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I. Call to Order

Oran Smith brought the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and stated that Chairman Wyatt Henderson was flying with the football team to North Dakota State for the NCAA quarterfinals.

Roll call was taken.
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II. Approval of Minutes

Larry Biddle to approve the October 11, 2013, and Carlos Johnson seconded. The motion carried.

III. President’s Report

Greg Thornburg reported that the one-stop shop for recruitment and counseling has moved to Baxley Hall. It is a showplace. Spring 2013 enrollment was 7,490 and Spring 2014 is 7,504.

Nelljean Rice, Dean of University College, reported that University College is the newest college on campus and is designed to assist first-year undeclared students in their transition from high school to college and includes Interdisciplinary Studies majors, Honors Students, and Student Veterans. Academic coaching is available for students to be helped one on one. We now have an advisor for undeclared students. The Interdisciplinary Studies program allows students to combine two or more interests into a college degree. Students are highly encouraged to participate in internships. University 105 is a non-credit class training students how to study. The College has two new faculty members.

Rice introduced Jamie Jones, Andrea Robinson and Alison McQuarrie, students in University College, who shared their experiences. 

Jones, B.S. in Environmental Science and Sustainability, had an opportunity during her senior year to have experiences in three different fields of study. She has networked with people in every corner of campus. She taught in the local Montessori School with Dr. Pamela Martin. As a result she has signed to teach in a school in South Korea. She finally found her niche and found confidence for her life study in only one year.

Allyson, B.A. Communications and Human Sciences, is a single mother and paramedic. After obtaining her associates degree from Horry-Georgetown Technical College, she transferred to Coastal Carolina University to get a degree in biology. She has decided to study to become a physician’s assistant. Although there was not a curriculum available at CCU, she and Rice developed an interdisciplinary program that will allow her to qualify for several schools in the southeast. She has concentrated on human biology and science with a minor in health promotions. An internship at Coastal Orthopedics was very helpful.

Robinson, B.A., Law and Sociology, transferred from HGTC thinking that she wanted to be a paralegal. However, she discovered that she absolutely hated it and decided she wanted to go to law school. Her classes transferred over from HGTC. Interdisciplinary Studies was a blessing, allowing the opportunity to pick and choose classes. In the end, she discovered that she loved sociology. Tomorrow she graduates and already has a job with developer in the area.

February’s report will be from the Thomas W. & Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts.
IV. Standing Committee Reports

Academic & Student Affairs

After review of the Academic & Student Affairs Committee, Dan Moore moved to approve the following proposals and Larry Biddle seconded. The motions passed unanimously were: B.A. with Certification in Special Education – Multi-Categorical (Motion 13-53); B.S. in Civil and Coastal Engineering (Motion 13-54); B.A. in Digital Content Development (Motion 13-55); B.A. in Integrated Humanities (Motion 13-56); and, M.S. in Sport Management (Motion 13-57).

Advancement, Marketing & Alumni Affairs Committee

No action items.

Advancement/Marketing/Alumni Committee

Natasha Hanna reported that Coastal Carolina’s free app is now available for download to computers. A viewing party for the North Dakota State football game will be held tomorrow at Buffalo Wild Wings. Mark Roach has been appointed Vice President for Philanthropy.

Athletics Committee

No action items. The men’s soccer team had a very successful season and made it to the final eight.

Audit Committee

Nothing to report.

Executive Committee

After review of the Ad-hoc Singleton Building Committee’s recommendations and the Executive Committee, Biddle moved to accept the recommendation for renovations not to exceed $9M and allow the administration to move forward with the project (Motion 13-45). Lyles seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Finance, Planning & Facilities Committee

After review of the Finance, Planning & Facilities Committee, Carlos Johnson moved to approve making Coastal Carolina a tobacco-free campus (Motion 13-52). Turner seconded and the motion carried.

Government Affairs Committee

No action items
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V. Chairman’s Report

The motion to amend the bylaws was reviewed and will be voted on in February. Changes include dissolving the Audit Committee and fold its duties into the Executive Committee, creating a Students Affairs and Retention Committee, changing the name of Academic and Student Affairs Committee to Academic Affairs Committee, and amending bylaws to conform to legislative changes to congressional districts and appointments.

Board meetings for 2014 will be held February 13-14, May 8-9, and July 10-11, 2014.

VII. Executive Session

No items of business.

VIII. Other Business

David DeCenzo reminded everyone of the commencements activities taking place. Four hundred and fifteen students applied for graduation and about 380 will be walking tomorrow.

The nine seniors on the football team will miss commencement because of the football game and a ceremony for them will be held on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in Johnson Auditorium. Joe Moglia will be the commencement speaker.

As there was no further business, Biddle moved to adjourn and Spivey seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey for
Larry L. Biddle
Secretary/Treasurer