Absent: Cicely McCray, Debbie Hammond

10:00am Call to Order
   No additions or deletions to agenda
   Minutes of the August 31 Meeting we approved.

Updates from President McConnell
   • No tropical storm called for today; still expecting 4-8 inches of rain
   • Board wants a 5-year plan for projection of where the college will go with regard to revenue and sustaining revenue
   • Will be announcing a partnership; most historic ever to be accomplished and will take the college into a cash positive future
   • College has now met all targets for enrollment; no budget cuts in foreseeable future
   • Looking at opportunities for growth – 300-600 spaces for dorms would get us to 40% of student body
   • Big event – 250th Anniversary in 2020 – sestercentennial – seeking ideas; thinking of recognition of sestercentennial employees – other ideas?
     o 2020 also represents 100 years since 1st female grad and 50 years since 1st African American grad
   • Alcohol issue is a real concern. There is a need to return to the roots of fraternal organizations which were focused on helping, respect, friendship, honor, and core values. Need for intervention and prevention
   • Search for athletic director is underway.
   • Just concluded largest fund raising event in college history. Steve Swanson and the president will be thanking all of the donors.
   • SACS information has all been submitted. Wait for next round.
   • Sottile Theatre will require redevelopment in five stages including Grand Hall, Stage, Murals as three.
   • Excited about the new Learning Technology Center where technology will be applied and immersed digital media will be used to teach.
   • Looking for more study space for students
   • Have grant in for Dixie for student use
   • Concerned about temporary employees
     o Has asked for report on number of employees and time in, as well as state laws governing holiday pay and other policies
   • Lockwood property a good purchase. Also has 100 parking spaces
   • Have asked Brian McGee for Great Places report – got sidelined with SACS needs
Minutes 9/14/16– Page 2
The president answered the following questions from SAC members:

- **What holiday celebration plans have been made?**
  Christmas tree lighting with more food, considering family night, open house. Staff made suggestions of adding activities: cookie decorating, cart races.

- **What was the main topic for the upcoming Town Meeting?**
  To hear from students regarding institutional diversity and scholarship funding. The college has scholarship funding from Charleston County for its residents and would like to seek funding from other counties as well.
  We have the largest, most diverse class ever, this year with something close to 20 or 21% diversity represented.

- **What is the progress on Physicians?**
  Going well, and still a little over time, but overall good progress.

- **Any news about booking guests at King George Inn?**
  It should be accepting guests soon. How the guest housing on Glebe will be used going forward has not yet been decided.

- **Has the college looked at more broadly offering flex time hours in light of the traffic congestion problem?**
  At recent Chamber meeting, flex-time was one of the areas looked at. This is a good idea and something to consider in light of the congestion that will no doubt continue. Have considered a Park & Ride option.

New Number: 48 people move into Charleston area each day.

- **Could lighting be added to alley by Mellow Mushroom – a common cut through for students and area outside of Wentworth?**
  We are doing everything we can for security, and we can look at that, and see about adding lighting. Please continue to provide suggestions.

11:18 The meeting was adjourned.