SUMMARY:

This policy provides a snapshot of the organization of Coastal Carolina University, per the legislation that established the institution and from the overall reporting structure to the president of the University.

POLICY:

I. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

The General Assembly of the State of South Carolina adopted an Act on May 11, 1993, (signed by the Governor on May 14, 1993) which amended Title 59 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Chapter 136 which provides:

"... Coastal Carolina College, a four-year regional branch of the University of South Carolina, shall become Coastal Carolina University on July 1, 1993, and shall be a separate and distinct institution of higher learning of the State of South Carolina. It shall be governed by a board of trustees for Coastal Carolina University hereinafter established by this chapter."

The Act provided for the board's powers, duties, and functions. Bylaws of the Board of Trustees that were provided for in the Act were adopted. Article II of these Bylaws is quoted below:

“The Board of Trustees shall define the mission, role and scope of the University, shall establish the general policies of the University, shall approve the budget for the next fiscal year, and shall provide accountability to the public and the General Assembly.

Within these fundamental responsibilities, the Board will perform, where appropriate, many essential functions, including, but not limited to the following:

1. Receive recommendations from the President and have final approval on all matters of faculty promotion and tenure;
2. Review and approve academic plans, including programs and new units, and major modifications or deletions in existing programs and units;
3. Designate endowed chairs and professorships, award honorary degrees, and name Buildings or major portions thereof, other structures, streets and geographic areas;
4. Review and approve requests for appropriations;
5. Review and approve the annual budget and budget changes;
6. Approve all long-range development plans for the University including major capital projects; and
7. Approve all sales or purchases of real property, and ensure that all properties of the University are preserved and maintained.”

Further, each year in adopting the University's budget, "The Board directs the University administration to make budgetary increases or decreases as dictated by changes in enrollment and/or other factors affecting revenue, to ensure that the University continues to operate with a balanced budget."

The Board of Trustees comprises the Governor of South Carolina or his or her designee, who is an ex officio member of the Board, and 16 members, with 15 of those to be elected by the South Carolina General Assembly and one member to be appointed from the state at large by the Governor. Of the fifteen (15) members of the Board of Trustees to be elected by the General Assembly, two (2) members must be elected from each Congressional District and the remaining three (3) members must be elected from the state at-large.

II. The University President and Staff

Coastal Carolina University is a separate and distinct institution of higher learning of the State of South Carolina and is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the baccalaureate degree, the master degree, and the doctorate degree. In addition to administrative and professional staff positions, the following positions report to the President:

- Provost and Executive Vice President
- Vice President of Student Rights and Responsibilities/Dean of Students
- Vice President for Philanthropy
- Vice President for Finance & Administration and Chief Financial Officer
- Vice President of Compliance and Human Resources
- University Counsel
- Chair of the Athletics Division
- Director of Athletics
- Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance
- Coastal Educational Foundation Chief Executive Officer*
- Special Assistant to the President
- Director of Special Events
- Vice President for University Communication
- Student Housing Foundation
- Legislative Liaison
- Internal Auditor
- Title IX Coordinator**
- Faculty Athletics Representative***

* The Chief Executive Officer of the Coastal Educational Foundation reports directly to the CEF Board, but also reports collaterally to the University President.

** The Title IX Coordinator reports directly to the Vice President of Compliance and Human Resources but has a dotted line report to the University President.

*** The Faculty Athletics Representative reports directly to the University President in this capacity.

III. The President’s Council

The President’s Council is made up of the following people:

- Provost and Executive Vice President
- Vice President of Student Rights and Responsibilities/Dean of Students
- Vice President of Philanthropy
- Vice President of Finance and Administration/CFO
- Vice President of Compliance and Human Resources
- University Counsel