

Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees

Government Affairs Committee
E. Craig Wall Jr. Board Room
December 13, 2018

Committee Members Present: Mr. John H. Bartell Jr., Ms. Natasha M. Hanna, Mr. William L. Lyles Jr., Mr. George E. Mullen, and Dr. Samuel J. Swad

Other Board Members Present: Mr. William S. Biggs, Ms. Sherry I. Johnson, Mr. Charles E. Lewis, Mr. Patrick S. Sparks, and Mr. Eugene C. Spivey

Others Present: Ms. Sandra Baldrige-Adrian, Ms. AraLeigh Beam, Ms. Katherine Brooks, Dr. J. Ralph Byington, Ms. Nedy Campbell, Mr. Joshua M. Chesson, Dr. Debbie C. Conner, Ms. Amanda E. Craddock, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Dr. Daniel J. Ennis, David A. Frost, Stephen K. Harrison, Mr. Matthew L. Hogue, Dr. Sara N. Hottinger, Ms. Martha S. Hunn, Ms. Robyn A. Jones, Mr. Timothy E. Meacham, Mr. Travis E. Overton, Ms. Jennifer Packard, Mr. William M. Plate Jr., Dr. Barbara A. Ritter, Dr. Michael H. Roberts, Ms. V. Chyrel Stalvey, and Mr. David Yancey

(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. None were in attendance.)

Chairman Natasha Hanna brought the Government Affairs committee to order at 3:45 p.m.

Larry Lyles moved to approve the August 2, 2018 Government Affairs Committee minutes. Samuel Swad seconded. The motion passed.

President David A. DeCenzo reported that Legislative Liaison Mike Ryhal:

- Accompanied him to the budget presentation for the governor's staff.
- Accompanied Provost Ralph Byington to present fiscal accountability for upcoming capital projects.
- Communicated with David Wilkins with Washington lobbyists Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP.
- Compiled information on I-73 and tax structures in Horry County.
- After the November elections, attended the reorganization of the House of Representatives in Columbia.

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On January 15, DeCenzo will be making the House of Representatives budget presentation. Ryhal will be communicating on the presentation and asks with the committee members.

Currently, the most critical legislation is the Higher Education Opportunity Act presented by Senator Vincent Sheheen which curtails increases in tuition for in-state students. There will be no enrollment capping for out-of-state students. Sheheen has been receptive to listen to the concerns of the universities. The bill has the support of university presidents but there must be an increase in recurring funding from the state. The first reading passed unanimously.

DeCenzo and Ryhal will be meeting with House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Jackie Hayes after the new year.

The most positive impact of the bill is the funding model could address parity among schools. This will be a big part of DeCenzo's presentation in June.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey

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Recorder