

Minutes
Coastal Carolina University

Board of Trustees

Singleton Ballroom

October 28, 2021

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, Jason Repak, Oran Smith, Patrick Sparks, Gene Spivey, William Turner

Board Members Not Present: None

Others Present: Sandra Baldrige-Adrian, Michael Benson, Claudia Bornholdt, Brandt Branham, Brian Bunton, Lydia Deeck, Daniel Ennis, Amanda Foss, David Frost, Matthew Hogue, Carlos Johnson, Christopher Johnson, Tom Koczara, Brianna Martin, Christopher Morgan, Travis Overton, Jerry Rashid, Erika Small, Kelsey Wohlford

(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. One member of the media was in attendance: Merry Norkel of The Sun News.)

Chairman Delan Stevens brought the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m. Oran Smith offered an invocation.

I. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Travis Overton, Vice President for Executive Initiatives/Chief of Staff.

II. Approval of the Minutes

William Biggs moved to approve the meeting minutes from August 6, 2021. Sherry Johnson seconded, and the motion carried.

Lisa Davis moved to approve the (emergency) meeting minutes from August 17, 2021. William Turner seconded, and the motion carried.

Natasha Hanna moved to approve the (special) meeting minutes from September 17, 2021. Turner seconded, and the motion carried.

III. University Reports

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Brianna Martin, Student Government Association (SGA) President, gave an SGA report.

- The focus of Martin’s campaign was community outreach, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and highlighting student leaders on campus.
- Martin was responsible for holding a book drive at Waccamaw Elementary School in partnership with The Department of Athletics and the Dalton and Linda Floyd Family Mentoring Program.
- During her tenure, Martin plans to shine light on minority group leaders, career-centered organizations, and the Honor Society.
- Martin introduced Kelsey Wohlford, the new SGA Chief of Justice.

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

- Staff Senate will continue having virtual and in-person monthly meetings.
- The Staff Ombuds position has been posted online and is currently accepting applications.

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

- The Faculty Senate Executive Committee is looking at regional promotion and tenure trends to see how this can be improved at the University.
- Faculty Senate has voted to create an ad hoc committee on armed forces and allied services which will focus on engaging with veteran and active-duty faculty, staff, and students to see how issues may impact them.

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

- The University made their budget presentation to the Governor’s Office last week.

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

- Benson introduced the following new employees:
 - Thomas Koczara, Vice President for Human Resources and Equal Opportunity
 - Amanda Foss, Executive Assistant to the President
- The Presidential Signature Series is a new line-up of events, lectures, and art displays to provide more cultural opportunities on campus.
- Current campus vaccination rates:
 - 40% students
 - 48% staff
 - 70% faculty

IV. Standing Committee Motions

Finance and Audit Committee

- **Lee Belcher moved to approve the renewal of the one-year lease (November 1, 2021, through October 31, 2022) from the Coastal Educational Foundation for real property consisting of the property located on Tilghman Pointe and Waties Island in Little River Township, Horry County, South Carolina. (Motion 21-FAA-20). Turner seconded, and the motion carried.**

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- **Belcher moved to approve the renewal of the one-year lease (November 1, 2021, through October 31, 2022) from the Coastal Educational Foundation for the corner property at Founders Drive and Highway 544, renewable for two (2) more consecutive years. (Motion 21-FAA-21). Jason Repak seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Belcher moved to approve and adopt a Supplemental Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of Series 2014 and 2015 Higher Education Revenue Refunding Bonds of Coastal Carolina University. (Motion 21-FAA-22). Repak seconded, and the motion carried.**

Facilities and Planning Committee

- **Johnson moved to establish a permanent improvement project to shift approximately 2,100 feet of the western end of University Boulevard southward to the edge of campus. (Motion 21-FAC-05). Biggs seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Johnson moved to remove the existing roof system on the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts building and replace with new composite slate shingles. (Motion 21-FAC-06). Mark Kelley seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Johnson moved to upgrade the cooling and heating systems in the Prince building and also to replace the damaged cornice on the exterior of the building. (Motion 21-FAC-07). Kelley seconded, and the motion carried.**

Academic Affairs and Retention Committee

- **Smith moved to approve the Emeritus status requests (Motion 21-AAR-09). Gene Spivey seconded, and the motion carried.**

The following faculty were granted appointments to Emeritus status upon retirement: Dean Emeritus Michael Roberts, Distinguished Professor Deborah Breede, Distinguished Professor Dianne Mark, Emeritus Professor William King, and Emeritus Professor (Posthumously) George Lyerly.

- **Smith moved to approve the Commencement speaker (Motion 21-AAR-10). Turner seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Smith moved to approve the creation of the new College of Health and Human Performance (Motion 21-AAR-11). Spivey seconded, and the motion carried.**

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Administration, Governance and Philanthropy

- **Turner moved to approve the University policies (Consent Agenda). (Motion 21-AGP-01). Repak seconded, and the motion carried.**

Athletics

No action items.

Executive Committee

No action items.

IV. Chairman's Report

The future Board of Trustees meetings are as follows:

2021: December 13-14

2022: February 17-18, May 5-6

V. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Deeck

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Recorder