Chairman Natasha Hanna brought the Government Affairs committee to order at 1:33 p.m.

Sam Frink moved to approve the August 3, 2017 Government Affairs Committee minutes and Sam Swad seconded. The motion carried.

**Frink made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between Horry County Police Department and Coastal Carolina University (Motion 17-62). Swad seconded, and the motion passed.**

It was noted that if CCU is the first responder, then the statistics will be attributed to CCU.

Lobbyist Mark Kelley gave an update on local government activity. He will be working in the session coming up to increase FTE and shooting for 25 extra next month. Because of re-
elections being held next year, controversial issues won’t be brought up. It is expected that there will be a big push for a bond bill for capital projects.

On a recent visit to Washington, D.C., Nelson Mullins Riley Scarborough LLP was very helpful to arrange for the group to visit all the congressional offices from South Carolina. It is imperative that the delegation understands our mission, and realizes that we are the fourth largest university in the state. We will soon be the third. More CCU memorabilia was needed for their offices and a candy jar filled with chocolate has been sent.

Kelley announced that he will retire in June of 2018 because of health issues.

Discussion was held to clarify that the university’s Lobbyist is appointed by the president, because he/she is an employee of the institution. Employment is renewable each year. The Nelson Mullins Riley Scarborough LLP contract comes to the Board of Trustees for approval because any “consultant or contract” that exceeds $10,000 needs to be sanctioned by the Board. An e-mail will be sent to the Board with a list of who is a contract or consultant that requires Board approval.

President David DeCenzo noted that should there be an emergency contract that cannot await for the entire Board to assemble, the chairman of the Finance, Planning & Facilities Committee Finance in consultation with the chairman of the Board and the University President makes a decision. The decision is then reported at the next Board meeting.

As there was no further business, Larry Lyles moved to adjourn. Frink seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey

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Recorder