1. Call to Order.

PRESIDENT ANDREW SORENSEN – Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. It’s a beautiful day. I would like to call the meeting of the General Faculty to order.

2. Approval of Minutes.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – May I have a motion for approval of the General Faculty minutes of the meeting of September 3, 2003 as they were distributed. Second? Thank you, are they any corrections or emendations? Hearing none I will call for a vote to approve the minutes as distributed. All in favor say aye. Opposed? The ayes have it, the minutes are approved.


PRESIDENT SORENSEN – It was my pleasure yesterday to preside at a meeting to award 40 year, 30 year, 20 year and 10 year pins for meritorious service to the University yesterday. We had literally hundreds of people recognized and one of them is with us today. I saw Professor Joseph H. Gibbons who received an award for 40 years of service as Professor of Engineering and Interim Dean of Engineering. Joe would you stand so that we may recognize you, please. (Clapping) God bless you.

Now there were several people who received 30 year awards. Are any of them here today? Please stand, others? Please stand Thorn. Yes, let’s have a round of applause for all these people. (Clapping) And, now 20 year recipients. Are there any 20 year recipients here? Ten year recipients? Please stand so we can recognize you. (Clapping)

I’d like to report on the various search committees. The search committee for Provost is making very good progress. Seven finalists have been chosen by that committee. They will be having airport interviews on April 30th and May 1st. They will then give me a list of 3 or 4 candidates in alphabetic order and then we will bring them to the campus. We are hopeful that we can get them here before the faculty who are on 9-month contracts disperse for the summer. The Provost is chairing the Arts and Sciences search, and he will be referring to that search during his remarks. We are also looking for a Public Health dean. I met with second of three candidates who have been on the campus.

We had an absolutely extraordinary symposium here at the Law School Auditorium on Saturday for the 50th anniversary commemorating the Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education decision regarding the desegregation of the schools in the United States. It was an incredibly talented panel. Among the panelists was Judge Matthew Perry and Professor Lewis Burke. Lewis Burke moderated one of the two panels and did
a very good job. I want to thank especially all the faculty and staff who were involved in organizing this really stimulating presentation.

I’ll talk a little bit about the proposed merger of the Colleges of Pharmacy with MUSC and USC. I have had two one plus hour meetings with the faculty. I have had a meeting with students to explain to them what we are anticipating. We are proposing that there will be two residential colleges of instruction, as there are now. Our faculty will teach Pharmacy classes here in Columbia, the MUSC faculty will teach classes in Pharmacy in Charleston. There are rumors that I have a plan that hasn’t been unveiled to close the campus here, to lock up the door and throw the keys away. That is not true. In spite of my repeated denials, the rumor persists. There is also rumor that we are going to have education here exclusively by distance education and people will learn Pharmacy by videotape. There are no plans to introduce videotape courses here. I do have a vision for having state wide Pharmacy education, so that people in Greenville, Aiken, and Florence can, if they wish to, enroll in Pharmacy classes. I’m going to Augusta, Maine on Saturday, presiding at a graduation ceremony in Augusta, Maine. Sixty-five people will get Master of Science degrees in Library Science from the University of South Carolina in Augusta, Maine on Saturday. I don’t have any plans for that here but we ought to be open to that possibility happening in Greenville.

I had a good meeting with Senator Ronnie Cromer regarding MUSC issues. To the best of my knowledge he is the only registered pharmacist in the legislature. It was a very productive and fruitful meeting. He made several excellent suggestions.

This has been a good month for fund raising. We received a $45 million gift last Friday from Darla Moore for the School of Business Administration, with money dedicated for complete refurbishment of the existing buildings, as well as supporting academic programs. A stipulation of her gift is that we match that with other monies. The University has pledged $15 million against her $45 million match for $60 million total. Then we are in the process of raising an additional $30 million from private sources.

On Monday we announced a new program called a Health Sciences Collaborative. Whereby the Greenville Hospital system and the Palmetto Health system will give $2 million each to combined research efforts of University of South Carolina and the Medical University of South Carolina, pledge to do that over a ten year period for a total of $40 million. The next day we had a meeting of the panel of the Centers of Excellence and we had several joint USC and MUSC proposals and that Center approved $8.5 million in awards to us. We have in hand $6.2 million of the $8.5 million and so that made for a total of $14.7 million. So the month of April, we generated more than a $100 million in gifts and pledges of gifts.

We had an additional $7 million approved by the Centers of Excellence panel to be awarded in July and August, again for this collaborative research between the University of South Carolina and the Medical University of South Carolina.
That includes my report. I will be happy to respond to any questions or comments anybody has.

PROFESSOR KENNETH PHILLIPS (Nursing) – Our faculty went to the Medical University of South Carolina last week for a meeting with them about collaboration between our college and their college. And, at that meeting we felt that they had more information about the proposed merger or collaboration than we did. We would just like for you to share your vision with us on how you see our colleges working together.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Would it be possible for you to invite me to meet with your faculty in the next week or ten days?

PROFESSOR PHILLIPS – Yes, I guess I am sure that would be fine.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – I would like very much to do that, just as I have done with the College of Pharmacy. And, after that meeting it still seems not to be clear, I would be happy to come back and meet with you again. Thank you very much for that comment and I hope you will take me up on my offer. Other questions or comments?

PROFESSOR MARLENE MACKEY (Nursing) – I have a question. You refer to a Health Sciences collaborative. I thought that when the negotiations started that the College of Nursing was really going to receive some money to increase the number of nurses in the State of South Carolina. Somehow the College of Nursing has been written out of the whole agreement. It was turned around and now it is something else. We are very concerned about that.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – The money that the two hospital systems have made available is for the Centers of Excellence proposals, only. So if you propose a Center of Excellence for $4 million, they will give $2 million towards that and the State will match it with $2 million. I would suggest you put together a proposal for a Center of Excellence, and I would be happy to come and meet with you about that. We announced this program a year ago, and had a University wide competition. When did we have our first one, Jerry?

PROVOST JEROME ODOM – Last year, last April.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Last April. So, this has been announced openly and shared publicly. Did we receive a proposal from the College of Nursing for a Center of Excellence?

PROVOST ODOM – Not to my knowledge.

PROFESSOR MACKEY – Where would we get $2 million from? Are you going to give it to us?

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Yes, yes! We are going to give you $2 million – okay?
PROFESSOR MACKEY – Okay this is a public announcement.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Yes, but you have to give a proposal that is judged in a competition. First of all they have an group of reviewers who are anonymous to us who review the proposal electronically. Then a team of external researchers comes in and they evaluate the proposals that were given high scores in the electronic review. If you are judged a winner in the Center of Excellence competition, the two hospital systems give $4 million per year toward such and we will match that money.

PROFESSOR MACKEY – But you are talking about research, I’m talking about education.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – I understand that. But this $40 million is only dedicated to Centers of Excellence that qualify for the State Life Sciences Act Proposal. We are still working on a proposal for health sciences education. We need more pharmacists in this state, we need more nurses in this state, we need more doctors in this state. Mary Ann Parsons will tell you that I have had meetings with Kester Freeman, CEO of Palmetto Richland, and her as well as the Head of Nursing at Palmetto Richland to talk about how we might support the funding of additional nursing faculty. I will continue to do that. But this Centers of Excellence and the Health Sciences Initiative is only for funds that qualify for the Centers of Excellence match. I invite you to put together a proposal, but it has to do two things. It has to stimulate economic development in the near term, to show how you are going to create a large number of jobs, and you have to have a dollar for dollar match. I will go with you and Mary Ann Parsons to talk to anybody, anywhere in the world and ask them for money. My batting average is reasonably good. All right?

PROFESSOR MACKEY – You will go back to Kester Freeman, where it all started, and work with him again?

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – I will continue to work with Kester. Kester doesn’t work for me. He reports to a different Board of Trustees, but I have made my feelings and my desires very, very clear to him. If you don’t believe me, ask Mary Ann Parsons. She has been in meetings with me and him. Ask her if I have been direct with him about the urgency of supporting nursing education.

PROFESSOR MACKEY – But nothing has happened.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – If Kester doesn’t want to give the money, I can’t coerce him into giving the money. I can beg him, I can cajole him, I can wheedle but I can’t tell Kester. “Kester, you have got to give money to nursing.” It doesn’t work that way. But I certainly have leaned on him and I will continue to lean on him. I’ll be as persuasive as I possibly can. You need more nursing faculty, you need more money to train nurses. Pharmacy needs more money. Pharmacy needs to train more pharmacists. The Medical School needs to train more doctors. But when people work for different organization and
report to different Board of Directors I can’t tell them what to do with their money. Other questions and comments?

PROFESSOR WANDA LOFTIN (Nursing) – I am a faculty senator from the College of Nursing and I represent the views of the College of Nursing. We have actively supported your tireless efforts to form the Health Science collaborative. And, we support your vision for the cutting edge research. However, at the same time we have been watching the results of the College of Pharmacy’s collaborative efforts with MUSC and naturally we are concerned. We too will be visited by consultants who will make recommendations for our collaboration with MUSC’s School of Nursing and while there has been a lot of information provided and justification for and public debate about the College of Pharmacy’s collaboration, Nursing has had little information from administration about their vision for collaboration or the strategies to achieve that vision. What we have heard, as you have pointed out, are rumors and the rumors have been very upsetting and anxiety provoking for many of us on the faculty. So we do have some concerns.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – I respect that. As you might suspect, I have been distracted recently. I have had some other activities that have demanded my attention. The fund raising has been demanding. I have 14 commencements ceremonies that I preside over that I have been organizing the past few weeks. Please invite me and Dr. Pastides to come and meet with the faculty as soon as possible. I would love to come and meet with you and talk with you. I will speak candidly, I will speak openly about it and I will be delighted to do so. Other questions or comments? Thank you very much.


PROVOST JEROME ODOM – First of all I would like to make just a few comments about several issues and then we will get to the fun part of what I get to do today. For the Dean’s Search for Arts and Sciences we have about 60 applications. We have narrowed those down considerably. We continue to receive applications and recently put the ad in The Chronicle again and we received another flurry of applications. The search committee is meeting Monday morning at 8:30 to go through these new applications. At that point I think we will probably be down to a place where we can be very selective and narrow it down even more. What we are doing is trying to track behind the provost’s search and I have talked to a number of candidates for this position for the dean’s position. They are very interested to know who the provost will be and I have assured them that as soon as that announcement is made we will let the candidates know and we will move into high gear. I said last time and I mean it very much that I am very concerned that we don’t interview candidates for this job in the summer when faculty are not here. I think it is very important that we be very involved and that we have their input on this particular dean’s search. It is so important because it involves two colleges. It will be a very large college in the University. So if that in fact means that we have to wait until August the 15 or the 16 to continue the search then we may have to do that.
The President and I met this morning with the University Committee on Tenure and Promotions. I think it was a very productive meeting. This year we considered 68 cases of tenure and promotion. I am happy to say that the vast majority of those the President agreed with the various units, the departments, the chairs, the deans, and the provost. There were a few where there was disagreement and I think we had a productive and candid discussion with that committee. Let me just say that that committee is, in my opinion, the most important committee on this campus. It is 24 people who look at files from all over the University and really make decisions about the future of this University—where we are going and what we are doing. So I would like to publicly thank the faculty who served on the UCTP committee this year. It is a very time consuming job and I always find the members of that committee to be very thoughtful individuals and to be able to justify their decisions very well. Jerry Hackett chairs that committee and I ask that you please pass on those thanks to members of the committee. Even though they did get a free breakfast this morning, that is not nearly enough.

This morning I was honored really to be able to make some welcoming remarks at a Leadership Institute for Women on campus. Deborah Fowler organized this. It was an outgrowth of the Provost Advisory Committee on Women’s Issues. I was gratified to see there were over 165 people who attended this morning. There was a wonderful panel discussion this morning and they had another one planned after lunch. I hope that Deborah will take that and the other members of the committee will take that and run with it and it will be a very important part of this University. That same committee which is co-chaired by Deborah Fowler (Retailing) and Elise Partin (Pre-Professional Advising Office) has planned a research forum for women faculty members early in the fall to talk about mentoring and ways that we can be able to better recognize our women researchers on campus.

Yesterday afternoon I was again pleased to be able to attend a reception that our Office of Fellowships arranged for the students. We have had an extraordinary year this year in student awards: Truman, Goldwater, Rhodes finalist, we had a number of National Science Foundation Fellowship awardees in the University. And, again the most important thing in many respects are the faculty that serve on the committees. Every single scholarship has a faculty committee and those faculty work tirelessly with these students to prepare them for this competition. So let me thank the faculty for the work that they do on those committees.

The other office, one that I just mentioned, that Elise works in is our Pre-Professional Advising Office. That is very ably directed by Eileen Korpita and the National Academic Advising Association has just given them a national award – The Outstanding Institutional Advising Program. So let me congratulate Eileen and Elise both because they do a great job with people who want to go to medical school, dental school, vet school, and law school. Anybody that is interested in a professional program at the graduate level, Eileen and Elise work very, very hard with them.

That is all that I have about various matters. Are there any questions that I could answer at this point before I turn to some other matters?
Okay, great. President Sorensen recognized people who received pins yesterday, what I’d like to do is recognize emeritus professors - people who the Board has acted on with respect to naming them emeritus professors. We try to do this at both General Faculty meetings. We sent out invitations and we received a number of regrets but we also have people who have been able to be here today. If I call your name, if you’d just stand and at the end we would like to thank you for your service to the University.

2004 Emeritus Professors

- John Adams, Anthropology
- Don Allen, Medicine
- Jeff Arpan, Business
- Gerry Augustinos, History
- Laury Christie, Music – Laury thank you for being here.
- Allen Corbett, Business
- Churchill Curtis, Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Management
- Bruce Dunlap, Chemistry & Biochemistry – Bruce is a Dean in Florida so I don’t think he made it.
- Brian Fry, Political Science
- Pat Gilmartin, Geography
- Don Greiner, English – Where is my colleague?
- Rudy Jones, Physics & Astronomy – I saw Rudy here as well, thank you Rudy.
- Gene Kaplan, Medicine
- Paul Kim, Social Work – I think he is in Korea right now.
- Robert Lloyd, Geography
- Virginia Matthews, Thomas Cooper Library
- Reid Montgomery, Criminology & Criminal Justice – Reid, thank you for coming today.
- Charles Poole, Physics & Astronomy – Charlie, thank you for coming.
- Bill Thomas, Business
- Bud Walton, Thomas Cooper Library
- Phil Watson, Medicine
- Bob Williams, Mass Communications and Information Studies – Bob thank you for being here.

Can we thank all these folks? Thank you so much. (Clapping)

Now I would like to make some awards to faculty members as you know we have a number of awards. We have committees again that serve tirelessly to try to find the best people for these awards and they certainly have done an outstanding job this year. Some of these folks will receive certificates and monetary rewards, I will ask them to come to the stage. If there is not immediate money or certificate in hand, I would just like to ask you to stand at your seat.
The first award is a Carolina Distinguished Professor Award. As most of you know, this is really the highest awarded chair on campus. We have about 25 of these and when we have an opening we advertise to the colleges that we have an opening and we get a lot of nominations. Starting in December that will be an additional $15,000 a year stipend for our Carolina Distinguished Professors and we thank the Educational Foundation for that. Our newest recipient is Mark Smith in the History department. (Clapping) I have to tell you a few things about Mark. Mark is, as I said, a Professor in the Department of History. Mark actually is a little bit unusual in that he received his Ph.D. from the University in 1995. His specialty is the History of the American South, and he has earned international acclaim for his books "Listening to Nineteenth-Century America" and "Mastered by the Clock: Time, Slavery, and Freedom in the American South." Let me just add one personal story, I remember in Mark’s application for Associate Professor with tenure a person at Harvard wrote a letter and said “I cannot believe that I’m not evaluating this person for full professor.” So that shows you what Mark is doing in his scholarship. Thank you so much.

The Golden Key Faculty Award for Creative Integration of Research and Undergraduate Teaching. And if I could ask Laura Smith, who is the Golden Key Awards Chairperson and Lauren Chestnut, who is the Golden Key President to come forward to present this award. I also ask Chris Williams from the Department of Chemical Engineering to come forward.

The 2004 Golden Key Faculty Award for Creative Integration of Research and Undergraduate Teaching winner is Dr. Christopher T. Williams. After receiving his Bachelor of Chemical Engineering from the University of Delaware and his Ph.D. from Purdue University, Chris came to USC in 1999. He is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering.

Previous honors and awards include the National Science Foundation Career Award and NSF-NATO Postdoctoral Fellowship at Oxford University in England. He has authored 25 publications, and given nearly 50 presentations at national and international meetings.

Chris has also advised 16 undergraduate students through the National Science Foundation’s Research Experience for Undergraduates programs. Recently, one of his undergraduate students was one of the ones who won the NSF Graduate Fellowship. Chris was one of a number of Chemical Engineering faculty who recently took 41 of their majors to San Francisco to a national meeting. Seventeen made presentations. So that shows you the activity in that Department. Congratulations! (Clapping)

The next recipient is one that we just got this morning thus we do not have the certificate or the money yet but I would like to ask Matthew Kohn if he would stand at his seat. Matthew has won the second annual Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor Award. He joined the Department of Geological Sciences in 1998 after earning his degree at Rensselaer Tech. He teaches Introduction to Mineralogy, Geology of National Parks, and Petrology. He was a post-doc at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and he has been awarded grants from both Rensselaer and MIT. He currently
directs the Geochemistry and Orogenesis Laboratory. Congratulations, Matthew! (Clapping)

If I could ask Clif Fuhrman to come forward, please. Clif is the Ada B. Thomas Outstanding Faculty Advisor. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina in 1995 and later joined the College of Pharmacy. He is currently an associate professor and assistant dean in Pharmacy. His service as assistant dean has led to his expertise in advising, and today he has been honored with this both at the Undergraduate ceremony which, I think, is very appropriate and here before his colleagues as well. Clif, congratulations! (Clapping)

For the Russell Research Award for Humanities and Social Sciences if I could ask Sandra Kelly to come forward, please. Sandra has been in the Department of Psychology since 1988 and has established a strong national reputation for her extensive research in behavioral neuropsychology. Her primary research has been related to the investigation of the causes and consequences of abnormal prenatal development, what in the popular press is known as “birth defects.” Her specialization has been in the study of the effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol and subsequent neural, social and cognitive outcomes. She is also credited with substantial contributions to a revolution in biomedical testing that recognizes gender differences in brain and behavior. Recognition of her work is reflected in a series of external grants that she has received. She has brought in over one million dollars to USC. She has published extensively, with close to one hundred refereed journal articles and abstracts. Congratulations, Sandra! (Clapping)

For the Russell Research Award for Science, Mathematics and Engineering if I could ask Bob Thunell to come forward, please. Bob is in the Department of Geological Sciences. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Rhode Island in 1978, and came to the University the next year in 1979. He has been a Carolina Distinguished Professor since 1992. Bob’s research has resulted in 143 publications in leading peer-reviewed journals and more than 5.8 million dollars in external funding. Bob has received the USC Education Foundation Research Award in 1997 but the last seven years have been particularly productive with 42 very important publications. The importance of his research to the scientific community is demonstrated by his current $1.9 million in funding from NSF and NASA. One of his most exciting recent discoveries was that large abrupt climate changes in the deep tropics during the last 50 thousand years were linked to global-scale climate changes and lead to an article in Nature in 2003. Congratulations, Bob! (Clapping)

For the USC Educational Foundation Research Award for Health Sciences goes to Beth Mayer-Davis. Beth is at a meeting presenting a paper and she called and was very sorry that she couldn’t come today. But I would like to read this anyway. Beth is Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and has published over 70 articles in peer-reviewed journals. She is a nationally and internationally recognized scholar and a productive and innovative researcher in epidemiologic research. This recognition stems from her significant accomplishments in the field of nutrition and obesity research, with a special interest in the areas of diabetes, obesity, and their impact on cardiovascular disease and the metabolic syndrome. She currently serves as principal investigator or co-
principal investigator on 7 funded projects, totaling over $2.3 million. So we congratulate Beth.

The **USC Educational Foundation Research Award for Humanities and Social Sciences** if I could ask Charles Randy Mack to come forward, please. Randy Mack joined the faculty in the Department of Art in 1970. Since that time he has obtained a strong national reputation as an art historian specializing in the Italian Renaissance Art and Architecture. His scholarship on the Renaissance has appeared in his books published by the University of Cornell Press and his book in press at the University of Michigan Press, in addition to a long string of articles in the leading journals of his specialty. In addition to his primary contributions to the study of Renaissance Art, Professor Mack is recognized for an extensive record of publications on topics as diverse as German ceramics, the history of drawing, decorated enamelware, and American folk pottery. And, when the President asked awhile ago if there was a motion for the minutes I heard a very strong “So moved,” and I knew it was Randy Mack immediately. Congratulations, Randy Mack! (Clapping)

For the **USC Educational Foundation Research Award for Professional Schools** if I could ask Bill Bearden of the Moore School of Business to come forward, please. Bill is Professor of Marketing and Distinguished Foundation Fellow in the Moore School of Business. He began his career at USC in 1976. Bill received an M.B.A. from the University of Georgia and a Ph.D. in Business Administration from U.S.C. He has received over 25 honors and awards and has written 3 books, one of which is in its 4th edition and is described as a major contribution to the field of marketing. He has published 63 journal articles and has presented at 34 national conferences. Congratulations, Bill! (Clapping)

For the **USC Educational Foundation Research Award for Science, Mathematics and Engineering** if I could ask Sue Brenner to come forward, please. Sue received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1988, and joined the USC faculty in the Mathematics department in 1993. She was promoted to the rank of Professor in 1999. Sue is a prominent numerical analyst who has done outstanding work in multigrid and domain decomposition, two very important areas of scientific computing. Her work has received national and international acclaim. To date she has over 40 refereed research articles, the majority of which are single-authored. The high quality of her work has led to numerous invitations to be a speaker at national and international conferences. Another indicator of the high quality of her work is her record of continuous external grant funding since 1989. Congratulations, Sue! (Clapping)

For the **USC Educational Foundation Outstanding Service Award** if I could ask Carl Evans to come forward, please. Carl Evans is Chair of the Department of Religious Studies. He is nationally renowned for his leadership of "Partners in Dialogue," which studies religious diversity in America. Carl is also one of the founders of the Christian-Jewish Congress of South Carolina, and he currently chairs the selection committee for the annual Solomon-Tenenbaum Lectureship in Jewish Studies, this event as you probably remember brought Thomas Friedman to our campus. Scholars of
religious studies consistently cite Dr. Evans’s work in these areas across the nation. His commitment to service is wide-spread and widely-known and he does a great job at this University. Congratulations, Carl! (Clapping)

For the Carolina Trustee Professorship if I could ask John Dawson of the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry to come forward, please. This is a professorship established and funded by our Board of Trustees. It is kind of a most valuable player award. John has been at USC since 1978 and has served with distinction in the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry. He has won numerous awards on campus and nationally. He has had research funded to the tune of about $5.4 million. His service record is outstanding and wide ranging. He consistently has excellent teaching reviews. He has graduated 25 Ph.D. recipients from his group, 4 M.S. recipients, and several post doctoral associates. Congratulations, John! (Clapping)

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – John just informed me that there is one more Ph.D. he has graduated since that was written, so it is now 26.

PROVOST ODOM – For the Michael J. Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Awards if I could ask: Mike Meadows, Rekha Patel, Patrick Scott, David Rocheleau, and Terry Smith to come forward, please.

I am going to start with Mike Meadows. Mike has been a member of the faculty in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering since 1981. His teaching responsibilities include the Capstone Senior Design Course, a course he originated and one, which has served as a model at a number of other universities. In addition to the Mungo Award, he has received teaching awards given by student organizations, the USC College of Engineering, and the American Society of Civil Engineers. Mike, congratulations! (Clapping)

Rekha Patel is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences. She joined the USC faculty in 1998. She teaches courses in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry. In 2002, Rekha was the recipient of the College of Science and Mathematics Outstanding Undergraduate Advisor Award. Congratulations, Rekha! (Clapping)

Patrick Scott came to USC in 1976 and has been a Professor of English since 1980. A specialist in Victorian literature and book history, he continues to teach while also serving as Director of Thomas Cooper Library’s Rare Books and Special Collections. And, we have some wonderful Special Collections, Patrick. Congratulations, Patrick! (Clapping)

David Rocheleau is an Associate Professor in Mechanical Engineering. He joined the faculty in 1992 after receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Florida. He is a licensed Professional Engineer, has twice received the Pi Tau Sigma Mechanical Engineering Professor of the Year Award, and has also received the USC Outstanding Service Teaching Award. Congratulations, David! (Clapping)
Terry Smith is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Theatre and Dance. He joined the faculty at USC in 1998 after a career as a television, film, and stage actor. He is very active in Theatre South Carolina. Next month, Terry presents his most recent paper in St. Petersburg, Russia, to the International Federation for Theatre Research. Congratulations, Terry! (Clapping)

The Michael J. Mungo Graduate Teaching Awards if I could ask: Michael Amiridis, Chaden Djalali, and Victor Giurgiutiu to come forward, please.

Michael Amiridis joined the Department of Chemical Engineering in 1994 and has served as department chair since 2002. He is a past winner of the Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award, the Golden Key Award, the Mortar Board Teaching Award, and the Samuel Litman Distinguished Professor Award. He is particularly active in mentoring minority students in Engineering. Congratulations, Michael! (Clapping)

Chaden Djalali joined the Department of Physics and Astronomy in 1989. He is a past winner of the Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award, the Educational Foundation Research Award, and the AMOCO Teaching Award; and he held the Carolina Trustee Professorship in 2003. And, I don’t think there is anything this man doesn’t do. Congratulations, Chaden! (Clapping)

Victor Giurgiutiu is an Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. His laboratory supports a large number of graduate students who publish in peer-reviewed journals, and he serves as Associate Editor of the "International Journal of Structural Health Monitoring." Victor, congratulations! (Clapping)

The Amoco Outstanding Teaching Award the University’s highest award goes to Jim Roberts in the Department of Mathematics. While Jim is coming up I want to tell you that I have started visiting the class of the Amoco Award winner. Just walking in unannounced and stopping the class to announce this because this really is a student driven award. It was wonderful to walk into Jim’s Vector Calculus course. He didn’t have a large number of students in it but it was very clear how gratified they were that you had won this award, Jim. Let me say a few words here, Jim Roberts joined the Department of Mathematics in 1970 after receiving his Ph.D. from Rutgers. He won the Russell Research Award in 1979 and was promoted to Professor in 1983. He is a past winner of the South Carolina Honors College Teaching Award and the Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award. Jim is known campus wide for teaching upper-level mathematics courses in the Honors College. And, he does a wonderful job. Congratulations, Jim! (Clapping)

Thank you very much.

PRESENT SORENSEN – Thank you very much, Mr. Provost. I took want to echo the Provost’s thanks to the University Committee on Tenure and Promotions for their remarkable job. They have obviously reviewed meticulously each of the 68 proposals for promotion and/or tenure. The Provost and I are especially grateful to you because, as we
stated in the meeting this morning, that committee has enormous influence in establishing the academic standards throughout the University.

I would especially like to recognize our Debate Team. I am going to introduce the two leaders of the team that deserve special recognition. One of them, as Professor Berube said at the outset of the meeting, is unable to be with us. Glen Prince from Cabot, Arkansas is a Senior Political Science Major and will be a Communications Studies Graduate Student next year. And, J.D. Shipman from Charlotte, North Carolina is a Senior Political Science Major and will be a Law Student next year. These students maintain in addition to this very busy debate schedule a 3.8 grade point average. This season they have debated in the final rounds of 11 parliamentarian debate tournaments which is a national record. They won 6 of the 11 final rounds, including 1st place at the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence. Not only were they the national champions, Prince and Shipman were awarded second and third place awards as the best parliamentary debaters in the United States at the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence. Is it Glen who is with us? Glen please stand so we can recognize you. (Clapping) And, of course, they have their charismatic, indomitable coach, Professor David Berube. David you stand, so we can recognize you. (Clapping)

5. Reports of Committees.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – The Faculty Advisory Committee has lengthy changes proposed to The Faculty Manual. As the agenda notes, they are available on the Faculty Senate website and they were distributed prior to the meeting. I would like to ask the Chair of the Senate, Jim Augustine to come up here please. Jim and I had a thorough discussion of each of these recommendations. I want to thank Bill Bearden, who is the Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee, and his colleagues for the work that you did.

We have two alternatives as to how to handle this. There are 21 proposed changes. Let me just say a word about the origin of the proposals. Jerry Odom valiantly decided that before he steps down as Provost that we try as best we can to eliminate internal inconsistencies in The Faculty Manual. Then there were some modifications warranted because of changes. For example, there was a section dealing with the Faculty Club. Because there is no longer a Faculty Club we do not need to have that section in The Faculty Manual any more. We could vote on each of these proposed changes as they are presented or we could vote on them en masse. Jim is prepared to go through and give a very brief description of each proposal. Would you like to have him do that first and then vote on it or decide how you are going to vote ahead of time? I am willing to entertain a motion of any sort.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER – I make a motion that we vote en masse.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Is there a second? (Second) Is there a discussion of that motion? All in favor say aye. You have just agreed to vote en masse. Now I need to know do you want me to have him read each of these or go over them or do you want to approve them en masse.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER – Move their approval.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Move there approval. Is there a second? (Second) some enthusiasm.

PROFESSOR SARAH BARKER (Theatre & Dance) – I propose a friendly amendment to one change that is the amendment for the Department of Theatre and Dance. It is just that I want to get rid of an “s” while we are fixing it.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Tell us what number that is please.

PROFESSOR BARKER – Number 14.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Number 14 which is on page 5. And where is the “s”?

PROFESSOR BARKER – The second sentence says: “Seasons memberships as well as tickets…” In our discipline we say “season tickets or season memberships.” So if we can get rid of that “s” at the end of “seasons.”

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Does the author of the motion and the second of the motion accept that as a friendly amendment? For parliamentarian procedure we ought to vote on the amendment first. Let’s vote on the amendment to drop the “s” on the third line of the proposed motion number 14 on page 5. Is there a motion to approve? (So moved) Second? (Second) Discussion? All in favor say aye.

Now we are back to the revised proposal that has been moved and seconded. Is there further discussion? All in favor say aye. Opposed? Thank you very much.

PROFESSOR JIM AUGUSTINE (Medicine & Chair of Faculty Senate) – Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Thank you Mr. Chair.

PROFESSOR AUGUSTINE – Really we need to thank Professor Bearden and his entire committee as this took quite a few months of work on their part.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Thank you very much Bill, I appreciate your work. And, also Jerry thank you for calling these needed changes to our attention. It was good that we got these changes made.

6. Old Business.
   None.

   None.
8. Good of the Order.
   None.


PRESIDENT SORENSEN – I would like to entertain a motion that we be adjourned. Immediately after this I am hosting a reception outside before the Faculty Senate meeting. Is there a motion for adjournment? Second? All in favor say aye. Opposed? Thank you very much ladies and gentlemen.

PROFESSOR RANDY MACK – Has anyone thanked Jerry Odom for his years of service?

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – I offered a long citation at our September, 2003 meeting. I suggest we all stand in thanks to Jerry. (Lots of clapping) There are several members of the Provost’s Search Committee in the audience and I look forward to you trying desperately to fill these enormous shoes. Thank you very much ladies and gentlemen.