Present: John Clemens (Chairperson), Cary Caines, Linda Cartee, Hank Goodman, Paula Henderson, Verna Howell, Ann Hughes, Mickey Lewis, Diane Lollis, Judith McNinch, Judy Nicks, Pat Padgett, Dixie Schmittou, Ruth Taylor, Bill Willis, Pete Pepinsky (Alt), Ron Herrin (ex officio), Ray Thompson (ex officio), Mark Ford (Clemson Weekly)

Absent: Charlie Butts, Bonnie Dixon, Ann Duncan, Mary Harvey, Gail Jameson, Roy Reid, Linda Rice,

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes were approved as distributed, eight visitors attended the meeting.

SPEAKER--Mr. Clemens introduced the speakers. Ms. Dewilla Gaines, Asst. Director of Fike Recreation Center, spoke about the facilities available and the programs offered. Mr. Richard Simmons, Asst. Personnel Director, discussed changes to the EPMS system. Professor Ron Nowaczyk spoke about the makeup and function of the Faculty Senate.

OLD BUSINESS--
Mr. Clemens asked for comments on the February meeting with Mr. Larry Ellis. The consensus was that a larger meeting place was needed for such a speaker. Mr. Clemens noted that every effort would be made to keep open the lines of communication which have been established.

Mr. Clemens spoke with Robert McClellan and noted he has a different perspective. Mr. McClellan was invited to meet with the Commission--possibly in April. May need to change day and location of meeting.

Ron Herrin noted that the state committee would be meeting on April 10 to make recommendations to the state on insurance programs. He noted the costs of hospital care had risen 15 to 25% and either cost containment measures would have to be implemented or benefits cut to fit premiums.

A high level meeting is set for March 16 to steer direction of child care.

After some discussion of the Scholarship Program, Ray Thompson moved that the Staff Commission offer its strongest possible endorsement of the proposal for a Staff Commission Scholarship Fund as it was conceived and presented. The motion was seconded and passed.
NEW BUSINESS--
Mr. Clemens announced that seven positions on the Commission would be open for the coming election: Lewis, Willis, Goodman, Reid, Jamison, McNinch, and Caines. A newsletter March 29 will explain the vacancies; ballots will go out April 17 to be returned by May 1. New board members will be announced at the May 9 meeting. New board members will be asked to attend the June meeting.

Judi Nicks announced that the revisions to the Policies and Procedures document would be on the agenda for April.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Haselton
Recorder