

**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees**

**Academic Affairs Committee
Wall Board Room
February 14, 2008**

Committee Members Present: Mr. Joseph L. Carter, Mr. J. Wayne George, Dr. Randy Dozier, Ms. Ruth S. Kearns, Mr. Charles Hucks and Dr. Oran P. Smith

Committee Members Not Present: Mr. R. Grant Singleton

Other Board Members Present: Mr. William H. Alford

Others Present: Dr. Richard O. Collin, Dr. Edgar L. Dyer, Dr. David W. Evans, Dr. Gil H. Hunt, Dr. Henry Lowenstein, Dr. William H. Richardson, Dr. Michael H. Roberts, Dr. Rob Sheehan, Dr. Judy W. Vogt, Dr. Lynn Willett, Ms. Susan Talbot and Ms. Chyrel Stalvey

Dr. Smith called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Ms. Ruthie Kearns of the Horry County Higher Education Commission was welcomed to the committee meeting.

Mr. George moved to approve the December 13, 2007 and January 11, 2008 committee minutes. Mr. Carter seconded and the motion carried.

The faculty spotlight was Dr. Richard O. Collin, professor of international politics and law in the Middle East, who will be retiring this year after 24 years at Coastal. Twenty years of his career was working with the Federal government as an intelligence officer in southern Europe, Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia. His career at Coastal has provided him with an opportunity to feel that the world has been marginally improved for the students he has taught at Coastal. The university has allowed him the opportunity to explore what he wanted to be as a human being by continuing his research, becoming a better teacher, and evolving from a war activist to a peace activist. He has never felt intimidated when expressing his political views.

The campus in 1984 was tiny in academic status and tiny in numbers of students and faculty. Coastal is developing wonderfully and some sense of that intimacy is still felt. Faculty salaries are getting to where they need to be. Faculty workload has increased exponentially, particularly over the last couple of years. There is an enhanced expectation of scholarly productivity. Some faculty are in danger of burnout. After retiring he would like to teach part time while he pursues writing a book.

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Dr. Sheehan reported a unique post-retirement teaching program will allow Professor Collin to spend half the year in England and half the year teaching at Coastal.

At the March Faculty Senate meeting, a proposal will be submitted to reintroduce the Army ROTC program on campus. A signing signature should take place in mid-March formalizing the relationship with USC. The university plans to be a partner with USC no more than two years and become a free-standing ROTC unit after that time. ROTC will be on campus effective Fall 08. More than 20 students are expected to enter the program in the fall. We have begun the distribution of literature and a newspaper story will be coming out shortly. Three instructors will be provided by sources of funding other than the university general fund. An officer will be provided by the 5th Army Brigade, the S.C. National Guard and the Army Reserves. Space has been identified for the faculty. Two sections of Army 101 will be offered. The college of education will house the military science department and, in particular, will be affiliated with the health and physical education department.

The university currently has 39 degree programs with plans to have 50 in place within 24 months to attract in-state students. Receiving approval for new majors is a two-stage process—submitting program proposal summary to CHE and then submitting a full proposal with cost estimates. Usually if you are successful at the first stage, the next stage is much easier. Five new program summary proposals have recently been accepted.

- Baccalaureate programs: Nursing and Music
- Graduate programs: Instructional Technology, Educational Leadership and Literacy, Language and Culture with Option in English for Speakers of Other Languages or Literacy

As programs have grown, several colleges have been challenged to consider moving to school structures within the individual colleges. For example, in the college of education, schools to be considered are the school of health and human performance and a school of teacher education and leadership. Humanities and fine arts would become a school of the arts and school of humanities. School directors or associate deans would be appointed.

As an off-shoot of the communications major, three applications have been submitted to the FCC for student run radio licenses. Next year, equipment costs will be submitted in the budget.

There is a commitment from the administration and the Board of Trustees to launch a significant bonded building campaign to address some of the critical needs of the campus. The trustees will be asked to endorse the increase in the debt bonding capacity for the university tomorrow. Two new building projects of tremendous importance to academic affairs are: 1) an information commons in Kimbel library to add 20,000 sq. ft. expansion study for space and expanding the coffee shop; and, 2) science building renovation with an additional 40,000 sq. ft. space for classrooms and laboratories. There has been a 30% increase in usage in one year alone into the library, but there has been no expansion of available study space. There is a need for a new student recreation activity center and/or arena. All of these projects will lead to attracting and retaining students.

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Discussions took place at the Academic Affairs Retreat, but a motion was not made regarding external letters of reference. **Dr. Smith made a motion for the full Board of Trustees of Coastal Carolina University to endorse the faculty promotion and tenure process to require external letters of reference or support beginning with faculty hires for Fall 2008 or later. Mr. George seconded and the motion passed.**

Mr. Carter moved to confer the title of distinguished professor emeritus to Jessie C. Brown, Richard O. Collin, James D. Farsolas, Richard H. Moore, Douglas D. Nelson and emeritus professor to Colleen A. Lohr, Sylvia Kenig Snyder, and Deborah A. Vrooman at their retirement. Mr. George seconded and the motion carried.

The finalist for the Executive Director of the Library will be coming to campus next week.

Nine candidates were interviewed for the Dean of the College of Education but did not seem to have the qualifications for our niche. It was felt that more opportunity was needed within the college of education for focus conversations regarding restructuring and repositioning the college before continuing the search. Discussions will be held regarding governing structures and moving into a school format within the college. A name change from the Spadoni College of Education to the Spadoni College of Education and Health and Human Performance has been discussed, reflecting a broader mission. An interim dean may be appointed next year.

We are moving towards bringing a candidate on campus for the Associate Vice President/Associate Provost for Grants and Sponsored Research position.

Dr. Smith invited the deans to report on the centers at a future meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey
Tommy M. Stringer
Secretary/Treasurer