

**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees**

**Academic Affairs Committee
E. M. Singleton Building, Dawsey Conference Room
June 21, 2007**

Committee Members Present: Dr. Oran P. Smith, Mr. Tommy M. Stringer,
and Dr. Samuel J. Swad

Committee Member Not Present: Mr. J. Wayne George

Others Present: Dr. David A. DeCenzo and Ms. Nila Hutchinson

Dr. Smith called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

Mr. Stringer moved to approve the minutes of May 3, 2007 and Dr. Swad seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

After review of the post-tenure grievance filed by Dr. Paul C. Peterson on the verdict of his post tenure review, the Academic Affairs Committee has determined that procedural errors occurred preventing him from being properly rated as “exceptional.” Dr. Smith made a motion that the Academic Affairs Committee recommend to the full Board that Dr. Peterson be granted the post-tenure rating of “exceptional” with all the rights and benefits thereof. Dr. Swad seconded and the motion passed.

The committee will write a letter to Dr. DeCenzo expressing the committee’s concerns regarding the current promotion and tenure process’s urgent need of reform. Three concerns are:

- The role of the University Promotion and Tenure Committee as ultimate decision-maker rather than as a review panel for promotion and tenure.
- The *de jure* text of the Coastal Carolina University Faculty Manual vs. the various *de facto* standards used to evaluate candidates.
- There should be continuity and consistency in expectations across time.

Dr. DeCenzo is very pleased that Dr. Robert Sheehan has been hired as provost. **Mr. Stringer moved to recommend to the full Board the awarding of tenure to Dr. Sheehan at his hiring. Dr. Swad seconded and the motion passed.**

Dr. Barbara Chesler-Buckner has been hired as the new associate provost of assessment and accreditation.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey for
Samuel H. Frink
Secretary/Treasurer