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**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees**

**John W. Dawsey Conference Room
Teleconference Call
September 24, 2018**

Presiding: Chairman William S. Biggs

Board Members Present:

Mr. John H. Bartell Jr.
Mr. William S. Biggs
Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson
Mr. Carlos C. Johnson
Mr. Charles E. Lewis
Mr. William L. Lyles Jr.
Dr. Samuel J. Swad
Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr.
Mr. George E. Mullen
Dr. Oran P. Smith
Mr. Patrick S. Sparks
Mr. Eugene C. Spivey
Mr. H. Delan Stevens

Board Members Not Present:

Ms. Natasha M. Hanna
Mr. William E. Turner III

Others Present:

Ms. Katherine M. Brooks
Dr. J. Ralph Byington
Ms. Nedy Campbell
Mr. Joshua M. Chesson
Dr. Debbie C. Conner
Dr. David A. DeCenzo
Mr. Samuel H. Frink
Mr. David Frost
Mr. Stephen K. Harrison
Ms. Martha S. Hunn
Ms. B. J. Landrum
Ms. Carissa A. Medeiros
Chief David Roper
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. Tyler Fleming of The Sun News was in attendance.)

Chairman Bill Biggs brought the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. The Board met with the Emergency Management Team to discuss issues brought about by Hurricane Florence.

Roll call was taken by Nedy Campbell.

Director of Emergency Management Carissa Medeiros stated that it had been three weeks since anticipating and dealing with the effects of Hurricane Florence's coming ashore on September 14. We continue to have flooding in areas which have never flooded before. Most discouraging is that the flow of water is slowing down and will not go away quickly and will be impacting the

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area indefinitely. This past weekend Highway 9 and some other areas reopened for traffic. It is expected that the Waccamaw will crest in Conway on Wednesday while Bucksport and Socastee will continue to rise and crest later in the week and then continue on downstream to Georgetown and Winyah Bay.

Highway 17 South at Winyah Bay is now one lane each way. Soldiers from the South Carolina Army National Guard are assisting the state's Department of Transportation in constructing an Aqua Dam to keep Highway 17 open from Georgetown to Myrtle Beach.

Patrick Sparks was curious as to who would inspect all the roads and bridges. Medeiros stated that the S.C. Department of Transportation will be inspecting with additional help from the National Guard and other agencies from surrounding counties. Working on behalf of FEMA, the Urban Search and Rescue Team from Texas is keeping close watch on the effects of the storm at Lake Busbee and Highway 501. The team is staying on campus.

We now have a tropical system off the coast which is being closely watched.

If all continues to go well, President David DeCenzo anticipates sending an announcement out late Wednesday afternoon stating that I-95 and most of I-40 is now open. It is probable that Highways 501, 378 and 22 will be open by Friday. Students should return to campus on Friday with classes resuming on Monday.

Different areas on campus are slowly reopening. Today, local students were allowed in the residence halls to get needed items, the Health Center opened with limited hours, and Kimbel Library has opened.

Students and employees have been adversely affected by the effects of the storm and several have been evacuated. We were reminded that 40% of the students live on campus and 60% commute.

In addition to debris and damaged trees, 55 buildings experienced some type of leakage. At this point, everything has been cleaned up and repaired.

Biggs asked if classes can be made up and the semester finished on time. Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Byington stated that 14 days of in-seat classes have been missed. Modified/alternative instruction started this week so no more class time will be missed. The deans are putting together a list of faculty members who will need to have seat time for classes. We will then build a model for scheduling makeup class time. Some days when classes on campus would have been closed will now be classroom days, like voting day and a December study day. Classes may be scheduled on Saturdays and in the evenings.

George Mullen wanted to know how this would affect the budget. Byington stated that Executive Director of Planning & Research, Institutional Research, Assessment and Analysis Chris Mee is tracking individuals who are withdrawing and unable to continue the semester. As of this morning, there has been no movement in this area.

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David Frost reported that there is a possibility of recouping monies for housing Athletics off campus through our insurance. Medeiros stated there is funding opportunities to reimburse expenses from FEMA and others. Wyatt Henderson reminded everyone that the University has accumulated over \$2.8M surplus monies in the last two years.

DeCenzo stated that there have been lots of questions regarding semester completion, grades and earned credit. The big question has been whether there will be a tuition rebate because students have not been on campus. We do not anticipate a tuition rebate to any of the affected students because provisions are being made for makeup hours. A meal rebate is being discussed with Aramark. There is a clause in the housing contract that students will pay rent even if they are not in the residence. At this point, a housing rebate is not anticipated.

Gene Spivey asked if there will be a nonattendance issue with SACS. Byington stated that SACS and the Department of Education have a certain amount of required instruction time. The University is working to fulfill that 100%.

Byington believes the biggest challenge for freshmen is that the first 45 days solidifies their adjustment to campus life. The deans, professors and advisors are reaching out to students through e-mails letting them know that we have the resources to help them complete their semester. Plans are underway to have a welcome back celebration when students return to campus to re-energize students and faculty/staff.

DeCenzo is talking with Athletic Director Matt Hogue and Coach Joe Moglia to recognize first responders and community efforts at one of the first home games.

After reviewing the parent's blog, DeCenzo stated their biggest challenge has been that they are no longer empty nesters.

Dan Moore commended DeCenzo, Byington, and Medeiros for their leadership in keeping the Board, employees, students and community abreast of what is happening and anticipated return to campus.

Stevens moved to adjourn, and Spivey seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Chyrel Stalvey

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