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Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees

Student Affairs Committee Meeting
Dawsey Conference Room
November 29, 2007

Members of the Committee Present: Mr. Eugene C. Spivey, Mr. Samuel H. Frink, and Mr. William L. Lyles, via telephone

Others Present: Dr. Lynn Willett, Lauren Brajer, Dr. Debbie Conner, Dr. Lloyd A. Holmes, Ms. Haven Hart, Mr. William G. Weisner, Ms. Paula D. Drummond, Mr. Caesar C. Ross, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Mr. Will Garland, Ms. Sandra Williams, Mr. Brett Klein, Ms. Lisa Donaldson, Ms. Poppy Hepp

Mr. Spivey called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Minutes from the October 11, 2007 meeting were unavailable. They will be reviewed at the December 13 committee meeting.

I. Planning for FY 09 Room/Board rates.

The Board will be asked to approve FY 09 Room and Board rates in February. In preparation for that discussion, the committee discussed several points of information:

- The laundry facilities for resident students are inadequate. In addition to adding more machines, the University proposes to include the cost of laundry in the room rate, consistent with industry trends.
- At this time, the likely increase in room charges is expected to be six percent: three percent for cost of living, one percent to improve residence hall security services and two percent for laundry services. The expected additional cost per student per year would be \$250.
- Mr. Spivey requested information about the Student Affairs departments and related budgets. Mr. Frink asked how the across-the-board student health fee was working. Mr. Ross stated that this has gone well and was beneficial to the campus. Ms. Brajer confirmed that students appreciate a University-operated service. The discussion continued with the topic of types of illness, wait times, and transportation to the local pharmacy when prescriptions are written. Dr. Willett stated that next semester she expected to propose that a pharmacy be added to Student Health Services. Dr. DeCenzo asked if there is a way to out-source the service. Dr. Willett agreed that this is an option, but providing our own would give our students a price break. Mr. Spivey suggested talking to several of major drug carriers.

II. University Place update

Dr. DeCenzo stated that the sale of University Place should take place by the end of January/February, combining Campus Edge and University Place. The housing

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community will only be available to Coastal and Horry Georgetown Technical College students and police officers. Dr. Willett reported Residence Life is proceeding with setting up room assignments for Fall 08 with the process starting in January, for the 1,300 main campus spaces.

Next fall, freshmen will be required to live on campus, but upperclassmen who may have hardships may request main campus space. The University may lease UP/Campus Edge space for over flow and/or create temporary triples. Mr. Garland stated that if we house freshman in Campus Edge they would live in one building with our own Resident Assistants and Public Safety.

Mr. Spivey questioned where fraternity/sorority members live and can we house them on campus. Mr. Klein responded that most rent off campus with their brothers and sisters. Dr. Willett reported that the University had looked at renovating one of the buildings at UP but it was costly. The six buildings in the Woods, when renovated, may be an option to turn into a Greek row. Dr. Conner stated that funds are collected by national Greek offices for housing. Mr. Spivey suggested giving chapters a list of conditions they would need to meet in the future to qualify for University housing. CCU's Greek community is a positive one; they are involved in philanthropy and building good reputations for themselves.

III. Renovation schedule for Lib Jackson Student Center

Ms. Williams presented to the board the renovation schedule for the Student Center. Contractor bids will go out in early 2008 to add an additional 4,200 sq. ft. off the CINO grille area to include 80 – 90 more seats. There will be four food offerings, a Quizno's, pizza, hamburger/hotdog station and another option will be added. Construction should begin after spring semester. During the 2008 Thanksgiving break, Aramark will shut down the Grille to complete the renovation. Office spaces on the second floor will be renovated by the facilities department with minimal interruption. The budget for this project is \$2.3 million. Dr. DeCenzo commented to the committee that facilities' priorities over the next five years are \$120 million in capital improvements with the student center being one of the projects. Mr. Spivey felt it would be good to keep the Jackson family updated on the progress of the student center project. He would like to research other food contracts, such as a pizza chain. Dr. Willett noted that Aramark surveyed students for their preference of food chains and Aramark contacted those businesses. Mr. Klein stated that at his last institution the food service company held leases for these companies. Dr. Willett stated that Aramark wants customer satisfaction for students and that there is an open door for discussion. Dr. Holmes has been working with Aramark to provide affordable service for our student organization programs.

Dr. Willett reported that a group will be visiting the College of Charleston with Aramark on December 7. Dr. Willett distributed a proposed schedule of Student Center/Campus Recreation visits to the members. The three day trip will include UNC Wilmington, Christopher Newport University, Newport News, Elon University and Davidson College, and Winthrop. The committee members agreed to travel on January 24, 25, and 26.

Mr. Lyles was called away to other business and left the meeting.

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Dr. DeCenzo reported that parking is an issue to be addressed and that one possible idea is to make the Chanticleer Drive a one-way street. This would provide room for slanted parking around the horseshoe. The parking lot across Hwy 501 is a safety concern for faculty/staff and students. Ms. Drummond suggested installing sidewalks along the horseshoe for joggers and walkers on campus.

IV. SGA questions about new Student Center

Ms. Brajer reported statistics regarding a new student center/recreation center on campus. Winthrop has 6,500 students with a 116,000 sq. ft. Student Center; UNCW has 11,900 students with a 200,000 sq. ft. Student Center, and Coastal has 8,000 students with 26,700 sq. ft. Student Center. SGA surveyed students regarding funding a new student union/student recreation center; 195 students responded. Fifty-eight percent of the respondents agreed to add \$75 - \$100 to the tuition and fees each semester to pay for a new Student Center.

V. Meeting schedules for next semester:

Dr. Willett asked the board members to mark their calendars for the proposed dates for the Spring semester committee meetings: January 15, March 20, and May 8.

VI. Other Items

The issue of campus lighting was raised by Mr. Spivey. Public Safety will conduct a study and bring the results back to the committee. Dr. DeCenzo requested that we communicate with students about Public Safety's assistance for rides/escorts to their buildings. Students are notified at orientation about this service.

SGA is requesting faculty/staff/students to participate in an Angel Tree in the Student Center and provide a gift for a needy child.

December 10, at 9:00 p.m. the student exam breakfast with faculty/staff serving will be held.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Poppy Hepp for
Tommy M. Stringer
Secretary/Treasurer