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## Board of Trustees Minutes, June 30, 2016

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**Minutes  
Coastal Carolina University  
Board of Trustees**

**E. Craig Wall Sr. School of Business Administration Building, Board Room  
June 30, 2016**

**Presiding:** Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson

**Board Members Present:**

Mr. William S. Biggs  
Mr. Samuel H. Frink  
Ms. Natasha M. Hanna  
Mr. Carlos C. Johnson  
Mr. Marion B. Lee  
Mr. Charles E. Lewis  
Mr. William L. Lyles Jr.  
Mr. George E. Mullen  
Dr. Oran P. Smith  
Mr. Eugene C. Spivey  
Mr. H. Delan Steven  
Mr. William E. Turner

**Board Members Not Present:**

Mr. Fred F. DuBard III  
Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr.

Mr. Robert G. Templeton  
Dr. Samuel J. Swad

**Others Present:**

Ms. Stacie A. Bowie  
Dr. J. Ralph Byington  
Ms. Nedy Campbell  
Mr. Josh Chesson  
Ms. Amanda E. Craddock  
Dr. David A. DeCenzo  
Mr. Edgar L. Dyer  
Ms. Martha S. Hunn  
Mr. Austin Nichols  
Mr. Travis E. Overton  
Mr. Timothy E. Meacham  
Mr. William M. Plate Jr.  
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. Matt Barbour of WPDE and Ruby Durham of WBTW was in attendance.)

Chairman Wyatt Henderson brought the teleconference meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and stated that the notice of the meeting had been sent out in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws and the Freedom of Information Act.

Coastal Carolina University is proposing a 3.29 percent tuition increase for both in-state and out-of-state students. The proposed increase for in-state undergraduate students is \$173 per semester, and rates for out-of-state undergraduates an increase of \$400 per semester. A three percent enrollment increase was factored into undergraduate tuition. Henderson referred to page 8 in the 2016-2017 Budget Booklet and pointed out that there is no increase in room and board or the meal plan.

The state legislature has mandated a 3.5 percent salary increase for employees thus requiring a \$1.2M increase in next year's budget and the need to increase tuition. The overall cost to students for total tuition, room and board is only a 1.7 percent increase.

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 30, 2016**

**Wyatt Henderson moved to approve a 3.29 percent increase in tuition, room and board and meal plan, as stated in the 2016-2017 Budget Book. Will Turner seconded. Roll call was taken, and the voting was unanimous.**

Before the voting, Natasha Hanna had several questions. First, what has the University done to decrease expenses. Stacie Bowie stated that although there is no housing increase, there are additional expenses with the mandated pay increase and new housing coming on line. We are also looking at ways to implement the strategic plan which will require an increase in expenses. Ralph Byington added that we are taking some residence hall buildings off-line for renovations so there won't be revenue in those buildings.

Second, employee travel expense is \$1.8M. What is in place to offset this amount? Bowie replied that the administration is trying to determine whether it is better to have centralized travel or decentralized travel arrangements. It would be a major burden for one person to handle the huge amount of travel on campus. We have a central program that is used throughout the University. We have hired a travel company for athletics this year and will determine if that is viable for the whole university.

Third, Hanna expressed concerned that we are turning colleges into country clubs and asked if Bowie was confident that we had done all we could to decrease expenses. Bowie stated that she could say with confidence that there are no places to decrease expenses. Current projects for year-end outcome allow us to budget the full contingency of \$2.7 million to carry forward into the new budget. This is a \$300,000 increase from the previous time last year.

Hanna also requested that in the future, the Board receive a thorough analysis of expenses and savings from the last budget prior to a new budget vote coming before the Board. Bowie will make that happen. Carlos Johnson added that more information will be communicated to the Board of Trustees via the Finance Committee in the future.

Delan Stevens made a comparison survey of increases at other state universities. Except for Winthrop, every other university in the state will have a tuition increase this year. If you look at the dollar amount students will have to pay, Coastal Carolina is in the bottom 10% of all universities in the state. He believes that the University and the Board have done a good job with the proposed tuition increase.

Larry Lyles reminded everyone that Coastal Carolina is the least state funded university in the state. Henderson added that with the organic growth of the University, expenses will increase likewise. Inflation was 2.25 percent last year, and the state required a pay raise of 3.25 percent.

Respectfully submitted,

***Chyrel Stalvey***  
V. Chyrel Stalvey  
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