Dear USC Aiken Community,

As you can see, we are reciting poetry today (and even doing a little dance of joy in the Pickens-Salley House)...for the bid has been awarded and a contract has been signed with a construction company to erect a pedestrian bridge linking the east and west sides of the USC Aiken campus. Yes! Construction is underway and we are hopeful that by next fall, we’ll have a new pedestrian bridge. Since this is a suspension bridge design, much of the construction will take place off campus until the time arrives to assemble the parts.

As many of you know, this has been a project with many twists and turns, unexpected issues, and costly delays. Special thanks are due to Vice Chancellor Joe Sobieralski, who unflaggingly dogged and championed this project every week for the past four years. Without Joe’s tenacity and skill, we would not be celebrating today. Additionally, thanks are due to our local legislative delegation, the construction and design team in Columbia, and Mr. Brian Enter. As it happens, building a bridge requires a team of dedicated individuals.

The new pedestrian bridge will provide our campus, community, and visitors a safe passage across busy Bell Parkway, and it will serve to weave our campus together.

Happy Holidays,

Sandra Jordan
Chancellor