

**Coastal Carolina University  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes**

**Executive Committee  
E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration, Board Room  
May 5, 2011**

**Board Members Present:** Mr. William H. Alford, Mr. Larry L. Biddle, Mr. Gary W. Brown, Mr. R. Duke Brown, Ms. Natasha M. Hanna, Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson, Mr. Carlos C. Johnson, Mr. William L. Lyles Jr., Mr. Eugene C. Spivey, Dr. Samuel J. Swad, and Mr. Robert G. Templeton

**Board Members Not Present:** Mr. William S. Biggs, Mr. J. Wayne George, Mr. Charles J. Hodge, Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr., and Dr. Oran P. Smith,

**Others Present:** Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Mr. Edgar L. Dyer, Mr. Tim Meacham, Mr. William E. Turner III, Ms. Jennifer Packard, and Ms. Chyrel Stalvey

(In accordance with the requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, the news media were notified of the time, location, and agenda for the meeting.)

Mr. Alford brought the Executive Committee meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. Messrs. Carlos Johnson and Will Turner were welcomed to the meeting.

Mr. Edgar Dyer mentioned that Representative Liston Barfield has been working with the University of South Carolina to have more sports events with them. He met today with their Athletic Director Eric Hyman who is supportive of playing Coastal Carolina University. Coach Tanner has stated that we will be the next small college team they will play.

Dr. DeCenzo congratulated Ms. Natasha Hanna on her appointment to the SC Commission of Higher Education. She will be a tremendous benefit to us. The Masters of Accountancy and B.S. Health Science has been approved today by CHE.

This morning Dr. DeCenzo signed off on documents for the single largest gift to the University to complete the baseball project and beautify the athletic complex. Mr. Mark Roach and others have worked very hard on this project.

Dr. DeCenzo stated that every so often, a situation presents itself that reaffirms the significance and impact of a selfless act, underscoring the power of the goodness in people around us. The caller said he had found a personal item that he hoped to return to its owner, but he was having some difficulty in his quest. Timothy Stoll, a trucker from Fort McCoy, Fla., has a regular route that runs through Myrtle Beach. One day when he parked his truck behind a delivery site in Myrtle Beach, something caught his eye in the debris beside the newly surfaced lot. And there it was – the United States Military Academy West Point Class of 1950 ring, bearing the inscription of its owner, William J. Baxley Jr. Consulting the Internet, Mr. Stoll learned that Bill served in

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the U.S. Army. In the phone conversation, he accurately described Bill as “an American hero.” He also knew that a building on our campus – Bill Baxley Hall – had been named in the owner’s honor. He said he wanted nothing in return for the recovery of the ring; he simply wanted to return it to its owner.

When I met Mr. Stoll in Murrells Inlet the following Saturday, he entrusted me with the ring, and I gave him my word that I’d contact Bill’s son. With the family’s permission, the ring will now become part of the University’s collection of memorabilia from Bill’s 22-year military career, which will be housed in Bill Baxley Hall. The ring honors the man who wore it so proudly and its presence here will remind us not only of Bill’s honorable service, but also of the integrity of a stranger and his act of kindness.

The President distributed his discretionary budget for approval and noted that last year’s budget was well below what was approved. He would like to add a line item for \$35,000 for Women in Philanthropy and Leadership.

**Mr. Larry Biddle moved to approve the President’s 2011-2012 discretionary budget of \$197,950. Mr. Gene Spivey seconded and the motion passed.**

Governor Haley’s recommendations for accountability-based funding (ABF) was distributed and reviewed. Universities and CHE will work together with the Governor’s office to design and prepare for legislative implementation of a thoughtful and innovative accountability-based funding strategy. If passed, this will make us a stronger institution and remove us from some of the issues we continually face. Work continues with the General Assembly to show that we are not turning away qualified in-state students to allow out-of-state students to attend Coastal Carolina.

An additional \$51 million needs to be put in the state’s budget for higher education next year. Out of that, one-third of the dollars will be used to clear up parity. Our inequity is currently about \$4.8 million in state appropriations. We are also working to have our base restored to the 2009-2010 or 2010-2011 base. Whichever way it goes, that is another \$4-5 million. If we are able to finalize this process, the Governor will lead the charge with the General Assembly. She requests that we work with our delegation so that we are all in agreement. This could double our current appropriations which are now a little over \$8 million.

As there were legal, contractual, and personnel matters to discuss, Mr. Bill Biggs moved to go into Executive Session and Mr. Gene Spivey seconded. Upon reconvening, it was noted that no action was taken.

As there was no further business, Mr. Sam Frink moved to adjourn and Mr. Spivey seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey