1. Welcome

Laura Hoy thanked everyone for the past year. She mentioned that all beginnings are important and that this is especially true for this meeting since it is the beginning of 10th year of the center. Laura reviewed the purpose and reason the foundation was created. She stated that the 1st objective has not been finished and that the family is fully committed to the Center. Laura Hoy told the Board that she would like the Center to reach the point of self-sustainability. Laura would like the Board to reflect and refresh on the By-Laws and the course of Jackson Center (attached A & B) and that she would later discuss in the meeting.

2. Director’s Report

Nils Rauhut asked if any of the Board Members would like to add any items to the agenda. The Board did not respond therefore no items were added.

A. Introduction of New Assistant Director Amber Eckersley

1. Updated Web Page/Facebook

Amber Eckersley, via computer presentation, pointed out new format of webpage. She explained the purpose of the changes was to make it visually attracting and user friendly. She pointed out the main page, events page, and about the center page.

Nils Rauhut suggested to the Board that if they see something wrong or if they want something added, please contact him. Nils is open to any feedback.

2. Posters

Amber Eckersley pointed out the new posters that were on the conference table which were printed for each upcoming event.

3. New Student Assistant (ILPP)

A new student assistant will be working in the Jackson Center in conjunction with ILPP. The student assistant will be generating research on Ethics and Leadership. The information will be post on ILPP. This student will be housed in the Jackson Center.
B. New Elements in Jackson Scholar Program

1. Revised Second Semester Jackson Scholar Course

David Killoren stated that the PHIL 305 02 Contemporary Moral Issues course is specially designed for Jackson Scholars. These students are slated to compete in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ethics Bowl in November. Each week a different case (attached C) from the list of Ethics Bowl cases will be reviewed and readings from relevant work from both applied and theoretical ethics will be discussed. Claudia McCollough asked if, after the students return from the Ethics Bowl, the scholars do an event on the experience of the course, the competition, and the case(s) at CCU; maybe in 15 Spring. Nils Rauhut informed Claudia McCullough that the scholars do four papers, and presentations.

2. Ethics Bowl Trip

The Ethics Bowl takes place in November in Indiana. All the scholars will be attending however only three will compete: Darcy Barr, Korina Koci, and Juetta Marks. If team advances they will compete in the National Competition in February.

C. Spring Trip to Washington DC

Holly Tankersley spoke about the trip to the Supreme Court. She stated that the scholars will meet public leaders, lobbyists, policy makers and see what Leadership looks like, i.e. policy and politics.

1. New Capstone Leadership Course

Jackson Scholar seniors (Nicklaus McKinney, Shelby Dangerfield, Joseph Fleming, Sarah Robinson) are taking specific leadership classes which meet weekly but will be finish in October. Once finished, the scholars will be paired with leaders on campus to shadow. They will attend specific meetings, learns how meetings are run, interact and possible write schedule. After “shadowing” is complete, scholars will write a paper on theories in light of their experience. Nils Rauhut asked if anyone would like to be paired with scholar for “shadowing”. Laura Hoy’s goal and hope is to have scholars “shadow” leaders in community which would ultimately form connections.

2. Recruitment of New Class of Jackson Scholars

Nils Rauhut informed the Board that his goal is to increase the scholar number next semester. Amber Eckersley stated that she sent out Friday, September 12th, over 700 letters to Freshman/Sophomore student who have a 3.25 GPA or higher (attached D). She also stated that an email will be sent out on September 16th to those same students recapping the Jackson Scholar Program. Amber Eckersley also attended numerous FYE presentations informing students about Program. Altered Jackson Scholar programs were given to the FYE presentations (attached E).

3. Vision/Mission/By-Laws
Laura Hoy asked the Board to review the Vision/Mission/By-Laws. If there are any areas in laws that need updated or amended please contact Nils Rauhut and he will place on agenda for next Board meeting. Laura asked the Board to remember that this is “A Living Document”. She also thanked the Board, Coastal Carolina University, Nils Rauhut, and Jackson Center group. She thanked everyone for preserving Claudia McColloughs’ dream and hopes that Jackson Center continues to touch students, faculty and community.

4. Planning For Spring Semester

Dr. Ralph Byington suggested a Tea and Ethics in the Spring on Ebola.

1. Tea and Ethics on Medical Ethics with Kimberly Goh

Claudia McCollough gave the Board some background on Dr. Kimberly Goh. Claudia stated that Dr. Goh is anxious to work with Grand Strand Hospital and Jackson Center on Medical Ethics. Claudia McCollough would like to hold the Tea and Ethics at 79th Avenue Theater since it belongs to the Grand Strand Hospital. Claudia feels this is a “Town and Gown” opportunity and hopes to respond to the hospital invite. Please send your thoughts to either Claudia McCollough or Nils Rauhut. Nils Rauhut thought it was a great idea and he will look into dates.

2. Visiting Ethicist Walter Sinnott-Armstrong

David Killoren gave brief background on Dr. Armstrong (attached F). His work is on moral psychology and empirical side. He stated Dr. Armstrong is a great Philosopher and speaker with a Southern twang. Nils Rauhut informed the Board that Dr. Armstrong is from Duke University. Duke University has an Ethics Center. Nils thought we might learn from their center. Negotiations are still pending regarding having Dr. Armstrong as the Visiting Ethicist.

Nils Rauhut asked if the Board had suggestions on any other Visiting Ethicists. If so, please send name to him. Nils thought there might be an interest in Science and Ethics possibility for Philosopher’s Corner.

3. Community Conference

Nils Rauhut wants to involve community like Laura Hoy suggests. Nils asked Holly Tankersley what she thought of the Poverty Conference since she was a speaker. Holly stated her experience was positive and she would support another conference. She felt that the Conference inspired a community movement and expanded on poverty educational issues. Claudia McCollough suggested doing a conference every two years. John Beard asked what the topic would be and the importance to community. Claudia suggested a conference on Sports Ethics to include the Athletic Department at CCU. Nils Rauhut suggested possible conference on Environmental Wetland Areas. Michael Beard stated you have to watch how you present and what questions it would be. Nils Rauhut suggested Board come up with topics and will discuss at next board meeting.

4. Events (Tea and Ethics/Java Jabber)

Nils Rauhut asked the Board to send any suggestions him. He stated there are many ideas in the works. One such Java Jabber suggestion is “Race in the Classroom”. He thought community would want to know: How does race affect teaching?” Dr. Debbie Conner suggested wording change; diversity vs. race. Dr. Preston McKeever-Floyd agreed however he thought the title should remain the same as generally people “skirt over race”.

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Nils also suggested a Java Jabber on Sexual Orientation & Teaching. Claudia McCollough and Laura Hoy suggested having a series of Java Jabber events. The Board agreed on a series of Java Jabber events.

5. Internship Marie Picouto Fall 2015

Marie Picouto is from Puerto Rico. She would like to do an internship with the Jackson Center. She would use the time with the center at no cost. This would possibly be her capstone project. The board accepted the suggestion by Claudia McCollough to have Marie work with the new ILLP institute and not with the Jackson Center.

Annual Report 2013-2014

Annual Report is attached (attached G). Nils Rauhut stated that he wanted to be honest and open about data and numbers.

7. Budget Report

Nils Rauhut stated that he wanted to be transparent on where and how dollars are spent. (attached H and I)

8. For the Good Of The Order

Nils Rauhut thanked the Board again. Laura Hoy encouraged having Medical Ethics event at campus and/or 79th Avenue Theater; the Board has talked about it every year. She tried to work with Conway Hospital over the years but they were never interested however Grand Strand Hospital is and they have come asking us for events. She wants the Board to really think about it. Dr. John Beard thought it was great for Jackson Scholars. He suggested the Center ask the hard questions. Laura Hoy thought having the scholars with varying majors would be beneficial.

Dr. Ralph Byington mentioned scholar interviews. Nils Rauhut informed the Board that the applications must be in by October 31st. Interviews will take place hopefully the following week. Nils will let the Board know what date and times. He encourages everyone to attend if possible.

Next Jackson Center Board meeting is: November 5th.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:07pm

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