

Faculty Senate Meeting

November 3, 1999

I. Call to Order

CHAIR CAROLINE STROBEL - I would like to call the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes

CHAIR STROBEL - You've received a copy of the minutes. Are there any additions or corrections? If not, the minutes stand approved as printed.

III. Reports of Officers

CHAIR STROBEL - Both the President and Provost are out of town. We have with us today our Associate Provost Marcia Welsh.

ASSOCIATE PROVOST MARCIA WELSH - Thank you. Thank you. This is where I'm supposed to say the women are taking over but I won't.

I just have a couple of announcements for Dr. Odom that he wanted to be sure were relayed to you. One is to announce the recipients of the Provost Teaching Development Grants that were just announced. The names, and I apologize if I mispronounce any ones name, are Laura Ahearn from Anthropology, Minuette Floyd from Art, Marilyn Chassie from Nursing, Brian Helmuth from Biological Sciences, Edwin aka Ruddy Jones from Physics and Astronomy, Judith Kalb from Germanic, Slavic and East Asian Languages, Terry Kuhs from Education, and Stephen Zdzinski from Music. And, if I blew the names, I apologize.

I was also asked to update you as much as possible on the deans searches that are ongoing. Last week we had the third of three finalists for the vice-provost for research on campus. The search committee is now going to be meeting with Dr. Palms and Dr. Odom to discuss the progress of that search. The ads for the deans of the School of Music and the College of Applied Professions have been approved and will be distributed to the appropriate journals. So they are going to be awaiting applications. The ad for the dean of the College of Education is in the draft stage. The search for the dean of the Darla Moore School of Business is a continuing search and there are no new ads. They are just still looking with the search firm. The search for the new chief information officer is in progress.

I will answer questions, if I can.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL MYRICK (CHEM) - We have heard a rumor that there may be a change in the tuition policy with respect to the waivers that are granted to graduate students. I was wondering if you could address that point? Is there really a change in the wind?

ASSOCIATE PROVOST WELSH - There is a draft. There has been a committee of academic deans along with Pierce Lyles who is chair of Graduate Council working on the graduate assistantship policies. The assistantship policies were set quite a few years ago with no benefits to the students and essentially no minimum stipend paid to the students and the University absorbs all tuition. There have been a lot of abuses of the categories of the assistantships. The misuse of some of the categories is such that departments pay a graduate student a \$1,000 stipend to at least get them a reduced tuition. So the entire policy is being looked at and discussed at great length. The committee has discussed issues with the Provost and will be discussing them with the President soon. But, as far as if and when there will be changes in the tuition policies, that is still to be determined.

PROFESSOR MYRICK - One of the concerns that we had from the rumor that we heard, and maybe you can dispel this rumor, was that in the parts of the Graduate School where research grants are pretty common that the tuition will become a line item in the research grant as opposed to a portion of the overhead. It will be essentially part of the overhead but included in our research funding.

ASSOCIATE PROVOST WELSH - Right now tuition is absorbed by the University. It is not paid at all by grant funds or overhead funds. The proposed policy is very iffy and absolutely in draft stage but there is a possibility or at least a suggestion that assistantships paid from non-University sources, that would be grants or off-sight programs, there is a possibility that tuition will be required for those. That is actually very standard at most research universities. We are unique in the way that we do research assistantships. We also have the odd category of staff assistants which is kind of problematic and we are trying to work on that also.

Anything else? Thank you very much.

IV. Reports of Committees

A. Faculty Senate Steering Committee, Professor Sarah Wise:

PROFESSOR WISE - I want to include the number for the Regional Campus Senators to call and leave a message indicating whether or not they attended the Faculty Senate meeting via closed circuit broadcast the day of the meeting is: **777-6073**. Jeanna and Peggy have asked that we do this. Also the toll free number for Regional Campus

Senators to call in order to speak to the Faculty Senate during a meeting is : **888-531-0685**. But they still should call the 777-6073 to report their attendance.

I would also like to ask that the Senators here only sign one roster. I think we are having a few problems with that. I have already given the rosters out so if you will sign one roster that is sufficient. Thank you.

B. Committee on Curricula and Courses, Professor Dave Berube, Acting Chair:

PROFESSOR BERUBE - I can do this from here, it is really simple. On page 12 you will see that Curricula and Courses is recommending changes I. College of Liberal Arts. Change in prerequisites and a change in curriculum for the Department of English. Now an editorial. If you go to the column under curriculum labeled "PROPOSED," where it says "C. Writing Concentration. The next line reads "Four courses chosen from among ENGL 380-389, including" that should read "**387 and either 380 and 381.**" That is the change. So it is moved.

CHAIR STROBEL - Is there a second? Is there any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? the motion passes.

C. Faculty Advisory Committee, Professor Henry Price, Chair:

PROFESSOR PRICE - I can report from here. We do not have any business to present to the Senate at this time. But I didn't want you to think that we were doing absolutely nothing. We meet regularly, and as you are aware, the faculty in September passed a large number of editorial changes to the *Faculty Manual*. In the process of working that up, the subcommittee, which I had the privilege to chair, came up with about 40 different substantive changes we felt should be considered in the *Faculty Manual*, and those have been dealt out to the various committees that are concerned with them. They are reporting back to Faculty Advisory. We are dealing with about half of them. An area that we did not even begin to work with in the subcommittee was tenure and promotions. We had a special subcommittee this year, which has already done its work, and we met this past Monday trying to decide which of the editorial changes that were being suggested for that are substantive changes. We ended up with about a half a dozen of them that were referred to UCTP. What we are trying to do is to gather all of these changes, get approvals on them so that a new *Faculty Manual* can be put out this Spring. That is going to require us to get our work done probably by the end of December, perhaps early in January. It probably will call for a special called

session of the faculty so that we can get these things in and get the new one printed. The Provost is holding off until we can get these approvals through, get the changes through. Are there any questions about what Faculty Advisory is up to at this moment? Thank you.

D. Faculty Welfare Committee, Professor Caroline Eastman, Chair:

PROFESSOR EASTMAN - The Faculty Welfare Committee continues to work on a number of issues that have been brought to us but we have nothing to report on at this time.

E. Committee on Admissions, Professor Stephen McNeill, Chair:

PROFESSOR MCNEILL - We have no report today.

F. Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions, Professor Wiebke Strehl, Chair:

CHAIR STROBEL - Dr. Strehl has a class so there is no report from that committee.

G. University Athletics Advisory Committee, Professor Peter Graham, Chair:

PROFESSOR GRAHAM - Yes, I do not have a report to make today. But I would like to bring to your attention that at our last meeting the issue of tutors being involved with student papers, student performances, and so on and so forth as was alleged at the University of Tennessee was brought up. I am pleased to come to the meeting today to let you all know that Mike McGee, Director of Athletics, has assured us that there are rules, regulations, and policies in place both in training as well as supervising tutors so that situation should not occur at this institution.

PROFESSOR STROBEL - Are there any other committee reports?

V. Report of Secretary

None

VI. Unfinished Business

None

VII. New Business

PROFESSOR CHARLES MACK (ART) - I am not sure whether this should go under Good of the Order or at this point. I was asked by colleagues to bring up an issue but the President is not here. The issue is the flag and the University's relationship to that flag in light of all the recent developments. It is probably, I think, appropriate that this body goes on record requesting that the legislature act quickly to remove the flag from the state house property. Both on moral grounds and on some very practical situations in view of the bicentennial year upcoming--conferences that are scheduled here and may be descheduled because of this issue.

CHAIR STROBEL - I know that the President has been very much concerned about this issue. He is not here today to comment about it so I am not going to comment about it further. As has been publicly reported in the newspaper, he was invited to attend a meeting with the Governor a few days ago. It is certainly an issue that I think causes all of us personal concern.

PROFESSOR DANIEL FELDMAN (BADM) - I don't think that you fully understand his question as I understood it, which is: Not what the President will do, but what will the Faculty Senate do.

PROFESSOR MACK - I am suggesting that the Faculty Senate perhaps pass a resolution requesting that the legislature remove the flag from the state house. I will be glad to make that a motion.

PROFESSOR RICHARD CONANT (MUSIC) - May I say we already did that a year and a half ago.

PROFESSOR MACK - If we did that, I think it is time to reaffirm it. Since the issue has resurfaced.

PROFESSOR STROBEL - This was when you were chair, Don? [No] This was when you were chair, Henry? [No]

PROFESSOR DON WEDLOCK (LAW) - Has the motion been seconded?

CHAIR STROBEL - Yes.

PROFESSOR WEDLOCK - I would like to raise a point of order. I think the motion is out of order, that it is not germane to the duties or responsibilities of the Faculty Senate to be making statements on these issues. I think that if you look at the *Faculty Manual*, which I don't have a copy with me right here, it will define what the appropriate limits of our jurisdiction are. And, anything outside that, according to *Robert's Rules of Order*, is out of order for the body.

CHAIR STROBEL - I think that the Faculty Senate deals solely with academic matters. What do I have to do with your point of order, Don?

PROFESSOR WEDLOCK - You have to sustain it or overrule it.

CHAIR STROBEL - I sustain the point of order. Thank you. I do not have my parliamentarian so now I'm relying on you. He is out of town today. I will sustain the point of order.

PROFESSOR ERNIE WIGGINS (JOUR) - I believe the Faculty Senate last year passed a resolution concerning the club next door which doesn't seem to have any academic relevance to the University. Yet this body voted for a public statement about our position to that club. How was that different?

CHAIR STROBEL - I think that it differed considerably from this issue. The reason it differed is because it was a matter of safety for both the faculty and students in the School of Law with the club next door. I think there had been at least a bullet hole in one of the windows of the Law School and it was really quite a safety problem at that time. The club has since been closed down.

PROFESSOR MACK - If I may speak to this issue again and I don't want to belabor the point but I think it does pertain to the academic role of the University in that there are a number of conferences which we are hosting and attempting to organize which are endangered by the states policy of continuing to fly this flag. Thus it impacts upon our academic role upon the image of the University and upon our role as moral leader within the state.

CHAIR STROBEL - I am not changing my mind about the point of order but let me say this, it behooves each of you to personally as an individual to contact your legislator concerning your views on the flag. That is something each of us as citizens of this state have a right to do and should be doing. I urge you all to do that. This is certainly an issue that the administration is well aware of. It is something the Board of Trustees are well aware of. I also think it is not the purview of the Faculty Senate to be commenting on what is a highly charged political issue in this state.

UNIDENTIFIED SENATOR - Not knowing anything about parliamentary procedure, do I understand that when you sustain a point of order do have no other option of action that we can take at this point?

PROFESSOR WEDLOCK - You can appeal the chair's ruling and overturn it on a majority vote.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER - I so move it.

CHAIR STROBEL - I want you all to realize this is a heavily politicized issue in this state. It does not matter whether or not you individually write letters which I have encouraged you all to do. That is your right as a citizen and this is what you should be doing.

I know I am commenting before you vote if you will please let me.

I am not happy personally about the flag flying in this state. That is my personal viewpoint. In fact we are a state agency - a body of the state. We get our funding from the state legislature. This is very politically charged. I would like to at least put this vote off until we have the president and the provost here to comment because at this point we have neither of them here to comment. Would you like to comment, Marcia?

ASSOCIATE PROVOST WELSH - I really can't comment for either of them. I'm really not sure what their thoughts are on the subject and what they are planning to do about it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER - I think perhaps it would be helpful for both the president and the provost to have some understanding of how the faculty feels on this issue.

CHAIR STROBEL - Oh, I think they are well aware of what the faculty feel. I think they personally have been trying to do what they can within the purview of the fact that we are an agency of the state.

ASSOCIATE PROVOST WELSH - I do think it is very appropriate to at least let the president and the provost know that we would like to have a report on what they have been doing and what the current state of the flag issue is. There would be time to do this at the next meeting in December (Correct?) before the legislature begins in January.

CHAIR STROBEL - I would really like to delay this until they are here.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER - A point of order has been made and seconded. Is it appropriate?

CHAIR STROBEL - Yes, it is and somebody could also ask to have the motion tabled.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER - But we should - but isn't it appropriate to call for discussion of the question at this point. Could we be given this opportunity?

CHAIR STROBEL - Yes.

PROFESSOR ADRIENNE COOPER (ENGR) - I would like to suggest that, actually there are a couple of things. One, I do think that this is academically relevant not because of the conferences but also because of the issues of the students who choose, from at least outside the state, and academicians who may choose from outside of the state because it was an issue for me, whether they even want to come here or not and work at this university with that flag flying. The second thing I would like to suggest, though, is this is probably an issue that we need to discuss. I know there is a motion on the floor to appeal first and should that motion pass I would like to suggest then that we could table that previous motion to December, which would at least give us a chance to resolve whether or not we are even going to have a chance to discuss it, and then we could decide what we want to do about it.

CHAIR STROBEL - Is there any other discussion? Randy.

PROFESSOR MACK - It seems to be a very rational course of action.

CHAIR STROBEL - Is there any other discussion?

PROFESOR FELDMAN - Let me clarify this, Caroline.....

CHAIR STROBEL - The motion on the floor is to overturn the point of order that was made by Don Wedlock.

PROFESSOR WEDLOCK - What now appears on the floor is an appeal of the chair's ruling that the motion was out of order. If that appeal fails we end the discussion and if that appeal succeeds then the main motion that Professor Mack made will be back on the floor, subject to ancillary motions like a motion to table or amendment or whatever. We only now have a motion that is not in a fully formed state. It is just a sort of an idea that we ought to do something about the flag. We might want further inquiry or discussion. A couple of ways to do that is to table; another is to refer to committee; and another is to postpone to a time certain. There are various other motions that can be subsidiary motions and can be made to deflect this issue until the proper time, if, in fact, the body determines that is in fact in order.

CHAIR STROBEL - Alright, is there more discussion on what we are discussing now; whether or not to overturn the chair's ruling on the point of order.

PROFESSOR MORGAN MACLACHLAN (ANTH) - With due respect to the chair we should strongly resist the suggestion that we not discuss matters because they are controversial.

CHAIR STROBEL - I think my point was not that we not discuss matters because they are controversial, it is that we not discuss matters that are not of an academic nature.

PROFESSOR CONSTANCE HENDRICKS (NURS) - I call for the question.

CHAIR STROBEL - The question has been called for. All in favor. We have to vote on the call for the question. Which takes precedence. Yes, to stop debate. It takes two-thirds. Don, are you going to count? Sarah, you will count.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER - Would you clarify once again? I'm sorry.

CHAIR STROBEL - The question has been called for. That has to be voted on immediately. It cuts off debate and is what we are voting on now -- to stop debate.

On the motion to override the chair that is all we are stopping debate on, right now.

PROFESSOR WEDLOCK - Will you just read the section on the *Faculty Manual* that talks about the.....

CHAIR STROBEL - No, no this is not the question. I think we have to vote on this, don't we?

PROFESS WEDLOCK - Yes.

CHAIR STROBEL - All in favor say aye. All opposed. Alright the motion passes. So we are now ready to vote to override the ruling of the chair. All in favor say aye.

Opposed. No. Alright we are going to have to count. Does this require a -- what did you say a two-thirds vote?

PROFESSOR WEDLOCK - No, this could be majority.

CHAIR STROBEL - Majority, okay. The majority has it so the ruling of the chair is over ruled. Now that gets us back to the next motion - the original motion. There was some debate on that.

PROFESSOR MACK - I would like to defer my motion until such time -- until the next meeting of the Senate when the president and provost will be present.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER - Seconded.

CHAIR STROBEL - Alright, you are making a new -- you are amending your motion.

It's a new motion.

PROFESSOR WEDLOCK - No, Caroline this is called a subsidiary motion, and what that is is a management tool. What he has done is make a motion to postpone to a time certain -- the next faculty meeting. It would come up automatically on the agenda as old business.

CHAIR STROBEL - And there was a second to that? Do I have to get the original seconder to agree?

PROFESSOR WEDLOCK - No.

CHAIR STROBEL - Is there discussion of this motion?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER - Which one?

CHAIR STROBEL - The one that Randy just made that we delay discussion of the issue to our next meeting which would be the December meeting.

PROFESSOR LOUISE JENNINGS (EDUC) - I would like to encourage all our colleagues to attend the meetings - the next meeting for this discussion.

CHAIR STROBEL - Is there any other discussion of the motion? There being none, we will vote. All in favor of the motion to defer further discussion of this issue until the December Faculty Senate meeting -- all in favor. Aye. Opposed. The ayes have it. So this will be an item of old business on the agenda at the next Faculty Senate meeting. I would encourage you to tell your colleagues that there will be discussion on this issue at the next Faculty Senate meeting. If for nothing else, this ought to encourage large attendance. Is there any other new business?

PROFESSOR RICHARD CONANT (MUSC) - Two items of new business. I am wearing two hats -- first as chairman of the Board of Directors at the Faculty Club at McCutcheon House and then when we are finished with that (hopefully it won't be real controversial -- hopefully the Board has covered the controversies) Safety Committee issues. So I will put that hat on after this.

As a reminder the **Board of Governors - Faculty Club** is comprised of 6 elected faculty members and 4 presidential appointees - one of the latter being from the

corporate community. After several months of considerable deliberation and following two informal and one formal and very well reasoned and relatively expensive but (not as much as the \$20,000 proposed study that was put forth). The Board voted Monday to return to onsite private management. I might add that we interfaced with the president's office and with our distinguished senate chair prior to this decision and I also talked to Jerry Odom a while back. I did not know that the President was in Africa, so this is not a coup de'tat, and I also did not know that the provost was off somewhere. Is he in Africa too? In any event, we kind of let people know of our intentions.

Before we ask for any comment or discussion, I want to thank the

Sodexo/Marriot Corporation, and Liz Boehlke in particular (she is the regional manager)

for their nearly two years of hard work in helping to stabilize the food and service quality at the facility. We just felt as a board that we needed to move back to an on-site manager who could devote full concentration and energy to marketing the club and, hopefully, restoring some regular dining and other member services. Any questions, comments or suggestions at this juncture?

Now I am going to say this one more time this century -- maybe even this millennium? If the administration, faculty, and eligible staff do not appreciate and support the Faculty Club with their presence, it is extremely difficult for the Board -- and myself included -- to protect their, i.e., your interest. We would be most appreciative if you would e-mail all your colleagues in your colleges and departments and encourage this -- not to mention showing up yourselves! And I was going to pitch our provost today to consent to write a memo to the deans and department heads -- and whomever else --stating that they were expected to use the facility when feasible for their special events. This would be most productive. Perhaps I will call him when he gets back from wherever. In order to make this work, we need to increase membership and participation. We're even considering starting a minimum monthly charge (of a modest nature) but we'll ask for input on that at a later time..... We have had one controversial discussion already today. Any comment on any of that?

Safety Committee. As you all know we have had a number of very unfortunate criminal incidents on the campus this fall. I'd like to update you on some progress that's being made in order to make the campus increasingly safe. We think we have a comparatively safe campus for a downtown campus but it is not Fort Knox. We can't put up gates and bars. For one thing, we are adding more call boxes. With no arguments whatsoever, housing has pledged the \$10,000 and athletics the \$6,000 I asked of them. Vice President John Finan already pledged a substantial sum over a

three-year period and is seeing to it that these funds are all combined to put in a number of new call boxes in areas that we have been studying for some time.

Additionally, the City has agreed to put up new lights and trim the trees

on Greene Street between Pickens and 5 Points and has done a lot of other things for us. We are also checking the lights all over the campus -- the lighting level, the lights that are out are being fixed as we speak and I think most of them have already been fixed. We have had superb input from Student Government this year and students in general both on the Safety Committee and in their activism in general vis-a-vis safety. They have several events coming up to help educate the students and to study further improvements to the campus. *The Gamecock* has also done an excellent job of reporting and endeavoring to educate the USC community on safety issues. I think it is the best they have ever done. And, of course, our excellent Division of Law Enforcement and Safety has been working literally overtime to quell these incidents. And, by the way, we're supporting a move to increase our police salaries so that surrounding jurisdictions will stop stealing them away. But, **please**, everyone needs to use common sense in protecting their persons and property. Don't leave your door open with your purse or your wallet sitting out, or your typewriter, computer, or your lap top. Don't leave it for a minute. I lock my door now when I go to class and set my alarm. I know most of you don't have alarms but I usually just set it overnight. Now I lock my door if I am going down to the main office (five minutes even). You cannot take chances. There are a lot of bad people running around whether belonging on campus or not in some cases. We have to take proper precautions for our property. That is the main problem on campus -- not the most publicized but larceny is the biggest problem. Now you don't want to be wandering around campus at night by yourselves in dark areas. Plan things out. Look for the call boxes. If you've got a cell phone, have it handy and turned on. You can call 911 on campus or off-campus now and get immediate assistance. The call boxes are a direct line to the police department. The blue light goes off and our response time with the police around here is very fast. I ride with them from time to time. It is amazing how fast they can get around. They don't have as big an area as the city to cover. Please use precautions and educate your students to do likewise.

If anyone has specific questions or ideas for us, we're all ears. Before hearing any now, however, let me give you my phone number and e-mail address. 7-3125 is the phone number and my machine is on 24 hours a day as I tell my Carolina Alive students so there is no reason not to call to tell us whether they are going to be there sometimes. RConant@mozart.sc.edu... For those of you not musically inclined that's M-o-z-a-r-t.... I'm sure I didn't have to spell that to a distinguished cultured audience. Any questions or suggestions on safety at this point?

PROFESSOR WEDLOCK - I've heard from a couple of students about a practice that I think maybe constitutionally suspect, that is, campus police approaching people and requiring them to identify themselves. One report had it that they were escorted off-campus if they did not do so. Do you know anything about whether there is such a policy being followed and what the authority for it is?

PROFESSOR CONANT - Yes, for everybody's safety including ours and our students I have encouraged all the student groups that I have taught with and I encourage the police actually to do that. I don't believe it is unconstitutional since this is a campus and you are supposed to be here for a reason and not wander around behind the bushes at 2:00 a.m. I tell the students please don't be offended if the police stop them because it is for their safety and, indeed, the police can fill out an information card and notate that they have asked somebody to leave the campus if they have no obvious reason for being here and I'm not talking like at 2:00 p.m. in front of the library or going into a park -- but like at 2:00 a.m. in a dark area somebody that is not a professor, staff member, or student I believe the police to i.d. them, have that right. Of course, you are the lawyer not me. But I do encourage that practice and I think it is for all our safety.

PROFESSOR WEDLOCK - I think it sounds like a good policy but the way it was relayed to me was that a fellow was walking with his date in one of the parking garages and he was accosted (excuse me that is a value related term). He was approached by an officer when there were, as he put it, two scruffy guys lurking around the corner and he was wondering why he was being picked up. What I am saying here is not addressed to a particular incident, but there is a lot of discretion involved in this.

PROFESSOR CONANT - Obviously, that would seem like a bad judgment call.

PROFESSOR WEDLOCK - I would take some issue. A private campus is not the same thing as a public campus which is open to the general public and is a walk through area for lots of people. So I just think that maybe the police authorities ought to be apprised that they are on somewhat mushy ground here when they engage in this activity.

PROFESSOR CONANT - It might have been a rookie in that particular instance. But I will pass that on to the proper authorities. Any other comments or suggestions?

PROFESSOR COOPER - I was wondering if an escort service is available for after hours.

PROFESSOR CONANT - Indeed, there is. No. 1, you can call the police department and they will give you a ride. And, they have told me, if that becomes a problem, then we will worry about it. 4215 is the regular police number. Now you might have to wait a few minutes. I also recommend to students if they are parking in Blossom Street or in the tennis courts across the street to stop at the police department and say that they need a ride. That is another possibility if you are parking at night for example. Then there is also the APO Escort Service which I believe is 7-DUCK (I can't remember the digits). That operates something like 7:00 p.m. to midnight or so from Monday through Thursday basically intending to take students to the library or their residence halls, etc., not to and from 5 Points which is a whole other issue.

PROFESSOR FELDMAN - I wondered who in the central administration is in charge of policies about police, etc., because it seems it would not be a good idea administratively to have the chair of the Safety Committee giving guidance to the police without there being some kind of written policy both for the police officers and students -- because, after all, the students need to know that policy, too. So I wonder if there was something more systematic that was being done without it being just word of mouth.

PROFESSOR CONANT - Well, the President, of course, is over everything and then Vice President Finan and then the director for Law Enforcement Safety, Ernie Ellis.

PROFESSOR FELDMAN - Do you know if a policy has been written and approved so that students, faculty and everybody alike knows what....

PROFESSOR CONANT - You mean in terms of stopping people on campus.

PROFESSOR FELDMAN - Yes, exactly.

PROFESSOR CONANT - Truthfully, I'm not sure.

PROFESSOR FELDMAN - It is a potential problem. I think probably it would be a good idea to do that.

PROFESSOR CONANT - I agree. Thank you for the suggestion.

UNIDENTIFIED SENATOR - A lot of faculty have asked for renovated classrooms and just last Friday night in Gambrell the lock boxes where they have a VCR, a DVD player, etc., was broken into or either left open. On Saturday I had a class and the DVD had been stolen Friday night. So, we asked for this equipment so everybody should encourage their colleagues, if they have a key to that box locking that equipment, please lock it up.

PROFESSOR CONANT - Absolutely, I go around our building.

UNIDENTIFIED SENATOR - We asked for this equipment and it is wonderful to have it but if we don't take care of it replacing it is tough.

PROFESSOR CONANT - You have to lock everything up all the time, folks. It is a sad fact in our society. Security -- as I tell people -- safety is inconvenient and it is expensive. We would like to get an underpass for Assembly Street for the Strom Thurmond Wellness Center and that costs many thousands of dollars. It is unbelievable how much all this stuff costs.

PROFESSOR DOROTHY DISTERHEFT (ENGL) - We in the Humanities Office Building have been carefully locking everything up for years and still things are stolen out of our private offices. Do you have any idea how this could be happening? I mean is there someone out there with a master key, is it the janitorial staff are lax about leaving a door unlocked and going down the hall and coming back?

PROFESSOR CONANT - It could be an inside job without casting dispersions on any particular part of the University. Let me also add that frankly right now I should not say this now (but you won't be talking to any of our students) we are putting some covert surveillance in the Music Building right now. This is an option. Covert surveillance. They have shown us presentations for example, last year they caught the people that burned the cars in the Blossom Street Garage because they happened to pick one of three floors at that time that had video cameras -- silly them. And, we got cooperation from the students, etc., and those two individuals were arrested and prosecuted. There are means -- you can also talk to your deans and chairmen about putting in these video cameras. Sometimes marking them as such. More alarm systems.

We are looking at access systems and all kinds of things. In the case where you have a rash of burglaries and the like, you can also ask the Division of Law Enforcement and Safety for covert surveillance. They have all kinds -- almost like CIA type technology. Let's not get into big brother. This is for purposes of stopping thefts or, worse, assaults. But there are a lot of different things they have. Our Law Enforcement Division by the way is nationally accredited. It is 1 of 10 or 12 universities in the country that are accredited by this policy agency nationally. They are very well trained and very up-to-date about modern technology. Anything else?

PROFESSOR EASTMAN - I would like to sort of add on to Dorothy's comment as one of the I don't know how many people whose locked office door was forcibly

broken into over the weekend. But it is not just enough to lock it, and it is not necessary for someone to have a key. As far as I can tell, nothing was taken.

PROFESSOR CONANT - Was there a sign of forced entry?

PROFESSOR EASTMAN - It was a forced entry. There was forced entry on a number of doors.

PROFESSOR CONANT - Humanities -- the same with the DVD players is another one.

This is a problem. Sometimes people just don't lock the door so there is no forced entry but it doesn't mean the perpetrators didn't have a key. I mean it is hard to say. We encourage our people constantly to lock everything they can lock -- which is inconvenient. Thank you, folks. Call me or e-mail me and I will address any concerns. I'm sorry to have taken up so much of your time, but you wouldn't believe how many hours some of us have spent on these issues... Thank you for your support!

CHAIR STROBEL - Thank you, Richard for a very good report or reports I should say. I do want to echo what Richard said and encourage all of you to use the Faculty Club as

they move to new management. If we don't use it we will lose it. So please do.

Is there any other new business?

VIII. Good of the Order.

LEIGH ANN TRAVERS (PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF THE STUDENT SENATE) - Just a couple of things. Student Government wants to give definite praise to the Safety Committee and as well as ladies of South Tower and Patterson because, right after I went to the Safety meeting with you and Henry Garbade from the police force, a light was put up in back of Calcott, which was a very shadowy stairway up to the ATM machines at Russell House. But that is a high track area and they put a light up, so thank you very much for listening to our concerns. Another thing about all this concern about the confederate flag: Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society is having a forum tomorrow night about this with, as far as I know, two speakers for and two speakers against; whether they are professors or members of the legislature I am not sure who is available but it is tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. in the ODK Mortar Board Room of the 3rd floor of the Russell House. So for those of you who are interested and concerned and want to hear some more about it maybe that is something you could do before next month's meeting. Since I am the liaison to Student Government, those of

you who read your copies of *The Gamecock*, we are moving along with the impeachment of Elizabeth

Fordham who is treasurer, and it is not my place to explain what is going on but I want to entertain any questions that I know some faculty members may have.

PROFESSOR WEDLOCK - Is it true that they changed the burden of proof on the impeachment?

LEIGH ANN TRAVERS - Are you talking about the phrasing of reasonable doubt to preponderance evidence?

PROFESSOR WEDLOCK - Yes.

LEIGH ANN TRAVERS - We entertained that last week during the first reading. So today during the second reading of that amendment to the codes we will be entering a period of debate on that. So we haven't accepted it as a body yet.

PROFESSOR WEDLOCK - Do you think there might be a something fundamentally wrong with changing the rules of the game just before kick off?

LEIGH ANN TRAVERS - The answer to that to the best of my knowledge is that in our codes for a court of impeachment hearing by the judiciary committee there has never been an outlined form for what would happen within the court of impeachment. It just says "the court of impeachment" will happen 10 days after the chief justice is served with

charges but there has never been an outline for anything that ever happens. So the judiciary committee in response to the legislation felt that this impeachment is a lot more serious than that of James Franklin's two years ago, and that there definitely needs to be a written record. Now the timing of it there could be personal opinions of that being railroading or whether these are preventative measures; that would be your own call.

PROFESSOR WEDLOCK - I would suggest that you get some legal counsel.

LEIGH ANN TRAVERS - We are working with Scott Lewis.

PROFESSOR WEDLOCK - I mean a bona fide, real lawyer.

LEIGH ANN TRAVERS - I have answered everything to the best of my ability.

Thank you.

CHAIR STROBEL - Is there anything else for the good of the order? I will do one thing before the next Faculty Senate meeting. In response to a query that we had in the debate over the flag earlier, I will attempt to find out if this body has ever passed a resolution before on the flag. It could be we have. If we have, I will have it present for you at the next meeting.

PROFESSOR MACK - I am almost certain we did. I remember being a member of the Senate and it was passed.

CHAIR STROBEL - I will try and find out in the Senate records and I will have that resolution available at the Senate meeting in December. Any other comments for the good of the order?

IX. Announcements.

PROFESOR CONANT - Now I want to talk about the job I get paid for -- music. Our big Christmas show, that the president sponsors, is on Friday night, December 3rd at the Coliseum. Everyone is there. The Coquettes, the band, the tuba group or whatever and Carolina Alive, the orchestra Joe Pinner. It is free to the public. A good way to start your Christmas season. Go by Faculty Club for a drink before hand and head over to the Coliseum.

PROFESSOR DAVID WILES (THSP) - The Department of Theatre, Speech and Dance will be opening either their last production of this millenium or their last production in this penultimate year of the millenium. It is a contemporary play set in London. It is very powerful and very moving. It is in Longstreet Theatre. Our preview is next Thursday running through the weekend and Tuesday through the following week.

CHAIR STROBEL - Any other announcements? The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.