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**Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 6, 2021**

**Minutes  
Coastal Carolina University**

**Board of Trustees**

**Singleton Ballroom**

**May 6, 2021**

**Presiding:** Chairman William Biggs

**Board Members Present:** John Bartell, Lee Belcher, Lisa Davis, Dalton Floyd, Natasha Hanna, Wyatt Henderson, Sherry Johnson, Daniel Moore, George Mullen, Jason Repak, Oran Smith, Patrick Sparks, Gene Spivey, Delan Stevens, William Turner

**Board Members Not Present:** Samuel Swad

**Others Present:** Sandra Baldrige-Adrian, Michael Benson, Brant Branham, Brian Bunton, Lydia Deeck, Daniel Ennis, Darwin Flores-Agustin, David Frost, Martha Hunn, Joe Jarrett, Carlos Johnson, Mark Kelley, Brianna Martin, Travis Overton, Julie Quinn, Jerry Rashid, David Roper, James Solazzo

(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. Three members of the media were in attendance: Alan Blondin with The Sun News, Taylor Hernandez with WBTW News, and Dan Fanning with WMBF News.)

Chairman William Biggs brought the Board meeting to order at 2:43 p.m. Oran Smith offered an invocation.

### **I. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by, Julie Quinn, Administrative Assistant.

### **II. Approval of the Minutes**

Gene Spivey moved to approve the February 19, 2021, meeting minutes. Delan Stevens seconded, and the motion carried.

### **III. University Report**

- Darwin Flores-Agustin, Student Government Association (SGA) President, gave an SGA report. The student body is looking forward to TimelyMD services beginning on campus.
- The midterm evaluations approved by SGA are currently in the process of being approved by faculty committees.
- Brianna Martin, SGA President-elect, was introduced.

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Sandra Baldrige-Adrian, Staff Senate President, gave a Staff Senate report.

- The Staff Senate has passed two motions since the last report.
  - The employee tuition waiver passed with modifications and is currently sitting with Human Resources and Equal Opportunity awaiting a final decision.
  - The motion to hire a Staff Ombuds recently passed.
- New senators have been voted on to replace the ones rolling off this academic year.
- The Staff Senate has been working with the University's Executive Council regarding employee morale.

Brian Bunton, Faculty Senate Chair, gave a Faculty Senate report.

- A lot of policy changes have recently gone through Faculty Senate.
- Clayton Whitesides was nominated and approved for the position of Academic Integrity Officer.
- Recent elections occurred for the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.
  - Brian Bunton, Chair
  - Diane Fribance, Vice Chair
  - Wanda Dooley, Secretary

Brant Branham, Legislative Liaison, gave an update on Columbia legislature.

- Columbia legislature raised the threshold of project approval from \$1 million to \$2 million. The University will not have to go the state for approval on any projects under \$2 million.
- The state budget recently passed Senate and is currently at the House in the Ways and Means Committee. The legislature will reconvene on June 8, and it is anticipated that the budget will be completed by then.

Michael Benson, University President, gave the President's report.

- Benson thanked trustees Daniel Moore, Samuel Swad, and Wyatt Henderson for their many years of service on the board.
- James Solazzo was introduced as the Vice President for Student Success, Retention and Student Affairs.

#### **IV. Standing Committee Motions**

##### Finance and Audit Committee

- **Lee Belcher moved to approve and adopt a Supplemental Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of Higher Education Revenue Refunding Bonds of Coastal Carolina University (Motion 21-FAA-08). Jason Repak seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Belcher moved to approve and adopt the proposed tuition and fees as presented in the Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 (Motion 21-FAA-09). Spivey**

seconded, and the motion carried. A roll call vote was required, and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Belcher moved to approve and adopt the proposed Room and Board rates as presented in the Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 (Motion 21-FAA-10). Repak seconded, and the motion carried. A roll call vote was required, and the motion passed unanimously.**
- **Belcher moved to approve course lab fees and program fees as presented in the Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 (Motion 21-FAA-11). Spivey seconded, and the motion carried. A roll call vote was required, and the motion passed unanimously.**
- **Belcher moved to approve a discretionary fund, for Dr. Michael T. Benson, University President, in the amount of \$350K, for fiscal year 2021-2022 (Motion 21-FAA-12). Repak seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Belcher moved to approve the renewal of a one-year lease with Horry-Georgetown Technical College, for the term July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, for one faculty office 1282N in the Speir Building at the HGTC Grand Strand campus. Rent to include all utilities, security, maintenance, custodial, and telecommunication costs (Motion 21-FAA-13). Spivey seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Belcher moved to approve new leases in office space at the Atlantic Center (Motion 21-FAA-14 and Motion 21-FAA-15). William Turner seconded, and the motion carried. Each motion is listed below.**
  - Approval of one-year lease, renewable for two more years, with Fountain-Fuller of SC, L.L.C., for +/- 5,000 square feet of office space at the Atlantic Center (450 Century Circle Suite B) effective September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022. **(Motion 21-FAA-14)**
  - Approval of a one-year lease, renewable for two more years, with Fountain-Fuller of SC, L.L.C., for +/- 2,500 square feet of office space at the Atlantic Center (450 Century Circle Suite C) effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. **(Motion 21-FAA-15)**
- **Belcher moved to approve the renewal of one-year lease, for the term July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, to the Small Business Development Center of Winthrop University (Motion 21-FAA-16). Repak seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Belcher moved to adopt the total and complete 2021-2022 All Funds budget as presented (Motion 21-FAA-17). Repak seconded, and the motion carried.**

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- **Belcher moved to direct the administration to develop a program, or programs, to incentivize students to get the COVID-19 vaccine and to fund this up to \$300K. (Motion 21-FAA-18). Repak seconded, and the motion carried.**

Facilities and Planning Committee

- **Sherry Johnson moved to approve, pending Coastal Educational Foundation (CEF) approval, a land transfer from the CEF to Coastal Carolina University. A portion of the campus core, currently owned by CEF, is required to begin the planning process for the proposed Indoor Football Practice Facility (Motion 21-FAC-01). Belcher seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Johnson moved to establish a Capital Project for the construction of an Indoor Football Practice Facility. The total projected cost of this project is \$15 million funded by donor gifts (Motion 21-FAC-02). Natasha Hanna seconded, and the motion carried.**

Academic Affairs and Retention Committee

- **Smith moved to bestow an Emeritus title request for a faculty member upon retirement (Motion 21-AAR-03). Spivey seconded, and the motion carried.**

At the time of her retirement, Sandra Nelson will be granted the Emeritus Professor title.

- **Smith moved to approve the Trustee Persistence Award request (Motion 21-AAR-04). Turner seconded, and the motion carried.**

Administration, Governance and Philanthropy

No action items.

Athletics

No action items.

Executive Committee

- **Biggs moved to authorize the University to move forward with final elements of external assessment of university advancement and consultation (Motion 21-EXC-03). Stevens seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Biggs moved to authorize the President to initiate strategic planning process and sign agreement with strategic planning consultant (Motion 21-EXC-04). Stevens seconded, and the motion carried.**

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- **Biggs moved to approve a mutual aid agreement between the city of Myrtle Beach and Coastal Carolina University (Motion 21-EXC-05). Turner seconded, and the motion carried.**

Nominating Committee

- **Johnson moved to approve the slate of new Board of Trustee's executive officers: Delan Stevens, Chairman; Natasha Hanna, Vice Chairman; and Patrick Sparks, Secretary/Treasurer. Turner seconded, and the motion carried.**

**IV. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Biggs recognized the three newly-elected Board of Trustee members: Joe Jarrett, Mark Kelley, and Brad Poston.

Chairman Biggs thanked the three departing Board of Trustee members for their much-appreciated service: Wyatt Henderson, Daniel Moore, and Samuel Swad.

Vice Chairman Stevens and Secretary/Treasurer Hanna recognized Chairman Biggs for his years of service as chairman. Chairman Biggs was presented with the gift from the Board.

The future Board of Trustee meetings are currently scheduled as follows:

- 2021: August 5-6, October 28-29, December 10
- 2022: February 17-18, May 5-6

**V. Adjournment**

As there was no more business, Turner moved to adjourn. Sparks seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lydia Deeck*  
Lydia Deeck  
Recorder