MINUTES
COMMISSION ON CLASSIFIED STAFF AFFAIRS
FEBRUARY 14, 1989

Present: John Clemens (Chairperson), Cary Caines, Ann Duncan, Hank Goodman, Mary Harvey, Paula Henderson, Verna Howell, Ann Hughes, Gail Jameson, Mickey Lewis, Diane Lollis, Judith McNinch, Judy Nicks, Pat Padgett, Roy Reid, Linda Rice, Dixie Schmittou, Ruth Taylor, Ron Herrin (ex officio).

Absent: Charlie Butts, Linda Cartee, Bonnie Dixon, Bill Willis, Ray Thompson (ex officio)

Note: Approximately 45 visitors attended this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Clemens called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes were approved as distributed.

SPEAKER--Mr. Clemens introduced Larry Ellis, Executive Director, State Employees Association, Columbia. Mr. Ellis enumerated benefits for state employees that the Association has had an involvement in.

There are 65,000 state employees--over one-half earn less than $15,000 per year. He noted that each one percent increase for state employees costs $11,000,000. He also noted that the proposed increase for 1989/90--2% cost of living July 1, 1989, and 2% merit January 1, 1990--would be offset by increased premiums and reduced benefits in the medical program.

Mr. Ellis commented on the condition of the health insurance reserve fund. He noted that $27,000,000 was removed from the Legislature and used for other purposes even though the law mandates that a reserve equal to 2-1/2 months claims be maintained. Mr. Ellis urged employees to join the S.C. State Employees Association and encouraged individuals to contact their legislators.

OLD BUSINESS--No old business considered.

NEW BUSINESS--No new business considered.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS--No reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS--No announcements.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Haselton
Recorder