

**Minutes  
Coastal Carolina University  
Board of Trustees**

**Academic Affairs & Assessment Committee  
E. Craig Wall Jr. Board Room  
August 11, 2016**

**Committee Members Present:** Mr. Fred F. DuBard III, Mr. Samuel H. Frink, Dr. Oran P. Smith, Mr. Eugene C. Spivey, and Dr. Samuel J. Swad

**Committee Member Not Present:** Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr.

**Other Board Members Present:** Mr. William S. Biggs, Ms. Natasha M. Hanna, Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson, Mr. Carlos C. Johnson, Mr. Charles E. Lewis, Mr. William L. Lyles Jr., Mr. George E. Mullen, Dr. Samuel J. Swad, and Mr. William E. Turner III

**Others Present:** Ms. Sandra Baldrige-Adrian, Ms. Stacie A. Bowie, Dr. Brian Bunton, Dr. J. Ralph Byington, Ms. Nedy Campbell, Mr. Josh Chesson, Dr. Debbie Conner, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Mr. Edgar L. Dyer, Mr. Matthew L. Hogue, Ms. Martha S. Hunn, Mr. Christopher A. Johnson, Ms. Beverly J. Landrum, Mr. Timothy E. Meacham, Mr. Travis E. Overton, Ms. Jennifer Packard, Mr. William M. Plate Jr., Dr. Barbara A. Ritter, Mr. Mark A. Roach, Ms. V. Chyrel Stalvey, and Mr. John Vrooman

(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. Claire Byun of The Sun News was in attendance.)

Chairman Oran Smith brought the meeting to order at 3:23 p.m.

Smith made a motion to approve the May 6, 2016 Academic Affairs & Assessment Committee minutes. Gene Spivey seconded, and the motion passed.

Because of time constraints, the committee agenda was abbreviated to action items only.

**Sam Swad made a motion to approve Emeritus Professor for Nicholas Twigg at his retirement (Motion 16-33). Sam Frink seconded, and the motion carried.**

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Chyrel Stalvey*  
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Recorder

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Because the committee meetings were abbreviated to only action items, Faculty Senate Chair Brian Bunton requested attaching his report which would have been presented to the committee minutes.

**Faculty Senate Report to the Board of Trustees**  
**T. Brian Bunton – August 11, 2016**

Good afternoon. Thank you again for allowing me to report to you the progress of our faculty during this meeting. The summer term has not slowed our work in research, teaching, and service, and there are some exciting items to mention.

In the realm of professional contributions: a faculty member led a delegation of health-care workers to Russia, we have continued to lead the region in hurricane prediction, and a faculty member has received a Fulbright Award to travel to Madagascar (our sixth Fulbright in six years), just to name a few. Coastal Carolina is truly a major force of scholarship in South Carolina.

One significant area of progress in the realm of teaching is the addition of a winter semester this year. This will allow the university to offer unique experiences over the winter break, such as study abroad opportunities. With successful implementation, we expect a winter term to become a permanent part of our academic calendar. The faculty also approved a new minor in Commercial and Investment Real Estate and a new Master of Arts in Music Technology. As you know, for the graduate degree this is just the beginning of the long state approval process.

Finally, we have continued to make progress in improving our internal governance structure. Just this past month, we have recommended streamlining the peer review process for our faculty members in the Library and University College. The full faculty will vote on these and several other changes to our promotion and tenure process in the coming weeks and plan that they will make their way to this group in February.

As I start my tenth year at this university, I have never felt the bond between faculty, administration, and the Board of Trustees so strong. It is truly my pleasure to be able to serve as a liaison between these groups. If there is anything that I can do to help the progress of the University, please feel free to reach out to me at [senchair@coastal.edu](mailto:senchair@coastal.edu). Thank you.