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**Minutes  
Coastal Carolina University**

**Board of Trustees**

**Singleton Ballroom  
February 18, 2022**

**Presiding:** Chairman Delan Stevens

**Board Members Present:** Lee Belcher, William Biggs, Lisa Davis, Dalton Floyd, Natasha Hanna, Joe Jarrett, Sherry Johnson, Mark Kelley, George Mullen, Bradley Poston, Oran Smith, Patrick Sparks, Gene Spivey

**Board Members Not Present:** John Bartell (Excused), Jason Repak (Excused), William Turner (Excused)

**Others Present:** Sandra Baldrige-Adrian, Michael Benson, Claudia Bornholdt, Brant Branham, Brian Bunton, Amanda Craddock, Daniel Ennis, Monica Fine, Amanda Foss, David Frost, Matthew Hogue, Sara Hottinger, Carlos Johnson, Christopher Johnson, Thomas Koczara, Tia Mack, Susannah Marshman, Travis Overton, Sara Peacock, Tyrik Pierre, Jerry Rashid, David Roper, Avery Shorts, James Solazzo, Atiya Stokes-Brown, Holley Tankersley, Amos Wise

*(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. One member of the media was in attendance: Mary Norkol of The Sun News.)*

Chairman Delan Stevens brought the Board meeting to order. Oran Smith offered an invocation.

**I. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by Executive Assistant to the President, Amanda Foss.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Gene Spivey moved to approve the Board of Trustee Meeting minutes from Dec. 14, 2021. The motion was seconded by Lee Belcher, and the motion carried.

**III. University Reports**

Staff Senate President, Sandy Baldrige-Adrian, presented a Staff Senate report.

- Staff Ombuds interviews are complete and an offer has been made. Position to start on March 1, 2022.
- The Policy and Welfare Committee continue to work on the Staff Senate survey to gauge and direct the senate's focus over the next year.
- The Communication Committee is working on suggestions for better communication University-wide.

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- Staff Senate is working on a system that allows for concerns and suggestions to come to the senate and be filtered to Executive Council members to address as needed.
- Staff Senate is working in collaboration with the Dean of the College of Graduate and Continuing Studies, Lee Brown, to work on professional development and training for staff.
- Staff Senate will continue to meet in-person and provide a livestream.

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

- Faculty agreed to adjust the schedule of Fall 2022 by pushing the start date to Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022. This is intended to benefit faculty, students, and their families.
- There have been some changes to the Promotion and Tenure portion of the Faculty Manual. Faculty Senate passed two minor changes that affect promotion of non-tenure track faculty. These will be coming to the Academic Affairs and Retention Committee in May of 2022 for final approval.

Vice President of Student Government, Tia Mack, presented an SGA report.

- Working with other entities across campus to foster an environment of shared governance and to ensure diversity.
- Looking for a permanent, non-denominational prayer space since Lackey Chapel is not always available to students.
- Working on classroom environment to ensure that students are successful.
  - Passed a bill expressing they would like to see midterm course evaluations, in addition to, end-of-term evaluations. The bill will be passed onto Faculty Senate.
- Currently reviewing constitution and bylaws to ensure policies are progressive.
- The SGA office has relocated to a centralized space with other student organizations.
- Campus security is something that has been a concern.
  - Working on giving information out to students of what resources are available and communicating with administrators on student needs.
- Elections are coming up and a new president will be announced at the Board of Trustee meeting in May of 2022.

Governmental Affairs Director, Brant Branham, gave an update on Columbia legislature.

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

- Benson thanked Executive Director of Institutional Research, Assessment and Analysis, Chris Mee, and the entire campus community for their assistance in the SACS reaccreditation process.

## **IV. Standing Committee Motions**

### Finance and Audit Committee

- **Lee Belcher moved to approve lease renewals with the Coastal Educational Foundation and the Horry County Higher Education Commission. (Motion 22-FAA-01 through Motion 22-FAA-05) William Biggs seconded, and the motion carried. Motions are listed below.**

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- Renewal of one-year lease of the Athletic Parcel for the term July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, for approximately 25.89 acres. **(Motion 22-FAA-01)**
- Renewal of one-year lease of the University Housing Parcel for the term July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, for approximately 16.66 acres. **(Motion 22-FAA-02)**
- Renewal of one-year lease of the Wheelwright Auditorium/University Boulevard Parcel for the term July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, for approximately 7.97 acres. **(Motion 22-FAA-03)**
- Renewal of one-year lease of the Academic Core Parcel for the term July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, for approximately 22.16 acres. **(Motion 22-FAA-04)**
- Renewal of one-year lease of the parking lot area and greenspace located on University Boulevard between Baxley Hall and Highway 501 for the term July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. **(Motion 22-FAA-05)**
  
- **Belcher moved to approve the renewal of one-year lease with the Horry County Higher Education Commission of the Burroughs and Chapin Center for Marine and Wetland Studies for the term July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. (Motion 22-FAA-06) Gene Spivey seconded, and the motion carried.**
  
- **Belcher moved to approve the renewal of one-year lease with Horry Georgetown Technical College for the term July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, 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 22-FAA-07) Smith seconded, and the motion carried.**
  
- **Belcher moved to approve the amendment to lease with CCU Student Housing Foundation, an affiliate of Coastal Carolina University, for the real property designated as a portion of Parcel 9 and a portion of Parcel 38 containing in the aggregate 26.71 acres. The lease amendment will be effective July 1, 2022. (Motion 22-FAA-08) Spivey seconded, and the motion carried with one opposed.**

Facilities and Planning Committee

No action items

Academic Affairs and Retention

- **Smith moved to approve promotion and tenure recommendations. (Motion 22-AAR-01) Spivey seconded, and the motion carried.**
  
- **Smith moved to approve Vanessa Wyche as the Spring 2022 Keynote Speaker and award her the honorary degree of Doctor of Science. (Motion 22-AAR-02) Biggs seconded, and the motion carried.**
  
- **Smith moved to bestow Emeritus title request for faculty to be awarded upon retirement. (Motion 22-AAR-03) Belcher seconded, and the motion carried.**
  
- **Smith moved that the Board of Trustees approve the salary ranges that were presented in regards to the academic college dean searches in progress and authorize the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost to finalize the**

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**hiring agreements for these positions within these ranges. Lisa Davis seconded, and the motion carried.**

Administration, Governance and Philanthropy

No action items

Athletics

- **Spivey moved to approve 3 coaching contracts that were presented for renewal and to authorize the Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics and University Recreation and University Counsel to finalize those agreements. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried**

Executive Committee

No action items

**V. Executive Session**

Johnson moved to go into Executive Session to discuss policy and procedures. The motion was seconded by Spivey, and the motion carried.

**VI. Open Floor**

Amos Wise and Tyrik Pierre addressed the board with campus concerns from students regarding recent incidents that have occurred on campus.

**VII. Chairman's Report**

Future Board of Trustee Meetings are listed below.

- 2022: May 5-6

**VIII. Adjournment**

As there was no additional business, Stevens adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christina Genovevo  
Recorder