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**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees**

**Athletics Committee Meeting
Surf Golf and Beach Club in North Myrtle Beach
April 3, 2008**

**Members of the
Committee Present:**

Mr. R. Duke Brown and Mr. Eugene C. Spivey

**Other Board
Members Present:**

Mr. William H. Alford, Mr. Samuel H. Frink,
Mr. J. Wayne George, and Mr. Robert L. Rabon

**Committee Members
Not Present:**

Mr. William S. Biggs, Mr. Charles J. Hodge, Ms. Jill Nyhof,
Mr. Mark Kiskunas, and Mr. Mike Pruitt

Others Present:

Dr. Lee Bollinger, Dr. Debbie Conner, Dr. Edgar L. Dyer, Ms. Mary Eaddy, Mr. Keith S. Hinson, Mr. J. Scott Joyner, Mr. Warren Koegel, Ms. Linda Lyerly, Ms. Anne T. Monk, Dr. Danny Nicholson, Mr. Patrick C. Ransdell, Mr. Mark Roach, Dr. Judy W. Vogt, Dr. Lynn Willett, and Ms. Chyrel Stalvey

Mr. Spivey called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Messrs. Biggs and Hodge were not in attendance because of business obligations and there was not a quorum present. Dr. Lee Bollinger, the Faculty Senate representative, was introduced.

Chairman Alford stated that the two most important parts of the University are academics and athletics. Our athletes and the athletic program have been recognized nationally. He recently toured the athletic facilities on campus. Considering the facilities that the athletes have had to work with, it is amazing that there has been so much success. Our local high schools have better facilities than we do. The Board viewed an athletic video which noted facility challenges in the Athletic Department. Athletic recruitment is affected by our facilities. Mr. Alford is also aware that some faculty and staff also have challenging working conditions. Mr. Koegel added that some of the facilities problems are a result of the dramatic growth of the campus.

The Athletics and Facilities Committees were challenged to improve the conditions. Mr. Rabon was given the charge to evaluate the athletic and academic portables on campus and to report back to the Board what it will take to upgrade or remodel the facilities.

Three student-athletes had been inducted into the Wall Fellows Program (Ashley Frederick, Tina Petkova, and Jill Nyhof) and two others were selected for the first class of Wall Fellows/Wall Fellows Rolls Royce Scholars (Shanta Johnson and Maranie Staab). Three students have been nominated for NCAA post-graduate awards: Jack Leasure, Felicia Mensing, and Lair Hall. Jack Leasure is the fourth all-time three-point scorer in the nation with 411 three-pointers.

The Fall 2008 football schedule was reviewed and will open at Penn State on Labor Day weekend. A packet of information was distributed for travel options and a bus trip to Penn-State. More information will come later. Most of the games will be night games.

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A baseball game on April 20 and a softball game on April 27 will be televised on ESPN-U. This will be great publicity.

Mr. Koegel serves on the national NCAA committee and has been asked to serve on the Football Academic Committee, a taskforce to help schools having trouble with student-athlete academics. Efforts are underway with NCAA to expand the current teams from 16 to 20 by 2010. By that time, the Big South should be an automatic qualifier to bid for tournaments.

Mr. Koegel reported on the success of former athletes, pointing out photos and articles in national magazines: Joseph Ngwenya (soccer), Kheli Dube (soccer), Dustin Johnson (golf), and Amber Campbell (hammer throw). Track Coach Berry Shumpert has been honored as the 2008 Division I Indoor Track & Field Southeast Regional Women's Assistant Coach of the Year. Eileen "Beans" Kelly came out of retirement to coach our women's golf team.

Liberty is having a great year and is currently leading the Sasser Cup competition. Men's Cross Country scored low because three athletes were suspended for infraction of rules.

The schedule of events for Saturday, April 4 for the spring football game and the baseball game were reviewed. Henry O'Neal Hucks will be recognized just prior to the baseball game and throw the first pitch of the game. After the game and for the first time, there will be a fireworks show.

Pro-Timing Day was recently held at Brooks Stadium with 13 scouts and an assistant coach from the Cincinnati Bengals. Several football athletes from around the state came, including Jerome Simpson and Mike Tull. There was a good crowd of fans in attendance.

Coach Ellis has signed four basketball recruits for next year.

Athletics' biggest need is the fieldhouse expansion.

Mr. Ransdell noted that he and Messrs. Koegel, Roach, Joyner, and athletic department staff members had met to discuss some type of seat license or lifetime seat plan for football. They have met with North Carolina State and the University of South Carolina and received materials and talked with people at Georgia Southern University, Appalachian State University, Clemson University, Western Kentucky University and the University of Mississippi. In addition, a focus group was held with current Chanticleer Club members and season ticket holders that included faculty/staff. As a result, it was determined that the timing is not quite right yet to proceed with this endeavor and a survey will be distributed in the fall to season ticket holders to gauge their interest in a lifetime seating plan. Sample plans and surveys were reviewed.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey for
Tommy M. Stringer
Secretary Treasurer