President Elect Lynn Beiter called the meeting to order.

1. Open Commentary

2. Announcements from the President
A. Academic Council, Richard Cowan. Julia McBride reported two resolutions were passed in support of the Material Research and MBA Programs.
B. Administrative Council, Lawrence Nichols. No report.
C. Board of Trustees, Lynn Beiter. The meeting will be held April 20-21 at the Madren Conference Center. The CSS report was submitted in March. It contains information on the Staff Ombudsman and the recent parking fee proposal.
D. Governmental Affairs, Lynn Beiter. Weekly legislative updates can be located at http://www.clemson.edu/governmentalaffairs/state/update.html.
E. President’s Cabinet, Lynn Beiter. Information about the National Scholars Program was shared with the group. Twenty invitations were extended for this program, ten students have accepted.
F. Other:
   1) Human Resources, Lawrence Nichols. No report.

3. Treasurer’s Report, Michelle Piekutowski. E&G money remaining is estimated at $2,500 in OTHER and $419 in TRAVEL. The Vending balance is $4000. Golf tournament and the Awards Luncheon expenses will reduce this balance. The principle for the Endowment, Fund 49 and the Annual Fund have experienced little to no activity. Gary Gaulin motioned to accept the report as submitted. Chris Sober seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

4. Committee Reports
A. Standing Committees

1) Activities, Julia McBride/Gary Pye. Now that the planning for the Awards Luncheon is over, the group will focus on the golf tournament. The next joint committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 14, 2006, 9:00 a.m., Shanklin Room, Clemson House.

2) Communications, David Crockett. Dave thanked all of the new Senators who signed up for the Communications Committee and he encouraged current senators to consider serving on his committee. The standing committee sign-up sheet was circulated.

3) Membership, Chris Sober. Chris Sober introduced and welcomed Dianne Harris (Area 1), Wade Culler (Area 4), Maranda Arnold (Area 6), Kristina Catheart (Area 6), Ida Pinson (Area 14), Bill Hughes (Area 18), Ellen Gideon (Area 22), Rosa Grayden (Area 23), Reginald Hawthorne (Area 25) and Rose Ellen Davis-Gross (Area 25) to the Senate. Other new members to the Senate who were unable to attend were Charlotte Swafford (Area 15), Negar Edwards (Area 15) and Evelyn Gantt (Area 20).


5) Scholarship, Jenny Peay. The tournament can only accommodate 32 teams. Commitments have been received for the majority of spaces available. Some of the raffle prizes are a HP printer, Martin Inn golf package and a turkey fryer. The next committee meeting is Friday, April 14. Money was collected for the Senate's hole sponsorship at the golf tournament.

B. University Committees

1) Accident Review Board, Chris Behrens. The Accident Review Board met for an appeal on Wednesday, March 29. The next Driver Improvement Class is April 24, 2006, 200 Edwards Hall.

2) Alcohol & Other Drugs Task Force, Gary Pye. No report.

3) Athletic Council, Ron Addis. Athletic Council met on March 15. President Barker has chosen Larry LaForge as the new Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR). Outgoing FAR Cecil Huey submitted the Inter-Institutional Academic Collaborative Report which contained details on the upcoming ACC Undergraduate Research Conference to be hosted by Clemson. Bill D'Andrea, Senior Associate AD External Affairs, and Tim Match, Associate AD, addressed the ticket price increase, football seating, and IPTAY. For more info, see the minutes at http://www.clemson.edu/provost/athletic_council.

4) Bookstore Advisory, Cindy Long. The bookstore has undergone major renovations. New concepts were added. A grand reopening will be announced at a later date.

5) Faculty Senate Budget Accountability, Richard Cowan. No report.

6) CATS, Robbie Nicholson. Clemson Area Transit CAT began operations in January 1996 as a joint venture between Clemson University and the City of Clemson. Since their initial investment in CAT, much has been accomplished, more than anyone at Clemson University or the City of Clemson could have imagined. In the last ten years, CAT has provided over 8.2 million riders with safe, fare-free service and has been selected South Carolina's Best Transit System. The announcement was made by SCDOT at the Annual Awards Dinner during the Transit Associations of South Carolina Convention in Myrtle Beach in March. This award recognizes CAT for a number of innovative achievements resulting in record ridership growth as well as excellence in customer service, safety, operations, community relations and other key areas. The areas mentioned were CATS modern bus fleet and CATS fare free transit serving 2 counties, 5 municipalities, and 4 Universities. "CATS local support and strong ridership increases that have outpaced 20 other Transit systems, CAT is clearly an agency on the move" said Al Babinicz, Executive Director of CAT. "The Award belongs to CATS 57 employees. It is their experience
and dedication that has made our success possible. The outlook for CAT is excellent and the best is yet to come!!

CATS mission is to be dedicated to excellence in serving everyone with safe, friendly and reliable public transportation.

8) Clemson University Environmental, Chris Sober. CUEC met March 15th. The timeline for completion of the environmental audit was revised allowing for review by committee members who had input to the document. The final draft of the Riparian Corridor Master Plan was submitted for review. A recycling subcommittee was formed to provide input for a campus-wide recycling resolution. Information on these topics and more can be found at http://www.clemson.edu/cuec/.

9) Clemson University Foundation Board, Richard Cowan. No report.
12) Joint City/University, Deborah Cantrell. No report.
13) Library Advisory, Karon Donald. Has not met.
14) Parking Advisory, Dan Schiemdt. Has not met.
15) President's Commission on the Status of Black Faculty & Staff, Sandra Parker. Has not met.
16) President's Commission on the Status of Women, Chris Sober. The Women's Commission met Friday, March 31st. Alissa Green gave a presentation on Clemson's first "Relay for Life" to raise money for cancer research. The event will be held Friday, April 7th. The results of the Health Forum assessment were reviewed. Attendance was down this year, possibly due to the parking situation. Those who did attend gave very positive reviews. The Commission is soliciting nominations to fill four staff positions.

17) Recreation Advisory, Dexter Hawkins. Has not met.
18) South Carolina State Employees Association, Betty Cook. The Clemson Chapter of the South Carolina State Employees Association will hold its Annual Chapter Meeting on Monday, April 24, at noon in the Multi-purpose Room on level two of the Hendrix Student Center. A light lunch will be served. Reservations are needed by Friday, April 21. Contact Betty Cook at 656-3932 or celizab@clemson.edu. Margaret West, our SCSEA lobbyist, will provide information regarding current state employee legislation. An election of officers will be followed by a drawing for door prizes. All members of SCSEA are encouraged to attend. Membership forms will be available or see our web page at www.clemson.edu/scsea.

19) Student Conduct Code Review Committee, Deborah Cantrell and Phil Landreth. The committee serves two functions. 1) Review and suggest changes to the Student Code of Conduct Policy. 2) Serves as an Appeals Board for hearings.

5. Unfinished Business
A. Staff Ombudsman - The Staff Ombudsman Search Committee is meeting Thursday, April 13, 2006, 9:00 a.m. Interviews will begin in May. The position should be filled by August of 2006.
B. Search Committees:
1. Dean, College of Business and Behavioral Sciences, Pris Foster. No report.
2. Dean, College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Life Sciences, Dexter Hawkins. Has submitted its recommendations to the Provost, Dr. Helms.
3. Dean, College of Health, Education and Human Development, Office of the Provost. Dr. Lawrence R. Allen has been selected as the Dean of the College of Health, Education and
Human Development


5. Dean, College of Engineering and Science, Phil Landreth. The interviewing process is still ongoing.

6. Dean of Libraries, Office of the Provost. Ms. Kay L. Wall, MLS, Dean of the Libraries at the University of Southern Mississippi, has been selected as Dean of the Libraries.

C. Election of Officers - The Membership Committee received no further nominations for the positions of Vice President/President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and Parliamentarian. The nominations to date are Vice President/President Elect - Dan Schmiedt, Treasurer - Cindy Owens, Secretary - Glenda Dickson, and Parliamentarian - Marty King. Ron Addis motioned to accept the slate of officers as listed. Chris Sober seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

D. Proposed Addition to CSS Bylaws - Dan Schmiedt motioned to add Section 5, titled Ombudsman Evaluation Committee, to the CSS bylaws as written in (Attachment A). Gary Gaulin seconded the motion. Deborah Cantrell made a motion for a friendly amendment to the prior motion to change the word Senator in the last paragraph to classified staff. Chris Sober seconded the motion. Dan Schmiedt restated the motion to add Section 5, titled Ombudsman Evaluation Committee to the CSS bylaws as written in Attachment A, with exception to the word Senator in the last paragraph. The word Senator will be change to classified staff. The motion was seconded by Gary Gaulin, and the vote was unanimous. Several issues were discussed regarding the wording of the bylaws. The Executive Committee will review the bylaws in detail at the April 25 meeting. The Senate will discuss any proposed revisions at a later date.

Approved Addition to CSS Bylaws

Section 5. Ombudsman Evaluation Committee

The Staff Ombudsman is evaluated by a (five) member Ombudsman Evaluation Committee, comprised of 4 (four) members of the Classified Staff Senate and 1 (one) classified staff member appointed by the Ombudsman. These members are as follows:

" The Immediate Past President (serves as chairperson for the committee)
" The President
" The President Elect
" An elected Senator - 1 (one) Senator elected annually by CSS.
" An appointed member - 1 (one) classified staff member appointed annually by the Ombudsman.

All members of the committee should be identified no later than April 30 annually. If the Ombudsman fails to appoint a classified staff member on his behalf by April 30, then one may be appointed for him by the Chairperson.

6. New Business

A. Core Value Statement - The Academic Honor Committee was charged with designing a Core Values Statement and Honor Code for Clemson. They are in the process of having the Core Values Statement approved. The resolution (Attachment B) was approved by the Undergraduate Senate. The Academic Honor Committee is seeking an endorsement from the Classified Staff Senate in support of this resolution. Contact Jan Murdoch or Chris Kennedy for any questions. Gary Gaulin motioned to support the resolution. Lydia Arneson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.
B. Ombudsman Evaluation Committee Election - Richard Cowan asked for nominations to fill a position on the Ombudsman Evaluation Committee reserved for an appointee by the Ombudsman. This position typically will be selected by the Staff Ombudsman annually, but if an appointment has not been made by April 30, then one may be appointed by the Chairperson. Ron Addis and Glenda Dickson were nominated. A secret ballot was completed and Ron Addis received the majority vote. Richard Cowan accepted the vote and appointed Ron Addis to the Ombudsman Evaluation Committee for a term of 1 year.

7. Announcements
A. State Employee Recognition Day - Hamburgers, hot dogs, cole slaw, baked beans, potato chips, cookies, brownies, tea and water will be served on Wednesday, May 3, 2006, 11:00 am to 1:30 pm, Military Heritage Plaza. The rain location is the Hendrix Student Center, Ballrooms A & B. Music will be provided and a few employees will perform for the group.
B. Call for Nominations - The deadline for nominations for the President’s Commission on Women is Thursday, May 4 at 5 p.m. The Commission will fill 4 staff vacancies.
C. Procurement - Ellen Gideon announced that the Procurement Department is currently experiencing a backlog due to the system upgrade. She asked for everyone’s patience as they work through this problem. If anyone has an emergency contact Ellen directly at 656-4035.

8. Adjournment - Chris Sober made a motion to adjourn. Dan Schmiedt seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: May 9, 2006, 10:00 AM, 800 University Union