I. Call to Order.

PRESIDENT SORENSSEN – I would like to call to order the University of South Carolina General Faculty meeting for Tuesday, April 26, 2005.

II. Approval of Minutes.

PRESIDENT SORENSSEN – May I have a motion to approve the General Faculty minutes for the meeting of September 1, 2004? Second? Thank you. Are there any corrections? Hearing none, I call for the motion. All in favor say “aye.” Opposed? The minutes are approved.

III. Report of the President.

PRESIDENT SORENSSEN – We had a meeting of University Committee on Tenure and Promotions this morning and I told that committee that they, more than any other committee on the campus, are responsible for defining and maintaining standards of academic excellence in the University. I commend them but I want to do so publicly and especially thank Dr. Patrick Nolan, who is here and who serves as chair of the committee. Patrick, I extend to you and all of your colleagues my sincere thanks for a job very well done. Thank you.

The Committee on Admissions also has been working assiduously. Dr. Don Stowe, chair of that committee, is here and I wish to thank him for the leadership he has provided. The Supreme Court decisions made regarding affirmative action in the case of the University of Michigan enunciated two quite different standards - one for the Law School at the University of Michigan which has relevance for all law schools throughout the country (our Law School was already following the guidelines established by the Supreme Court in that case), and then a different set of standards and requirements for the undergraduate education at the University of Michigan. I asked if our undergraduate Admissions Committee would consider extenuating circumstances other than grade point average and standardized test scores when reviewing applicants. So after very thoughtful deliberation, Dr. Stowe and his committee have suggested that we could indeed have a modified process for application for admission beginning in the Fall of 2006. They expect to present this to the Faculty Senate at 3 this afternoon. The Committee on Admissions suggested also that we make sure that our Mission Statement reflects the desire to have an inclusive university. I think that is understood, but the committee suggested that I need to make that more explicit and I accept that.

Our admissions process is working uncommonly well this year. We have a record number of applications for the freshman class. There are over 13,100 applicants for 3,450 openings in the freshman class. The quality of the applicants as indicated by test
scores and grade point averages is the best in the history of the University. There are several things that explain this improved result. One is that we had been criticized over the past years for not having a program that would entice students who fall just slightly below the Honors College requirements. Last fall the average SAT score for the incoming freshman to the Honors College was 1400 and the grade point average was 4.4 on a 4.0 scale, because a huge proportion of them take AP and/or international baccalaureate courses in high school for which they receive more than the 4.0 if they earn an A. It was suggested that we develop a scholarship program to attract the students who are very good, but not quite competitive enough to be selected to the Honors College. This “Capstone Scholars” program has proven to be immensely successful.

I just finished the ninth of my nine annual Bow Tie Bus Tours yesterday, having breakfast in Newberry and then going to Greenville, Greenwood, North Augusta and Augusta. I met a huge number of students who have been accepted here and who plan to come. Yesterday I stopped at Greenville High School where over 100 students showed up. When I started these Bow Tie Bus Tours years ago and they announced I would be coming, there would be 5 or 10 students showing up. Now we are regularly getting 100 to 150 students showing up at these meetings expressing interest in coming to the University. I commend the Admissions Committee and the Admissions Office for developing some very inventive programs to attract students. We are offering a $3,000 cash stipend to undergraduate students so that they can work closely with those of you who are interested in sharing your scholarship with them. Although we use the term research, I mean “scholarship” in absolutely every sphere: sculpting, photography, costume design, foreign languages, molecular biology, history, et cetera. Additionally, we are offering a $2,000 grant for study abroad. Both the research grant and the travel grant programs are competitive. So it is not just an entitlement – they need to compete for it and convince the respective selection committees of their merit and the fact that they deserve it.

I am very pleased that the search for Athletics Director is concluded. Eric Hyman who is currently the Athletics Director at Texas Christian University was presented to the Board of Trustees for approval. He is a man who is committed to the fact that student athletes are students first and athletes second. I invite the Chair of the University Athletics Advisory Committee, Bill Bearden, to invite Eric to come and meet with your committee and then, if you choose, to invite him to come and speak to the Faculty Senate about how he intends to insure that that message gets delivered to our students.

Regarding the deans’ searches, Dr. Pastides is flying back to Columbia from meetings with our congressional delegation in Washington and has asked me to report that the Nursing search is down to three candidates. Would you like to say anything about that search, Dean Willis?

DEAN PAUL WILLIS (Libraries) - The first candidate for the College of Nursing Dean position will visit May 2 and 3. Her name is Dr. Linda Finke and she is with the Nursing Honors Society Sigma Theta Tau International in Indianapolis and was formerly on the faculty at Indiana University. On May 16 and 17, Dr. Peggy Hewlett from the University
of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, MS, will be here. The third visitor will be Dr. Inez Tuck from Virginia Commonwealth. Their resumes will be on the web soon. You can go to their web pages currently to get information. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at willis@sc.edu.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Dean Willis, before you sit down sir, are you planning on being at the Faculty Senate meeting at 3 o’clock?

DEAN WILLIS – Yes.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Thank you very much. I will call on you at that time if I may to give a report. Is the Chair of the Social Work Dean Search Committee here? I’ve been told that that search is still in process. All of the other searches will be described by the Provost in his remarks.

Now I would like to talk a little bit about the budget. Dr. Palms very graciously allowed me to participate in the budget process and meetings with the legislature in the 2002 legislative session so I am now in the middle of my 4th cycle with the General Assembly and the Legislature. This is the first time in 4 years that our budget hasn’t been cut. So I regard that as indescribably good news. Furthermore, the 4% average increase for the faculty and staff compensation has been sustained in all of the meetings so far. So it appears that it is going to be sustained and I fervently pray that it will be. That is without any question my top priority. I’ve told the House Ways and Means Committee that, I’ve told the Senate Finance Committee that each year, to limited. But this year the message seemed to get through. I am grateful that the respective committee members have listened to our incessant pleadings about the fact that our faculty and staff on average are not compensated adequately.

There was a proposal to reduce the endowed chairs from $30 million to $20 million and I am extremely pleased that the General Assembly has refused to support that proposal. It has remained at $30 million in both the House and the Senate. I regard that as a terrific accomplishment. The three research universities to date have raised more than $52 million against the State match for these chairs. We have to match dollar for dollar. $90 million has been authorized so far. We have another $20 or $30 million in pledges that we are working on that haven’t been consummated. We are optimistic that we will be able to secure that money.

There was also a proposal to eliminate funding for the University of South Carolina at Union and the University of South Carolina at Salkehatchie. Both of those proposals have been defeated and the budgets for those two institutions have been sustained at the previous levels.

Senator John Courson was instrumental in securing an additional $1.5 million in our budget for deferred maintenance. For those of you who live in Shandon, if you happen to see Senator Courson or encounter him elsewhere, please convey to him and Representative Harrell, who is Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, hearty support.
for the extra amount that they provided for us. They have been extremely supportive. They have also given us $1 million in permanent funding for hydrogen research and our faculty in that field have generated $10 million in external support.

Nanotechnology funding used to be on a year-to-year basis and they have made that funding recurring. We have $24 million in nanotechnology funding that has been generated externally over the past several years. This is without question the best budget that I have had in my four budget cycles here. I thank you for all the work that you do; because my job is to represent you and to sell to the legislators the terrific work and accomplishments that you as faculty do. It is a message that I am delighted to convey.

We have some exciting news on the research campus. During the next 45 days we will be seeking approval from various legislative bodies and governmental authorities for approval to build the first five buildings on the research campus (not counting the Arnold School of Public Health going up at the corner of College and Assembly streets). These 5 buildings will have an average of 110,000 sq. ft. per building for a total of 550,000 sq. ft. We are also going to build two very large parking garages, because there is always a paucity of parking. There is currently a 1,000 car parking garage being built at the corner of Blossom and Bull streets. We have a little more than 25,000 students here. Guess how many automobiles the students have registered on campus? 17,000. These proposals are made possible because of the Life Sciences Act that provides matching dollars and we have been successful in securing some matching funds. I am delighted that we will be dramatically expanding space available to our faculty for research activities.

Finally, I would like to call Katie Riley. Katie is from the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. They have an Honors Society on our campus and have asked me to make a surprise announcement to one of our faculty members who is here and has absolutely no clue that I am going to call on her in a minute. For a new generation of students entering the male-dominated field of sciences, the University of South Carolina’s Professor Claudia Benitez-Nelson stands as a national paragon of inspiring achievement. Professor Benitez-Nelson, will you come up please? (Clapping) We have a huge problem with under-representation of women in mathematics, engineering, and the sciences. The National Society of Collegiate Scholars Faculty of the Year Award is the nation’s only student-nominated faculty recognition program and Jennifer is one of her students. Jennifer is a Marine Science major and nominated Dr. Benitez-Nelson for this award. An independent panel of educational professionals selected her application from a pool of candidates nationwide. In their notes the review panel sited Dr. Benitez-Nelson as a faculty who best inspired academic excellence and engaged citizenship in her students. You are going to be awarded a personal $1,000 stipend as well as the opportunity to address the National Society of Collegiate Scholars membership at their national conference in Denver in July. Furthermore, they are going to give us a $5,000 grant from the National Society of Collegiate Scholars to the General Scholarship Fund at the University of South Carolina in Dr. Benitez-Nelson’s name. I am going to add a personal check of $2,000 to that scholarship prize in her honor. I hope that it will stimulate other women to enter fields such as hers. The National Society of Collegiate Scholars is a
member of the Association of College Honors Societies and the nation’s only honor organization offering membership to first and second year college students. The Society recognizes outstanding academic achievements. It offers students exclusive access to scholarships, career resources, and leadership opportunities. It also provides students with a network of members and alumni on their respective campuses and across the country. The National Society for Collegiate Scholars currently has 375,000 members and 205 college chapters across the country including your chapter here. Membership is based on grade point average and is by invitation only. Congratulations, Dr. Benitez-Nelson. I am very proud of you. (Clapping)

Now I call on the Provost to make his report.

IV. Report of Provost.

PROVOST MARK BECKER – Thank you, Mr. President. As the President said, I will start by giving a report on the updates on the deans searches that are not in Health Sciences. For the South Carolina Honors College, they’ve had four candidates to campus. I have received a report on those four. The committee is meeting the end of this week and may or may not bring one more candidate to campus. Then I will move post-haste to the next round of follow-up interviews and process them forward.

The School of Music dean search has four finalists at this point. Three have been to campus and the fourth will be coming shortly.

Dean White of the College of Engineering and Information Technology is stepping down at the end of his term to pursue other important missions in the service of the University and our partnership with the Savannah River National Laboratory. I have received input from the Engineering College on faculty selections of search committee members and I will be completing and announcing that search committee soon.

At this time there is a further announcement regarding a change to the Faculty Manual. Last year the Board of Trustees approved a change in the Faculty Manual whereby faculty who hold endowed or named chairs at retirement are entitled to special emeritus recognition for their accomplishments and distinctions at the University of South Carolina. For instance, a faculty member who retires as a Carolina Distinguished Professor will be recognized as a Carolina Distinguished Emeritus or Emeriti upon retirement. If you are retiring as a chaired or endowed emeritus professor, I ask that you please stand now and be recognized and congratulated by your colleagues. Do we have any with us here today? Okay, everybody is sticking around for next year.

I don’t know that I can match what you just did, Mr. President, but we hit the high point, I think, of the faculty meetings certainly for this year and every year with the presentation of the awards. When you entered you received a list of the awards. We will now get to the fun and the celebration of honoring those who have been selected. As we begin this I just want to take a moment to draw your attention to what I think is obvious but I think is worth mentioning: that the activities for which we will recognize people cut
across all dimensions of the academic life – teaching, research, and service. You will find in these awards not a separation of teaching, research, and service but rather you will find people who excel not in one but very often in all three dimensions (I know this very well because I have gone through all the recipients).

The first recognition that we will present is the **Golden Key Faculty Award for Creative Integration of Research and Undergraduate Teaching**. The winner of the 2005 Golden Key Faculty Award for Creative Integration of Research and Undergraduate Teaching is **Professor Thomas M. Lekan, Department of History**. Tom is a specialist in modern German urban, cultural and environmental history. He was awarded a Fulbright Grant and a National Endowment for the Humanities Grant, and is a very active scholar. Please join me congratulating Tom for his outstanding work as we invite him to come forward to receive his award. (Clapping)

The next award is the **Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor**. The recipient this year is **Professor James R. Coleman, Department of Psychology**. Professor James R. Coleman demonstrates the dedication to mentoring and stimulating undergraduate students in research that is recognized by the Research Mentor Award. He has mentored 14 students in his psychology research lab and he has co-authored six presentations and papers with undergraduate students. He is in his 14th year of directing the Summer Research Institute in Experimental Psychology. In the words of his students, “Dr. Coleman instills a fascination with research and he encourages independence by providing the support and guidance necessary to achieve success.” I would normally ask you to join me in congratulating him but Professor Coleman is at a research conference and is not able to join us. So if you see him, please congratulate him.

The next award is the **Ada B. Thomas Outstanding Faculty Advisor**. This year’s recipient is **Professor John D. Spurrier, Department of Statistics**. Professor Spurrier is a renowned statistician, and is well known around the University for the best of reasons. Dr. Spurrier has distinguished himself as a true citizen of the University. He has received the College of Science and Mathematics Outstanding Advisor Award, the AMOCO Outstanding Teaching Award, the Mortar Board Excellence in Teaching Award and the Governor’s Professor of the Year Award, to name only a few. John’s many students have been well served over the years, and their enduring gratitude is reflected in this prestigious and richly deserved award. Congratulations to John Spurrier. Please come forward to be recognized. (Clapping)

The next award is the **Russell Research Award for Humanities and Social Sciences**. This year the recipient is **Professor George Krause, Department of Political Science**. Professor Krause has been with USC since 1994. Dr. Krause has established a strong national reputation for his extensive research in politics and political economy. He is recognized by the selection committee for the tremendous impact of his research program. George represents well our resolute commitment to superior scholarship. I am honored to present him the Russell Research Award. George, please come forward and be recognized. (Clapping)
The next award is the **Russell Research Award for Science, Mathematics and Engineering**. This year’s recipient is **Professor Catherine Murphy, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry**. Professor Murphy came to USC in 1993. She has made outstanding contributions in several areas, including the synthesis and use of inorganic nanoparticles for optical sensing and photophysical measurements of the internal dynamics of the DNA double helix. She has been a Cottrell Scholar of the Research Corporation, a Sloan Foundation Research Fellow and a Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar. Dr. Murphy exemplifies scholarly excellence. Dr. Murphy, please come forward and be recognized. (Clapping)

Next we have **USC Educational Foundation Research Award for Health Sciences**. This year’s recipient is **Professor Bao Zhu, College of Pharmacy**. Professor Zhu is a distinguished scholar in the College of Pharmacy, and it’s easy to see why he’s so highly regarded. He serves as Principal Investigator on three research grants totaling 2.2 million dollars from the American Cancer Society, the National Institutes of Health, and the National Cancer Institute. He is Chief Editor of the journal *Medical Hypotheses and Research* and has received the 2000 College of Pharmacy Researcher of the Year Award. Professor Bao Zhu, please come forward and be recognized. (Clapping)

Before I make this next award I should mention that I do not pick the recipients of the awards.

The **USC Educational Foundation Research Award for Professional Schools** goes to **Professor William T. Moore, Moore School of Business**. Ted holds the David & Esther Berlinberg Distinguished Professorship in the Moore School of Business, and is in his sixth year as Executive Editor of the *Journal of Financial Research*. He is an active scholar in financial economics specializing in corporation finance. He has also been recognized for teaching excellence, having won numerous teaching awards in his career, including the Mungo Graduate Teaching Award in 2003. Ted also provides considerable service to USC presently as Associate Provost in my office. This year he is recognized for his scholarship as a recipient of the Educational Foundation Research Award for Professional Schools. Ted, please come forward and be recognized. (Clapping)

Next is the **USC Educational Foundation Research Award for Science, Mathematics and Engineering**. This year the recipient is **Professor Ronald Benner, Department of Biological Sciences**. Dr. Benner is a relative newcomer to USC, having joined the faculty here in 2000. During his career he has published more than 120 scientific papers covering many aspects of microbial ecology, organic geochemistry and oceanography, and he is an expert in the study of the global ocean carbon cycle. His excellent and prolific research program is on the cutting edge, and reflects great credit on the University. Professor Benner, please come forward and be recognized. (Clapping)

Next we have the **USC Educational Foundation Outstanding Service Award**. This year it goes to **Professor Jerome D. Odom, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry**. Jerry Odom needs no introduction to the USC faculty, but I am honored
to have the opportunity to at least try. He is in his 35th year at USC. He has served as a faculty member, chairman of the Chemistry Department, Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, and Executive Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Provost. Jerry has served on essentially every major committee at the University. A few highlights include the USC Futures Committee, and chairmanship of the Strategic Directions and Initiatives Committee. At the state level, Jerry has served as a member of the Governor’s Math and Science Advisory Board, and the Board of Directors of the Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics. Professionally he has rendered great service to the American Chemical Society and to the chemistry profession in general by the tremendous amount of time he has spent refereeing papers and proposals for scientific journals and funding agencies. Jerry also played a pivotal role in the development of our Children’s Research and Development Center. And that is still not all.

We speak continuously, as I did at the beginning, of the three-fold duty of a university professor – outstanding teaching, research and service. All of us strive to be outstanding in at least one, hopefully two and perhaps all three. Jerry has excelled in all three. He is an Amoco Award winner, a Mungo Teaching Award winner, and he’s been recognized for his outstanding scholarship with the Russell Research Award. He is the only person ever to win University recognition (a special distinctive award) in each category of teaching, research, and service. Please join me in congratulating USC’s first ever triple crown winner – Jerome D. Odom. (Clapping)

Now we go to the Carolina Trustee Professorships. First is the Carolina Trustee Professor in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Business areas. This year’s recipient is Professor William O. Bearden, Moore School of Business. Professor Bearden received his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina, so he has deep roots in the Carolina Family. He is currently on the editorial boards of the Journal of Consumer Research, the Journal of Marketing, the Journal of Consumer Psychology, the Journal of Retailing, and the Marketing Education Review. Dr. Bearden served for six years on the Board of Directors of the American Marketing Association. He has been President of the Academic Division of the American Marketing Association and President of the Southern Marketing Association. Dr. Bearden has received the Amoco Teaching Award and the Outstanding MBA Teacher Award, and twice has been awarded the Moore School’s top Teaching Excellence Award. Bill’s teaching and scholarly contributions are matched by his extensive and dedicated service to faculty governance in various capacities. He does everything well and is tirelessly devoted to excellence and to Carolina. Professor Bearden, please come forward and be recognized.

Next we have the Carolina Trustee Professor in the Health, Engineering, Medical and Science and Math areas. This year’s recipient is Professor Richard Adams, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Professor Adams’ research areas include inorganic and organometallic chemistry including synthesis, structures, and catalytic properties of bimetallic clusters and nanoparticles; studies of heterocyclic macrocycles; and molecular electronics. He has been awarded the Russell Research Award, the Alexander von Humboldt Senior Scientist Award, the Outstanding South Carolina Chemist Award, the South Carolina Governor's Award for Excellence in
Science, and he is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. We are honored that Professor Adams is with us at USC and invite him now to come forward and be recognized. (Clapping)

At this point we are down to recognizing the last six award recipients and they are all in the category of what we call the Mungo awards. At this point I would like to invite Mr. Michael J. Mungo to join the President on the stage to congratulate with us the recipients as we recognize them. We thank Mr. Mungo for his tireless commitment to USC. He is a graduate of this fine institution and is deeply devoted and committed to USC. He supports us extensively both through his tireless service on the Board of Trustees and also through his financial contributions that make these awards possible. Thank you for joining us, Mr. Mungo.

First we have the **Michael J. Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Awards** and there are four recipients. We have our first repeat winner for today, **Claudia Benitez-Nelson, Department of Geological Sciences**. Professor Benitez-Nelson is a gifted and dedicated educator, as you already heard once, and in addition she is a fine scholar and provides excellent service to the community. She has been lead investigator on several NSF grants since arriving at USC. After finishing her Ph.D. at MIT/Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, she was a NOAA postdoctoral fellow. She has been active in the ScienceQuest program at Hand Middle School and in other community activities. And, most importantly as you’ve already heard, she is an outstanding teacher. Professor Benitez-Nelson, please come forward and be recognized. (Clapping)

Next for the **Michael J. Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Awards** is **Professor Gregory Carbone, Department of Geography**. Professor Carbone has taught weather and climate courses at Carolina since 1989. His students have long recognized and appreciated his teaching prowess. He has served faithfully as Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Geography, and his research interests focus on climate variability and its impact on agricultural and water resources. Professor Carbone, please come forward and be recognized. (Clapping)

The third of the **Michael J. Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Awards** goes to **Professor Greg Forter, Department of English**. Professor Forter joined USC recently and in short order has established himself as an extraordinary educator. In 1998 he completed his Ph.D. at Berkeley. He specializes in American literature, psychoanalysis, and gender studies, and his teaching interests include the literary portrayal of war. Professor Forter, will you please come forward and be recognized. (Clapping)

The fourth and final **Michael J. Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award** for 2005 goes to **Professor Kenneth Kelly, Department of Anthropology**. Professor Kelly is an historical archaeologist in the Department of Anthropology. He is directing a field project in Guadeloupe and Martinique on the development of Creole societies. He also serves as Undergraduate Director for the Anthropology Department. Professor Kelly, would you please come forward and be recognized. (Clapping)
Now we have the **Michael J. Mungo Graduate Teaching Award**. The recipient for 2005 is **Professor Lawrence Glickman, Department of History**. Professor Glickman graduated from Princeton University and received his Ph.D. at the University of California at Berkeley. His research focuses on Consumer Activism in 20th Century America. Larry is another faculty member who does everything well. He has been awarded the NEH Fellowship Award and the Russell Research Award for his excellent scholarship. Professor Glickman’s students have long recognized how fortunate we are to have him as a mentor and graduate thesis director. Please join us all in honoring Professor Larry Glickman, the 2005 Michael J. Mungo outstanding Graduate Teacher Award recipient. (Clapping)

The final award that I will present today is the **2005 Michael J. Mungo Distinguished Professor of the Year Award** (formerly known as the AMOCO Outstanding Teaching Award). For 2005 the recipient is **Professor John Larry Durstine, Department of Exercise Science in the Arnold School of Public Health**. Considered the highest honor for teaching on this campus for a faculty member, the Michael J. Mungo Distinguished Professor of the Year Award is given annually to a truly exceptional scholar. Professor Durstine is a professor in the Department of Exercise Science at the University of South Carolina, serves as the Chair of the Department and as Director of Clinical Exercise Programs. A native Hoosier from Indiana, Dr. Durstine earned his B.S. in Physical Education from Malone College and his M.S. in Physical Education and Exercise Science, and a Ph.D. in Exercise Physiology, all from the University of Denver. In 1982 he joined the faculty at USC. He is a winner of numerous teaching and service awards at this institution. Dr. Durstine is another who does it all and does it well. He is nationally recognized for his research and for being a consummate educator. Professor Durstine, would you please come forward and be recognized. (Clapping)

That concludes the award presentations for 2005. I would like to remind you that there will be an awards reception hosted by the President outside this room immediately following this meeting. Of course, the Faculty Senators will need to come back for Faculty Senate but that meeting will be approximately ten minutes after the conclusion of this meeting. So that is the end of my report. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Thank you very much, Mr. Provost. May I echo his congratulations to all of the award recipients. It is terribly important that we affirm in public ways and very boldly our commitment not only to the kind of scholarly activity that is called research but also the scholarly activity that is called teaching, which I prefer to think of as learning. I thank all of you for the extraordinary job that you do in helping to educate and inspire our young people.

In a variety of settings over the past years I’ve gotten to know Mr. Mungo quite well. He has told me many truly inspiring stories of the experiences he had here as an undergraduate and how much the faculty meant to him as he was struggling to make ends meet financially and to learn new concepts and ideas. He speaks of how supportive and inspiring the faculty were and this is one of many ways that he has chosen to express his
appreciation for his experiences at USC. We thank him very much for making these awards possible. (Clapping)

I suggested to him a couple of years ago that inflation was catching up with the awards and so he responded very generously and has increased the amount of the awards. We are very grateful to you, Mike, for your enormous support.

V. Reports of Committees.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – The Faculty Advisory Committee report. Dr. Augustine, do I call on you?

CHAIR JAMES R. AUGUSTINE (Faculty Senate, Chair) – You may. If Dr. Datta is not here, I’ll be happy to report.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Is Dr. Datta here? Dr. Datta is not here, may I call on Dr. Augustine please? Thank you.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Over the past year the Faculty Advisory Committee has considered a number of requests. These four items from the Faculty Advisory Committee were a separate handout given to you as you entered today. Let me briefly mention them. The first proposal on page 1 is some language that needed to be revised regarding the University Athletics Advisory Committee. The membership of that committee was changed. We approved this last September but unfortunately in the transmittal of the information from the Athletics Advisory Committee to the Faculty Advisory Committee and then to the office, some words were not left that should have been left out. On the left hand side of page 1 are some words that the committee wanted to delete so that there would be just one at-large representative from the faculty that be would a presidential appointment. That is on page 1.

The second proposal on page 2 is a rather extensive revision of the Intellectual Property Committee’s Patent and Copyright Policy that currently is found in the Faculty Manual on pages 46 to 56. The Intellectual Property Committee worked very hard to revise this policy and converted it into a University Policy ACAF 1.33 which will then become the University’s sole policy concerning intellectual property. The language for that is now incorporated into ACAF 1.33. The information related to the Intellectual Property Committee needs to be taken out of the Faculty Manual (those ten pages) and in place of those ten pages of information are the three paragraphs on the bottom of page 2 under Patent and Copyright Policy starting with “The University of South Carolina is a public institution…,” the second paragraph starting with “The objectives of the University’s…,” and the third paragraph starting with “To ensure these objectives, the University has established a University patent and copyright policy…..” In essence those three paragraphs are going to replace the ten pages that used to speak to the policy that was in the Faculty Manual. That is to be taken out of the Faculty Manual and these three paragraphs basically refer to that policy.
The third item is on page 3. Again, last September we did make some editorial changes in the Faculty Manual regarding the old title for the Dean of Libraries which was “Vice Provost and Dean for Libraries and Information Services.” We did not catch all of the changes that needed to be made so there are a couple of references there under the paragraph entitled “Committee on Libraries” which need to be corrected. The words that are stricken through would be the ones that we would want to delete from the Faculty Manual.

And, lastly on page 4, if you remember, last year was the Provost’s first day on the job, we had an extensive series of changes to the Faculty Manual, one of which involved the Unit Consideration of Tenure and Promotion and the way in which the files would be handled with regard to the Provost and Vice President for Research and Health Sciences. That particular part of an extensive series of changes was not considered that particular day because the Provost was here for the first day on the job and had not had time to consider it. He and the Vice President for Research and Health Sciences have gone over this matter now and they are in agreement. They have proposed to the Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) and the FAC has again approved this change in the Faculty Manual on page 4. The words in bold will be the additional words that would be added to the Faculty Manual.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Mr. Parliamentarian, because this is a recommendation from a committee does it require a motion? Does it require a second? All in favor of the recommendations by the Faculty Advisory Committee say “aye.” Opposed? It is carried. Thank you very much, Dr. Augustine.

VI. Old Business.
None.

VII. New Business.
None.

VIII. Good of the Order.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN - We will be hosting a reception for the awardees in the lobby of the Law School at the end of this meeting.

IX. Adjournment.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – I would like to propose that we adjourn the General Faculty and that faculty senators return at ten minutes past 3 pm for their meeting. Thank you very much for being here.