Members of the Committee Present:
Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson, Mr. Charles E. Lewis, Mr. William L. Lyles Jr., Mr. Patrick S. Sparks, and Mr. Eugene C. Spivey

Committee Member Not Present:
Mr. George E. Mullen

Other Trustees
Mr. John H. Bartell Jr., Mr. William S. Biggs, Mr. Samuel H. Frink, Ms. Natasha M. Hanna, Mr. Carlos C. Johnson, Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr., Dr. Oran P. Smith, Mr. H. Delan Stevens, Dr. Samuel J. Swad, and Mr. William E. Turner III

Others Present:
Ms. Sandra A. Baldridge-Adrian, Ms. AraLeigh G. Beam, Ms. Katherine Brooks, Dr. J. Ralph Byington, Ms. Nedy Campbell, Mr. Joshua M. Chesson, Dr. Debbie C. Conner, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Mr. Stephen K. Harrison, Mr. Matthew L. Hogue, Mr. Matthew L. Hogue, Dr. Sara N. Hottinger, Ms. Martha S. Hunn, Ms. Jane E. Johansen, Mr. Timothy E. Meacham, Mr. Travis E. Overton, Ms. Jennifer Packard, Mr. William M. Plate Jr., Dr. Barbara A. Ritter, Dr. Reneé Smith, and Ms. V. Chyrel Stalvey

(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. No media were in attendance.)

Chairman Eugene Spivey brought the Athletics Committee meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. Due to illness, George Mullen was excused.

Delan Stevens moved to approve the August 3, 2017 Athletics Committee minutes. Larry Lyles seconded, and the motion passed.

Director of Athletics Matt Hogue reported that our student-athletes had gathered enough supplies to fill a 53 ft. semi-trailer that was sent to Texas for Matthew Hurricane relief. This was in partnership with Lewis Truck Lines Inc. in Conway who supplied the truck. Seven different teams worked diligently to gather the supplies.

Sun Belt Conference student-athlete successes included:
Commissioner’s academic list - 113;
Academic honor roll - 76;
Players of the year – 4;
Players of the week - 28;
All Sun belt selections – 51; and,
Newcomer/freshman of the year - 4.
Both the men’s and women’s soccer received Team Academic awards from the United Soccer Coaches Teams that post a cumulative 3.0 or higher GPA.

Both men’s and women’s tennis programs received Team Academic awards from ITA for compiling cumulative GPAs of 3.2 or higher.

National Academic acclaim was documented for our football team in an article on NCAA.com where CCU along with Northwestern and Alabama were recognized for their total number of graduates among FBS schools. CCU had seventeen.

Men’s soccer is in the top 25 and will play in post-season, as well as host the Sun Belt tournament in November. Championships will be taking place shortly with volleyball, women’s soccer, and lacrosse. The University is pleased with men’s new golf coach, Jim Garren. In three tournaments, student-athletes played nine under par and a couple of golfers played in the PGN program. Women’s golf did well this season, too.

Capital projects updates: Phase II football arena bid is opening November 7 and then contractor selection will take place; the new soccer venue has moved through state approvals and is now working with architects and seeking funding; and, the new teal track has been completed.

Because of Hurricane Maria, the basketball Puerto Rico Tip-off was been moved to our campus for play on November 16-19. This will be shown on ESPN network and will showcase our campus. Some of the teams playing are the University of South Carolina, Illinois State, Appalachian State, Western Michigan, and Tulsa. We will not be in the tournament due to a previous engagement to play in the Bahamas.

At this point the meeting went into Executive Session to receive a report from Associate Athletic Director AraLeigh Beam regarding NCAA directives and mandates.

Upon reconvening, she stated that because of recent recruitment rules broken at some universities, all universities will review their men’s basketball programs to make certain that everything is in good order. All of our student-athletes were asked if they had been approached by the FBI and NCAA. None have.

A group session will be held next Monday with the coaches. At this point, we do not have any issues. Hogue added that a report must be completed and submitted prior to the season opening on November 10.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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