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**Minutes  
Coastal Carolina University  
Board of Trustees**

**Planning and Fiscal Affairs Committee  
Wall Building, Board Room  
May 3, 2007**

- Members Present:** Mr. Joseph L. Carter, Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore, Sr.,  
Mr. Robert Rabon, and Mr. Eugene C. Spivey
- Members Absent:** Mr. William S. Biggs
- Other Board Members Present:** Mr. William H. Alford, Mr. Fred F. DuBard, Jr.,  
Mr. Samuel H. Frink, Mr. Charles J. Hodge, and  
Mr. Clark B. Parker
- Others Present:** Mr. Steve Blake, Mr. David Bredekamp, Ms. Stacie  
Bowie, Dr. Janis W. Chesson, Dr. Edgar L. Dyer, Ms.  
Alison Hawk, Ms. Paula Holt, Ms. Anne T. Monk, Mr.  
Keith S. Smith, Dr. Judy W. Vogt, Dr. Lynn Willett, and  
Ms. Chyrel Stalvey

Chairman Spivey called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m.

**The minutes of January 10, 2007 were unanimously approved.**

Mr. Carter moved to go into Executive Session. There was no action taken in Executive Session.

Ms. Bowie reviewed a preliminary budget overview and projections based on the following assumptions as the budget is in the current Senate version: 5% in-state enrollment growth; 4% out-of-state enrollment growth; 7.5% in-state tuition increase; and 11.5% out-of-state tuition increase; and state appropriation decrease of \$2,183,000 from FY 06-07 amount (assumes FY 06-07 non-recurring and supplemental appropriations not funded.) The projected change in "10" funds revenue is \$3,354,298.

Coastal Carolina University's administration and the Board of Trustees have made a commitment that, if the terms of the House proviso are approved as part of the Appropriation Act for FY 08, Coastal will not increase tuition for South Carolina residents for the 2007-2008 year. Further, barring unforeseen circumstances, there would be no increase in in-state tuition again for 2008-2009.

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Mr. Spivey stated that if the House budget is approved, we are back to zero increase in tuition. If the Senate version is accepted, we are looking at a steep tuition increase. If Coastal Carolina fares well in conference committee, we will receive something in between the two budgets which could lower the tuition increase. Mr. Hodge added that the way the language is in the Proviso, this may be a situation without a compromise. If Mr. Mark Kelley is unsuccessful in inserting a compromise language in the proviso, then it will be an all or nothing budget funding.

Mr. Rabon stated that as of today we may have more leverage than we had before. One of the Horry County Legislators will most likely be on the conference committee. Dan Cooper has stated that he is supportive of Coastal Carolina receiving these funds. The conference committee has six members. In order to pass, two Senators and two House members have to vote together for a budget.

Mr. Carter asked how a tuition increase would affect Admissions. Dr. Vogt stated that at this time, we have 230 deposits ahead of last year. Last year's 11.5% impacted about 200 students and a double digit increase will probably drop us to 1500 freshmen-- where we were last year. Dr. Dyer stated that while Admissions was recruiting prospective students, they were told that the likely tuition increase would be between 4-7%. If we go higher than that, it will affect the credibility of our staff.

Mr. Frink asked if there had been any activity to increase in-state students for the fall. Dr. Vogt stated that there have been concerted efforts to increase in-state students. As of May 1, there is a 30% increase in in-state deposits with significant increase in Horry County as compared to last year. There are significant gains in this year's freshmen class retention with 350-400 additional continuing students above last year's freshmen class. It looks like transfers will remain about the same as last year.

Ms. Bowie stated that \$4.4 million has been set aside in renovation reserve. Dr. Dyer stated that we have a little over \$20 million in deferred maintenance and \$8 million out of the bond bill from last year would be used for these projects.

A possible new funding plan for the University Health Services has been promoted by discussion with the Student Housing Foundation. In the past only those students living on campus and at University Place were required to purchase the health services. A proposed across-the-board \$100 health fee was included in this budget scenario.

Everyone received a copy of the budget presentation made by Dr. DeCenzo on March 29 to the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee which Senator Leatherman did not recall. Also Messrs. DuBard and Hodge accompanied Dr. Ingle in December to lobby for money from Senator Leatherman.

Another meeting will be necessary after the state budget is finalized, to approve the budget and tuition for next year.

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The committee went into Executive Session to receive the audit report. No action was taken during Executive Session.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel H. Frink  
Secretary/Treasurer