

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS - FACULTY CLUB  
AT McCUTCHEN HOUSE  
ANNUAL REPORT, 1999-2000**

From somewhat humble beginnings and with the generosity of the University, the Faculty Club was founded in 1978 and given the use of the McCutchen House. The University of South Carolina is one of just a few universities that offers a faculty club. The Club was established in 1978 to provide the faculty members and administrative staff of the University a quiet, dignified and reasonably priced facility to meet colleagues, family and friends over a quick lunch, an elegant dinner or over a glass of one's favorite beverage.

Over the past few years, the Club has struggled to maintain its goals as originally established. The current Board of Directors has taken a number of positive steps to regain these goals, including:

- Terminating its' two-year management relationship with Sodexho/Mariott Corp. (USC Dining Services)
- Hiring our own general manager, Mr. Travis Branaman, following an extensive national search. He is a Certified Club Manager and comes with over thirty years experience in a variety of similar club operations (improvements in the first few months of his tenure have been exciting and encouraging).
- Reintroducing evening dining on Thursdays and Fridays and making plans to offer Sunday Brunch one Sunday each month beginning in September.
- Introducing all new menus, at very reasonable prices.
- Upgrading the luncheon buffet in the Cellar.
- Increasing and intensifying the training of the service staff.
- Purchasing and installing a new computerized accounting and point of sale system (improvements in this area will continue over the next several months).
- Purchasing several new pieces of equipment for our very outdated kitchen (most of our equipment is now twenty-two years old and needs updating and replacement).
- Joining the International Association of Faculty Clubs, thus, providing our members the opportunity to reciprocate with all other Faculty Clubs.

As alluded to above, the menus have been completely re-done. For dinner, the choices range from very reasonable sandwiches to prime steaks. For lunch, with the exception of the buffet (which is available only downstairs), the menu has been revised so that members can have the same menu upstairs as downstairs. Furthermore, the buffet has also been enhanced and now contains six-seven salads, three entrees, two vegetables, and the soup of the day. Dining for lunch or for dinner can now be done much more informally (and reasonably) upstairs. Or, for that special occasion, you can still dress up and dine "gourmet style."

In addition to Mr. Branaman and Maxine Jennings (who continues as our Social Director), we are happy to have Kevin Drew as our new Director of Services and Doreen Higgins as our new Business Manager. We also want to express our great appreciation for all of our loyal employees who helped during the months of uncertainty and transition.

The Board members and officers for the 2000-2001 Academic year are:

Richard Conant (Music), Chairman  
Sally Boyd (Continuing Education), Vice Chair  
Carol Flake (Education), Secretary  
John Finan (VP for Business and Finance/Appointed), Treasurer  
Charles Jeffcoat (Director of Facilities Management/Appointed)  
Ellen Moore (Darla Moore School of Business/Appointed)  
Cathy Pike (Social Work)  
Dave Whitener (Lawyer/Appointed)  
James Bradley (Darla Moore School of Business)  
Ben Franklin (English)

Bruce Dunlap (Chemistry) and Shirley Kuiper (Business) are rotating off the Board and we want to thank them for their invaluable service during this year of difficult decisions and transitions.

Your Board of Directors is excited and proud of the changes that are taking place at the Club. We ask for your continued support and ask that you encourage all faculty members and administrative staff to step forward and join our Club family and participate in one of the finest benefits we have here at U.S.C. Come often! Come Early—and stay late!!

Sincerely,

Richard P. Conant  
Chairman  
Board of Directors