

**ACADEMIC BOARD MEETING
16 OCTOBER 2007**

In Attendance	
YES	BG Sam Hines
YES	COL Spike Metts
YES	Dr. Ray Jones
YES	COL Angie LeClercq
YES	COL David Trautman
YES	MAJ Sylvia Nesmith
	School of Business Administration
NO	COL Ron Green
YES	COL Mark Bebensee
YES	MAJ Wes Jones
	School of Education
YES	COL Tony Johnson
YES	MAJ Jennifer Altieri
YES	COL George Williams
	School of Engineering
NO	COL Dennis Fallon
YES	COL Ken Brannan
YES	COL John Peeples
	School of Humanities and Social Sciences
YES	COL Al Finch
YES	COL Mark Del Mastro
YES	COL Gardel Feurtado
YES	COL Jim Leonard
YES	COL Bo Moore, Jr.
YES	LTC Steve Nida
	School of Science and Mathematics
YES	COL Chuck Groetsch
YES	COL Joel Berlinghieri
YES	COL John Carter
YES	COL John Moore
YES	LTC Paul Rosenblum
YES	COL Lisa Zuraw
	ROTC Departments
YES	COL Richard Townes
YES	COL Douglas Ferhmann
LT David Cooper for	COL Kevin Frederick
	Guests
MAJ Kyle Sinisi, Advisor for Cadet Honor Committee	
Cadet LTC Ben Schotzberger, Chair of Cadet Honor Committee	

BG Hines called the meeting to order at 1515.

Item 1. Honor briefing and Q and A with Cadet Honor Chairman

MAJ Kyle Sinisi introduced himself as the new Advisor to the Cadet Honor Committee. BG Michael Barrett has relinquished that role after 17 years. MAJ Sinisi offered himself as a point of contact for the Faculty on matters related to the Cadet Honor Court. Cadet LTC Ben Schotzberger, Chair of the Cadet Honor Committee, described briefly a new initiative by the Court. Each Dean will be provided a member of the Court as a personal contact on matters of honor and the Corps of Cadets. In time, this program will be expanded to provide each department with a personal contact on the Court and ultimately each member of the faculty. Cadet Schotzberger explained that the members of the Court hope that this program will improve communications and provide opportunities for discussions.

Cadet LTC Schotzberger then opened the floor for questions. A number of issues were raised to include the process by which the Honor Manual and Court are reviewed, the absolute nature of findings, the Leniency Program, the absence of an adult advisor for accused cadets, the process of appeal, the differences in how honor is addressed for cadets and non-cadets, the role of the Faculty Advisor to the Honor Committee, length of honor trials, and the number of accusations each year compared to the number of trials and convictions. Cadet Schotzberger also agreed to address any questions the Board members wish to send him.

BG Hines thanked MAJ Sinisi and Cadet Schotzberger for their most informative presentations.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes of 18 September 2007 Meeting

COL John Moore pointed out that the ABET Team would arrive on Sunday, 4 November. The minutes, as amended, were approved without opposition.

Item 3. Name Change for Department of Modern Languages

COL Mark Del Mastro moved the name change of his department from "Department of Modern Languages" to "Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures." The motion was seconded by COL Finch. COL Leonard indicated that the proposed title seemed to absorb the Department of English. After extensive discussion, the question was called. By show of hands, there were 7 votes in favor of the change, 11 votes opposed, and 1 abstention. The motion failed. COL Del Mastro then provided an alternative motion to change the name to the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. This motion was seconded by COL Leonard and passed without opposition.

Item 4. Resolution on Hair Length for Female Cadets

COL Finch proposed that the Board present through "appropriate channels" the following resolution:

The Academic Board recommends to the Commandant of Cadets that the Department of Defense (Army Version) Standard for hair length be adopted by The Citadel for all

cadets, both male and female, during their sophomore, junior, and senior years and that this change be reflected in the Blue Book.

The resolution was supported without opposition.

Item 5. Change of Format for Awarding Credit for Participation in Citadel Band

COL Mark Bebensee explained that with the implementation of the Values and Respect program most 1100 Tuesday Drill Periods are now taken by Values and Respect sessions and this has eliminated the primary practice periods for the Band. CMDR Mike Alverson, Director of The Citadel Band, is requesting that Band practice be scheduled at 11:00 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The 11:00 time slot is followed by lunch, and this will provide 15 to 20 minutes of extra practice time every class meeting. Members of the Citadel Band would enroll in a one-credit course each semester and would have early registration privileges to give them every opportunity to build their schedules so that the 11:00 MWF time slot will be open for the Band courses. If Band members cannot meet their academic requirements without using the 11:00 MWF time slot for an academic requirement, CMDR Alverson will meet privately with those students when their schedules permit. As in the past, four one-credit courses will be combined for a three-credit General Elective. This proposal would not change the number of hours of credit being awarded for participation in Band.

Considerable discussion followed. Concern was expressed that perhaps the Academic Board should not be involved in determining when a particular course is to be offered or who should be given priority registration privileges. It was decided that no vote would be taken on when the proposed courses would be scheduled. There was no opposition to how the already approved credit for Band would be awarded.

Item 6. Other Matters

The matter of reporting class absences up to 6 days after the date of the absence was raised again. LTC Trautman confirmed that the Faculty Council believes that there was a commitment on the part of the Administration to incorporate electronically into the current Class Absence System the capability for the faculty to enter class absences up to six days after the date of the absence. The Faculty Council has taken the position that if this capability is not incorporated electronically into the current Class Absence System, the Faculty will revert back to its personal records as the official class absence record for applying the 20% rule or reducing a student's grade based on class attendance. COL Metts indicated that no commitment had ever been made to build the capacity to submit class absences late into the current CAS. What was committed was that a process for recording these late submissions would be developed. Building this capability into the current CAS proved to be an extremely complex time consuming task that likely could not be completed before the College acquired a new administrative software package. In the process being used, the faculty member notifies COL Metts by e-mail the absences that have not been entered in to the CAS. COL Metts keeps track of these additional absences and notifies the cadets of these additional absences. For administering the 20% rule or reducing a cadet's grade based on class absences, the official record of class absences is the total

of the absences in the CAS and those being kept in the Office of the Associate Provost. COL Metts reported that at this point there would be no attempt to alter the current CAS. LTC Trautman indicated that he would take this back to the Faculty Council.

COL Leonard inquired as to the current state of WebCT. COL Metts reported that there is a continuing effort to develop a state-wide contract with Black Board that has acquired WebCT. The current version of WebCT will be maintained until the state-level negotiations are settled.

COL Johnson reported that the NCATE visit had been very positive and that full accreditation by spring is the expectation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac S. Metts, Jr., Ph.D.
Associate Provost