

Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees

Academic Affairs and Retention Committee
Singleton Ballroom
December 13, 2021

Committee Members Present: Oran Smith, John Bartell, Lisa Davis, Dalton Floyd, Joe Jarrett, Gene Spivey

Committee Members Not Present: None

Other Board Members Present: Lee Belcher, Natasha Hanna, Sherry Johnson, Mark Kelley, George Mullen, Brad Poston, Jason Repak, Patrick Sparks, Delan Stevens, William Turner

Board Members Not Present: William Biggs

Others Present: Sandra Baldrige-Adrian, Michael Benson, Claudia Bornholdt, Brant Branham, Lee Brown, Brian Bunton, Amanda Craddock, Lydia Deeck, Daniel Ennis, Amanda Foss, David Frost, Matthew Hogue, Sara Hottinger, Martha Hunn, Judy Johns, Carlos Johnson, Christopher Johnson, Tom Koczara, Susannah Marshman, Kelly Moore, Travis Overton, Jerry Rashid, Michael Roberts, Diane Sanders, Erika Small, James Solazzo, Atiya Stokes-Brown, Holley Tankersley, Gregory Thompson

(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. Two members of the media were in attendance: Merry Norkol with The Sun News and Katie Powell with MyHorryNews.com.)

Chairman Oran Smith brought the Academic Affairs and Retention Committee meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Gene Spivey moved to approve the Academic and Retention Committee meeting minutes from October 28, 2021. Lisa Davis seconded, and the motion carried.

Daniel Ennis, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, spoke about two new programs that will be coming to the University.

- The Marine and Coastal Environmental Science, B.S. will focus on quantitative real-world scenarios and the inter-relations of the natural sciences with a special emphasis on the coast.
- The Higher Education and Community Relations, B.A. is for the student who is interested in education, but not licensure. Graduates can work in tutoring and student preparation, or this could prepare them for additional graduate study at the University.

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Dalton Floyd moved to approve the new program: B.S. in Marine and Coastal Environmental Science (Motion 21-AAR-12). Joe Jarrett seconded, and the motion carried.

Davis moved to approve the new program: B.A. in Higher Education and Community Relations (Motion 21-AAR-13). Spivey seconded, and the motion carried.

Amanda Craddock, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, presented a Spring 2022 enrollment report. This report showed a 4.8% increase in student enrollment compared to the Spring 2021.

James Solazzo, Vice President for Student Success, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, presented on student retention for Spring 2022. First semester retention sits currently at 89.5%. The University is twenty (20) students away from hitting a 90% retention rate. Due to students self-registering themselves, the numbers have grown higher than average.

Due to the CCU football team participating in the Cure Bowl, graduating players will miss CCU's Commencement ceremony scheduled for December 14, 2021. For this reason, President Michael Benson, along with Provost Ennis and the college deans, recognized the players who were candidates for degrees. Head football coach, Jamey Chadwell, congratulated the young men and wished them the best of luck on and off the field.

As there was no additional business, Jarrett moved to adjourn. Spivey seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Deeck
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Recorder