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**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees**

**Government Affairs Committee
E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration Building, Board Room
July 16, 2009**

Committee Members Present: Mr. Samuel H. Frink, Ms. Natasha M Hanna, Mr. William L. Lyles Jr. and Mr. Eugene C. Spivey

Committee Members Not Present: Mr. J. Wayne George, Mr. Mark S. Kelley, Chairman Liz Gilland and Senator Dick Elliott

Other Board Members Present: Mr. William H. Alford, Mr. Larry L. Biddle, Mr. William S. Biggs, Mr. Gary W. Brown, Mr. Joseph L. Carter, Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson and Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr.

Others Present: Dr. James L. Adams, Ms. Stacie Bowie, Dr. Debbie Conner, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Dr. Edgar L. Dyer, Mr. Matt Hogue, Ms. Martha S. Hunn, Ms. Rose Marie Hussey, Mr. J. Scott Joyner, Dr. Kenneth J. Martin, Mr. Timothy E. Meacham, Ms. Anne T. Monk, Dr. Rob Sheehan, Dr. Holley E. Tankersley, Dr. Judy W. Vogt, Dr. Susan E. Webb, Ms. Sandy Williams, Ms. Jennifer Packard and Ms. Chyrel Stalvey

(In accordance with the requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, the news media were notified of the time, location, and agenda for the meeting.)

Mr. Lyles brought the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

Mr. Lyles moved to approve the Government Affairs Committee minutes of May 7, 2009. Mr. Frink seconded and the motion carried.

Ms. Stacie Bowie reported that due to the state of the economy, concern was expressed to approve construction projects and land purchases at the June 29th Budget and Control Board meeting. The student recreation/convocation center, library addition, science annex, purchase of 10-acres from the SC Forestry Commission, baseball batting facility, and other smaller projects were approved. Dr. DeCenzo added that the bonding for these projects will be approved at the August Budget and Control Board meeting. Senator Leatherman came to our aid. Chairman Alford will write a letter thanking him for his support.

At the suggestion of Senator Leatherman to use the \$2.1M stimulus money to help students with tuition, Dr. DeCenzo stated that the about 90 percent of the money will be used for additional needs-based scholarships for students through additional student jobs and emergency funds.

Senator Leatherman had encouraged state universities and technical colleges to keep tuition increases at no more than 3.6% and our increase is 3.47%.

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Ms. Anne Monk reported that the University is seeking \$15M in grants through Recovery funds as well as from other governmental sources. Dr. Mike Roberts is seeking a \$9.6M grant—the largest “ask” we have ever made. The awarding announcement won’t take place until January 2010.

Ms. Monk has been meeting with Drs. Sheehan and Savage-Davis regarding the Litchfield project. A visit has been made to the African-American community on Sapelo Island, Georgia, which has a similar situation to Sandy Island. A statement of the University’s willingness and interest in working with the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission which was established by Jim Clyburn in 1990 was presented. A \$5 million proposal has been sent to Jim Clyburn’s office.

Mr. Monk reported that the contract for the last campus master plan was retrieved, and the Coastal Educational Foundation helped to pay for the \$161,000 project. At this point, grant opportunities for the campus master plan have not been identified yet.

The Highway 501 pedestrian/bicycle overpass project going from campus into the Atlantic Center is complex because the University cannot apply for funding for this through the DOT. The City of Conway is working with DOT to prepare a proposal for \$7M.

On May 20, a Strategic Planning and Grants Administrators Consortium meeting was held on campus with 35 area professional planners, grant writers, area project engineers, and Coastal Carolina administrators. Fourteen agencies represented Conway, Georgetown, Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach, Atlantic Beach, Loris, Surfside Beach, Horry County, Horry County Schools, Horry Electric, Santee Cooper, Grand Strand Water and Sewer, and Horry Telephone Cooperative. Dr. DeCenzo explained our capital growth for facilities and infrastructure on campus to familiarize each attendee with our future growth and expansion goals and objectives. The meeting was well received by the entities invited and the consensus was to continue strategic planning discussions in the future for all entities involved. Coastal Carolina will be the meeting place for the meetings in the future. Area entities have volunteered to facilitate agendas and programming.

The next meeting will be August 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Trustees were invited to attend. Messrs. E. Tyson Smith and Matt Noonkester will speak on the S.C. Priority Investment Act Implementation Guide for Local Governments. The S.C. DOT, Waccamaw Council of Governments, and the Georgetown County School District will also be attendance.

Dr. Dyer reported that we are proceeding with the City of Conway in joint ventures promoting Coastal Carolina University and making students more aware of Conway.

There being no further business, Mr. Frink made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Moore seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey for
Secretary/Treasurer