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Minutes

**Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees**

Board Room

9:00 a.m., Friday, January 10, 1997

Presiding: Mr. Fred F. DuBard, Jr., Chairman

Board Members Present:

Mr. Gene Anderson
Mr. Payne H. Barnette, Jr.
Mr. Robert D. Brown
Mr. H. Franklin Burroughs
Ms. B. Catherine Harrell
Ms. Cathy Brand Harvin
Mr. Dean P. Hudson
Mr. James J. Johnson
Mr. William L. Lyles, Jr.
Ms. Elaine W. Marks
Mr. Clark B. Parker
Ms. Juli Streater Powers
Mr. Keith S. Smith
Dr. Oran P. Smith
Mr. E. Craig Wall, Jr.

Board Member Not Present:

Dr. James F. Kane

Others Present:

Dr. Ronald R. Ingle
Dr. John P. Idoux
Dr. Sally Horner
Mr. Mark Avant
Mr. Clay Brittain, Jr.
Dr. Don Brook
Ms. Mona Dukes
Dr. Valgene Dunham
Mr. Stan Godshall
Dr. John Goodwin
Mr. Philip Massey
Ms. Anne Monk
Mr. Alan L. Nagy
Mr. Lynn Rudy Nelson
Ms. Patricia Sizemore
Dr. John Steen
Dr. Robert Squatriglia
Mr. Art Wendelken
Dr. Dennis Wiseman
Ms. Nila Hutchinson
Ms. 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. Mr. Richard Green of WCOX television was present.)

Chairman DuBard welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Mr. Anderson offered an invocation.

Ms. Dukes introduced members of the newly formed Student Alumni Association which will be instrumental in instilling loyalty and help with campus events: Tammy Ott (co-advisor), Doc Miller, Peter Green, Shae Tetterton, Ryan Brown, and Caroline Perry.

I. Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

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II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Hudson to approve the October 18, 1996 minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting, seconded by Ms. Powers, and carried.

III. Commendation Awarded

Dr. Ingle and Mr. DuBard awarded Mr. Lynn Rudy Nelson, Law Enforcement and Safety Officer, a certificate of commendation for meritorious service and dedication to duty. After responding to a fire alarm on November 10, 1996, about 2:00 a.m., he proceeded to evacuate the students. He entered a smoke filled room where the fire originated with considerable personal risk to ensure that no students were still in the room. His shift supervisor was so impressed by Mr. Nelson's action that he instituted the request for this commendation.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Nothing to report.

Academic Affairs Committee

Ms. Marks presented a motion for the Academic Affairs Committee to recommend the nomination of Mr. William F. Davis to receive an honorary doctorate at the May 1997 commencement. Mr. Burroughs seconded, and the motion passed.

The committee has an item of business during the Executive Session.

Development & Alumni Affairs Committee

Nothing to report.

Student Affairs Committee

After a preliminary feasibility discussion regarding football at Coastal, the Student Affairs Committee asked the administration to continue with its study and report back at the June 1997 Board meeting.

Planning & Fiscal Affairs Committee

Nothing to report.

V. President's Report

Mr. Alan L. Nagy, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, was introduced to the Board. With a restructuring in security and safety, Dr. Don Brook has been appointed Director of Safety which includes responsibilities for the administration of the Department of Law

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Enforcement and Safety and the development and administration of the university's fire, safety, and hazardous materials program. Dr. Brook stated that he would use an umbrella approach to safety, involving students, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Ingle stated that the fastest growing academic area at Coastal is in the sciences, and our science facilities are insufficient. Dr. Val Dunham was asked to develop a plan for Coastal today and into the next century, and he assembled a team to generate the plans.

Dr. Dunham reported that the responsibility of the School of Natural and Applied Sciences is to prepare students to make decisions and judgments based on critical information. He requested input from each of the departments in the School of Natural and Applied Sciences asking them about the future, how their particular discipline will be delivered to students, and enrollment. Last June he met with members of Coastal's facility planners Messrs. Mark Avant and Philip Massey, asking them to help with the design phase of the plans.

Drs. Dunham and Goodwin and Mr. Avant attended a workshop conducted by Project Kaleidoscope (P-Kal) at Duke University. P-Kal has been a part of most of the science building projects in the last decade. Dr. John Goodwin, Assistant Chemistry Professor, reported that the P-Kal workshops included curricula, interdisciplinary sciences, and science buildings. The proposed designs were in part based on the latest designs and technologies in education looking forward to the twenty-first century.

This information, as well as the input from the faculty and staff, was reviewed and used to develop the design for the Smith Science Center, named in honor of Trustee Emeritus Dr. R. Cathcart Smith.

Messrs. Massey and Avant reviewed the design booklet which had been distributed. The center will be 106,630 square feet, with a projected cost of \$24.7 million. This does not include the cost of instrumentation for the laboratories, but does include the renovation of the current Science Building. They pointed out that the new structure can be completed and then tied into the existing building. Mr. Avant has designed a two-story, glass structured auditorium as a bridge between the two.

Dr. Ingle reminded the Board that the proposed Smith Science Center is included in the Master Plan for Coastal which was discussed during the April 1996 Board meeting. We now have a plan to present to a funding agency or foundation should the opportunity arise.

A draft report of Dr. Horner's Long Range Planning report was distributed to everyone. After many meetings throughout the campus community in the last year and a half, a final recommendation will be presented to the Board to decide whether or not that is the direction Coastal should take. Mr. DuBard stated that the administration will be corresponding with the Board shortly on available dates to have a spring retreat to discuss these plans.

A calendar of Coastal events for the spring semester was distributed. Dr. Ingle encouraged everyone to attend the **Truth, Beauty and FDR**, a one-woman play, to be presented by Sandi Shackelford. Members of the community have also been invited. Founders' Day is scheduled for February 3, at 3:00 p.m. A committee of faculty, administrators, and a member of the

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Board of Trustees and the Horry County Higher Education Commission chose to honor Mr. E. Cater Floyd, Ms. Kitty Lou Tilghman, Ms. Anne Tilghman Boyce, and Mr. Collins A. Spivey for their significant contributions to Coastal.

A breakfast for the Horry County Legislative Delegation and members of the Board of Trustees will be held on January 29 at the Capital City Club in Columbia. This is an annual event to thank the legislators for their support and especially this year for their help with the bond bill which includes \$11.7 million funding for the Humanities Building. At least another \$3 million will be needed. Representative Keegan, a member of the Joint Bond Bill Review Committee, was diligent in keeping this project in the bond bill.

Included in the bill is \$4 million for a student center-library for Horry-Georgetown Tech. Also in the bill is \$750,000 which will be matched by funds from Georgetown County for renovations of the Georgetown Campus of Horry-Georgetown Tech. When this is completed, Coastal will offer classes there.

Yesterday the SCCHE passed the complicated Performance Funding Plan which will be phased in by 1999. Dr. Horner said there are 37 performance indicators which have been defined.

The University of Barcelona (Spain) and Coastal are in the process of finalizing contractual agreements on the Professional Golf Management Program. This has come about through Dr. Kane's international contacts.

The fiber-optics project to connect all the buildings on campus to the computer network is almost completed.

Dr. R. Cathcart Smith has donated a relief sculpture of Ms. Ruby Forsythe, a Baskerville humanitarian, who has a Coastal scholarship named for her. Mr. Frederick Hart of Conway, one of the leading sculptors in the U.S., created the piece. When the Humanities Building is completed, it will be placed there.

VI. Chairman's Report

Mr. DuBard informed the Board that Dr. Ingle's father-in-law had passed away just before Christmas and extended his sympathy.

Mr. DuBard drew attention to several items distributed: a Coastal quick fact sheet, 1996 per diem reports to be used for tax purposes, and a Continuing Education brochure which was distributed in **The Sun News** telling of programs and classes offered at Coastal. Board members were given a Coastal Board of Trustees coffee mug.

Those who attended the December commencement were thanked for coming.

Mr. DuBard encouraged Board members to respond to invitations to attend functions by letting the administration know if they will be in attendance or not.

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Dr. Ingle stated that Governor Beasley has included a Prepaid Tuition Program in the budget which will have to be carefully approached. In the past year, the South Carolina chairs of board of trustees have been reviewing prepaid tuition. Mr. DuBard feels that the plan has merit; it must be put together properly. The biggest problem is that schools include room and board as part of the prepaid plan which complicates it. Mr. Brown wanted to know what would happen if SAT scores were not high enough to attend a university. Mr. DuBard stated that there will be safeguards in the plan.

Mr. Clay Brittain, newly elected president of the Coastal Educational Foundation, Inc., was introduced to the Board. Mr. Brittain stated that the Foundation sent him to express appreciation to the Board for their time and energies spent for the institution. The Foundation appreciates the closeness between the two organizations. Originally, the Foundation was formed to help all higher education in Horry County. When Coastal separated from USC, the Foundation changed its bylaws to endorse fund raising for only Coastal Carolina University. The Foundation has plans underway for a new capital campaign.

Ms. Harrell shared with the Board a conversation she had with the parents of one of Coastal's students. They were very complimentary of Coastal, stating that the faculty, staff, and students had been very helpful to their student who had been a troubled youth. Other individuals hearing the conversation became inquisitive and wanted more information about Coastal. Ms. Harrell thanked the administration for their support of the students.

VII. Unfinished Business

Ms. Anne Monk reported that Coastal now has a radio information channel--530 on the AM dial. The information is on a three-and-a-half minute loop.

VIII. New Business

Nothing to report.

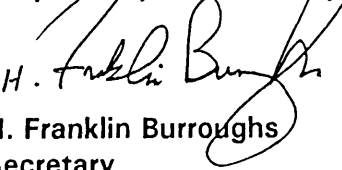
IX. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Burroughs and seconded by Dr. Oran Smith to go into Executive Session.

There was no action taken during executive session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Anderson; seconded by Mr. Lyles. The next Board meeting will be April 18, 1997.

Respectfully submitted by,


H. Franklin Burroughs
Secretary