1. **Call to Order** – Robert H. Jones, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and welcomed faculty and staff to the May 2015 Faculty Meeting. Before the General Faculty Meeting continued, Provost Jones requested that a motion be made to officially close the December 17, 2014 General Faculty meeting. The December meeting had been left open due to the process of online voting in progress for a Constitutional Amendment change. No quorum had been reached though. 371 votes were collected in favor of the amendment, with 22 against it and 16 that abstained. Provost Jones stated this was well below the 2/3rds required, and tabled the amendment.

2. **Approval of Minutes** – December 17, 2014. The minutes in draft form via electronic mail on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 and again on Monday, May 4, 2015.

3. **Faculty Senate Report** – Provost Robert H. Jones introduced, James McCubbin, Faculty Senate President Academic Year 2015-16, who provided a report on behalf of the past Faculty Senate President, Antonis Katsiyannis. In his report, Faculty Senate President McCubbin, highlighted the activities of the Faculty Senate for the past year, which included, discussion on academic integrity, the affordability of a Clemson education, and campus climate. President McCubbin noted that a vote on the proposed constitutional amendment did not achieve a quorum, but stressed that the senate will continue work to ensure that faculty colleagues at remote campuses have seamless access for full participation in our governance. President McCubbin also reported that two goals were met the previous year. Faculty salaries now match appropriate benchmarks and Clemson University accomplished a rise into the Top 20 of public universities. President McCubbin concluded his remarks by outlining his agenda for the next year and stating that his goal will be the investment of open communication between the various departments of the university to enhance a proactive, inclusive and mutually collaborative environment.

4. **Centennial Professorship Award** – The Centennial Professorship is an award bestowed by the faculty, on an outstanding colleague who is tenured or in a tenure-track appointment and demonstrates excellence in meeting their responsibilities in teaching, applied or basic research or scholarship, and service or extension efforts. The rotation of this biennial award called for nominations from the Colleges of Engineering and Science and Health Education and Human Development. The Professorship is supported by an endowment jointly funded by the Clemson University Faculty and their friends and a matching grant from the Commission on Higher Education that results in an award of $12,000 per year. The award, used at the discretion of the recipient, can fund travel, supplies, equipment, a salary supplement and/or graduate student support. Provost Robert Jones invited the audience in congratulating the newest Centennial Professor, Dr. Richard Figliola, Department of Mechanical Engineering.

5. **Norris Medal Nominee** – The Norris Medal, awarded during the May graduation to an outstanding student, is presented by the Student Body after the faculty has approved the nominee. Provost Robert Jones introduced Almeda Jacks, Vice President of Student Affairs, who presented the nominee for the Norris Medal. Vice President Jacks, explained the origins of The Norris
Medal. It was established by D.K. Norris, a founding trustee of Clemson, and is given to a student whose excellence in academics, leadership and community qualify them as the “best all-around” graduate. The Norris Medal serves to recognize one student in particular who maintains a high standard of academic achievement while pursuing organizational, leadership and service endeavors. Vice President Jacks announced that Brittany Avin was the Norris Medal Recipient for the class of 2015.

Provost Jones then asked for a vote to approve the nominee of The Norris Medal. The faculty voted to approve the nominee and Provost Jones acknowledged the approval and noted that the award will be presented during Graduation.

6. Frank A. Burtner Award for Excellence in Advising – The Frank A. Burtner Award for Excellence in Advising recognizes a professor who has made significant contributions to the University by investing in students. It celebrates a faculty member who breaks new ground by providing an enriching atmosphere for students and staff alike.

Vice President Jacks announced that the 2015 recipient of the Frank A. Burtner Award for Excellence in Advising was Dr. Graciela Tissera. Vice President Jacks noted several outstanding qualities of Dr. Tissera that made her an exceptional choice for the award and concluded her remarks by congratulating Dr. Tissera on her achievements and earning the 2015 Frank A. Burtner Award.

7. Godley-Snell Award – The Godley-Snell Award is named in honor of W. Cecil Godley, former director of the South Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, and Absalom W. Snell, former associate director. This is the largest annual agricultural research award given at the university and is allocated from earnings of a fund that was first established upon Dr. Godley’s retirement in 1986, and was increased in 1988 when Dr. Snell retired.

The purpose of the fund is to stimulate excellence in agricultural research by making a personal award to faculty members involved in research through the Experiment Station. Awardees are selected each year by a committee appointed by the Experiment Station. A call for nominations is sent to participating faculty each spring and the award is presented at a function in which peers and the college leadership are present.

Provost Jones introduced George Askew, Vice President for Public Service and Agriculture and Dean, College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences who present the Godley-Snell Award to Guido Schnabel from the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

8. Class of 1940 Bradbury Award – The Bradbury Award is made possible by a gift from the Class of 1940 in honor of Douglas Wilson Bradbury, a member of the Class of 1940 and former head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. This award recognizes a faculty member who has made outstanding contributions to Clemson University’s Calhoun Honors College. The award includes a plaque, which will be presented again at the Honors recognition ceremony later today, and a professional development allowance.

Nominees for the Bradbury Award must exhibit the kinds of qualities that make them role models for our honors students. They must demonstrate participation in a variety of Honors activities, including the development and teaching of honors courses; supervision of honors theses and research projects; service on honors committees at the department, college and university levels;
and other professional activities that foster the values and ideals of the Honors College. Above all, the recipients must exemplify and demonstrate to our students a commitment to scholastic excellence and a genuine devotion to the life of the mind.

Provost Jones introduced Bill Lasser, Director of the Honors College to present the Class of 1940 Bradbury Award, to present the Class of 1940 Bradbury Award. Bill Lasser described the many attributes of this year’s winner and announced that Dr. Meredith McCarroll of The Pearce Center for Professional Communications was this year’s recipient of the Bradbury Award.

9. **Alumni Award for Outstanding Achievements in Research** – Each spring, the Vice President of Research and the University Research Grant Committee (URGC) accepts nominations for the Alumni Award for Outstanding Achievement in Research. Regular tenured or tenure-track faculty members engaged in scholarly or scientific inquiry who conducted research in residence for at least 5 years can be nominated for this award.

Provost Jones introduced Wil Brasington, Sr. Director Alumni Relations to present the Alumni Award for Outstanding Achievements in Research Award. Director Brasington highlighted several attributes of this year’s winner and congratulated Dr. Joseph Kolis as a most deserving recipient of this award.

10. **Bradley Award for Mentoring in Creative Inquiry** – The Phil and Mary Bradley Award for Mentoring in Creative Inquiry began in 2007 and is presented each spring to a faculty member at Clemson University in recognition of outstanding work with undergraduate students. The nominations come from our students, those who are actively participating in Creative Inquiry project teams. This award is made possible by a generous gift from Phil and Mary Bradley, and consists of a salary supplement and a plaque.

Provost Robert Jones presented the 2015 Phil and Mary Bradley Award to Dr. Michael J. Childress in the department of Biological Sciences.

11. **Presentation of Emeritus/Emerita Certificates** – Provost Jones began the presentation of Emeritus/Emerita certificates by noting that there were 20 faculty members retiring. President Clements and Dr. McCubbin, Faculty Senate President, joined Provost Jones in presenting the retiring faculty with their certificate. They are as follows: Karen J.L. Burg, Hunter Endowed Chair and Professor Emerita of Bioengineering, Sydney A. Cross, Alumni Distinguished Professor Emerita of Art, Darren M. Dawson, McQueen Quattlebaum Professor Emeritus of Holcombe Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Michael S. Ellison, Professor Emeritus of Materials Science and Engineering, William Rockford English, Professor Emeritus of School of Agricultural, Forestry and Environmental Sciences, Robert P. Green, Jr., Alumni Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Education, Michelle A. Hall, Associate Professor Emerita of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, Hoke S. Hill, Jr., Professor Emeritus of Mathematical Sciences, Robert Hogan, Professor Emeritus of Architecture, Robert M. Horton, Professor Emeritus of Teacher Education, Todd H. Hubing, Michelin Chair of Vehicular Electronics and Professor Emeritus of Holcombe Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Robert M. Lippert, Associate Professor Emeritus of Entomology, Soils, and Plant Sciences, Catherine E. Paul, Professor Emerita of English, Henry J. Rack, Professor Emeritus of Materials Science and
President James Clements remarks - Provost Jones introduced President Clements for remarks on the conclusion of the academic year. President Clements thanked the Provost and congratulated the award winners and Emeriti Faculty. He opened his remarks by noting that graduation would be held the next day, and Clemson University would see 3200 students graduating. He continued by extending special thanks to outgoing Faculty Senate President Dr. Antonis Katsiyannis and Staff Senate President Matt Bundrick for their outstanding leadership this past academic year. President Clements noted that the past year has been a year of great achievements. Clemson:

- reached its highest national ranking ever as one of the nation’s Top 20 public universities.
- set a record for the number of undergraduate applications.
- had almost 22,500 applications in the fall freshman class with high academic profiles
- on track to have another record breaking year for private fundraising as Clemson passed the $900 million mark in the Will to Lead campaign.

President Clements noted that The Douthit Hills residential development project is one of the largest construction project ever on Clemson and work is also well under way on the core campus development to replace Johnstone and Harcombe, as well as providing a new home for the Calhoun Honors College. Littlejohn Coliseum will also be closed over the summer for a major renovation and in the coming months the completion of the Watt Family Innovation Center and the addition to Freeman Hall will add value to the campus. At the Charleston campus work is under way on the $21 million Zucker Family Graduate Education Center, which will allow Clemson to begin offering graduate and post-graduate engineering courses on site by the Fall 2016. On the campus at CU-ICAR in Greenville, the addition of One Research Drive will provide classroom and laboratory space, as well as space to support our collaboration with industry. Additionally, thru Clemson’s partnership with Greenville Technical College, a new $25 million Center for Manufacturing Innovation will be used to train the next generation workforce for high-tech jobs in various industries including the growing automotive and transportation industry in the State of South Carolina.

President Clements also commented on some less visible but vitally important changes on campus, which includes a major project to upgrade our aging electrical infrastructure, and noted that at last month’s Board of Trustees meeting, approval was granted for a new facility for the College of Business and Behavioral Sciences. Priorities have been made for additional academic and research facilities projects as part of our strategic planning process and will focus on the long-term benefits – such as:

- Better classrooms
- Improved housing and support services for our students
- Enhanced capacity to grow our research – and –
- A tree and landscape stewardship plan that will preserve the beauty of the campus for future generations.
President Clements finalized his remarks by focusing the 2020 Forward Strategic Plan and requesting participation from the faculty in making decisions about the future of Clemson. He then concluded his remarks by thanking Provost Robert Jones and Co-Chairs Dr. Ellen Granberg and Vice President Brett Dalton for their leadership in the 2020 Forward Strategic Planning.

13. **Provost Robert Jones Remarks** - Provost Jones thanked the Faculty for their hard work throughout the year, and remarked that it had been a great honor and pleasure to be back at Clemson.

14. Old Business - None

15. New Business - None

16. Announcements & Items of Interest: Provost Jones made the following announcements:

   a. The Victor Hurst Convocation will be held Tuesday, August 18, 2015, in the Brooks Center Theatre.

   b. The assembly points for the Academic Processional, beginning at 8:00 AM, will be announced at a future date.

17. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 am.