Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values

Board of Directors Meeting

September 26, 2017

5:00p.m.

Attendance:

Nils Rauhut

David Holiday

Kaitlyn Powalie

Marva Lackey

Stovall Witte

Michael Roberts

Claudia McCollough

Holley Tankersley

Gina Cummings

Sara Sanders

Rachel Gandy

Jeanne Mize

Emily Vallarino

1. Welcome – Nils Rauhut

Nils Rauhut welcomed and pointed out that Laura Hoy was unable to attend.

1. Director’s Report
   1. Welcome New Assistant Director: Kaitlyn Powalie
      1. Nils Rauhut began the meeting by introducing the newest member of the Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values, Kaitlyn Powalie. He discussed how pleased he is to have her on board as the Assistant Director. Kaitlyn is a recent graduate from Coastal Carolina with a Bachelors of Art in Psychology and Philosophy. She is a SC native, who grew up in North Myrtle Beach and as a previous Jackson Scholar, she is very thankful to be working for the Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values.
   2. Update Jackson Scholar Program
      1. Alumni Update
         1. Nils Rauhut directed the attention of the board to the projection screen upon which was a PowerPoint. As Kaitlyn Powalie progressed through the slides, images of various alumni appeared along with their name and the years they were Jackson Scholars. Together, Nils Rauhut, Kaitlyn Powalie and David Holiday, updated the board on where the alumni are now.
            1. Caroline Smith

Caroline Smith was in the inaugural class of Jackson Scholars (2004-2006). Right out of college she began working for the Sun News and continued with them for 7 years. Smith left the Sun News to return to her Alma Mater as the University Editor, where she continues to work today. Claudia McCollough commented on Caroline Smith’s growth since the Jackson Scholar Program and expressed her profound pride in Smith’s performance.

* + - * 1. Perry Helton

Perry Helton was a 2008-2010 Jackson Scholar. He is currently a social studies teacher at Loris High School and he coaches for their soccer team. Nils Rauhut explained that he runs into Helton from time to time since he referees at various sporting events.

* + - * 1. Kara Olson

Kara Olson was a 2012-2014 Jackson Scholar and she lives in Orlando, Florida where she works for the Walt Disney Company. Kara has started to save her money with the hopes of returning to school and obtaining a Master’s degree in conservation education. She is excited to combine her love for the environment and ethics, with her knowledge of public relations.

* + - * 1. Sarah Robinson

Sarah Robinson was a 2013-2015 Jackson Scholar. She currently works at Conway Elementary, but will be returning to Coastal in the Fall of 2018 to obtain her Master’s degree in Literacy, Language and Culture.

* + - * 1. Joseph Flemming

Joseph Flemming was a 2013-2015 Jackson Scholar as well. He was well known to the board and will be graduating in December with a Master’s of public administration from Savannah State University. Over the summer he interned as the Mayor’s Fellow for the City of Columbia, SC. He has also been recently accepted to participate in the 2017 Mellon Emerging Scholars Conference, where he will be presenting on Reverse Gentrification. Flemming is excited for this opportunity and to see where this project will take him.

* + - * 1. Courtney Mullis

Courtney Mullis was also a 2013-2015 Jackson Scholar. She will graduate from Wake Forest University in May with Master’s in English. After graduating, Mullis has been accepted to attend a PhD program at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

* + - * 1. Shelby Dangerfield

Shelby is another 2013-2015 Jackson Scholar. After graduation she moved to NYC to pursue musical theatre and a career as a personal stylist. Once in New York she received two job offers. The first was to work at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre in Philadelphia and the second was to work onboard a Disney Cruise Ship. After finishing with the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, Dangerfield worked aboard the Disney Cruise Ship playing numerous well-known characters such as Rapunzel and Mary Poppins. Currently Shelby Dangerfield has returned to NYC to continue auditioning.

* + - * 1. Julietta Marks

Julietta Marks was a 2014-2016 Jackson Scholar. She is at Boston University working towards her Master’s in International Affairs with a focus on the institution of policy. On the side she works for Century 21 and will be soon beginning an internship with the Air Force Base Defense Commissary Director.

* + - * 1. Darcy Barr

Darcy Barr is also a 2014-2016 Jackson Scholar. She is currently working on her doctorate in Osteopathic Medicine at Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine and in her spare time she enjoys volunteering at St. Luke’s Free Medical Clinic.

* + - * 1. Albert “LaTrez” Chestnut

Albert Chesnut was a 2015-2017 Jackson Scholar. He recently graduated with his Bachelor’s in May and is a manager at Publix. Chestnut also is a coach for the Christian Academy and he is currently exploring graduate programs for sports management.

* + - * 1. Kira Elton

Kira Elton was also a 2015-2017 Jackson Scholar. She graduated from Coastal in May and has been traveling across Europe since. Places she has visited include, but are not limited to: Spain, Italy, Greece, England, Scotland, Ireland, The Netherlands, Germany and Czech Republic.

* + 1. Current Students
       1. In continuing with the PowerPoint, Nils Rauhut then showed the board a group photo of each of the current scholars. He explained the process of narrowing down Jackson Scholars after their first semester and why the 2017-2019 Scholars had such a drastic cut. He believes that understanding how different students from different disciplines perform in the first semester’s class, can help us to better filter and select the next incoming group of scholars. Claudia McCollough suggested a system put in place that will help direct Scholars to any academic help they may need.
    2. Strength Weaknesses of Program
       1. David Holiday spoke on the opportunity of going to Prague that two Jackson Scholars had this summer. In addition to taking classes in economics, politics and philosophy, the students were able to experience the culture and life of those in the Czech Republic. Jackson Scholars, Yaicha Ocampo and Emily Thibeault were very thankful for this opportunity and claimed to have experienced much growth from it.
    3. Recruitment of New Class of Jackson Scholars
       1. Nils Rauhut commented on the current process for recruiting a new class of Jackson Scholars. The deadline to apply this year is October 13, 2017.
  1. New Community Conversation Project with Sara Sanders
     1. Sara Sanders directed the attention of the board to the Community Conversations Initiative Plan found in their folder. She explained that this initiative grew out of Marva Lackey’s Social Justice gatherings. She read the initiative goals and pointed out that the goals of the initiative coincide well with the mission of the Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values. With that, Sara Sanders asked if any board member is opposed to this initiative becoming an initiative of the Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values. The board unanimously agreed that the Community Conversations Initiative would be an initiative sponsored by the Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values.
  2. Future Leadership of Center
     1. At this point Nils Rauhut, David Holiday and Sara Sanders left the board meeting. Dean Ennis led the remainder of the meeting. He began by explaining that we are in search of a new Center Director and Ethics Fellow for August 2018. Nils Rauhut will be stepping down, as Director of the Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values and David Holiday will be moving on from the Ethics Fellow position. Dean Ennis proposed two search scenarios. The first being to conduct an internal search and the second would be to conduct a national search.
        1. Claudia McCollough expressed her concerns over a conducting a national search. She said that if both positions were searched for nationally, then we would be bringing in two people who have never been on campus before. She believes this to be a dangerous move to have two outsiders. Claudia McCollough claimed that the Center is making much progress and the second scenario would be a step backwards for the Center.
           1. Several other members of the board agreed with Claudia McCollough’s suggestions.
        2. Michael claimed that as a general rule, it is usually good to have an outsider; however, he does not believe that this applies to this situation. He believes that given the realities of what the job entails, an internal search should be conducted.
        3. Dean Ennis added that if a name or two does not come to mind for possible candidates, then we should worry about conducting an internal search. He proposed to the board that they should be able to picture someone who would be able to do the job. The board agreed and was able to picture possible candidates.
     2. It was a unanimous decision that for the position of the Director of the Center, the University should conduct an internal search and for the position of the Ethics Fellow, the University should conduct a national search.
     3. The board also discussed the time frame for the Director position. Claudia McCollough and the Jackson Family members were surprised to find that they had never thought to consider this when forming the Program. They discussed whether or not a term limit should be applied so that possible candidates know what they are getting into. It was agreed that a 3 to 5 year time frame was sufficient.
     4. It was decided that the Director Search Committee would be made up of the chair of the department of philosophy, associate dean Holly Tankersley, a member of the Jackson Board, a current faculty member and a current Jackson Scholar. It was noted by Dean Ennis that the search committee should be not more than five participants because the more people there is the harder it is to find time to come together. Dean Ennis said that he would follow up by email to find a board member who would be willing to represent the board on the committee.
     5. As for the Ethics Fellow, it was agreed that this position has a 3-year term. Nils as the current acting Director of the Center will form the search committee and direct the search for the new Ethics Fellow.
  3. For the Good of the Order
     1. It was requested by the board that Nils extend an invitation to Dean Overton to join the board.
     2. Gina Cummings shared ongoing collaborations that are going on between the various leadership programs on campus, specifically the upcoming Etiquette Dinner in November and the Boeing Trip in the past. Claudia McCollough expressed that she was very pleased with this and recommended that it would be in the good of all the Centers on campus to form a council.