Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees

Government Affairs Committee
E. Craig Wall Jr., Board Room
August 7, 2014

Committee Members Present: Mr. Samuel H. Frink, Ms. Natasha M. Hanna, Mr. William L. Lyles Jr., and Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr.

Other Board Members Present: Mr. William S. Biggs, Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson, Mr. Carlos C. Johnson, Mr. Marion B. Lee, Mr. Charles E. Lewis, Dr. Oran P. Smith, Mr. Eugene C. Spivey, Mr. Robert G. Templeton, and Mr. William E. Turner III

Others Present: Ms. Stacie A. Bowie, Ms. Jean Ann Brakefield, Dr. J. Ralph Byington, Ms. Lori Church, Ms. Amanda E. Craddock, Dr. Debbie Conner, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Mr. Edgar L. Dyer, Mr. Rhett J. Graham, Ms. Martha S. Hunn, Ms. Beverly J. Landrum, Dr. Steven J. Madden, Mr. Timothy E. Meacham, Ms. Jennifer Packard, Mr. David Parker, Mr. William M. Plate Jr., Dr. Nelljean Rice, Dr. Barbara A. Ritter, Mr. Mark Roach, Dr. Michael H. Roberts, Mr. David F. Russell, Mr. Daniel S. Snyder, Mr. Bryan P. Stalvey, and Ms. V. 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.)

Chairman Larry Lyles brought the meeting to order at 2:59 p.m.

Lyles made a motion to approve the May 8, 2014 committee minutes. Mr. Lee seconded, and the motion carried.

David DeCenzo drew everyone’s attention to Mark Kelley’s report of the 2013-2014 General Assembly session. We were not fortunate enough to receive the appropriate recurring funds based on a formula used in calculating higher education funding; however, we did receive a few extra recurring dollars in the budget.

A Coastal Carolina University legislators’ day was suggested to discuss our needs with them.

Lobbyists Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLC have been helpful in obtaining funding for the sciences and has kept us abreast of information regarding Ebola.

The Joint Bond Review Committee has approved the renovation construction phases of the E. M. Singleton Building and Williams-Brice Physical Education Center. Projects will be presented next week to Budget & Control Board.
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Mike Roberts reported on emerging initiatives. Negotiations have moved along well to establish a Technology Incubator in Conway. This will be the first such village in the state. Final editorial changes are being made with a memorandum of understanding between Coastal Carolina University and the City of Conway. A contract is being executed with Clemson University. Positive responses have been received for funding. Last week a meeting was held with S.C. Department of Commerce’s innovation director and hopefully will have a grant starting in January. The official opening in Conway is slated for October. The next step will be training staff, collaboration between Wall School of Business Administration and Clemson, and local outreach. Trustees were asked to encourage this endeavor with their legislators.

As there was no other business, Lee moved to adjourn and Chuck Lewis seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey for
Charles E. Lewis
Secretary/Treasurer