and Economics – There are two outstanding candidates.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Trustees Larry Miller (chair), Philip Bell, Bobby Marlowe, and Joe Thompson attended the meeting. Staff members attending the meeting were President Benson, Steve Osborne, Tom Trimboli, Sherrye Carradine, and Gail Long, Internal Auditor.

Mr. Miller presented the following committee report:

Cathy Hazelwood from the S. C. Ethics Commission provided the Committee with training in the following topics:

- Lobbying
- Rules of Conduct (Ethics)
 - Conflicts of Economic Interest
 - Gifts/Bribery
 - Disclosure/Misuse of Confidential Information
 - Nepotism
- Statements of Economic Interest

The Committee approved a proposed by-law change for the reporting structure of the Internal Auditor (copy can be found behind Tab III of the Board Book). This was a collaborative effort between the Audit Committee, President Benson, Tom Trimboli, and Steve Osborne. Mr. Miller asked the Board to review the proposed by-law change, and the Committee will make a motion for approval by the full Board at the January 2009 Board Meeting.

Gail Long reviewed the status of the Audit Plan with the Committee.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

Trustees Frank Gadsden (chair) and Lee Mikell attended the meeting. Staff members included Bob Cape, Senior VP for Information Technology/CIO; and Priscilla Burbage, VP for Fiscal Services.

Mr. Gadsden presented the following committee report:

The Committee discussed the BATTERY Project.

The Executive Steering Committee (ESC) for the BATTERY Project now includes all the Executive VPs, Priscilla Burbage as Project Manager, and Bob Cape as Executive Sponsor. Sue Sommer-Kresse's job duties have changed, she will no longer serve on the ESC. The ESC will meet 2-3 times per quarter to monitor progress. The ESC is specifically charged with reviewing any significant changes to project cost, scope, and schedule. Project management provides the ESC a flash report to highlight any significant project concerns.

SunGard has made several recommendations in a report to BATTERY management on strategy and assessment. BATTERY Team Leads and their respective teams are participating in intense training sessions across a wide range of topics pivotal to the project.

The Data Center upgrade to provide satisfactory higher quantities of power and cooling, as well as a new backup generator to sustain services thru a power outage is proceeding. Installation of the approximately 40 new servers (i.e., computers) to run the BATTERY software applications, and the new network required to properly interconnect the servers to the existing network is proceeding on a very challenging timetable.

The development of new College web pages is advancing as anticipated. Public sessions previewing the design of the new web pages have been especially well-attended by faculty and staff; their feedback has been received with interest. Staged rollout of the web pages is slated to begin Spring 2009.

The College continues to be subjected to phishing attacks (fraudulent attempts to acquire sensitive information by masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication.) Information Technology has published helpful advisories cautioning the community to NOT respond, and NEVER to divulge their electronic identity and passwords.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Trustees Joe Thompson (chair), Philip Bell, John Busch, and Frank Gadsden attended the meeting. Staff members present include Steve Osborne, Executive Vice President for Business Affairs; Priscilla Burbage, Vice President for Fiscal Services; Sam Jones, Director of Budgeting and Payroll Services; Beverly Diamond, Associate Provost; Joe Kelly, Speaker of the Faculty; Norris Preyer, Faculty Senate Budget Committee Chair; Shirley Hinson, Director of Government Relations; and Gail Long, Internal Auditor.

Mr. Thompson presented the following committee report:

Sam Jones reviewed the budget adjustments reflected through September 30, 2008. There were several adjustments affecting the bottom line budget, the most significant being the state's portion of the July 1 pay plan, and the 3% state budget reduction authorized by the Budget and Control Board on August 12. There were also the ordinary realignments within operating divisions which do not affect the bottom line.

The Finance Committee moves that the budget adjustments for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 be approved as presented behind Tab V of the Board Book. All in favor.

The Committee was provided with an update on several of the current capital projects. Projects discussed included the Arena, School of the Arts Addition, new Science Center, 5, 7 & 9 College Way, Craig Renovation, Grice Marine Center, Dixie Plantation, and the Bell Building Generator.

Steve Osborne updated the Committee on the state budget process. This included the College's submission of the Governor's Budget, as well as discussion on the recent Board of Economic Advisors revenue revisions and the impact likely to be felt by higher education in general, and the College specifically.

Steve Osborne advised the Committee on the College's actions to meet IRS requirements in regard to 403(b) programs. A resolution authorizing the President and/or his designee(s) to proceed with the evaluation and implementation of the plan was reviewed.

The Finance Committee moves that the Proposed Resolution of the Board of Trustees on Implementation of the College of Charleston 403(b) Program be approved as presented. All in favor.

The Committee then went into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter which will be brought to the full Board in Executive Session.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

Trustees Jimmy Hightower (chair) and Lee Mikell, along with Sylvia Harvey, Trustee Emeritus, attended the committee meeting. Also attending were Sherrye Carradine, Susan Morrison, Monica Scott, Tom Trimboli, along with Ralph Beatty, representative from Southern Management. John Cordray from the Physical Plant also attended the meeting.

Mr. Hightower presented the following committee report:

Projects Update:

- Science Center – scheduled for completion in December 2009 with occupancy in Spring Semester 2010.
- Arena – on schedule with completion on November 10, 2008. ESPN Tournament is scheduled for November 14.
- Simons Center – completion scheduled for Spring 2009.
- Grice Marine Lab – construction scheduled to begin January 2009.
- Randolph Hall/Porter’s Lodge/Towell Library – work scheduled to begin early next year.
- 34 George Street – plans are being prepared to construct a temporary parking lot (55 spaces) on the site.
- Sottile Theatre Marquee – LS3P is performing a feasibility study regarding the Sottile Theatre Marquee and the entire exterior of the building in an effort to “advertise” the College more effectively from King Street.

JOINT MEETING OF THE INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE FOUNDATION FUND-RAISING AND ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE:

Trustees Greg Padgett (chair), Don Belk, Larry Miller, and John Wood, along with Foundation Board members Renee Anderson (via conference call), David Hay, Tap Johnson, Sharon Kingman (via conference call), Ted Legasey, Ben Marino, and George Spaulding attended the meeting. They were joined by staff members Tracey Bible, Director of Foundation Financial Services; Jack Huguley, Director of Alumni Relations; Cathy Mahon, Interim Associate Vice President of Development; David Masich, Interim Associate Vice President of Development; Nina Marsh-Thomas, Donor Relations Coordinator; and George Watt, Executive VP for Institutional Advancement.

Renee Anderson (via conference call) joined Mr. Padgett in chairing the committee meeting.

Mr. Padgett presented the following committee report:

Welcome:

George Watt was welcomed as the new Executive VP for Institutional Advancement.

Major and Planned Gifts:

The Guy Beatty Gift is a testamentary charitable trust that will provide the College with \$2 million annually for 30 years.

Major Gifts, which include commitments and pledges, total \$3.2 million compared to \$2.9 million a year ago.

The Foundation has raised over \$4.5 million to date compared to \$9.6 million this time last year.

Annual Gifts:

Annual Giving raised \$781,000 compared to \$1 million at this time last year.

Staff Updates:

- A position description is being created for a VP of Development which will be a national search.
- Position descriptions are being updated for a Development Officer, Annual Giving Director, and Assistant Director.
- The Director of Technology was filled in September.

Financial Performance Highlights:

The Endowment Portfolio is down 13.5 % as of September 30, 2008 compared to the 13.0% benchmark.

The Foundation will provide more than \$7 million to the College this year. Over the last three years, the Foundation has provided \$4 - \$5 million per year for scholarships, programs, and other support. This level of support represents roughly 5-7% of Foundation assets each year.

The Foundation expects to have a break-even year with its unrestricted operating fund.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Trustees Demetria Clemons and Sam Stafford were joined by Victor Wilson, Executive Vice President for Student Affairs; Seaton Brown, President, Student Government Association; Kolo Rathburn, President, Graduate Student Association; Deni Mitchell, Senior Executive Assistant to the President; James Hittner, Chair of Faculty Senate Student Affairs and Athletics Committee; Teresa Smith, Director of Multicultural Student Programs; and Susan Hartman, Assistant to the Executive Vice President for Student Affairs.

In Marie Land's absence, Demetria Clemons presented the following committee report:

East Shore Athletic Center Update:

A three-year agreement has been implemented for students to use the East Shore Athletic Center at eleven locations in the Charleston metro area. Students are very pleased with this service while the need for creating a Recreational Sports Facility is being explored.

Increase in Judicial Cases:

Victor Wilson reported that with an increase in the number of students in residence halls since last August, there has been an increase in the number of judicial cases. Most cases are related to livability court issues and underage drinking.

Student Affairs Division Brochure:

The Student Affairs Division is working with Marketing and Communications on a brochure featuring the 16 departments within their division.

Multicultural Student Center Update:

Teresa Smith provided an overview of the Multicultural Student Center's initiatives which promote student involvement, academic improvement, student development, etc. These include SPECTRA, a pre-college summer program; SCAMP, an accelerated summer program in science and math; "Students in the Know" which mentors area 8th graders on aspects of college life; "Meet the Greeks" Picnic on the Cistern; and Multicultural Leadership Conference in Charlotte, NC, in November 2008, among others.

Miscellaneous Announcements:

Marjorie Thomas was recently promoted to Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs.

The Students of Concern Committee has added a Graduate Assistant to help provide increased assessment and support for any students who have concerns, i.e., academic, discipline, etc.

The Graduate Student Association, now in its second year, has developed a strong rapport with other student organizations and departments.

Seaton Brown updated the Board on SGA initiatives, including CARTA expansion to Folly Beach, expanded 24 hours in the Addlestone Library on Sundays through Wednesdays, research into an Academic Redemption Policy, student Webmail concerns, and the bike sale fundraiser.

And finally, Chairman Marlowe recognized Seaton for his “High Profile” article in the *Post and Courier* by presenting Seaton with a framed copy of the article.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Trustees Cherry Daniel (chair), Don Belk, Demetria Clemons, and Marie Land attended the meeting, along with Elise Jorgens, Provost, Raymond Barclay, Associate VP and Director of Institutional Research; Don Burkard, Associate VP for Enrollment Planning; Catherine Boyd, Registrar; Sherrye Carradine, Assistant Counsel; Beverly Diamond, Associate Provost for Faculty Administration; Susan Morrison, Associate Provost for Operations and Administration; Kay Smith, Associate VP for Academic Experience; Tom Trimboli, Senior VP for Legal Affairs. Others in attendance include Professors Joe Kelly, Speaker of the Faculty; Rhonda Mack, Interim Dean, School of Business and Economics; Amy McCandless, Dean, The Graduate School; Renee Mueller, Marketing and Supply Chain Management; Kendra Stewart, Director of the Master in Public Administration Program; and Fran Welch, Dean, School of Education, Health and Human Performance.

Dr. Daniel presented the following committee report:

Provost's Report:

- A list of new faculty with their degree-granting institution and discipline was distributed. These are high caliber faculty recruited from a wide range of notable academic institutions.
- Dr. Kendra Stewart was introduced as the new Director of the Masters in Public Administration Program.
- David Cohen is the new Dean (no longer Interim Dean) of the School of Languages, Cultures and World Affairs (LCWA). A search for a new Dean of Libraries will begin this year and the search for a new Dean of LCWA will be conducted next year in anticipation of David's retirement.
- Tom Trimboli addressed the S. C. Illegal Immigration Reform Act. The S. C. General Assembly enacted a statute requiring the Trustees of all higher education institutions in South Carolina to develop, approve and institute a process to verify that all students are legally in the United States. The Committee voted to present a resolution adopting an interim process to the Board for its approval. Mr. Trimboli will present these issues in Executive Session.

The Academic Affairs Committee moves that the Board approve the Proposed Resolution on the Implementation of the South Carolina Immigration Reform Act as presented behind Tab IX of the Board Book.

It was moved (Wood) to table the Immigration issue until after Executive Session. All in favor.

Fran Welch explained the history of the development of the Volpe Fellowship to support African-American males interested in the teaching profession. The support will be provided by Andrea Volpe with matching support from other private sources. Tom Trimboli explained that this is a legitimate approach because (a) it is in the compelling interest of the state to address the disparity in the academic achievement gap, and (b) the mechanism is narrowly tailored and not intrusive on other groups. The committee voted unanimously to present the fellowship to the Board for its endorsement.

The Academic Affairs Committee moves that the Board approve this Volpe initiative. All in favor.

BATTERY Banner Report:

Cathy Boyd reported on the BATTERY project for the implementation of the Banner system, the Unified Digital Campus, the single transaction database, and the Data Warehouse. The targeted “go-live” dates fall mostly during late 2009 and early 2010 with technical training, conversion, and further development to follow.

M.Ed. in Teaching, Learning and Advocacy:

Fran Welch introduced the proposal for a new M.Ed. in Teaching, Learning and Advocacy, which replaces the discontinued M.Ed. programs. This degree was based on considerable research of what would meet the needs of teachers. The College is the only school offering this degree.

The Academic Affairs Committee moves that the Board approve the new M.Ed. in Teaching, Learning and Advocacy. Then it goes to CHE for approval. All in favor.

Featured Program – International Business:

Rene Mueller, Director of the Global Trade Initiative, presented a program on the International Business major, its many features and activities, and its interdisciplinary nature, especially in conjunction with the foreign languages. By 2009, these majors will be required to participate in the Study Abroad Program.

Faculty/Administration Manual Change:

Tom Trimboli informed the Board that South Carolina regulations preclude the College from suspending employees with pay – it must be without pay. The Faculty/Administration Manual must be updated to reflect this change which will make it compliant with South Carolina Regulations.

The Academic Affairs Committee moves that the Board approve the Resolution to Amend the Faculty/Administration Manual to make it compliant with South Carolina Regulations. All in favor.

It was moved (Daniel), and seconded (Hightower), at the January 30, 2009 Board of Trustees meeting, that these minutes be amended to include, for information only, the following phrase which will be added to the list of responsibilities of the Academic Affairs Committee on the Trustees web site:

“Apprise the Board of the adequacy of resources and facilities required to support the academic programs and academic support programs of the College.”

All in favor.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE:

Trustees Dwight Johnson (chair), Philip Bell, John Busch, and Jimmy Hightower attended the committee meeting. Also present were Joe Hull, Director of Athletics; Laura Lagemen, Associate Director of Athletics/SWA; and AlysAnne Wiedeke, Administrative Assistant, as recording secretary. Check names

Mr. Johnson presented the following committee report:

Academic Success Rate:

Mr. Johnson reported that the committee spent a lot of time discussing the information published by the NCAA regarding the academic success rate for graduating athletes and the procedures used to measure these rates. The good news is that we have very good graduation rates if you take away the transfers, etc.

Arena Construction Project Update:

The Arena is scheduled for completion on November 10 and will be ready for the “Charleston Classic”/ESPN Tournament, November 14-16, 2008.

Arena Dedication:

- Student-Athlete Open House, November 11, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Community Open House, November 18, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Dedication game vs. South Carolina, November 28, 7:00 p.m.

Arena Seating:

- Joe Hull reviewed the seat selection process with the committee.
- A brochure containing the Basketball Schedule and Season Ticket information was mailed to 16,500 alumni.

SoCon Hall of Fame:

The Southern Conference’s first “Hall of Fame” will be celebrated with a reception in February 2009. Inductees will be separated into two groups, from 1921 to 1953 and from 1953 to the present.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Trustees Lee Mikell (chair), Larry Miller, Greg Padgett, and Joe Thompson attended the committee meeting. Others in attendance include Sylvia Harvey, Trustee Emeritus; Steve Osborne, Executive Vice President for Business Affairs; and Shirley Hinson, Director of Governmental Affairs.

Mr. Mikell presented the following committee report:

Last year the College requested funding for four programs, the Governor vetoed them, and they were overturned by the General Assembly.

The Ways and Means Committee has asked for drastic cuts to higher education. The Governor has suggested that the Legislature look at the previous vetoes. Our message to Columbia is to give the schools flexibility to decide where the cuts should be. With Steve Osborne and Shirley Hinson, the College could not be better represented. Ms. Hinson has connections with the Ways and Means Committee.

Ms. Hinson will be on the lookout for any local level funding for the Arena. Some funding was requested and received from Charleston County. However, the College missed the deadline for funding requests from City Council, but plans to reapply for funding for the Arena at a later time.

Also, Ms. Hinson is working on a Master Plan to invite legislators and other political groups to campus. She will coordinate with Trustees to host events on campus. .

The Board was asked to mark their calendars for State Capital Day in Columbia on March 31. The purpose of the event is to engage the College campus and Board members with legislators at the State House that day and then to attend the Reception that evening.

And finally, Mr. Mikell mentioned that the College will host the CHE Higher Education Task Force Public Hearing on November 21, at 9:00 a.m. in Alumni Memorial Hall.

ALUMNI RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Trustees John Wood (chairman), Frank Gadsden, Bobby Marlowe, and Sam Stafford attended the meeting, along with David Hay, President, Alumni Association Board. Staff members George Watt, Executive VP for Institutional Advancement; Karen Jones and Jack Huguley, staff liaisons; and John Hartman, Assistant to the Director of Alumni Relations, also attended the meeting.

Mr. Wood presented the following committee report:

Future Alumni events:

- Second Annual Lowcountry Alumni Chapter Golf Tournament and BBQ, November 6.

- Alumni Association Awards Banquet, November 13, Doubletree here in town.

2008 Award Recipients:

- Alumni Award of Honor – **Edwin S. Pearlstine, Jr.**, led fundraising effort for the new Carolina First Arena
 - Distinguished Alumnus Award – **Morris D. Rosen**, longstanding Charleston Attorney and Past President of the Alumni Association.
 - Distinguished Alumnus Award – **H. Davis Adkisson IV**, noted researcher who developed a process for harvesting cartilage.
 - Alumnus of the Year Award – **Ron J. Menchaca**, Investigative Reporter for the *Post and Courier* and 2008 South Carolina Journalist of the Year.
 - Young Alumni of the Year – **Nicholas C. Glover**, known for philanthropy efforts in New York City.
 - Howard F. Rudd Business Person of the Year Award – **Steve D. Swanson**, '89, President and CEO of Automated Trading Desk.
 - Pre-Medical Society's Physician of the Year – **Donald R. Johnson II**, '80, Charleston surgeon, founder of Southeastern Spine Institute, and Chairman of MUSC Board of Trustees.
- “Doing the Charleston” in NYC, March 19, 2009
 - “Doing the Charleston” in Baltimore/Annapolis, October 29, 2009
 - Blue Cougars at The Citadel home football games, November 1 and November 15
 - Greek Alumni Council – Greek alumni who serve as an advisory board for the Office of Greek Life.
 - Food and Wine Festival Dine-Around, March 6, 2009.
 - “A Charleston Affair,” April 25, 2009. This is an Annual Alumni Reception honoring the Class of 2009. It is a great way to engage graduates with young alums.

Alumni Center:

After discussion, the committee agreed on the need for an Alumni Center to house Alumni Association, Foundation, Advancement, and Annual Fund. The Center would include much needed meeting space.

And finally, Mr. Wood thanked Mike Haskins for the great job with Charleston Magazine. It is a great resource to attract new donors and volunteers.

Break at 10:20 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Chairman Marlowe informed the Board that Demetria Clemons attended the Toni Morrison Conference held on campus. Ms. Clemons commended Ms. Morales, the Conference Director, for a great job.

Ms. Morales spoke briefly about the conference and noted that the College of Charleston served as the inaugural site for the conference. Also, she noted that the conference received CNN coverage and was included in the New York Times Arts Section. Ms. Morales presented President Benson with a plaque from the Toni Morrison Society in appreciation for hosting the Fifth Biennial Conference at the College, July 24-27, 2008.

- Sue Sommer-Kresse presented the Board with an update on the Strategic Plan. It is important that we have input from all of the College of Charleston. Each unit on campus will develop their plan that will go with the umbrella plan.

Amy McCandless and Jim Deavor have served as liaisons with the faculty. They spent many hours with the Steering Committee and Executive Team. By next summer we plan to have a Strategic Plan in place which will be the basis for our Capital Campaign.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chairman Marlowe announced that Tim Dangerfield has been named Trustee Emeritus. Because Tim was elected to the Board for four terms, he was eligible to declare himself Trustee Emeritus. Tim served on the College of Charleston Board of Trustees from 1988 to 2003, having served as Vice Chairman of the Board from 1998 to 2002. He and his wife Anna have three sons, one of whom graduated from the College in 2000. He and Anna are long-time supporters of the College and endowed a gift scholarship in 2000.

Tim is a College of Charleston graduate, Class of '76. Tim currently serves as Senior Vice President and registered lobbyist for Energy Solutions, a nuclear energy management firm. He served as Chief Operating Officer of R & H Maxxon, Inc., a chain of 53 convenience stores in two states that he ran with his former partner, State Senator Greg Ryberg. They sold the company in 1999 and Tim served as a consultant for the law firm Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough before being appointed Chief of Staff for the South Carolina Department of Commerce under Governor Sanford from 2004 to 2006. Tim hopes to be with us at the January Board meeting. We will distribute an announcement to the press, especially the *Aiken Standard*, where he lives.

- Elizabeth Kassebaum called the Board's attention to the Board Orientation Notebook at their places. At President Benson's direction, and with the help of Mike Haskins, Elise Jorgens, Steve Osborne, and Tom Trimboli, a more comprehensive notebook was developed. It includes updated Board Bios and updated Board Committee descriptions on the Board's webpage.

In addition, Ms. Kassebaum informed the Board that there are new web pages for the Audit Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee on Information Technology and new responsibilities for the Academic Affairs Committee. The other committee website information changes are only minor changes, i.e., Alumni Executive Committee changed to Alumni Board and Governmental Affairs Committee changed to Government Relations.

Ms. Kassebaum mentioned a couple of upcoming events:

- Alumni Association Awards Banquet (invitations at their places).
- Philanthropy Association Lunch in Charleston. Last year they honored Ted Stern and this year they will honor the Volpes and Tommy Baker.

And finally, Ms. Kassebaum announced that any Board member who does not have a Cougar Card ID can go to the Cougar Card Office during the January Board meeting to have their photos taken and receive an ID card. Also, new nametags will be provided for all Board members and their spouses.

It was moved (Wood), and seconded (Miller), to go into Executive Session at 10:50 a.m. to discuss legal matters All in favor.

It was moved (Wood), and seconded (Thompson), to come out of Executive Session at 12:45 p.m. All in favor.

Meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

It was moved (Daniel), and seconded (Wood), to remove from the table and adopt the motion made earlier during the Academic Affairs Committee Report regarding the Immigration issue. All in favor. The motion made during the Academic Affairs Committee Report carries.

It was moved (Gadsden), and seconded (Land), that an honorary degree be awarded to Lucille Whipper during the December 2008 Commencement Ceremony. All in favor.

There being no further business, it was moved (Miller), and seconded (Thompson), that this meeting of the Board of Trustees be adjourned at 12:50 p.m. All in favor.