

**Minutes**  
**Coastal Carolina University**  
**Board of Trustees**

**Government Affairs Committee**  
**E. Craig Wall Jr. Board Room**  
**August 7, 2015**

**Committee Members Present:** Mr. Samuel H. Frink, Ms. Natasha M. Hanna, Mr. Marion B. Lee, Mr. William L. Lyles Jr., Mr. George E. Mullen and Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr.

**Committee Member Not Present:** Ms. Natasha M. Hanna

**Other Board Members Present:** Mr. William S. Biggs, Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson, Mr. Carlos C. Johnson, Mr. Charles E. Lewis, Dr. Oran P. Smith, Mr. H. Delan Stevens, Dr. Samuel J. Swad and Mr. William E. Turner III

**Others Present:** Ms. Carolyn S. Bender, Dr. J. Ralph Byington, Ms. Nedy Campbell, Mr. Josh Chesson, Ms. Lori G. Church, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Ms. Stacey Henderson, Mr. Matt Hogue, Mr. Mark Kelley, Mr. Timothy E. Meacham, Ms. Jennifer Packard, Mr. William M. Plate Jr., Dr. Nelljean Rice, Dr. Michael H. Roberts, Ms. Sharon A. Sluys, Ms. V. Chyrel Stalvey, Mr. Gregory T. Thompson and Ms. Kathy T. Watts

(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. Scott Harper of the Horry Independent was in attendance.)

Chairman Larry Lyles brought the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Marion Lee moved to approve the May 7, 2015 committee minutes. Sam Frink seconded and the motion passed.**

Mark Kelley reported that Coastal Carolina University has received \$900,000 in recurring funds from the state which was the largest given to any comprehensive university of which \$480,000 is nonrecurring funds.

Monitoring continues for any changes to the Department of Veterans Affairs law stating all colleges must offer in-state rates to all veterans or their dependents. The State has set up a \$3M fund to reimburse higher education institutions for funds lost by enrolling veterans who live out of state.

Some of the new provisos include:

- Lottery funds expenditures must be reported by October 1.

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- Institutions must ensure revenue exists for salary, fringe and the ability to handle future pay increases when requesting Other Funded FTEs.
- Institutions are exempted from pay increases for Other Funded employees when the State passes a pay raise for State employees.
- University presidents' supplements must be approved by Board of Trustees and reported to the Department of Administration (B&CB).

Representative Jimmy Merrill serves on the Ways and Means Committee and is of chair of the Higher Education and Technical Colleges Subcommittee which has all new members and a new Commission on Higher Education staffer. He has requested that Dr. DeCenzo and our Chief Financial Officer attend the fall meeting to discuss higher education in general.

Classes are free for ages 60 and over, including employees.

Kelley will continue to monitor talks of developing a State Board of Regents.

The Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough's Washington, D.C. group continues efforts for grant programs, monitors higher education legislation, and watches student aid bills. It is felt that they could be more proactive.

Dean and Vice President for Research and Emerging Initiatives Mike Roberts reported on the Conway Innovation Center that assists in the development of local commercial enterprises. The Center is off to a good start with a new product line in development and two new businesses launching in the fall. The Center has \$8.2M in ongoing grant funds and \$1.5M in new grant funds.

Dr. DeCenzo commended Senators Ray Cleary and Luke Rankin in their roles in working with Senator Hugh Leatherman.

As there was no other business, Dan Moore moved to adjourn and Marion Lee seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey  
Recorder