In attendance: Bob Pitts, Joey Van Arnem, Dan Greenberg, Terry Bowers, Amy Rogers, Mary Ann Blitt, Gretchen McLaine, Brian McGee (special guest)

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Bob Pitts.

2. Distance Ed
   - Brian is appreciative of the committee’s feedback on the new draft of the Provost’s Distance Ed Strategic plan (stop gap to 2021).
   - It is foreseen that there will be a new strategic plan after the new president is in place.
   - There was discussion regarding how courses are put together for online minor for BA in General Studies.
   - Summer enrollments would be nearly non-existent without Distance Ed.
   - Administration is willing to invest resources to support the improvement of teaching and learning.
   - Discussion regarding online labs not being optimal although we are accepting credits from other institutions.
   - There was a question regarding the lack of mention of course size. Brian responded that it will be determined by nature of course as is done with F2F courses. Deans will provide rationale for determining size.

3. Graduate Ed Report of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee in April 2018
   - There is a minority that would like to see more attention given to Grad school.
   - The college is currently paying more than when we had more students. Some think we need to focus on only those that will be cost-effective. Others think we need a mixed bag: programs that are self-supportive as well as those that are not but serve the community.
   - There is a desire to have a Dean of Grad research.
   - Considering the size of the college, we could be offering more grad programs than we do.
   - Merger with MUSC is no longer being considered.

3. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Institutional Identity and Vision 2018
   - Key members on the committee have been a resource in the presidential search.

4. Strategic Planning
   - This committee should have a bigger role in the Strategic Planning process.
   - It was suggested that we might outline a process to give to the board who have not been part of the process in the past and start researching and determine who will be involved in the process. It would be nice to have something under way when the president comes on board.
   - Bob will raise the topic with Advisory Committee to the President.
5. Curriculum heads up

- Deactivation of MA in Arts with specialization in Special Ed due to lack of faculty and students. It is expected to be redesigned and put through the curriculum process in the future as there is a high need in SC.
- Changes in Early Childhood Ed and Elementary Ed. Dept. of Higher Ed said the changes are too substantial and paperwork should be resubmitted as a new program. Changes will either resubmitted or withdrawn as determined by the faculty. The program will be temporarily suspended.
- New curriculum: Engineering major in Systems and Electrical. There is high student interest and it often brings in research dollars. A dual program in Engineering was proposed with Citadel, but changes at the Citadel have caused us to reconsider. We have been working on a few 3 plus 2 programs.
- New curriculum: PhD in Mathematics and Computation. There is a gap in the SE of people with this expertise.
- Possible new curriculum Physics. We would be prepared to pay the required level of faculty salary but would also have appropriate fees.

6. Miscellaneous

- We would like to give the president a list of ideas of what changes could be made to improve teaching and learning.
- We have a much more sophisticated enrollment model. This year we met the 2200 in-state and exceeded out-of-state enrollment. We need to put quality first.

7. **There were no actionable items.** Meeting adjourned at 4:20.