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**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees**

**Facilities Committee
Edward M. Singleton Building, Dawsey Conference Room
Tuesday, November 27, 2007**

**Members of the
Committee Present:** Mr. Gary W. Brown, Mr. Joseph L. Carter, and
Mr. Robert L. Rabon

**Other Board Members
Present:** Mr. William H. Alford

Others Present: Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Mr. Wilbur L. Garland, Dr. Rob
Sheehan, Dr. Debbie Conner, Ms. Mary Eaddy,
Dr. Michael Roberts, Dr. David Evans, Mr. Warren Koegel,
Ms. Sandy Williams, Ms. Chyrel Stalvey, and Ms. Brenda
Cox

Mr. Rabon welcomed everyone to the Facilities Committee meeting and called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

Mr. Rabon distributed a map of the Atlantic Center which shows the 50 acres which Horry County Council has under consideration for transferring to the Horry County Higher Education Commission. The third reading on this property with Horry County Council is tonight. Dr. DeCenzo stated that there are two restrictions. Coastal Carolina will not have student classrooms there. Horry County Council wants it to be comparable to an industrial park. Also, if the Economic Development Center had a group that wanted to come in on a "build to suit" for an incubator and space was available, the University would have to agree to that.

Dr. DeCenzo clarified the article in The Sun News regarding the Atlantic Center property in which Julie Rajotte, chairman of the Horry County Higher Education Commission, was misquoted. The property will be an internal transfer from Horry County Council to the Commission, who in turn will lease this property to the University.

Mr. Rabon has met with the delegation concerning a sales tax ballot which the Horry County Legislative Delegation is willing to put it on the November 2008 ballot. It has to be approved by the local legislatures before it can be placed on the ballot. The discussion has been that the Horry County School District would receive 80 percent and the remaining 20 percent would be shared between Horry Georgetown Technical College and Coastal Carolina University. If this passed, it would improve the University's chances to receive money from the state legislature.

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Mr. Billy Alford stated that facilities are a key component for Coastal and creative ways need to be explored to fund and build them, such as private/public partnerships. We need to seek ways to bring outside expertise to move forward with the student center, the library expansion, and the research facility at Waties Island. Dr. DeCenzo stated that we need to be creative in finding funds for capital projects and disclose exactly what is happening.

Mr. Carter stated that Coastal Carolina needs to mend its reputation with the private sector and demonstrate that the University will deal honestly and in good faith.

Ms. Williams distributed the Aiken Cost estimates on the Athletic Training Facility. The building cost of this project is \$12,830,175, which does not include landscaping, furniture and equipment, and the renovation of the existing locker room. Mr. Garland explained that the estimated cost of the project submitted to the state was \$14,500,000, as shown on the Capital Projects Update distributed to the committee members. The approach that the state is taking is that when an agency submits a project request, there should not be an increase to the request. Coastal received favorable comments on the last two capital projects submitted because the requests stated “the total cost of the project will not exceed.”

Ms. Williams also informed the members that as of November 15, 2007, permanent improvement project requests for construction or renovation work will be approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee (JBRC) in two phases. In Phase I, JBRC will approve project establishment requests for pre-design and limited design services only. In Phase II, JBRC will approve funds for complete design and construction or renovation after a project has been established for the pre-design and limited design services, the services have been completed, and the project scope and cost estimates have been established.

Dr. DeCenzo stated that the Athletic Training Facility was originally presented to the State Budget and Control Board as a \$6.2 million project with all monies coming from private sources. They understood that Coastal had \$6.2 million in private sources. So, additional funds need to be secured before this project can move forward through the state process.

After Mr. Rabon led a discussion on the bonding capacity of the Horry County Higher Education Commission, Chairman Alford asked if it would be appropriate for the Horry County Higher Education Commission to loan the University the money for the Athletic Training Facility until the Coastal Educational Foundation had a chance to raise the money. Mr. Garland said that a loan to the University from the Foundation would not be considered private funds.

Dr. DeCenzo stated that if bonding options for the Commission are explored, the library expansion should also be included. Although the Science Building is functional now, the laboratories needed improvement. If Coastal is going to continue to attract and retain students, a new Student Activity Center is needed; otherwise, comparable universities with more updated facilities will persuade them away. A place is also needed for

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students to study whenever it is convenient for them and that is the idea for a 24/7 library addition. Dr. Sheehan added that a highly electronic study space is essential for students.

Promises have been made to the Athletic Department and to coaches and need to be fulfilled regarding the field house and the arena.

Mr. Brown made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The Committee reconvened in open session at 4:35 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy M. Stringer
Secretary/Treasurer