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**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees**

**Athletics Committee Meeting
Williams Brice Recreation Center, Room 159
June 12, 2008**

**Members of the
Committee Present:** Mr. William S. Biggs, Mr. R. Duke Brown, Mr. Charles J. Hodge,
Mr. Mike Pruitt (telephone) and Mr. Eugene C. Spivey

**Other Board
Members Present:** Mr. William H. Alford, Mr. Samuel H. Frink and Robert G.
Templeton

**Committee Members
Not Present:** Ms. Jill Nyhof and Mr. Mark Kiskunas

Others Present: Mr. Mark Avant, Mr. Larry Biddle, Dr. Lee Bollinger, Dr. David
A. DeCenzo, Ms. Mary Eaddy, Mr. Wilbur L. Garland, Mr. J. Scott
Joyner, Mr. Warren Koegel, Ms. Linda Lyerly, Mr. Mark Roach,
Dr. Rob Sheehan, Dr. Judy W. Vogt, and Ms. Chyrel Stalvey

Mr. Biggs called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Mr. Hodge moved to approve the Athletic Committee's minutes of April 3, 2008, and Mr. Spivey seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Mark Avant reported on the request for information (RFI) arena project to design, build, operate, maintain, and finance. The ad appeared in the SC Business Opportunities Journal (SCBO). He has had telephone conversations with about ten different firms and six have submitted e-mails stating interest in the project. The deadline is June 20th.

He has also been in conversation with the state architects regarding the fieldhouse end zone projects. The following timeline has been set: July 7th - submit first documents to state architect; September - advertise project; October-November - bid process; and January – begin construction. Construction should be about 18 months from start to finish and should be completed by April 2010.

Dr. DeCenzo cautioned that after discussions with the Joint Bond and Review Committee, we need to make certain that the project will be built for the amount submitted. Mr. Avant stated that this had been made very clear to the architects.

Dr. DeCenzo added that because of the current financial climate, the sooner we build the better it will be. Mr. Avant added that the CINO renovation bids were received last week. We had

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estimated construction cost for the building, bleachers, student study area and coach offices to be \$1.9M and the bids came in at \$1.46M—well under what was anticipated.

Dr. DeCenzo noted that fieldhouse will free up much needed space for faculty.

Mr. Biggs congratulated Mr. Koegel on being chosen **Athletic Director of the Year**.

Mr. Koegel presented an update on athletic activities.

- The NCAA Division I 2006-2007 Academic Progress Rate (APR) (based on a four-year average) denotes that Coastal Carolina University is in good standing. The only concern is men's outdoor track with a multi-year APR of 903 of 1000. It is not in any danger of historical penalty; however, we have submitted a plan to increase the score. Next year's score will increase significantly.
- The NCAA Cohort Graduate Rates include 2001-02 graduation from Coastal Carolina University success rate of 75% and student-athlete graduation success rate is 92%. These are the highest scores that we have.
- Spring 2008 Athletic Academic Fact Sheet denotes teams overall 2.945 GPA. Our goal is 3.0 GPA.
- Jim Curry has been hired as the Assistant Compliance Director. Daniel Engravalle and Heather Todd have been hired to help with fundraising and marketing through the sale of signage, ads, and sponsorships.
- Several student-athletes were honored at Honors Convocation: Blair Paul (track) – 2007-2008 Faculty Distinguished Student Excellence Award; Chris Halkowitz (MBA), Ashleigh Gunning (Communications) and Felicitas Mensing (Mathematics) - Department Awards for Outstanding Academic Accomplishments; Jack Leasure for NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship; Blair Paul and Felicitas Mensing – McCloskey Insurance Big South Conference Graduate Fellowship; Felicitas Mensing – 2008 Big South Conference Christenberry Award; and 197 student-athletes received the Big South Conference Presidential Honor Roll Award.
- Numerous e-mails have been received regarding the NCAA Regionals held at CCU. Ian Rapoport with the Birmingham News stated, "I've been to several baseball regionals in my soon-to-be illustrious career. My previous regional before last week's was at Clemson. It paled in comparison to yours, which was by far the best experience. It was the most professional, the most accommodating, and simply, the most enjoyable... What made it all the better was that I walked in with a typical BCS-conference snobby attitude. I even made a joke about a little place like Coastal bringing in bleachers and hosting a regional. I did not laugh once I saw the high level at which the regional was run...." This was a team effort and very successful and especially Mark Roach who was the game operations manager for the tournament.
- Men's tennis alum Thomas Malik was inducted in the Big South Conference Hall of Fame.

Mr. Biggs feels that it is important for baseball and softball to have an indoor hitting facility.

Mr. Garland reported that designs are about two-thirds completed for a facility. Estimated construction is November 2008 and completion May 2009. He believes that the \$400,000 we have will complete the design. However, funding will have to be addressed for the netting and railing inside.

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Dr. DeCenzo stated that the project also does not include the stadium upgrades nor the office space. Mr. Garland added that the offices will be behind the batting facility and the outfield fence.

Mr. Spivey made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters. Dr. DeCenzo, Messrs. Koegel, Garland and Pruitt were asked to stay. Mr. Hodge seconded. No action was taken during Executive Session.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey for
Tommy M. Stringer
Secretary Treasurer