The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM in Currell College by Chairman Becker.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 1991

On the middle of page 3, the unit called English Speaking for Internationals is properly named Program for Internationals. With this correction, the minutes were approved.

II. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT PALMS:
The President reported on the following eight items:
1. The budget for next year may not be any better than this year. We hope to get the state to fully fund any raises instead of asking us to find 25% in our budget.
2. Gifts to the University are ahead of last year.
3. The purchase of the former Carolina Plaza was supported by CHE. The Budget and Control Board will consider it next week.
4. The University has been successful in obtaining research grants, including the latest EPSCOR grant.
5. The Affirmative Action Committee is now looking for an affirmative action officer.
6. The University Race Relations Committee has both complimented us on our progress and pointed out our shortcomings. Deans will set up committees to track progress.
7. Coastal Carolina is still trying to leave the system.
8. The applicant pool for next year’s freshman class is larger than in the past. The selectees for the Carolina Scholarship Program are very impressive this year.

ACTING PROVOST REEVES:
1. A task force is examining the core curriculum. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) has recommended that we examine the core requirements in mathematics and oral communications, since they apparently do not meet SACS requirements. We must respond to recommendations.
2. The administration has been working with the faculty on the budget. The Faculty Budget Committee is involved at all stages, with one representative at a time attending the budget hearings. A study is underway to establish priorities using information from the deans.
3. There will be a workshop on teaching on February 14, conducted by
Professors Gloria Miller and Kathleen Padgett. Ernest Boyer, Carnegie
Foundation, will speak on Saturday, February 22.

III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Illa. Senate Steering Committee, J. L. Safko:

The senate steering committee has nominated Ben Gimarc (CHEM) for a six-
year appointment to the USC Development Foundation Board.

Illb. Grade Change Committee, Mary Caldwell, Chair:

The grade changes were accepted as submitted.

Illc. Curricula and Courses Committee, Jean Massey, Chair:

The report of the committee was accepted as submitted.

Illd. Faculty Advisory Committee, Marcia Welsh, Chair:

1. The committee investigated the status of librarians on the University
   Committee on Tenure and Promotion and recommends that the current
   wording of the Faculty Manual be retained. In response to Robert Williams
   (LIS), Prof. Welsh stated that the committee believed that a member of this
   committee should hold academic rank and be involved in scholarship.

2. On page 22 of the December agenda is a recommendation on foreign
   travel to be sent to the State Reorganization Commission. Profs Randy Mack
   (ARTH), Robert Patterson (HIST) and Trevor Howard-Hill (ENGL), expressed
   the feeling that this motion does not really address the problem. The
   problem is that this requirement applies even if no state money is involved.
   The delay in obtaining approval and the necessity for approval only after all
   details are settled has caused problems.
   The Faculty Advisory motion was passed with the understanding that it
   would be reworded to request that the State Budget and Control Board
   would not need to be consulted if no state funds are used.

Ille. Admissions Committee, Mary Ellen O'Leary, Chair:

1. Professor O'Leary moved that the admission index score for the Columbia
   Campus be 2.15 starting with Fall 1992. She pointed out that this could lead
   to a reduction of 354 students in the freshman class. In response to a
   question from Nancy Lane (FREN) she stated that the admissions index is
validated and revised annually as needed. The prediction accuracy for 2.0 is +/- 0.6. William Mould (SCHC) asked how the admission score is calculated for those schools that do not rank students. Professor O'Leary said that a combination of SAT and grades in core courses is used. After some additional discussion, the senate approved the motion.

2. The Senate returned the second proposal (revision of the Provisional Year Program) to the committee. Senators expressed concern over the automatic nature proposed for admission into the Provisional Year. They were generally supportive of giving South Carolina residents priority; but they .expressed the need for consideration of special skills as is currently the rule. John Catellano (USC-Lancaster) suggested increasing the Provisional Year to a limit of 350 students.

Illf. Standards and Petitions Committee, Edward Sharp, Chair:

The modified version of the committee report was adopted. The modifications are on file in the Senate Office.

Illg. Faculty Welfare Committee, Wolfgang Elfe, Chair:

The Senate adopted the Faculty Welfare Committee motion: "Resolved that faculty and staff salary increases be of the highest priority in budget allocations for the coming year."

Items II, IV and V of the committee report were for information. Item III (Sexual Harassment Report) was withdrawn for further investigation. At the request of John Safko (PHYS) Chairman Becker referred an investigation of the details of University policy and questions on whether the University was following its procedures to the committee for a later report to the Senate.

Charles Mack (ARTH) said that his initial question on the inadequacies of the state plan as compared to local private plans had not been answered. Prof. Elfe said that our health plan was comparable to other universities in the southeast.

Illh. Library Committee, Patrick Scott, Chair:

The Library Committee Report is attached to these minutes. To summarize the report:

1. This year book and journal funding is keeping pace with inflation. The administration is very supportive.

2. The 5% of state funding has been met; but only because the total of state funding was cut this year.

3. Inflation of journal costs is exceeding any reasonable library budget increase. We remain one of the few ALR libraries which has not cut journal costs and subscriptions. Faculty and departments must review journal subscriptions and consider possible cuts rather than leaving a possible cut to the library staff.
Gene Stephens (CRJU) expressed concern for those disciplines, such as Criminal Justice, most of whose journals are less than ten years old. Patrick Scott said that any serials cut may not occur and that if it was necessary a plan would be worked out to protect core and new programs. All units should contact either the committee or the Dean of Libraries with their journal concerns.

Charles Mack suggested that all concerned faculty members join the Thomas Cooper Society.

Illii. Safety Committee, Richard Conant, Chair:

Professor Conant requested the Senate to hear Shine Brooks, student body Vice-President, to introduce the modified proposal for student dating rights. Since the modified proposal was passed out on the senate floor a copy is attached to these minutes.

After a discussion of the meaning of the proposal and the severity of the problem, the Senate endorsed the statement.

IV. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY, J. L. Safko:

The secretary asked the senators if the random order of attachments had presented a problem. The order was chosen to save paper. No one objected from the floor, so the procedure will be continued.

The secretary also apologized for the handouts that were used at this meeting. Materials should be in the Senate Office in their final form in time for distribution to the Senate body in advance of the meeting.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was originally no new business, but at the start of the Good of the Order, we returned to New Business to pass the following resolution by Jerald Wallulis thanking the Bookstore Staff. The resolution was prompted by the privatization of the bookstore this month.

The Faculty Senate expresses its official thanks to the bookstore workers for their service to us and we wish them the best of luck in their adjustments to a new work conditions.

There being no further nominations, Prof. Gimarc was declared elected to the USC Development Foundation Board.

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Senators were reminded to read the agenda to determine the meeting’s location.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM