The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President McCaskill.


Dr. James Daniels, Associate Vice President and Executive Director of Governmental Affairs was the guest speaker. Dr. Daniels explained the structure of the General Assembly. The Assembly convenes on the second Tuesday in January and stays until the first Thursday in June. The current elected members represent a good cross section of the population of South Carolina. Many different backgrounds and careers are represented by the members.

The Governor prepares the first executive budget, which is a change from the Budget and Control Board preparing the initial budget under the old administration. Approximately 38% of Clemson's budget is funded by the state government. Education and general funds (E&G) receive approximately $82,000,000, and public service activity (PSA) receives $42,000,000, for a total of $124,000,000 yearly. Eighty-five percent of this money is spent on salaries.

The Commission on Higher Education (CHE) has been restructured effective July 1996. A committee comprised of four senators, four representatives and four business people will conduct a comprehensive review of higher education. The structure of higher education and the relationship to the government of state institutions will be a major focus of the committee. They will be looking at trends nationwide and address concerns and solicit input.

Dr. Daniels encouraged all employees to be active in the South Carolina State Employees Association. He also urged people to become acquainted with their representatives and to stay informed through the media.

An invitation to use Dr. Daniels facilities in Columbia and to visit his office concluded his presentation.

Melanie Phelps, from J. C. Rose, Inc., was introduced by Jo Abernathy. She demonstrated the backdrop the Commission purchased. The backdrop was erected and received enthusiastic approval from the members present. The possibility of renting the backdrop to was mentioned and there has been one inquiry to date.

Approval of minutes: Two spelling corrections were noted and the minutes were approved.
President's Announcements:
1. A sign-up sheet for participation in the investiture of President Cunis was circulated. Line-up will take place on September 8, 1995, at 1:15 p.m. in front of Brackett Hall.
2. No pertinent information was available from the President's Cabinet meeting.

Committee Reports:
Policy/Welfare--no report
Communications--no report
Scholarship--Tony McGuirt reported that $10,000. will be transferred to the endowment account that will bring our balance to $52,000. The operating account will retain $5,000.
Membership--Kaye Hickman reported on the meeting of August 7, 1995. Reallocation of staff commission representatives was the focus of the meeting. They considered consolidation of all off-campus research staff but, the disadvantages were significant so the idea was abandoned. A list of representatives and their constituents will be distributed at the September meeting. Two reminders, sign-up for standing committees (a sheet is out front) and if your term is complete, bring your notebook to Kaye Hickman.

University Committees:
No reports

SCSEA--The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, August 10, 1995.

Unfinished Business:
None

New Business:
Nomination of officers:
Parliamentarian--Catherine Bell
Treasurer--
Secretary--Lynn Belding
Vice Chair--Michael Moore
Additional nominations will be taken from the floor at the September meeting. Remember to bring your nomination form to that meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05
TO: 1995-96 Representatives

FROM: Cecil McCaskill, President

RE: Officer Nominations

Please use this form to nominate an officer for the Commission for the upcoming year 1995-96. All nominees must be an active representative and must sign this form in agreement. The supervisor should also sign this form in agreement.

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I would like to nominate the following representative

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for the office of ........................................................................................................................................................

Nominating Representative’s Signature:

Signature ___________________________ Date __________________

Nominee’s Signature:

Signature ___________________________ Date __________________

Supervisor’s Signature:

Signature ___________________________ Date __________________