

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
August 6, 2021**

**Minutes  
Coastal Carolina University**

**Board of Trustees**

**Singleton Ballroom**

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**Presiding:** Chairman Delan Stevens

**Board Members Present:** John Bartell, Lee Belcher, William Biggs, Lisa Davis, Dalton Floyd, Natasha Hanna, Joe Jarrett, Sherry Johnson, Mark Kelley, George Mullen, Bradley Poston, Patrick Sparks, Gene Spivey, William Turner

**Board Members Not Present:** Jason Repak, Oran Smith

**Others Present:** Sandra Baldrige-Adrian, Michael Benson, Claudia Bornholdt, Brant Branham, Brian Bunton, Amanda Craddock, Lydia Deeck, Daniel Ennis, David Frost, Matthew Hogue, Sara Hottinger, Martha Hunn, Carlos Johnson, Christopher Johnson, Kelly Moore, Christopher Morgan, Travis Overton, Julie Quinn, Jerry Rashid, Diane Sanders, Erika Small, James Solazzo, 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. There were not any members of the media in attendance.)

Chairman Delan Stevens brought the Board meeting to order at 10:28 a.m. Sherry Johnson offered an invocation.

**I. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by, Julie Quinn, Administrative Assistant.

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

William Biggs moved to approve the meeting minutes from May 6, 2021. Patrick Sparks seconded, and the motion carried.

**III. University Report**

Staff Senate President, Sandra Baldrige-Adrian, gave a Staff Senate report.

- Staff Senate recently passed a revision to their bylaws aligning the body closer to the technology they are using for in-person meetings and live-streaming.
- An updated Staff Senate Executive Committee was voted upon.
  - Baldrige-Adrian remains as President

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- Jean Bennett is Vice President
- Ebony McCray is Secretary
- David Klauder is Parliamentarian
- The most recent policy reviving the tuition waiver for staff has since been adopted by Executive Council.

Faculty Senate Chair, Brian Bunton, gave a Faculty Senate report.

- The General Faculty meeting will be held on August 16, 2021. In addition to general updates, a resolution will be heard stating the faculty's wishes for a University-wide mask mandate.

Coastal Education Foundation (CEF) Chief Executive Officer, Christopher Johnson, gave a CEF report.

- The CEF financial total is \$74.1 million. This includes \$68.8 million in cash and investments and \$4.8 million in unrestricted cash.
- The next CEF board meeting will be on October 13, 2021, in the Alford Ballroom.

Legislative Liaison, Brant Branham, gave an update on Columbia legislature.

- The American Rescue Plan has sent funds to the state for allocation, but no information has been released regarding how much the University will receive.

University President, Michael Benson, gave the President's report.

- The fall enrollment numbers are very strong, and the President thanked the team that worked incredibly hard to enroll and retain Coastal's students.
- As of yesterday, 1,492 students have submitted proof of vaccination. These students have the potential for scholarships based on this submission.
- The University is paying close attention to CDC guidance and the COVID-19 Delta variant numbers as they are released. Based on the prior emergency meeting, the Board supports indoor face coverings.

**IV. Standing Committee Motions**

Finance and Audit Committee

- **Lee Belcher moved to approve and adopt the 30% tuition reduction for graduate-level coursework for employees of Horry-Georgetown Technical College (Motion 21-FAA-19). Gene Spivey seconded, and the motion carried.**

Facilities and Planning Committee

- **S. Johnson moved to approve expanding the scope and increasing the budget of the Kimbel Library renovation project to address seismic issues and enhance the exterior appearance of the building (Motion 21-FAC-03). William Turner seconded, and the motion carried.**

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- **S. Johnson moved to approve the renovation of Hicks Dining Hall to provide a more cohesive dining experience and to better serve the University community’s needs (Motion 21-FAC-04). Sparks seconded, and the motion carried.**

Academic Affairs and Retention Committee

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost, Daniel Ennis, introduced J. Lee Brown, as the new Dean of the College of Graduate and Continuing Studies.

- **George Mullen moved to amend Motion-21-AAR-05, approval of academic administrator rank/tenure request. He requested to add the language, “The Board authorizes Executive Vice President/Provost Daniel Ennis to approve the salary which he deems appropriate”. Biggs seconded, and the motion carried.**

**Lisa Davis moved to approve the academic administrator rank/tenure request. The Board authorizes Executive Vice President/Provost Daniel Ennis to approve the salary which he deems appropriate. (Motion 21-AAR-05). Dalton Floyd seconded, and the motion carried.**

- **Davis moved to approve the Faculty Manual Promotion and Tenure revision (Motion-21-AAR-06). Floyd seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Davis moved to approve the College Promotion and Tenure Committee membership request (Motion 21-AAR-07). Turner seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Davis moved to approve the request for promotion/voting rights for senior lecturers (Motion 21-AAR-08). Floyd seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Mullen moved to approve the appointment of the Dean of Education and Social Sciences with a salary that Executive Vice President/Provost Daniel Ennis deems appropriate (Motion-21-AAR-09). Biggs seconded, and the motion carried.**

Administration, Governance and Philanthropy

No action items.

Athletics

- **Spivey moved to approve three coaching contracts that were presented for renewal and to authorize the Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics and University Recreation and University Counsel to finalize those agreements (Motion 21-ATH-01). Biggs seconded, and the motion carried.**

Executive Committee

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- **Stevens moved for the Board of Trustees to conduct the 2021 review of the Coastal Carolina University mission statement (Motion 21-EXC-04). Turner seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Natasha Hanna moved for approval of the two academic administrator compensation packages as presented by Executive Vice President/Provost Daniel Ennis (Motion-21-EXC-05). Sparks seconded, and the motion carried.**

**IV. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Stevens informed the board of a special committee that is to review the Board's bylaws. Hanna will chair this committee and Floyd, S. Johnson, Belcher, and Mark Kelley will join her. This committee will affirm that the bylaws are updated and correct.

S. Johnson requested a moment of silence for Gina Cummings.

The future Board of Trustees meetings are as follows:

- 2021: October 28-29, December 13-14
- 2022: February 17-18, May 5-6

**V. Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Lydia Deeck*

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Recorder