

Academic Board Minutes of 15 August 2005

BG Donald Steven	COL Spike Metts, Jr
COL Al Finch	COL Earl Walker
COL Mark Bebensee	COL Dan Ouzts
Dr. Ray Jones	COL Al Gurganus
COL Bo Moore, Jr.	COL Randy Blanton
COL James Leonard	COL Gardel Feurtado
COL John Carter	COL Angie LeClercq
LTC Ken Brannan	LTC John Moore
LTC John Peeples	LTC Paul Rosenblum
LTC Steve Nida	COL Alan Ekrem
COL Cardon Crawford	MAJ Harry Davakos
MAJ Sylvia Nesmith	MAJ Anne Beddingfield

BG Steven called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Item 1. Introductions

BG Steven welcomed COL Cardon Crawford as the new Head and Professor of Military Science.

BG Steven reported that an entering class of approximately 673 had matriculated, that the class had an average SAT approaching 1100 and that approximately 48 members of the entering class are women. Because of the size of the entering class and the unexpectedly large number of returning upperclass cadets, approximately 110 cadets were being housed in the old band trailers, and 40 cadets had been placed in Howard Johnson's. A shuttle had been arranged to bring cadets from the hotel to campus and back. A number of factors have contributed to this over subscription. The BOV wanted a full barracks. While the number of applications dropped slightly from fall 2004, the yield improved from 36% to 42%, and a larger than expected number of upperclass cadets returned.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes of 3 May 2005

COL Finch moved and COL Bebensee seconded the approval of the minutes for the 3 May 2005 meeting. The minutes were approved without opposition.

Item 3. State Documents Depository Legislation

COL Metts reported that the State is developing a process and procedure for archiving copies of electronic documents as it currently does for hardcopy documents. The State is still determining exactly what documents will fall under this legislation. COL LeClercq will provide examples of

the types of documents currently being archived by the State, and Col Metts will contact the State and report back as the details of this law become clearer.

Item 4. Other Business

COL Metts reported on four items.

- a. Department/School schedules for fall 2005 were distributed, and department heads/deans were asked to review their schedules and provide any corrections to the Registrar.
- b. COL Metts provided data of class absences for 2003-04 and 2004-05 and described briefly changes that have been made in the Class Absence System in an effort to reduce both excused and unexcused absences.
- c. COL Metts reminded the Board of the New Faculty Luncheon and Orientation and the first General Faculty Meeting. Deans and department heads should be prepared to introduce their new faculty at each of these events.
- d. COL Metts reminded that Board that as part of the QEP, the GPQ requirement for continuance and academic probation had been increased for entering fourthclass cadets effective fall 2004. These new standards will be in effect for all classes when determining continuance and probation for fall 2006.

COL Crawford indicated that he would be willing to provide a briefing on his experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan. Col Feurtado volunteered to arrange a time and place for this briefing so that as many students and faculty as possible could attend.

COL LeClercq reported that Aramark is now providing coffee in the Library. This is another step in making the Library more attractive for students and faculty. COL LeClercq also announced that The Citadel had joined eight South Carolina institutions in the purchase of a new software package that will improve the services being provided, especially in the area of interlibrary loans of books. The system will provide a new catalog and seamless, overnight borrowing among the eight participating institutions.

BG Steven reported that he had already had several conversations with the new Commandant and that he feels real progress can be made in the area of sleep for freshmen and class absences.

COL Finch reported that there have been several break-ins in Capers Hall. Apparently, neighborhood kids were breaking in to download pornography in the computer labs.

COL Feurtado requested a clarification on The Citadel's policy on having an adult accompany students on school-sponsored trips. It was acknowledged that such trips were supposed to have adult supervision, but that this policy was not always followed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Isaac S. Metts, Jr.
Associate Provost