1. Call to Order.

CHAIR JAMES R. AUGUSTINE – I call to order the meeting of the Faculty Senate of the University of South Carolina of Wednesday, June 22, 2005.

2. Corrections to and Approval of Minutes.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – The minutes have been circulated and I will entertain a motion to approve those minutes or entertain any corrections to the minutes. Are there any, please? If not, all those in favor of the minutes as written, please say “aye.” Opposed, “no.” The minutes stand as written.

3. Reports of Committees.

a. Faculty Senate Steering Committee, Professor Laura Kane, Secretary:

PROFESSOR KANE (School of Medicine Library) – No report.

b. Committee on Admissions, Professor Don Stowe, Chair:

PROFESSOR STOWE (Hospitality, Retail, & Sport Management) – No report.

c. Committee on Curricula and Courses, Professor Victor Giurgiutiu, Chair:

PROFESSOR GIURGIUTIU (Mechanical Engineering) – Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen, please turn your attention to our attachment, which starts on page 8. We have a few items that were passed by our committee and submitted to you for your approval. I would like to start with the College of Arts and Sciences. In the Department of Biological Sciences, there are changes in course numbers. Under B in the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, a new course. Under C, Department of Mathematics, a change in curriculum. Let us stop here and see if we can get this approved, please.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – The motion comes from the Committee on Curricula and Courses and does not need a second. We are considering item 1 on page 8, the College of Arts and Sciences, parts A, B and C. Is there any discussion of these suggested courses, please? Seeing none, all those in favor of the motion as presented, please say “aye.” Opposed, “no.” The motion passes.

PROFESSOR GIURGIUTIU – Thank you very much. On page 9, the College of Engineering and Information Technology, under A, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, a new course. Under B, Department of Electrical
Engineering, a change in description, a change in title, prerequisite and description, and finally, a change in prerequisite. So I would like to submit this.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – The committee has moved item number 2, on page 9, in part A, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, a new course. Under B, Department of Electrical Engineering, a change in description, a change in title, prerequisite, and description, and a change in prerequisite. Is there any discussion, please, of this motion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the motion on page 9, number 2, please say “aye.” Opposed, “no.” The motion passes.

PROFESSOR GIURGIUTIU – Thank you. Number 3, the College of Mass Communications and Information Studies. Under A, School of Journalism and Mass Communications, pages 9 through 11, changes in curriculum and a change in prerequisite.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Again, the motion comes from the committee. It begins at the bottom of page 9: number 3, the College of Mass Communications and Information Studies. There is a part A only and it includes these changes in curriculum as well as the change in prerequisite. Is there any discussion, please, on this motion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the motion please, say “aye.” Opposed, “no.” The motion passes.

PROFESSOR GIURGIUTIU – Thank you very much. On number 4 on page 11 there is a little misprint here. An email arrived to me this morning from Opal Brown, the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, and a copy of this has been circulated in an Errata Sheet to you. I hope you all have picked it up. It’s really a typo because in the discussion in our committee this proposal has been iterated several times, until we got everything in place. So the correct title should be as shown in bold on the Errata Sheet and I’m going to read it aloud: “NURS 504 Emergency Preparedness: Implications for Healthcare Professionals. Principles of emergency preparedness with implications for healthcare at the local, regional, national and global levels.” That’s what we submit.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – The motion comes from the committee and doesn’t need a second. The change in title as appears on the Errata Sheet that was handed out, is the correct one. Is there any discussion, please, of this particular course? All those in favor of accepting the new course as presented by the committee, please say, “aye.” Opposed, “no.” The motion passes.

PROFESSOR GIURGIUTIU – Thank you very much. Number 5 is for your information. The FORL 501X is a course that was experimental for this summer. Thank you very much.

PROFESSOR AUGUSTINE – Thank you, Victor, and thanks to your committee for all of their hard work.

d. Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions, Carl Evans, Chair:
PROFESSOR EVANS (Religious Studies) – No report.

e. Faculty Advisory Committee, Professor Timir Datta, Chair:

PROFESSOR DATTA (Physics & Astronomy) – No report.

f. Faculty Budget Committee, Professor Davis Baird, Chair:

PROFESSOR AUGUSTINE – The Faculty Budget Committee is the next committee in order and I believe that Professor McDermott is here to give us a report on behalf of the Faculty Budget Committee.

PROFESSOR JOHN MCDERMOTT (Moore School of Business) – The Faculty Budget Committee has crafted the following paragraph that we hope to add to the Faculty Manual, describing the mandate of the Budget Committee, which so far has none. So I’ll just read this to you for your information and you can get back to me or to Davis Baird, who is the current Chairman of the committee, if you have any comments.

This committee serves as a liaison between the University Administration and University Faculty (through the Faculty Senate) on matters pertaining to the University budget, advocates the faculty perspective on matters of budget and budgetary policy, and provides a venue for discussing faculty questions and concerns about the University budget and budgeting process. To accomplish its purpose, the Faculty Budget Committee shall have formal representation on, and input to university budget policy. The Chair of the Faculty Budget Committee and the Chair of the Faculty Senate shall serve as voting members on the University-level budget policy committee.

Are there any questions or comments?

PROFESSOR AUGUSTINE – Are there any questions for Professor McDermott? Thank you, John. I will accept that recommended change in the Faculty Manual on behalf of the Senate. We will refer that to the Faculty Advisory Committee with your concurrence, John. We will let them work on the proper language, give their approval, and then we will forward that to the General Faculty, as appropriate.

g. Faculty Welfare Committee, Professor Linda Allman, Chair:

PROFESSOR AUGUSTINE – Professor Allman is not here but she has left a handout, which I’m going to read to you. The Faculty Welfare Committee elected Marja Warehime as its new Chair at its last meeting on May 18th. Over the past few months that committee has narrowed its focus to issues of preventive health care, tuition waivers and parental leave policies and has asked me to discuss these issues with the President and the Provost. The committee is going to work on a proposal to seek the possibility of having preventive care added to the State Health Plan. They will craft some sort of a proposal that they will send to the University Administration, in hopes that when it comes time to
negotiate the State Health Plan, we might have the opportunity to include some kind of preventive care. Of course, the Provost and the President, having backgrounds in Public Health, are supportive of these matters. We will just see how all that comes out when the committee puts together a proposal. We’ve also discussed tuition assistance for faculty dependents. That issue is a little more problematic because of the cost involved and whether or not this can be provided to faculty. Our experience with matters like these has been that often the State has to provide the same level of coverage or benefits to all state employees. Obviously, the cost of something like that might become enormous and so the committee is going to look into that matter a little bit more. They will come back, hopefully, to the Senate with some sort of proposal. The same with the parental leave issue; there is a little more discussion that needs to be undertaken in order to come up with a policy there that might be forwarded to the University Administration.

The flu shots were made available, if you recall, to faculty members who contributed to the Family Fund, and a number of you took advantage of that. About 77 faculty members took advantage of the flu shots, at a cost of $1155. This came out of the Family Fund account. The Faculty Welfare Committee is grateful to have the opportunity to provide that to the faculty who contribute to the Family Fund. Finally, the Chair gives thanks to all of the committee members for their hard work and for all of the proposals that they undertook, discussed, and are continuing to look at for the coming year. That is the end of Linda’s report. Are there any questions, please?

h. University Athletics Advisory Committee, Professor William Bearden, Chair:

PROFESSOR BEARDEN (Moore School of Business) – There are two things we would like to comment on. The 2005 SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll is out. The University of South Carolina topped the list with 89 student athletes on the Spring Roster and they were the best in the SEC in terms of honor students. Second, this summer Jim Augustine and I are going to meet with the Athletic Department officials and go through the document from the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics. This document is a statement of best practices and I have mentioned it to you several times. It’s on the Faculty Senate website, if you want to go look at it. This summer we will meet and try to identify what the University is already doing that is in the document and then try to identify those things that we might do, either in the Department of Athletics or on our own through the committee. Thank you very much.

PROFESSOR AUGUSTINE – Any questions for Professor Bearden? Thank you, Bill.

4. Reports of Officers.

PRESIDENT ANDREW SORENSEN – Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. It was my privilege yesterday to participate in the swearing in of David Wilkins as the new U.S. Ambassador to Canada. During the time he was Speaker of the House of Representatives in the General Assembly, Wilkins was extraordinarily supportive of this University. He graduated from Clemson and then migrated to the University of South Carolina. He graduated from our Law School and he also received an Honorary Doctoral Degree from
this University. Words are inadequate to describe the intensity of his support and his willingness to volunteer support when it might have been considered controversial. I shall miss him very much. He has been replaced by Bobby Harrell, who also is an alumnus of this University and whose son just graduated this past May. Bobby also has very warm feelings for the University and has been extremely supportive as Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee. I predict that he will be as supportive of our University as David Wilkins was.

It was my pleasure to go with Provost Becker, Dean Pat Moody and several of the Hospitality, Retail and Tourism faculty on a trip to China recently. I was only able to stay with them in Beijing and then had to come back here for a number of meetings. They went on to Shanghai and Hong Kong to try to develop ties with various Universities there. The reception we were accorded in Beijing was truly remarkable; very warm and open to the notion of exchanges of faculty and students. I had, shortly before leaving, read the book by Thomas Friedman (who gave the Solomon-Tenenbaum Lecture here a year ago), *The World Is Flat*. In it, he makes a very persuasive case for the fact that although geographic and cultural and ideological barriers that used to separate us have not completely disappeared, we can take pride in our respective cultures and yet find ways to flatten the world to - if not eliminate, at least reduce - a lot of the barriers that hitherto have separated us from one another. As I know from about 35 years of visiting various countries in Asia on a somewhat regular basis, there is much greater receptivity in China to our collaboration than there was during the cultural revolution and then during the period subsequent to that. I am very excited about the possibilities there.

The Olympic Games are going to be held in Beijing in 2008, and one of Dean Moody’s numerous goals is to find opportunities for two to three hundred of our students to work as interns there. They are going to have a huge Expo in Shanghai 2010 that they predict will be attended by far more people than the Olympic Games and again provide opportunities for hundreds of our students to do internships and possibly find full-time employment with firms that are working on those events.

China is a fascinating place in the respect that capitalism is rampant and the entrepreneurial spirit is vividly evident in an incredible variety of ways, yet at the same time you have the Communist party controlling the government, so it’s a curious juxtaposition.

On the enrollment front, we have terrific news. We are expecting the largest freshman class in the history of the University. We expect about 3700 freshmen who will also have the highest SAT average in the history of the University, about 1165. Last year’s average SAT was 1149, so the average SAT score is going up 16 points, and the number of students is going up by 250. We’ve hired 108 new faculty this year and we have 92 retirements or resignations, net increase of 16 faculty. We need to keep adding more and more faculty. The problem with enrollment management is that it’s not an exact science.

We started a new scholarship program called “The Capstone Scholars” for those scholars that have SAT scores between 1250 and 1400 and are not accepted into the Honors
College. We have over 500 of these in the freshman class. This is good news but it presents a challenge – the fact that we have more and more students who are interested in coming here, but we have to make sure we provide a quality education for them. That is your responsibility. But it’s my responsibility to work with you to make sure you have the resources that you need to do the job that you are doing so superbly.

On the budget, we also have good news. The General Assembly provided for a 4% increase on average in salaries for both faculty and staff. Our budget was only cut by $272 thousand out of a legislative appropriation for the system in excess of $200 million. So that was a very modest decrement from our annual appropriation. We proposed to the Board of Trustees Executive Committee an increase of tuition of 12.3%. It would generate about $13.5 million, and I want to tell you how we are going to spend that $13.5 million. When the state says they want to increase average salaries by 4%, they do that only for the “A” Funds, and so it costs an extra $2 million to make up that 4% for faculty who are not paid out of “A” funds. So, $2 million of the tuition increase went to salaries, $3.5 million went to hiring new faculty, and providing start-up funds for new faculty, $4 million for improving of the quality of the Information Technology system, and $1 million for IT security. We had on this campus over 3000 breaches of computer security during the past year. There are constantly students who are hacking into the system. We now have four full-time people who do nothing but monitor security of our IT system. Vice President Hogue can comment on that, if you wish. Are we going to add more people?

WILLIAM HOGUE (Vice President for Information Technology) – Yes, sir, we are. (inaudible) … to ensure the integrity of the overall system.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Thank you, sir. About law enforcement: we are going to add several police officers. We are in the unfortunate situation that we pay our police officers less than the City of Columbia and Richland and Lexington Counties. So, here is what happens. We hire police officers and send them off to the Police Academy. They finish the Academy and then they come back to work for us. Then they find that they can get higher pay at the City of Columbia or Richland or Lexington Counties. So, we do the recruitment, we do the training and then they leave us. Thus, I’m devoting a million dollars to adding several officers to improve security on the campus and also to increase their pay, so we don’t have such a high turnover rate among our law enforcement officers.

Our utility bill for the University is going up by $2 million next year, so that’s the $13 and a half million that the tuition increase will provide. The other support we received – so-called “below-the-line funding – was $1 million for nanotechnology, $1 million for hydrogen research, and $3 million for deferred maintenance.

Finally, some news about the Research Campus. We presented to the Board of Trustees at their last meeting a proposal for $142 million in funding for the Research Campus. I want to tell you exactly where that money is coming from. The City of Columbia and the Richland County Council together put up $33.9 million to build 2400 spaces in 2 garages.
One is near the Colonial Center: a 1400-vehicle garage with the stipulation that from Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm, the Department of Transporations gets to use 350 of those spaces and we get to use 1050 spaces for our students, faculty and staff. Then on weekends and evenings we can have use of all 1400 spaces. They are also going to build a 1000-car garage at the corner of Wheat and Assembly for the faculty and staff who will work in the new Research Campus building. They are paying 100% of the cost for parking for 2400 vehicles, added to the 1000-car garage that is currently under construction at the corner of Bull and Blossom Streets. That’s 3400 additional parking spaces over a period of two years. I’m very pleased that we are able to do that.

We also had a vote on June 14th of the Budget and Control Board in which we asked for $58 million for the Research Campus from the Life Sciences Act. I am very pleased to say that the vote was unanimous in support of giving us the $58 million. Our developer, Craig Davis and Associates, is putting up $26 million for two so-called spec buildings. They will construct one building at the Horizon Center, at the corner of Blossom and Assembly, and then another one down behind the newly constructed Public Health building. They will invite firms of knowledge-driven industries to come in there and occupy that space and rent space from them. Craig Davis will pay for 100% of the cost of the buildings and then charge rent to those firms to offset the cost of construction. We received $6 million from the U.S. Government in grants, specifically dedicated to construction costs of faculty-operated laboratories and facilities in these buildings. Then the final $17 million came from indirect cost recovery. Of the $142 million total, only $17 million came from the University. We’re extremely pleased that that is underway and that 100% of support for the first phase is already in hand.

Finally, I want to say a word about the Chairman of the Faculty Senate, Jim Augustine. I was a faculty senator for twelve years before becoming a full-time administrator and I am now starting my 24th year as a full-time university administrator. I have worked with an enormous number of faculty senate chairs, both as a faculty senator and as an administrator. I have never worked with anybody as capable, as thoughtful, and as consistently superb in all that he does, as Jim Augustine. He is an extraordinary man. He listens to absolutely every suggestion that comes from the faculty to the Senate President. He sits down with me and we discuss every email, every telephone call, every message; there is not one that we don’t discuss. We don’t air all of that publicly because he decides how he wants to take care of these matters and sometime refers to the committees. Sometimes he will get back to the individual who sent the email or made the telephone call. But he is always just superbly sensitive, thoughtful, and mature in his judgment in the way he handles things. I would like to suggest that we all give him a round of applause.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Thank you, Mr. President. I was told when I took this position that former university presidents provided a sizeable supplement for the Faculty Senate Chair, but I have yet to discover where that is. I’m sure Professor Wilcox might know more about it. Thank you, Mr. President, for those kind words. I prefer to be referred to as the Secretary General from now on.
PROVOST MARK BECKER – (I don’t think so. I don’t have one of the little Red Books.) I will begin with updates on major university administrative searches. First I would like to call on my colleague, Dr. Pastides, to give us an update on both the Nanocenter and the Nursing Dean searches.

VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS PASTIDES (Office of Research and Health Sciences) – Thank you very much. I have good news in that the two remaining searches that I’m overseeing are moving into their final phases. Just today, I received from Dean Willis a report from the College of Nursing Search Committee, with the names of the finalists who the committee deemed acceptable, and I plan on discussing that slate with you and with the President and begin negotiations immediately. Similarly, from the former Provost Jerry Odom, Chair of the search for the Nano Director, I’ve been given a slate of three names and I hope to be able to conclude an appointment for the Nano Center Director in the next several weeks as well. Thank you.

PROVOST BECKER – In addition to announcing to this body, it has been announced in the press already that the search for the Dean of Music position has been filled. We are very pleased that Tayloe Harding, who is presently at Valdosta State University, will be joining our faculty in July as Dean of the School of Music. Professor Harding is a nationally recognized leader in the world of music and music colleges and music programs, etc., and is a nationally recognized artist in his particular area as well.

The Honors College Dean search is also concluded successfully. Professor Davis Baird, whom I believe is known by all of you – he is a member of this august body – has accepted our offer to be the Dean of the Honors College and he, too, will start in August. We are very pleased to have his leadership in that position. He provides continuity, having been a very active faculty member in the Honors College for many years. I want to publicly thank both search committees for the Music search and the Honors College search. Both committees did their jobs impressively well and were on what I felt were extraordinarily fast timelines. I think both committees were motivated to see that their committee service didn’t last too long. They took their work very seriously and were quite successful on both accounts, and I appreciate all the work they did. I look forward to both Deans joining us in their roles in July.

The Search Committee for the search for the Dean of Engineering has been formed and will be meeting shortly. That committee has been co-chaired by Professor Tangali Sudarshan in the College of Electrical Engineering, and Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Dean Ralph White will step down at the end of July as Dean, and since we cannot conduct a national search on that rapid of a timeline, there will be an interim dean. I have a call out to members of the college, faculty and staff for nominations of interim deans. I have received six nominations thus far and I am still accepting nominations until the close of business on Friday. I will confer with each of the nominees and find out those who truly wish to be considered as opposed to being just nominated. Then, I will open up for a brief period of comment from faculty and staff and then move forward with all due haste to get appointed an interim dean so that the individual has the benefit of working with Dean White in a smooth transition in the
month of July. Then we can go forward from there. I think that updates all the open searches.

VICE PRESIDENT PASTIDES – I neglected to give an update on Pharmacy. The Dean search for Pharmacy has recently started under the leadership of Dean Donna Richter. I believe there are a few names that have been submitted already and we expect that to move briskly and productively.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – This is for the USC Pharmacy program with Joe DiPiro?

VICE PRESIDENT PASTIDES – Yes, that’s for the USC Pharmacy program and that’s being overseen by the Executive Dean, Joe DiPiro.

PROVOST BECKER – In addition, I would like to offer my thanks and congratulations to Professor Augustine for his leadership and service to this great body. Professor Augustine had the very difficult task of breaking in a new Provost. I appreciate all that he has done for me personally, helping me in my adjustment and transition to this University. We had a small ceremony yesterday and recognized him with a framed certificate for his outstanding service in this role, and he truly is an outstanding citizen of the University. And to echo what the President said, and I will say it as succinctly as I can, in all that I’ve worked with Professor Augustine on, it is clear that he has the best interest of the faculty and the University at heart. He works hard in all that he does to see that he can do the best for the faculty and the University, so we very much appreciate that. Thank you, sir. At this point I have nothing else and I am open to questions and comments before returning to my seat. Thank you.

5. Report of Secretary.

PROFESSOR LAURA KANE – No report.


CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Any unfinished business to come before this body?

7. New Business

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Any new business?

8. Announcements.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Yes, Mr. Chairman. The Art faculty is having an exhibit at McKissick Museum. I encourage you to go to visit that art exhibit. I’m going immediately after this meeting and if you would like to walk me over there, I would be delighted to have anybody join me. Thank you very much.
PROFESSOR JERALD WALLULIS (Philosophy) – In the academic year of 2002-2001 a survey was taken of faculty attitudes and then was later formulated into a set of faculty initiatives for the year 2005. I don’t want to make any recommendations, but I would ask whether the Faculty Senate wants to consider, or if they would want to initiate another survey in this 5-year period, or even whether the faculty survey is useful.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – You were the Chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee at that time?

PROFESSOR WALLULIS – Yes, I was.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Fine. We will ask the incoming Chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee to take that under consideration, and see if that committee wants to redo that or do something with what your committee had done. I will ask Marja to take that under consideration.

PROFESSOR HOYT WHEELER (Moore School of Business) – I would like to call the faculty’s attention to the fact that those of us that are in the TERI Plan will effectively have our pay cut about 6 (and a quarter?) percent as of July 1. If you will notice carefully what the legislature has just done: they are now requiring those who are participating in TERI to make contributions to the State Retirement System for which we will not receive service pay. This is contrary to the agreement that we had with the State Budget and Control Board and with the University. It is a very serious matter for faculty and for staff of this University, as well as for other state employees. I have talked to Professor Allman about this and it seems to me that it would be appropriate for the Faculty Welfare Committee to look into this. It is a matter of great seriousness. It really swamps any pay increase that we might get and is extremely unfair. There is a Class Action lawsuit that has been filed and I’m not sure where that will go or how successful that will be. Clearly, the obligations and promises that the legislature and the state government made to us have been broken, and that should be fixed.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Thank you, Professor Wheeler. Mr. President?

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Those of you who share that sentiment may want to contact Richard Harpootlian, who is the lawyer filing this Class Action lawsuit against the State Legislature. Obviously, it’s not appropriate for me to make a public statement about that, but that information may be helpful to you.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Yes, there is a Class Action lawsuit that has been filed by four members of the Department of Health and Environment Control. There are four lawyers listed on that. If you would like any additional information, please email me and I’ll send you what I know about it. I received an email from Linda about that and discussed it with the President and the Provost, and we are aware of what’s going on. I think the lawsuit will probably be the best hope for some redress here, in this area.
PROFESSOR WHEELER – I won’t rely entirely on that. I think political pressure is worth having because suing the state is not always a very successful type of litigation. That’s what’s questionable. I think any political pressure that can be brought there would be worthwhile.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Those of you who are interested in this issue might contact your State Legislators and let them know of your concern.

I do have an announcement; actually it’s a form of a memorial on behalf of Professor J.D. Waugh, former Dean of Engineering, who wrote this in memory of Elmer Schwartz. I would like to read this. Professor Schwartz passed away March 19th and I would like to enter this in the record of the Faculty Senate.

IN MEMORIUM
Elmer G. Schwartz
July 16, 1927-March 19, 2005

Elmer G. Schwartz, our respected colleague of many years died on March 19, 2005 at the age of seventy seven.

His death neither removes nor dilutes his impact on this University, the College of Engineering, his many friends and colleagues, and an untold number of students. Actually, the number of students is partially told because he carefully kept every grade book he ever had; but his influence on students went far beyond those enrolled in one of his classes.

Elmer was born in Pittsburgh and maintained a life long love for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Even in his last days, he was listening to the spring training games.

He was graduated first in his class at the US Merchant Marine Academy in 1947 and also served in the US Navy.

After earning a Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering from Carnegie Mellon (in Pittsburgh, of course), he joined the faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the University of South Carolina in 1964 to begin a relationship to last the rest of his life.

He progressed through the ranks to become a full professor and Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies. He continued to teach until the fall of 2004. He was named Distinguished Professor, Emeritus and Associate Dean, Emeritus.

He had a way of making every student feel important while adhering to high standards of performance. His commitment to one-on-one advising of students was legendary. He was given the College of Engineering's Samuel Litman Distinguished Teaching Award in 1986.
He served on committees too numerous to mention within the College and throughout the University. He was Chair of the Faculty Senate in 1973-74. His activities of service reached well beyond the College and the University to include the Literacy Council, the Commission for the Blind and the Richland County Public Library. He also served actively in professional organizations and societies. He was a Licensed Professional Engineer and served as a consultant on various topics. He was winner of the College of Engineering's Joseph Biedenbach Distinguished Service Award in 1992.

His over forty year relationship with the University was exceeded by his fifty seven year marriage to Ursula Dellheim Schwartz.

A colleague, outside of engineering, recently remarked: "He was one of the most constructive, thoughtful and pleasant people at Carolina." To this we can all say "Amen".

We all send messages to a future that we will not see. Those messages are sent through children, through students, through the way we treat those around us and through the values we reflect to others. Would that all could send messages equal to those of Elmer G. Schwartz.

Mr. Chairman, I ask that these comments be made a part of the record of this meeting and that a copy be sent to his widow, Ursula, and the five children.

J. D. Waugh
Dean of Engineering, emeritus

So ordered. Are there any other announcements or anything for the good of the order, please? I guess since this is my last meeting I should thank you for the privilege that you have given me of being the Chair of this distinguished group for the last two years. My colleague, Dr. Gene Reeder, will be taking over on August 16th and will be chairing the meeting which will be on September 7, 2005.


CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Thank you all very much and I will entertain a motion to adjourn. Second? All those in favor please say “aye.” The meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much.