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TO: Dr. Layton McCurdy, Chair, and Members, Commission on Higher Education
FROM: *Gary S. Glenn*
Mr. Jim Sanders, Chair, and Members of the Committee on Finance & Facilities
SUBJECT: Items for Consideration on November 6
DATE: October 28, 2008

Attached are items for your review and consideration at the November 6 Commission meeting. Please note the Committee on Finance and Facilities has not yet acted on these items but is scheduled to review and develop recommendations at its meeting scheduled for 8:45 a.m. on November 6. The Committee will bring its recommendations to the Commission for consideration at the Commission meeting. Staff recommendations are included for your information.

If you have any questions about a particular item, or if you need additional information, please contact me or Gary Glenn at (803) 737-2155.

7.04A Interim Capital Projects

- A. College of Charleston
 - i. 5 College Way Renovation
-increase budget, revise scope
- B. Central Carolina Technical College
 - i. Sumter Health Science Acquisition/ Renovation
-establish construction budget, change source of funds, and revise scope

7.04B Leases

- A. Medical University of South Carolina
 - i. 5900 Core Avenue
-renewal
 - ii. McClennan Banks, Fourth Floor
-renewal

7.04C List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for October 2008 (For Information)

DESCRIPTION OF INTERIM CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION

November 6, 2008

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

PROJECT NAME: 5 College Way Renovation
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase Budget, Revise Scope
REQUESTED ACTION AMOUNT: \$400,000
INITIAL CIE APPROVAL DATE: April 5, 2007

Project Budget	Previous	Revised	Change
Professional Services Fees	\$85,000	\$109,000	\$24,000
Equipment and/or Materials	\$0	\$90,200	\$90,200
Interior Renovations	\$675,000	\$927,820	\$252,820
Roofing	\$80,000	\$50,000	(\$30,000)
Exterior Renovations	\$80,000	\$85,000	\$5,000
Builders Risk Insurance	\$0	\$3,580	\$3,580
Other	\$0	\$84,400	\$84,400
Contingency	\$80,000	\$50,000	(\$30,000)
Total	\$1,000,000	\$1,400,000	\$400,000

Source of Funds	Previous	Revised	Change
CIPF	\$1,000,000	\$1,400,000	\$400,000
Total	\$1,000,000	\$1,400,000	\$400,000

DESCRIPTION:

The College of Charleston requests approval to increase the project budget to accommodate additions to the original scope of work and to reflect a 37% increase in construction cost since the project was originally established. There is also an increase in A&E fees to reflect the increase in the cost of the construction.

Additions to the original scope include specifying a geothermal system to respond to the state's mandate to pursue sustainable design for its buildings; furniture, furnishings and equipment; information technology upgrades; permitting and inspection; and builders risk insurance.

E&G MAINTENANCE NEEDS REDUCTION:

The project will alleviate a portion of the \$179,149 in existing maintenance needs.

ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS/SAVINGS:

The Project is not expected to generate additional operating costs at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this project as proposed.

CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

PROJECT NAME: Sumter Health Science Acquisition/Renovation (Phase II)
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish Construction Budget, Change Source of Funds, Revise Scope
REQUESTED ACTION AMOUNT: \$11,195,087*
INITIAL CHE APPROVAL DATE: November 20, 2006

Project Budget	Previous	Revised	Change
Professional Services Fees	\$700,000	\$1,205,345	\$505,345
Equipment and/or Materials	\$0	\$1,717,792	\$1,717,792
Site Development	\$0	\$1,093,140	\$1,093,140
Interior Renovations	\$0	\$8,289,417	\$8,289,417
Utilities Renovations	\$0	\$176,619	\$176,619
Roofing	\$0	\$537,742	\$537,742
Exterior Renovations	\$0	\$2,007,949	\$2,007,949
Landscaping	\$0	\$87,126	\$87,126
Other Capital Outlay	\$0	\$1,021,999	\$1,021,999
Contingency	\$0	\$662,871	\$662,871
Total	\$700,000	\$16,800,000	\$16,100,000

Source of Funds	Previous	Revised	Change
Allied Health Initiative*	\$0	\$1,604,913	\$1,604,913
FY 07 Appropriation, Proviso 73.17 (B)(a)*	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
FY 08 Supplemental, Proviso 73.12 64(A)*	\$700,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,300,000
Federal	\$0	\$2,083,564	\$2,083,564
Transferred Tuition Fees	\$0	\$138,055	\$138,055
Note Payable (Loan)	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Local College Funds	\$0	\$3,973,468	\$3,973,468
Total	\$700,000	\$16,800,000	\$16,100,000

*State-appropriated funds supersede CHE approval authority; therefore, the amount of this approval is \$11,195,087.

DESCRIPTION:

Central Carolina Technical College requests approval to increase the project budget to provide for design and construction funding as required in Phase II – Construction PIP Submittal. The project was originally staff approved for an environmental study on November 20, 2006. On April 1, 2008 the project was staff approved for an increase of \$680,000, with a change in source of funds, revision of scope, and change of project name. At its meeting on June 5, 2008, the Commission on Higher Education approved the renovation of 44,000 SF of 68,000 SF in the Health Sciences building for \$9,000,000 as part of CPIP Year 1. The remaining renovation of 24,800 SF was included as a CPIP Year 2 project for \$4,500,000. This request revises the approval of June 5 to renovate the entire 68,800 SF building.

The building was donated by the City of Sumter to allow for the relocation of the health sciences programs. The programs are currently housed in a 27,260 SF facility along with the College's science programs. The current facility does not meet accreditation standards and is too small to allow the College to increase the number of graduates. The renovated space will allow the College to increase enrollment in its health sciences programs and science course offerings. The College needs to increase the number of graduates in order to respond to the growing nursing and health care worker shortages in the service area and in the state.

The College originally considered renovating a smaller portion of the existing building, but the majority of the costs are in infrastructure (electrical, roofing, HVAC, plumbing). Therefore, the cost savings did not warrant renovating less of the building.

The College also investigated the cost of demolishing the existing building and replacing it with new construction but found the cost would be \$80-\$100 more per square foot.

E&G MAINTENANCE NEEDS REDUCTION:

N/A – Space is being configured for proposed programmatic use.

ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS/SAVINGS:

Utilities, insurance, custodial services and supplies, building maintenance, and security will require additional operating costs ranging between \$134,916 and \$150,000 in the three years following project completion.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this project as proposed, pending approval by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (SBTCE) on November 12, 2008.

DESCRIPTION OF LEASES FOR CONSIDERATION

November 6, 2008

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

LEASE NAME: 5900 Core Avenue
REQUESTED ACTION: Lease Renewal
REQUESTED ACTION AMOUNT: \$162,000

DESCRIPTION:

The University requests approval of a lease renewal for 5,404 SF of space located at 5900 Core Avenue in North Charleston. The purpose of the renewal is to continue to provide office space for the Department of Psychiatry, Geriatric Research Center. An initiative is underway to relocate this group back on campus.

The monthly rental rate will be approximately \$9,000, resulting in an annual cost of \$108,000. The requested lease term is 18 months with extended terms to be negotiated. The total lease cost is \$162,000 with a rate of \$19.99 per SF. The requested lease is a full service lease; therefore, there are no additional operating expenses.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this lease provided the rates and terms are approved by the Budget and Control Board.

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

LEASE NAME: McClennan Banks, Fourth Floor
REQUESTED ACTION: Lease Renewal
REQUESTED ACTION AMOUNT: \$428,400

DESCRIPTION:

The University requests approval of a lease renewal for 9,653 SF of space located on the fourth floor of the McClennan Banks building. The purpose of this lease is to continue to provide office space for the Department of Psychiatry, Family Services Research Center.

The monthly rental rate will be approximately \$17,850, resulting in an annual cost of \$214,200. The requested lease term is 2 years, with extended terms of one term, two years, offered under the same terms and conditions. The total lease cost is \$428,400 with a rate of \$22.19 per SF. The requested lease is a full service lease; therefore, there are no additional operating expenses.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this lease provided the rates and terms are approved by the Budget and Control Board.

INFORMATION ITEM

Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff

October 2008

Date Approved	Project #	Institution	Project Name	Action Category	Budget Change	Revised Budget
9/23/2008	9858	Clemson	Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements	decrease, close	(\$12,083)	\$1,187,917
10/3/2008	9562	Coastal Carolina	Kingston Hall & Greenhouse Area Land Acquisition	revise scope	\$0	\$2,500
10/7/2008	6038	USC Columbia	Academic Enrichment Center Construction	change source of funds	\$0	\$12,800,000
10/7/2008	9749	USC Columbia	Utility Tunnel Repair	decrease, close	(\$145,850)	\$14,150
10/7/2008	9846	USC Columbia	School of Public Health Construction/Renovation	change source of funds	\$0	\$31,550,000
10/22/2008	9600	The Citadel	Stevens Barracks Renovation	increase budget, revise scope	\$150,000	\$2,400,000
10/22/2008	New	College of Charleston	Craig Cafeteria Kitchen Renovation ¹	establish pre-design	\$0	\$10,500

¹See supporting narrative.

FOR INFORMATION – PROJECT ESTABLISHMENTS PROCESSED BY STAFF
FOR OCTOBER 2008

Note: At the June, 2008 meeting, the Finance & Facilities Committee clarified staff authority for processing institutional requests to establish capital projects. Accordingly, the following summary is presented as information.

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

PROJECT NAME: Craig Cafeteria Kitchen Renovation (Phase I)
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish Pre-Design
REQUESTED ACTION AMOUNT: \$10,500
INITIAL CHE APPROVAL DATE: N/A

<u>Project Budget</u>	<u>Previous</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Change</u>
Professional Services Fees	\$0	\$10,500	\$10,500
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$10,500</i>	<i>\$10,500</i>

<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Previous</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Change</u>
Auxiliary Revenue	\$0	\$10,500	\$10,500
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$10,500</i>	<i>\$10,500</i>

DESCRIPTION:

The University is requesting approval to establish a project to allow the College to perform pre-design services for a catering kitchen in the former Craig Cafeteria.

The College moved its central cafeteria to the George Street Complex in August 2007. The majority of the vacated space in the former cafeteria is being renovated for the Admissions operations under a separate project (9635). However, the kitchen and associated service areas of the vacated space are not included in the admissions renovation project.

The new food service operation at the George Street Complex has no central kitchen. All preparation is done in front of the customer at various stations throughout the facility. Therefore, the College is unable to use the new facility for catering purposes. The college intends to renovate the kitchen and associated service areas in the former Craig Cafeteria for use as a catering kitchen for the campus.

E&G MAINTENANCE NEEDS REDUCTION:

N/A - Auxiliary

ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS/SAVINGS:

The project is not expected to generate additional operating costs at this time.

Sharon H. Thompson, Ed.D.

Dr. Sharon Howell Thompson, Professor and Coordinator of Health Promotion at Coastal Carolina University, was born in Greenwood, raised in Florence, and earned a baccalaureate degree from Clemson University. Later, she earned a master's degree, an educational specialist in administration, and an Ed.D. from the University of South Carolina-Columbia. She began teaching as an adjunct at Coastal in 1991, began full-time in 1993, started a minor in Health Education in 1995, and helped establish a major in this field in 1997.

Dr. Thompson credits her parents and her late husband as role models for becoming a teacher, an advisor, and a contributing member to family and community life. The mother of two daughters and a member of the Myrtle Beach First Presbyterian Church, she was also named by the Myrtle Beach Sun News as Volunteer of the Year in 2003. She has also chaired the Waccamaw Youth Center and the Horry County School District Comprehensive Health Education Advisory Committee.

Her work as a teaching faculty member has been universally admired on the campus. Since 1998 she has received several campus awards of distinction, including the 1998 Student Affairs Award and the 2004 Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Lecturer Award. As full-time teacher and advisor to 80 students annually, she still has found time since 2001 to sponsor students at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR). She has been co-author of 20 published manuscripts and/or proceedings with students. She is also the University's Faculty Athletic Representative and advisor for the health promotion honor society.

Students are enthusiastic and expressive about her work with them. They speak of the time she takes to listen, her constant looking for opportunities for her students to succeed, her knowledge, kindness and sincerity—and, above all, her commitment. "As a part of a CCU awards ceremony," said one of them, "I was asked 'What is the best thing about Coastal Carolina University?' Without hesitation I replied, 'Dr. Sharon Thompson!'"

Charles G. Wilson, H.D.

Born the youngest of ten children and raised on a small family farm in Union County, SC, Mr. Charles Wilson graduated from Union High School, and worked in local industry for 23 years. He earned his A.S. from Spartanburg Technical College in Machine Tool Technology and attended Clemson's program in Human Resource Development/Vocational Technology.

Wilson credits several people in his life for his becoming a successful teacher. Several of his older brothers had dropped out of school to help with farm work so that the others in the family could attend school. His first Union County schoolhouse was three rooms. "We had small classes, and the teachers really cared for each student," he remembers. At Spartanburg Technical College where he excelled, his instructor, Aubrey Owens, took the time to mentor and encourage him to pursue his studies rather than join the Navy. Wilson has carried the legacy of caring for students into his classrooms at Greenville Tech, where he has been on the faculty since 1989. Many students whom he has taught, advised, and mentored attest to his strengths in all these capacities. One of these students had lost his job when he was working on a degree. Learning about this situation, Mr. Wilson contacted an industry representative with whom he worked on an advisory committee and was able to get the student tested and into a new position immediately. "It has changed my life," says that student, who adds that "Charles Wilson stands behind his words and instructs his students not only in the classroom, but his advice reaches no boundaries."

Wilson has been able to help students, too, by his relentless commitment and irrepressible energy in promoting linkages with local business and industry in the Greenville area, where he engages the managers in the private sector as members of advisory committees to improve his teaching constantly. His work at the local level has gained him the attention of the US Secretary of Labor, Elaine Chao, who appointed him to a second two-year term as a member of the Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship. His students' welfare always is front and center in these activities, prompting one plant manager in Greenville to say that Wilson's efforts are preparing the workforce to the next level of excellence. Dr. Keith Miller, Greenville Technical College's president, has said of Mr. Wilson, "He goes above and beyond for his students because he genuinely cares about them, their futures, and the future of our country's workforce."

The Governor's 2008 Professors of the Year and Distinguished Professors Luncheon

*November 6, 2008
1:00 p.m.*

*Campus Room of the Capstone Building
900 Barnwell Street
The University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina*



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Jon Beckman	Program Coordinator	Spartanburg Technical College
Brian D. Beasley	Charles Daniel Professor of Mathematics	Presbyterian College
Michael Black	Electronics Instructor	Northeastern Technical College
Teresa C. Boland	Professor of Nursing	Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Patricia Born Bower	Professor of Education	Charleston Southern University
Linda Bradley	Professor of Computer Science	Spartanburg Methodist College
Charles L. Calvert, II, M.S.	Associate Professor of Hospitality Management	University of South Carolina-Beaufort
Darrin Campen	Department Chair of History and Social Sciences	Aiken Technical College
*Margaret Champion	Department Head of Veterinary Technology	Tri-County Technical College
Janice Chism	Professor of Biology and Anthropology	Winthrop University
*Melanie Cooper	Alumni Distinguished Professor of Chemistry	Clemson University
Ken Cox	English Instructor	Florence-Darlington Technical College The Citadel
Alix G. Darden	Professor of Immunology and Genetics	
*George E. Dickinson	Professor of Sociology	College of Charleston
Michael J. Fekula	Assistant Professor of Management	University of South Carolina-Aiken
Alfred G. Goutley, Jr.	Peter D. Hyman Professor of Fine Arts	Francis Marion University
Linda Hannahal-Wheat	Mathematics Instructor	Central Carolina Technical College
*Thomas J. Hilbish	Professor of Biological Sciences	University of South Carolina-Columbia
*Reid A. Holland	History Instructor	Midlands Technical College
*Martha B. Macdonald	English Instructor	York Technical College
Rahina Mahab	Associate Professor of Chemistry	South Carolina State University
Lisa B. Martin	English Instructor	Piedmont Technical College
Duncan Edward McDowell	Assistant Professor of English	University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie
Warren Moore	Associate Professor of English	Newberry College
Deborah Naivig	Professor of Health Care Mgt.	Lander University
*Robert C. Netburn, Jr.	Professor of Physics	University of South Carolina-Sumter
Cora Newcomb	Instructor of Administrative Office Technology	Technical College of the Lowcountry
Frank Radisill	Associate Professor of Management	University of South Carolina-Upstate
Denise Shaw	Assistant Professor of English and Women Studies	University of South Carolina-Lion
Stephen B. Sulteman	Professor of Sociology	Erskine College
Kimberly W. Taylor	English and Journalism Dept Head	Trident Technical College
**Sharon H. Thompson	Professor of Health Promotion	Coastal Carolina University
*Karen A. Weger	Associate Professor of Health Administration and Policy	Medical University of South Carolina
Harold Waters	Associate Professor of Education	Southern Wesleyan University
**Charles G. Wilson	Machine Tool Tech Dept Head	Greenville Technical College
**Semi-Finalist		
**Professor of the Year		

Dunham Program

Welcome and Acknowledgment

of Special Guests

.....Layton McCurdy, M.D., Chairman
South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

Response.....

.....Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr., President
South Carolina Higher Education Foundation, Inc.

2008

Recognition of 2008

Distinguished Professors.....

.....Dr. McCurdy

Presentation of the Governor's

Professors of the Year.....

.....Garrison Walters, Ph.D., Executive Director
South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

Gubernatorial Recognition.....

.....Ms. Betty Davidson
Office of the Governor

Two-Year Colleges

Charles G. Wilson, A.S.

Department Head of Machine Tool Technology

Greenville Technical College

Senior Colleges and Universities

Sharon H. Thompson, Ed.D.

Professor of Health Promotion

Coastal Carolina University

Introduction of Speaker

.....Dr. Walters

Address.....

.....Barry Russell, Ph.D.
Executive Director

State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

Closing Remarks

.....Dr. McCurdy

Agenda
Press Conference
The Governor's
2008 Professors of the Year Awards
State House Rotunda
November 6, 2008
9:30 a.m.

Welcome and History of the Award..... Dr. Garrison Walters
Executive Director
South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

Greetings from the Governor and Announcement of the Awards..... Ms. Betty Davidson
Office of the Governor

Remarks..... Dr. Luyton McCurdy
Chairman
South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

Remarks from Recipients of the Award (2008)..... Sharon H. Thompson, Ed.D.
Professor of Health Promotion
Coastal Carolina University

Charles G. Wilson, A.S.
Professor and Department Head of Machine Tool Technology
Greenville Technical College

Announcements

GOVERNOR'S PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

STATE HOUSE ROTUNDA

9:30 A.M. NOVEMBER 6, 2008

Dr. Walters—Welcomes all present; briefly recounts history of the award as follows:

ACT 629 OF 1988 (THE "CUTTING EDGE" LEGISLATION) ESTABLISHED THE GOVERNOR'S PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD. EACH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTION COULD NOMINATE ONE PERSON AS A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR FROM THEIR INSTITUTION.

IN 1996—LAW WAS AMENDED TO ALLOW FOR A TWO-YEAR AND A FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL WINNER.

EACH WINNER RECEIVES A CITATION AND A CHECK FOR \$5,000.

SINCE 1988 (THROUGH 2008), A TOTAL OF 34 FACULTY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN HONORED WITH THIS ANNUAL AWARD, INCLUDING:

- 15 FROM PUBLIC SENIOR INSTITUTIONS
- 6 FROM PRIVATE SENIOR INSTITUTIONS
- 13 FROM PUBLIC TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS.

FINALISTS ARE CHOSEN BASED UPON WRITTEN NOMINATIONS, SUPPORTING MATERIALS, AND INTERVIEWS WITH THE COMMITTEE.

Dr. Walters introduces Betty Davidson, Education Ombudsman, Office of the Governor

Ms. Davidson—Delivers greetings from the Governor's office and presents the recipients of the Governor's Professor of the Year Award with their framed certificates and checks for \$5000.

Dr. Walters—Thanks Ms. Davidson; introduces the Chairman of the Commission.

Chairman of the Commission—remarks

Thanks to Dr. Walters and Ms. Davidson and to Governor Sanford for lending the visibility and prestige of the Governor's office to this award.

2008 is the 21st year of the award's presentation.

The award focuses attention on the power that great teaching and great advising has on the creation of learning and the application of that learning in socially beneficial and personally rewarding ways throughout students' lifetimes.

The commitment of these two faculty members is exemplary for making our state a qualitatively better place to live.

Professors change students lives and those changed lives change the society in which we live for the better.

Dr. Thompson not only teaches her subject and advises her students, but also has built an entire academic major on the campus of Coastal Carolina and works with the school districts along the I-95 corridor to change personal habits in eating and health to increase the quality and longevity of life.

Mr. Wilson teaches and advises students, too—and the stories of his work with them to get them the right apprenticeship or job experience in industry are legendary. In addition, he is on national advisory panels—including one in the US Department of Labor for advising Ms. Chao, Secretary of Labor, on apprenticeships.

It is coincidental, but nevertheless another reason to celebrate, that each of these individuals was born, raised and educated, and has made his/her entire career in South Carolina. Dr. Thompson, Mr. Wilson, you are both at least as impressive as your resumes make you seem—and clearly individuals in whom the whole state can take pride for your accomplishments.

I salute Dr. Thompson and Mr. Wilson today for being teachers, advisors, mentors, role models and advocates for their students. I thank them for giving their students a sense of hope in their futures; for bringing out the creativity in their lives; for requiring them to be reflective to ask what they owe to their communities. On behalf of the Commission, I say "Congratulations!" and would ask that you each introduce your colleagues and family who have accompanied you today and say a few words to us—first, Dr. Thompson and then, Mr. Wilson.

Dr. Thompson and Mr. Wilson speak briefly.

Chairman of the Commission thanks them, concludes the ceremony by thanking all in attendance, and asks that the recipients of the awards join him and Dr. Walters in getting their photos taken.

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**REMARKS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY AT PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR (2008) LUNCHEON AT CAPSTONE
HOUSE—USC-COLUMBIA**

CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSION: Good afternoon and welcome to the 21 South Carolina Governor's Professor of the Year Awards Luncheon. I am Layton McCurdy, Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education, and it is my pleasure to preside over this event which honors the two Professors of the Year—one selected to represent two-year and one to represent four-year institutions. Also with us today are the eight faculty finalists in that process.

I want to recognize the members of this year's Selection Committee, who have been chosen from throughout the state for their interest in and knowledge of higher education. These persons have given two professional days of their time in meetings in Columbia and additional time before meetings to review materials from the 36 persons nominated for these awards. When I call your name, please stand to be recognized. (Please hold your applause until all the group are introduced):

- Former Representative Harry Stille, Due West, and a retired Erskine College faculty member.
- The Honorable Catherine Ceips, currently representing Beaufort in the Senate.
- Ms. Betty Davidson, Office of the Governor.
- Dr. Donald Holland, Director of Choirs, Dreher High School.
- Ms. Rae McPherson, Director of the Statewide Gear-Up Program.
- Ms. Linda Floyd, Surfside Beach, SC, Community Leader and Campus Safety Advocate.
- Ms. Gladys Coles, Retired School Administrator and Columbia-area Mediator.
- Mr. Billy Crank, Director of Community Relations, Michelin of North America, Greenville.
- Mr. Art Bjontegard, Retired President of the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities.
- Dr. Lynn Kelley, Associate Director, Division of Academic Affairs and Licensing at CHE.

Please join me now in thanking them for their service. **(Applause.)**

I also want to recognize my fellow Commissioners of Higher Education who serve on the Commission. Will all members of the Commission please stand and be recognized. **(Applause.)**

I want to say also what a pleasure it is to be sitting on the podium with Dr. Barry Russell (speaker). Dr. Russell is both a person who has maintained deep interest in and connection with undergraduate teaching and learning. Dr. Russell, we look forward to hearing from you after our lunch.

Finally, as you all know, the state of South Carolina has been undergoing a fiscal crisis this year which would have meant the cancelation of this luncheon, were it not for the intervention of the South Carolina Higher Education Foundation, under the presidency of Mr. Dalton Floyd. Mr. Floyd, on behalf of the Commission, I publicly want to thank you and the Foundation for the generosity of spirit which has allowed this meaningful luncheon to go on as scheduled. Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in thanking President Floyd and the Foundation. (Applause.) **TIME FOR MR. FLOYD TO SAY SOMETHING< IF HE SO CHOOSES.**

SEE ATTACHED WHITE PAGE

Now, ladies and gentlemen, please enjoy the meal and good conversation at your table.

DR. RUSSELL IS INTRODUCED BY DR. MCCURDY.

McCurdy: It's now my pleasure to present our speaker, Dr. Barry Russell, President of the State's Technical College System. Like our two professors of the year, Dr. Russell is a native South Carolinian. He graduated from Clemson University, taught in k-12 schools, returned to Clemson where he earned a Ph.D. in Vocational Technical Education administration and began a career in higher education. He has held posts at Piedmont Technical College and as a vice president of the North Carolina Community and Technical College System. He also was President of one of the North Carolina Community and Technical Colleges and later returned to South Carolina as President of Midlands Technical College, before assuming the post of President of the State Technical College System. Dr. Russell.

Dr. RUSSELL SPEAKS.

Dr. McCurdy thanks Dr. Russell.

RECOGNITION OF 2008 DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

McCurdy: With today's luncheon, we mark twenty-one years that there has been a presentation of the Governor's Professor of the Year awards. This year we had thirty-six (36) institutions nominate a faculty member as their Distinguished Professor of the year. It is, indeed, an honor to be nominated by one's own institution as a Distinguished Professor. Dr. Walters will introduce a number of those persons at this time. As your name is called, please come forward. (I would ask the audience to hold applause, please, until all persons in this group are introduced.) Dr. Walters.

DR. WALTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is my pleasure now to introduce faculty persons who were nominated as their institution's Distinguished Professor of the Year.

- Jon Backman - Spartanburg Community College
 - Brian D. Beasley - Presbyterian College
 - Michael Black - Northeastern Technical College
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- Teresa C. Boland - Horry-Georgetown Technical College
- Patricia Born Bower - Charleston Southern University
- Linda Bradley - Spartanburg Methodist College
- Charles L. Calvert - University of South Carolina-Beaufort
- Darrin Campen - Aiken Technical College
- Janice Chism - Winthrop University
- Ken Cox, M.Div. - Florence-Darlington Technical College
- Alix G. Darden - The Citadel
- Michael J. Fekula - University of South Carolina-Aiken
- Alfred Glen Gourley - Francis Marion University
- Linda Hannibal-Wheat - Central Carolina Technical College
- Rahina Mahtab - South Carolina State University
- Lisa B. Martin - Piedmont Technical College
- Warren Moore-Newberry
- Deborah Natvig - Lander University
- Cora Newcomb - Technical College of the Lowcountry
- Frank Rudisill – University of South Carolina-Upstate
- Denise Shaw – University of South Carolina - Union
- Stephen B. Sniteman – Erskine College
- Kimberly W. Taylor - Trident Technical College
- Harold Waters - Southern Wesleyan University

Please join me in recognizing these faculty members for their recognition this year as the Distinguished Faculty member at their respective institution. **(Applause.)**

Walters: Next, I want to recognize those eight individuals from the pool of all nominees who were invited to interview for Professor of the Year by this year's Selection Panel. Please come forward as I call your name. Again, I would ask the audience to hold applause until all persons in the group have received their awards :

- Margaret Champion – Tri-County Technical College
- Melanie Cooper – Clemson University
- George E. Dickinson – College of Charleston
- Thomas J. Hillbish – University of South Carolina
- Reid Holland – Midlands Technical College
- Martha Macdonald – York Technical College
- Robert Nerbun – University of South Carolina-Sumter
- Karen A. Wager – Medical University of South Carolina

(Applause.)

Walters : Mr. Chairman, we are always pleased to note the accomplishments of our Professors of the Year. This year we have, again, two special faculty members who have earned that award. Coincidentally, both these persons are South Carolina natives who have spent their entire careers in the state and who have very interesting life stories. We are fortunate, therefore, that their institutions have chosen to do videos for our presentation to you at this time. Video presentation has never been done before at this celebratory luncheon—but may become a tradition after these two are shown. Could we have the video, please?

[VIDEO IS SHOWN]

McCurdy: We want to thank the public relations personnel at both the institutions for doing these videos—they were very interesting, indeed. Now, Dr. Walters, please join me in presenting the Professor of the Year Awards to this year's two recipients.

Walters: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Executive Director of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, I am privileged to introduce to you the two Professors of the Year for 2008. **(READS WORDS taken from back of program ABOUT BOTH DR. THOMPSON AND MR. WILSON. CALLS UPON MS. DAVIDSON TO READ WORDS FROM GOVERNOR.)**

Ms. Davidson: MS. DAVIDSON READS THE WORDS FROM THE GOVERNOR

(Applause.)

McCurdy: Ladies and Gentlemen, this concludes our luncheon. Again, I want to thank the President and Board of the South Carolina Higher Education Foundation for their generous support of today's program. We appreciate all of you taking the time to be with us today to celebrate the accomplishments of our higher education teaching faculty in South Carolina. Have a pleasant and safe return trip to your homes.

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Professor of the Year Luncheon

Luncheon starts at 1:00 pm

USC Capstone, 1st Floor Campus Room

Dr. McCurdy will provide welcoming remarks and will acknowledge the sponsorship of the Foundation and introduce you.

Remarks should be brief in acknowledgement of Dr. McCurdy's introduction – e.g.,

Thank you Dr. McCurdy. On behalf of the Higher Education Foundation I am honored to be here today in such wonderful company. The Foundation is certainly proud to sponsor this event which truly celebrates the heart of higher education – student learning and the extraordinary, dedicated faculty who bring knowledge to life and facilitate students in their quest for knowledge. For those of you who don't know about the Foundation, you'll find a brochure at your places. We look forward to our continued work to build a stronger South Carolina through higher education.

The Foundation members present:

Mr. Craig Garner

Mr. Jerry Wells