1. Welcome

Laura Hoy thanked everyone for being in attendance. She stated that she is pleased with the direction of the Jackson Center, and that the family is committed to the center. She then turned the meeting over to Nils.

2. Directors Report

Nils Rauhut briefly went over the agenda for the meeting, and asked if any of the Board Members would like to add any items to the agenda. The Board responded in the negative, therefore no items were added.

2.1 Introduction of new Jackson Center Ethics Fellow: David Holiday

David gave a brief biography about himself: He is from the United Kingdom, completed his undergraduate degree at Oxford, spent time in Japan, completed his Masters at Edinburgh University, and his PhD at the University of Chicago. He then explained his research interests in human rights, and how it will be connected with the Jackson Scholars class “Contemporary Moral Issues”.

2.2 Introduction of new Jackson Center Assistant Director: Brian Edgerton
Brian gave a brief biography about himself: He is a recent graduate from Coastal Carolina’s Political Science program. Prior to working for the Jackson Center his only interaction with the Center was through the Washington D.C. trip with the Institute of Leadership and Public Policy (ILPP). He is excited to be a part of the team and working towards the goals of the center.

2.3 Introduction of new Board of Directors Member: Diane Sanders

Diane gave a brief biography of herself: She graduated from Coastal Carolina in 2005. She has been working for Coastal Carolina in varying departments, including: event planning, recruitment, and is now the Director of Philanthropy for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

2.4 News from the Jackson Scholar Program

A. Senior Class
The Senior Jackson Scholars are currently taking the capstone class “Ethical Leadership” with Nils. In this class they shadow a leader (on or off campus) to apply what they have learned. Darcy Barr is going to be shadowing a doctor at Conway Medical Center, in line with her interests to go to Medical School. Julietta Marks is still looking for a person to shadow. Nils asked if anyone would allow her to do so. Dan Ennis commented on how it was a fulfilling experience for both him and his mentee last year. There were no volunteers at this time.

Trip to Boeing

Nils informed the Board that there will be a trip to Boeing’s new plant in Charleston on Friday 9/11/2015 in which the Jackson Scholars, Wall Fellows and other students will be given a tour of the facility and spoken to about internship opportunities with the company.

B. Junior Class
The Junior class is currently taking the class with David (as previously discussed), and preparing for this year’s Ethics Bowl at Clemson University. Nils hopes to continue improving the Center’s standing at this event to eventually make it to the national competition.

Austin Nichols will be the Student Government Association (SGA) representative for the Jackson Center.

C. Recruitment
Brian and Nils informed the Board that 876 letters were sent out to the candidates for the Jackson Center this year. Nils stated he is also meeting with the Deans and Chairs of the departments to push for the COHFA students to join the Jackson Scholars. In the push for COHFA students, we will be holding an informational
meeting on September 28, in EHFA 164 at 5pm. He said the program is looking to recruit 8-12 new scholars in a similar manner to the previous year. Laura asked how will the Center notify the students about this event, to which Nils responded with an email and flyers being posted around campus.

2.5 Coastal Samaritan Ethics in Business Award

Nils Rauhut and Laura Hoy introduced a new opportunity for the Jackson Center, in coalition with the Coastal Samaritan Counselling Center (CSCC). They have asked Nils to preside over a judges panel in which the CSCC will award businesses and individuals in the community with an Ethics in Business Award. Nils stated that this is a fundraising measure by the CSCC and that the Wall School of Business is already supporting this group and the awards as part of a research initiative. The consensus of the Board was to get more information about this before involving the center in something like this. Marva Lackey stated she was part of the Board for the CSCC and this is something they have been planning for a number of years. Bobby Wilkes asked if it would be possible to have someone from the CSCC present to the Board of Directors about this to help make a decision because the CSCC is a good organization and there should be more like it in the area/country. Ralph Byington stated that the center must involve Mark Roach in any philanthropic opportunities such as this. Laura stated that there is already 43 candidates in this event, taking place in May 2016.

2.6 Planning for the Spring Semester

Visiting Ethicist: Dave Holiday

Dave stated that he is currently looking for the visiting ethicist for the Spring semester, and is talking to a few people who would be able to come and speak about human rights. Tying together his class with the Jackson Scholars, the current events in Syria, and immigration, one potential visitor he spoke with is a prominent immigration lawyer.
The moral Challenge of Inequality: Marva and Bobby

Marva and Bobby introduced an idea for a conference or event with the working title “The moral challenge of Inequality”. This idea is from a book study Bobby and Marva participated in at church, with the book “The Great Awakening” by Jim Wallace of the Sojourners Group. The event would focus around social justice and income inequality. Three ideas were presented on how to host this event:

1. As a multiday conference – focused on the community
2. As a philosopher’s corner event – focused on students
3. As a multiday event, kicked off with an event like philosophers corner – geared to both audiences.

Nils suggested modeling this after the Poverty Conference the center put on, if it was to be a conference.

Dr. John Beard noted that unlike poverty (which no one is a fan of, or thinks it is a good thing) the debate over income inequality will have two sides and would need to be marketed as a larger topic.

Gina asked Bobby and Marva what they would like people to get out of a topic such as this. Bobby said it is to plant a seed and see where it goes, not to push people in one direction or another.

4. Annual Report and Budget Report

Nils showed the Board the Annual report which has the previous years attendance for events. There were no questions about its content.

Nils went over the budget from the previous year, and the plans for this years budget which is similar to the $25,000 budget of previous years. There were no questions or comments about this budget, or the plans for the next. When Nils brought up we may have to go for 10 scholars in the next class instead of 12, Dan Ennis said go for 12 and we will find a way to pay for it.

5. For the Good of the Order

Nils thanked everyone for coming, and dismissed the meeting.