CHAIR JAMES R. AUGUSTINE – Please be sure if you have a comment to make when you stand up to give us your name and college/school you are from.

I. Call to Order.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – I call to order the meeting of the Faculty Senate of Wednesday, November 5, 2003.

II. Correction and Approval of Minutes.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – The minutes have been circulated and have been sent to you. They are also available on the web. Are there any corrections to the minutes as presented? Seeing none the minutes stand approved as written.

III. Reports of Committees.

a. Faculty Senate Steering Committee, Professor Sarah Wise, Secretary:

PROFESSOR WISE (Retailing) – The Faculty Senate Steering Committee submits the following nominee for a two-year term on the Intellectual Property Committee: James Ritter from the College of Engineering and Information Technology. Other nominations can be made at this time. Nominations will remain open until the end of the meeting.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Thank you, Professor Wise.

b. Committee on Curricula and Courses, Professor Gary Blanpied, Chair:

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Professor Blanpied is not with us today but Professor Sarah Barker is here to give this report.

PROFESSOR BARKER (Theater and Dance) – We have for your consideration today pages 14 through 17. I will present them by roman numerals. I. College of Engineering and Information Technology a change in credit hours. We move that this be accepted.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – The committee has moved the change in credit hours in EMCH 561. Since it comes from a committee it does not need as second, is there any discussion of this particular change? Seeing none all of those in favor of the change say aye. Those opposed say no. The change is approved.

PROFESSOR BARKER – II. School of the Environment we move that the change in credit hours of ENVR 200 and the deletion of ENVR 200L be accepted.
CHAIR AUGUSTINE – The committee moves II. School of the Environment a change in credit hours in ENVR 200 and also the deletion of ENVR 200L. Is there any discussion of this change and deletion? Seeing none all those in favor of this change please say aye. Those opposed please say no. The change and the deletion are approved as printed.

PROFESSOR BARKER – We will present III. College of Liberal Arts by each department. First is A. Department of Geography – a change in the title of GEOG 310 and GEOG 510. One is a undergraduate course and the other a graduate course.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – The committee moves III. College of Liberal Arts – Department of Geography a change in title for two courses. Is there any discussion of the change in these two courses? Seeing none those in favor of the change please say aye. All those opposed please say no. The changes are approved as written.

PROFESSOR BARKER – B. Department of Sociology a change in curriculum printed in the Undergraduate Bulletin 2003-2004 page 263 as printed here.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – The committee moves in the College of Liberal Arts under B. Department of Sociology a change in curriculum as printed in the Undergraduate Bulletin. Is there any discussion of this change? Seeing none all those in favor of this change please say aye. All those opposed please say no. The change is approved as written.

PROFESSOR BARKER – C. Southern Studies Program a change in curriculum printed in the Undergraduate Bulletin 2003-2004 page 266. Also a change in description of course SOST 302 and deletions of courses SOST 310 and 320.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – The committee moves III. College of Liberal Arts under C. Southern Studies Program a change in curriculum, a change in description, and two deletions. Is there any discussion of these changes and deletions. Seeing none those in favor of these changes and deletions please say aye. Those opposed please say no. The changes stand as written.

PROFESSOR BARKER – We are moving on to V., I did not proof read this so we are just skipping number IV. V. Arnold School of Public Health, Department of Health Services Policy and Management present changes in designators from HADM to HSPM.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – The committee moves IV. which is printed as V. in the minutes. Under A. Department of Health Services Policy and Management - a change in designators. Is there any discussion please of this change in designators? Seeing none all those in favor of this change please say aye. Those opposed please say no. The change is approved as written.

PROFESSOR BARKER – VI. we will now call V. College of Science and Mathematics, I am going to move that both of these A and B be voted at the same time. One is Department of Biological Sciences a new course and a change in number, title,
prerequisites, description, and cross-listing for BIOL 650 which is accompanied by a cross-listed course in Marine Sciences a change in number, title, prerequisites, description, and cross-listing for MSCI 650.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – The committee has moved V. College of Science and Mathematics under A. Department of Biological Sciences a new course; a change in number, title, prerequisites, description, and cross-listing. Also B. Department of Marine Science a change in number, title, prerequisites, description, and cross-listing. Is there any discussion please of these changes?

PROFESSOR MARCO VALTORTA (Computer Science & Engineering) – There appears to be a typo in BIOL 650 in the middle of the page the cross-listing should be MSCI 650 not 450 as indicated.

PROFESSOR BARKER - That is correct. We will change that.

PROFESSOR NANCY LANE (Languages, Literatures, and Cultures) – My query is why do we need the BIOL 101A and 102A? What is wrong with BIOL 101 and 102?

PROFESSOR BARKER – It has to do with trying to allow students (we had a great deal of discussion about this) that may have taken the course, passed the lab but not passed the course; some returning from another campus where they have taken a laboratory but they haven’t taken the course. So we are trying to allow them to take the course without having to take the lab.

PROFESSOR LANE – Why can’t they just take BIOL 101?

PROFESSOR BARKER – Because it is currently so integrated with the lab that they need to be able to register under a separate course.

PROFESSOR LANE – Don’t they still register for them separately?

PROFESSOR BARKER – I believe that is true. Anybody here from Biology that can explain that? I am sorry I am not retaining what we discussed. We talked about those options.

PROFESSOR STEPHEN STANCYK (Marine Science and Biology) – I believe that they are taught as a four-hour course.

PROFESSOR BARKER – That is what I am remembering. It is just throwing me off to look and see that there is a prerequisite. Here is what happened it has been changed so now it is a 4-hour course and it includes the lab. It used to be a separate lecture and a lab. That course is gone and they have to have already taken that lab in order to take this. Thank you.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Other discussion and/or clarification?
PROFESSOR STANCYK – Clarifying on BIOL 650 and MSCI 650 both of those courses are being changed from BIOL 650 to BIOL 450 and changing MSCI 650 to MSCI 450.

PROFESSOR BARKER – Thank you. I remember that now.

PROFESSOR STANCYK – There is a course BIOL 750 as well and BIOL 650 allows both graduate students and undergraduate students; the purpose of this change is to have undergraduate only.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Thank you for that clarification.

PROFESSOR BARKER – That is a typo – it should have been 450.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Any other discussion? The committee has moved V. College of Science and Mathematics, A. Department of Biological Sciences a new course and a change in number in this course from 650 to 450 with the appropriate change in the cross-listing to 450. And, in B. Department of Marine Science a change in course number, title, prerequisites, description, and cross-listing. All those in favor of these changes please say aye. Those opposed please say no. The changes stand as written with those additions.

PROFESSOR BARKER – VII. which is now VI. Experimental Courses is for your information. The committee has reviewed courses that do not require action at this time because they are experimental courses that are not formal yet. These courses are from the College of Liberal Arts in the Department of Anthropology, College of Pharmacy, and College of Science and Mathematics the Department of Geological Sciences. So we have reviewed their proposals and their syllabi and these courses will be taught on a one time experimental basis.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Thank you, Professor Barker.

c. Faculty Advisory Committee, Professor William Bearden, Chair:

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – No report.

PROFESSOR LANE – Will Professor Bearden accept questions?

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Professor Bearden is not here to give a report Professor Lane. We will move to the next report in order.

d. Faculty Welfare Committee, Professor Peter Graham, Chair:

PROFESSOR GRAHAM (Sport & Entertainment Management) – No report.
e. Committee on Admissions, Professor Don Stowe, Chair:

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

f. Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions, Jane Olsgaard, Chair:

PROFESSOR OLSGAARD (Libraries) – No report.

g. Faculty Budget Committee, Professor David Berube, Chair:

PRESIDENT ANDREW SORENSEN – This is going to be a long one he is bringing water. (Laughter)

PROFESSOR BERUBE (English) – Got to bring my water for this one.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Would you like a chair, Professor Berube.

PROFESSOR BERUBE – No, I’ll be fine. From the Budget Committee I have five things I wanted to report.

1. The committee received budget reports from Rick Kelly and Jerry Odom and they can both address those issues.

2. We briefly discussed the proposal to index scholarships to tuition increases. For your information both the Carolina Scholars and the National Merit Scholarship programs are under-endowed right now by over $1 million. For fiscal year 2004 at the 15% tuition increase we will need to increase the awards by $975,000 to maintain parity and another $1,122,000 in the following year to maintain parity. This only worsens if we have another round of tuition increases. So I have been investigating a variation on the Tannenbaum proposal (which some of you may be aware of), and have asked the Athletics Program to provide information regarding revenue generated from all community events hosted by Athletics in order to determine if there is a way to tax all revenue produced from sales to non-students which might allow us to support those scholarship programs. We may want to extend the tax to all University income generating events involving community sales. I am still waiting for that information from the Athletic Department. I am very persistent. I will get the information to you.

3. We discussed a proposal to privatize classified positions at the University. We have 205 classified job titles and these positions range from grounds and custodial workers, administrative assistants, budget managers, lab technicians, staff attorneys, and physicians at the health center. We have 1,736 classified staff for funded positions (both from state appropriations and tuition revenue) and this represents 21% of the salary budget of over $280 million. This data excludes the School of Medicine. After discussion, the group felt the burdens of privatization could result in workers without benefits, could produce a degradation in services (though that was unresolved), and would not be able to provide services at the rate at which we currently pay for them.
Also, VCM would turn over much of facility maintenance over to the deans. If a dean discovered that services were not being met satisfactorily, she or he could decide to hire an outside firm. As such, some level of privatization would occur under VCM. So the idea of privatization was tabled.

4. On the merger, we discussed the matter and resolved that there was no cost savings associated with the decision to merge Liberal Arts and Science and Mathematics. So if there was a justification for the proposal, it wasn’t budgetary in nature.

5. There was a recommendation to bring in an efficiency expert to study one or more of our divisions to recommend cost savings and the idea was tabled. The expense associated with such a recommendation could not be supported at this time.

On value centered management (VCM) I have the following 11 items to report as I am on that committee as well:

1. The VCM frequently asked question web page is up. It is at the Provost’s web page. It’s address is: www.sc.edu/provost/vcmfaq.html.

2. We discussed the evening School. Revenue generated by an E prefix will be allocated to the evening school. Revenue generated by a class after 5 pm that does not have the E prefix would go to the unit.

3. Fort Jackson – Revenue from courses with a Z prefix taught at Fort Jackson would go to Continuing Education.

4. Estimate of revenue – revenue about the predicted amount will be left within the unit. For this fiscal year, the University will make budgets of units whole if less than the predicted revenue is generated.

5. Incentives – the Deans have met to discuss a policy to provide incentives to departments to retain an amount of the revenue generated at the departmental level.

6. Honors College should enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the respective dean of the unit concerning compensation and tuition distribution except when otherwise indicated, e.g., 399, 498, and 499 courses.

7. Intercollegiate cross-listings – MOU’s should be signed by the dean of all participating colleges to allocate the tuition for such courses.

8. New fees – While still under discussion, deans will be asked to propose new fees for courses. Traditionally, these have been based on added value though exceptional demand may justify a fee structure of sorts. This opens the door to differential tuition across colleges.
9. Provost Fund – While still under discussion, this fund should be funded from the tax on tuition generating units or from a percentage of the new tuition revenue or a percentage or the state subsidy. It would be used to fund new initiatives among other things.

10. Planning cycles – while still under discussion, moving the budget planning cycle up to November/December from January/February is being considered.

11. State budget reductions – Any state budget reduction would be taken from the state subsidy portion of an academic unit’s budget. The Provost states that any state mandated cut would most likely be for the full amount dictated by the Legislature.

That is what happened at the VCM meeting.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Questions for Professor Berube?

UNKNOWN SENATOR – Is this report posted on the website now?

PROFESSOR BERUBE – Big parts of the VCM report are at the frequently asked questions site on the Provost’s website.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – I am assuming that your report in its entirety will be included in the minutes of this meeting?

PROFESSOR BERUBE – Yes.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Yes, madame.

PROFESSOR JUDITH KALB (Languages, Literatures, and Cultures) – Could you repeat number 5 please under VCM?

PROFESSOR BERUBE – Sure. Incentives – the Deans have met to discuss a policy to provide incentives to departments to retain an amount of the revenue generated at the departmental level.

PROFESSOR KALB – What does that mean?

PROFESSOR BERUBE – I was getting some e-mail that some members of the faculty were concerned that if the unit (which in VCM is the college) gets all of the efficiency that is generated by each department and then decides how to spend it then each of the departments doesn’t have much of an incentive to be very efficient if they are just generating a lot of money for other departments. So Dean Crawley discussed this pretty eloquently and the discussion was that each of the departments should be given some assurance that a percentage of what they generate stays there. So there is some level of efficiency retained.
CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Other questions for Professor Berube? Thank you.

The chair reminds the senators that there is a link on the Faculty Senate website to the VCM frequently asked questions. Also there is an e-mail address there for additional questions. So if there is something that isn’t covered on the website and you have a question about it, there is an e-mail address that you can send your questions to and hopefully those questions will eventually be incorporated into the VCM frequently asked questions part of the website.

h. University Athletics Advisory Committee, Professor Robert Williams, Chair:

PROFESSOR WILLIAMS (Library and Information Science) – No report.

i. Other Committees: No reports.

IV. Report of the Secretary.

No report.

V. Unfinished Business.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – I am unaware of any unfinished business.

VI. New Business.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Any new business to come before the body?

VII. Reports of Officers.

PRESIDENT ANDREW SORENSEN –

I had a wonderful meeting today with the Presidents of Clemson and the Medical University of South Carolina and our respective vice presidents for development regarding the $30 million a year that has been allocated for Centers of Excellence from the State Lottery funds to be matched by private monies. I was pleased to report that we have secured $2 million in private money for the Chair in Nanotechnology and the State Centers of Excellence will match it with $2 million so we have a $4 million fully funded Chair in Nanotechnology. Clemson was able to report money that they had raised and the Medical University of South Carolina reported money that they had raised. There is a terrific sense of collaboration in working together across institutional boundaries.

I am announcing today that after a nationwide search conducted very conscientiously and diligently by Provost Jerry Odom, that I am appointing Harris Pastides as the Vice President for Research and Health Affairs. His appointment will be effective November 15. Because he has been Dean of the School Public Health, we will have to begin soon a search for a new dean of the School of Public Health. I commend Jerry for the amount of time and energy that he put into the search. We had some very
distinguished candidates including a Vice President for Health Affairs from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School – which is a very highly regarded Medical School nationally. After a thorough set of interviews and checking out references, Provost Odom I concluded that Harris Pastides was the best of the three candidates presented to us.

We have two candidates for the position of Dean of the Law School. Professor Burnele Powell, formerly Dean of the University of Missouri at Kansas City Law School, was on our campus today. Professor Rod Uphoff, who is Associate Dean for the University of Missouri at Columbia Law School, will be on our campus this evening, tomorrow, and Friday. If you wish to speak with those candidates, each of them has a University wide opportunity for people to speak with them. It is extremely likely that we will choose one of those two people to be Dean of the Law School.

I have no other items for my report. I will be happy to respond to any questions about anything I’ve said or anything I did not say.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Any questions for the President?

PROFESSOR XIAN WU (MATH) – I have a question about Parking Lot B closing. We just got a notice yesterday that Parking Lot B will be closed due to the construction of a hotel.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Is that one of the lots on Pendleton Street opposite the Business School?

PROFESSOR WU – Yes. I have received lots of e-mails from colleagues expressing concern and anger. Here are numbers I got from Parking Office – currently there are 423 B parking spaces. About the same number of the permits were issued and that B3 has 179 spaces. So 179 spaces would be lost starting next week. We were told that we have to find some where else to park or have to rent a space in a garage. The Parking Office also told me that there are 780 parking spaces in the garage and they already sold 1,100 passes. It is so called guaranteed. So we see that there will be serious problems after this week and we want to get some answers from the University.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – First of all I am surprised that they are going to close the parking lot this soon. Let me explain how we arrived at the situation and tell you what we are doing about the parking problem. The compromise that I negotiated with the University Neighborhood Association, the Greater Columbia Historic Preservation Trust, and the City of Columbia was that we would take the house that is at the corner of Pendleton and Henderson - which is a wooden cottage that houses the University 101 Program – and vacate the parking lot that you are parking in to accommodate the University Inn.

At the last Faculty Senate meeting I announced that we were building a new parking garage for 1,000 automobiles. But unfortunately for you, the 1,000 car garage
will not be available by the time you have to move out of that parking lot. We also added several hundred parking places on the Bell South Annex which is Hampton Street. Using that lot would necessitate your walking 3 to 4 blocks further than you walk now. So I can guarantee you a parking place at the Bell South Parking Annex on Hampton Street. Will that be acceptable to you?

PROFESSOR WU – It is not for me. I am a senator and my colleagues asked me to bring it up.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – Please tell them the President made a wonderful offer that they can park at the parking lot at the Bell South Annex, which is at 1600 Hampton Street. If the numbering on Hampton corresponds to the numbering on Pendleton then it would be between Pickens and Henderson on Hampton.

PROFESSOR WU – Some one also asked if it was possible to reduce the rates for the garage but of course they are already filled up.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – You can tell them that will not happen. I just learned that we have students who have two parking permits. The Student Government Association has suggested that students only have one parking place, which I think is a spectacular idea. I have called the President of the Student Government Association to give my enthusiastic endorsement of that proposal.

PROFESSOR WU – Another colleague said that a few years ago when the Advocacy Center was built on what used to be a B parking lot, they were promised a garage would be built – which happened and that they would also get free garage space but that of course did not happen.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – You are correct in assuming that will never happen, you can tell them that.

PROFESSOR WU – That was not by you but they were promised.

PRESIDENT SORENSEN – I did not promise it and I am not going to promise you that. What I would like to suggest, Mr. Chair, is that we ask Derrick Huggins to come and address the Faculty Senate please and talk about parking.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Are there other questions for the President? Thank you Mr. President. The Chair did receive this e-mail and we did forward it to Faculty Welfare and they informed Derrick about it so he is well aware of the concerns that have been expressed. I will do as you ask and invite him to come and meet with this group.

PROVOST JEROME ODOM – That is a great present for Derrick. Let me just follow up on a couple of things that David Berube said. There is a University VCM Committee. We have tried to include a fairly wide spectrum of representation on that committee. David as Chair of the Faculty Budget Committee and Jim as Chair of the Faculty Senate
represent the faculty. There are two deans – Jamal Rossi (Music) representing smaller and the somewhat professional schools and Gary Crawley (Science and Math) representing the larger colleges. They bring a great perspective to it as do David and Jim. The web page that David mentioned that does have an e-mail address on it for you to send questions – we have had some problems with this e-mail address. So if there some problem and you don’t get through, please let us know in the Provost’s Office and we will talk to Computer Services as they have been working with us on that.

One of the things you are always going to have when you go through a change in budgeting systems and managing the budget are bumps in the road and wrinkles that you have to deal with. This committee is set up specifically for that. So we need to know your concerns. On this Frequently Asked Questions website there are clearly going to be other questions that people are going to ask. Please let us know the kinds of questions that you have and we will try and put those questions and the answers to those questions on the website. But it is very important that we hear from you, that we know what your concerns are as we move forward with value centered management.

I also wanted to follow up on what the President said concerning the Center of Economic Excellence program. We are now in the second year of that. We have had internal to the University 15 proposals presented to us in the Office of Research. Just to refresh your memory the primary driver here is research that will bring some kind of economic excellence to the State, economic development to the State. Of those 15, we chose 6 to go to this State committee. There are two or three from Engineering; one from Science and Math; one from Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management; and there is one from the Business School. So there is wide representation. We also have 4 proposals that we are presenting to this committee that involve either USC and MUSC or USC and Clemson or all three universities. Those seem to get special consideration because again the State Legislature was trying to encourage collaboration between the three research universities as economic drivers within the State.

Finally sabbatical leave requests are due in my office December 1. I hope that if you are interested in a sabbatical you have heard from your Chair and your Dean about what their internal deadlines are so that those applications come to me by December 1. I do want to tell you that I have had a couple of inquiries from deans about the fact that they are down in faculty numbers and they have concerns about whether they can cover all their teaching if they grant very many sabbatical leaves. That is really a Chair and a Dean’s prerogative and I have informed them of that. That is my report and I will be happy to answer any questions.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Thank you, Mr. Provost.

VIII. Good of the Order.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Is there anything for the good of the order?
PROFESSOR WISE – Are there any additional nominations for the vacancy on the Intellectual Property Committee?

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – James Ritter as you recall was nominated by the Senate Steering Committee for membership on the Intellectual Property Committee for a 2-year term. Seeing no nominations from the floor, Professor Ritter is elected as a member of the Intellectual Property Committee.

Two points that the Chair would like to bring to your attention. Last meeting the Chair was asked to contact colleagues around the state regarding South Carolina Senate Bill 61 regarding the South Carolina Retirement System and the ability to buy years for those who came from private institutions. I have done that and am in touch with the Faculty Senate chairs from 16 institutions in our state about that matter. We will keep after that item until we see some positive resolution to it.

Secondly, at the end of the meeting last month a member of the Student Body, Zachary Scott asked us about the possibility of faculty members posting syllabi on Blackboard. As you know, faculty members can post their syllabi for their students in their classes. What we didn’t know at the time and what we now know is that it is possible for a faculty member to post their syllabus for all students to see apart from those in their classes. Next month Lorie Edwards and Christine Brown from CSD and Academic Services will come to us and tell us how we can institute some sort of system whereby those of you that desire to do so can post your syllabi or some information about your course for those students who might want to look at that before they sign up for your course. And, hopefully, cut down on the number of students signing up for courses and then shortly thereafter dropping out of those courses.

X. Announcements.

CHAIR AUGUSTINE – Any announcements? Seeing none the Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn. Is there a second? All those in favor of adjourning say aye. Opposed say no. The meeting stands adjourned. Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 3, 2003 at 3:00 pm. Thank you very much.