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Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees

E. Craig Wall, Sr. Building
Board of Trustees Room
9:00 a.m., Friday, April 23, 1999

Presiding: Mr. H. Franklin Burroughs

Board Members Present:

Mr. Gene Anderson
Mr. Payne H. Barnette, Jr.
Mr. Robert D. Brown
Mr. Fred F. DuBard, Jr.
Mr. Dean P. Hudson
Mr. William L. Lyles, Jr.
Ms. Elaine W. Marks
Mr. Clark B. Parker
Ms. Juli S. Powers
Mr. Robert L. Rabon
Mr. Keith S. Smith
Dr. Oran P. Smith

Board Members Not Present:

Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs
Ms. Cathy Brand Harvin
Dr. James F. Kane

Others Present:

Dr. Ronald R. Ingle
Dr. Sally M. Horner
Dr. John P. Idoux
Mr. David L. Blank
Mr. David A. Bredekamp
Dr. Janis Chesson
Ms. Debbie Conner
Ms. Stacy M. Cretzmeyer
Dr. Edgar L. Dyer
Dr. John B. Durrell
Mr. Stan Godshall
Ms. Linda Lyerly
Mr. Bill Musser
Dr. Joseph P. Mazurkiewicz
Ms. Ann Monk
Mr. Matthew R. Morrin
Mr. Alan Nagy
Mr. George F. "Buddy" Sasser
Ms. Pat Sizemore
Dr. Robert W. Squatriglia
Ms. Charmaine Tomczyk
Dr. Richard Weldon
Dr. Dennis G. 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 Time Warner Cable was present.)

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Burroughs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Clark Parker opened the meeting with prayer. Roll was taken.

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Dr. Ingle announced Mr. Buddy Sasser's retirement the end of June which had been announced at a press announcement on April 22. He introduced Mr. Dave Blank who will assume the role of Athletic Director. Mr. Blank stated that he is fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Sasser as Associate Director of Athletics as this will be a good transition for him. He is looking forward to the new challenges.

Dr. Squatriglia introduced the 1999-2000 Student Government Association officers: Peter Green (President), Allison Farrar (Vice President), Maegan Carsey (Treasurer), and Allison Joslyn (Secretary).

Chairman Burroughs presented Trustee Emeritus Gene Anderson with a resolution for his service to the University and with his Board of Trustees robe. Mr. Anderson stated that he has enjoyed watching the University and the administration through its years of growth and expressed appreciation to his friends on the Board.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Marks to approve the minutes of January 8, 1999. Mr. Lyles seconded, and the motion passed.

III. President's Report

Dr. Wiseman reported that the School of Education has received its professional accreditation from NCATE in both the graduate and undergraduate levels. This achievement will open the door for other program developments. Dr. Idoux acknowledged that although this achievement was a group effort, Dr. Wiseman was the motivating force behind it.

Ms. Marks congratulated Dr. Wiseman, the School of Education, and the University. Through her service on the NCATE board, she is aware that it is a difficult and expensive process which most colleges and universities in South Carolina do not go through. She is excited to share this news with the NEA board on which she serves.

Dr. Ingle stated that although nothing definitive has been received from the legislators in regards to the Humanities Building, he is still very confident that the funding will be forthcoming.

A very successful Wheelwright Gala featuring the Spoleto chamber music group was held on March 19. This black tie event was attended by members of the Board and the community. The fundraising event was held for the refurbishment of the Wheelwright which should be completed during the summer.

Commencement is on May 8 at 9:00 a.m., and Ms. Rita Colwell, head of the National Science Foundation, will be the speaker.

The NOAA research ship *Ferrell* was docked in Georgetown. Guests were invited from Georgetown and Horry counties to board the ship and get a greater understanding of the

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experience which Coastal's Marine Science students have while participating in the research conducted on the ship. It was a successful event.

The South Carolina House of Representatives presented Dr. Gil Hunt, Chair of the Department of Teacher Education Programs, with a resolution honoring his contributions to public education in South Carolina.

For the second year, Coastal's men's golf team has won the Big South Conference championship and established a winning record this year. The women's golf team came in third place.

In June Coastal will go on summer hours and extend the Monday through Thursday workday and shorten the Friday workday. The campus will remain open and essential services will continue. This will allow the employees to avoid the Friday afternoon tourist traffic.

It has been a good semester for Coastal. The retention initiatives the Board approved seem to be succeeding as the decline of enrollment from the fall to spring semesters was less this year than last year.

Dr. Idoux stated that the national search for a Dean of Humanities to replace Dr. John Durrell did not come to a successful conclusion although there was a large highly qualified pool of applicants. Another search will begin in August. Dr. Eddie Dyer will serve as the interim dean until a replacement is found.

IV. Campus Report: Counseling Overview

Dr. Ingle noted that the counseling service facilities are totally inadequate. He is in discussions with Conway Hospital to build a health center to provide service for Coastal's students. If the agreement with Conway Hospital is successful, an office suite will be available for our counseling staff, thereby allowing more confidentiality.

Dr. Joe Mazurkiewicz, Director of Counseling, introduced Ms. Stacy Cretzmeyer, Counselor. Counseling provides a comprehensive group of services for students including: services for women, services for students with disabilities, alcohol and drug education, and career services.

Students with disabilities are identified and appropriate counseling is provided. Coastal must be in compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Community Act and provide education, information, counseling, and assessment. The Alcohol 101 program has been a very useful tool, and the students are enthused about the interactive computer program.

A previous Board presentation highlighted the Career Counseling services which is really about finding about who you are and what you would like to do with your career.

Ms. Cretzmeyer highlighted the Women's Advocacy Services which includes eating disorders, sexual harassment, grief issues, date rapes and sexual assault, abusive relationships, family problems, and assertiveness skills. She shared national statistics underscoring the need for prevention and educational programs.

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The Women's Advocacy Center was opened in 1998 to provide support, strategic planning, and collaboration. Faculty, staff, students, and community agencies are involved in the center which is open to both men and women. Video and audio tapes have been contributed by faculty, staff, students, and the Coastal Educational Foundation. The Center enjoys a collaborative working relationship with off-campus agencies such as Grand Strand Community Against Rape, Citizens Against Spousal Abuse, the Horry County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, and others.

In an effort to increase dialogue between men and women students, a 1996 panel discussion addressing dating and violence was offered to the campus and community and attended by almost 250. The first women's conference, "Women in Resilience," was held in 1997 and was attended by more than 300, including high school students from Horry and Georgetown counties. Women's issue groups have been attended on a regular basis by approximately 50 sorority students. In 1999, the second women's conference, "Perceptions," offered the following workshops: exploring gender bias in American healthcare, women in the media, fostering whole and healthy adolescent girls in today's society, race and healing, and abuse.

Confidential support groups for women with eating disorders, students in abusive relationships, and students seeking assertiveness training are offered on a regular basis.

During Victims' Rights Week, the Garden of Hope Celebration was held in Spadoni Park to honor the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault to educate students.

Future goals for the center are to help the University community increase its awareness and appreciation of women.

Mr. Rabon commended the work with high school students as it is greatly needed in view of the recent events in America.

Mr. Hudson asked if there was some measure of the student's satisfaction with the education received at Coastal. Dr. Ingle stated that an alumni survey is conducted by Institutional Effectiveness and is mandated by CHE. Also, the counseling center and some class curricula require the writing of resumes and interviewing techniques.

Mr. Rabon asked if the center was equipped to help a student with severe problems. Dr. Mazurkiewicz stated that student's requiring help that cannot be addressed on campus are referred to psychiatrists and other health professionals within the community.

V. Standing Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Nothing to report.

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Academic Affairs Committee

The Academic Affairs Committee met with Dr. Idoux to discuss several items. Ms. Marks reported that the committee had items to discuss in Executive Session.

Development & Alumni Affairs Committee

Mr. Parker pointed out the updated giving reports included in the Board packets for review.

Chairman Burroughs added that University Advancement is doing a great job and congratulated the staff on the increase in fund raising.

Planning & Fiscal Affairs Committee

Mr. Keith Smith reported that the committee met the day before, and Dr. Horner reported that 74.5 percent of the 1998-99 budget has been spent with six weeks left in the budget year. The budget should be favorable for the year.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve an increase in the student fees for room, board, and health service by \$85 per semester, to total \$2,485 per semester. These figures are shown on page 75 entitled "Financial Analyses and Projects" of the 1999-2000 budget book (draft copy, April 1999). Mr. Hudson seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the "Expenditure Policy" as revised to reflect the changes as shown on pages 92-100 entitled "Financial Analyses and Projections" of the 1999-2000 budget book (draft copy, April 1999). Mr. DuBard seconded and passed by acclamation.

Mr. Godshall introduced Mr. Bill Musser, bond counsel with McNair Law Firm. The singular bid for the new dorms, welcome center, and laundry facility was more costly than anticipated. As a consequence, the final figure is not available. Reductions in some of the projects will be considered. Approximately \$14 million dollars of the bond will be for the new facilities while \$9 million will be for refinancing the old bonds.

Mr. Hudson feels that the cuts should not be made in the welcome center as the public will receive its first introduction to the university there. It needs to be the best building possible.

Mr. Keith Smith made a motion for the Board to approve the supplemental resolution providing for the issuance and sale of Coastal Carolina University Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 1999 as well as other documents relating to the revenue bonds. Dr. Oran Smith seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Keith Smith moved to approve the proposed capital project, the renovation and new construction for the R. Cathcart Smith Science Center, at an estimated cost of \$27 million as listed in the "1999-2000 Annual Permanent Improvement Plan" (APIP). Mr. Barnette seconded. The motion carried.

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A meeting of the Planning & Fiscal Affairs Committee will be held on May 7 at 2:00 p.m. to review the entire 1999-2000 budget in more detail. All Board members were encouraged to attend.

Student Affairs Committee

The Board has held previous discussions on the addition of women's soccer to Coastal's athletic program. Mr. Lyles moved to recommend the addition of women's soccer; Mr. Brown seconded; and the motion carried.

Mr. Lyles moved for the Board to endorse Coastal Carolina University's Student Senate Resolution to recognize three distinct housing clusters in the residence halls with the themes "The Woods," "The Gardens," and "The Rivers." Mr. Brown seconded these recommendations, and the voting was unanimous.

In the future if the Board wishes to name a facility for a person, it can easily be done with these suggested names. There was a lot of student input on these suggestions.

There will be an item for Executive Session.

Dr. Squatriglia pointed out the University Creed, a code of civility, passed by the SGA Student Senate.

VI. Chairman's Report

Chairman Burroughs expressed appreciation to the Board for their support of the Board Retreat held in February and to the administration for the arrangements and preparation.

He appointed an ad hoc Nominating Committee to provide a slate of officers for 1999-2000: Ms. Harvin, chair; Mr. Brown; Dr. Kane; and himself as resource.

VII. Unfinished Business

None.

VIII. New Business

None.

IX. Executive Session

Chairman Burroughs announced that there were legal, contractual, and personnel matters to be discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Hudson moved to go into Executive Session and Mr. DuBard seconded. After reconvening, Chairman Burroughs stated that no action was taken.

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At the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, Ms. Marks made a motion for the Board to approve the promotion and tenure candidates as indicated in the Board meeting packets. Mr. Rabon seconded, and the motion carried. Mr. Hudson abstained from voting as one of the candidates is the spouse of his employer.

Ms. Marks made a motion for the Board to approve the conferring of honorary degrees to Dr. William H. Davis and Dr. D. Kent Sharples. Mr. Parker seconded. The motion carried.

Ms. Marks moved to endorse a resolution of appreciation for Dr. John B. Durrell, Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts, at his retirement for more than thirty years service to Coastal Carolina University and grant Emeritus Dean and Emeritus Professor of Humanities. Mr. Rabon seconded, and the motion passed by acclamation. (The resolution is attached.)

At the recommendation of the Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Lyles moved to accept a resolution honoring Mr. George F. "Buddy" Sasser, Director of Athletics, and grant Emeritus Director of Athletics who is also retiring. The voting was unanimous. (The resolution is attached.)

Dr. Durrell and Mr. Sasser received standing ovations. Mr. Sasser will stay on a part time basis to wrap up a few items.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned until the next Board of Trustees meeting on June 25, 1999.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Juli S. Powers /cs".

Juli S. Powers