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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
October 15, 2009**

Committee Members Present: Mr. Samuel H. Frink, Mr. J. Wayne George, Ms. Natasha M. Hanna, Mr. Mark S. Kelley and Mr. William L. Lyles Jr.

Committee Members Not Present: Chairman Liz Gilland and Senator Dick Elliott

Other Board Members Present: Mr. William H. Alford and Mr. Larry L. Biddle

Others Present: Dr. Debbie Conner, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Dr. Edgar L. Dyer, Ms. Martha S. Hunn, Ms. Anne T. Monk, Dr. Holley E. Tankersley 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.

Mr. Frink moved to approve the Government Affairs Committee minutes of July 16, 2009. Ms. Hanna seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Kelley reported that the regulatory relief bill is in a joint subcommittee of the Senate. It will probably be January before it comes up for vote. The universities' legislative liaisons will meet in Columbia on October 21 in Columbia to develop a strategic plan of action for the bill. The university presidents and legislative liaisons will then meet together on October 27. Plans are to have the bill will be in the governor's office by March.

Dr. DeCenzo, Dr. Dyer, Ms. Monk, and Mr. Kelley went to Washington, D.C. in September to discuss Coastal Carolina University's needs and issues with our delegation members.

Mr. Kelley strongly suggested hiring a lobbyist in the Washington, D.C. to obtain federal funds.

Mr. Monk reported on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds and the possible impact on Coastal Carolina as follows:

- U.S. Department of Justice (competitive grants)
 - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant - \$81,000
 - Community Oriented Policing Services - \$138,807
- U.S. Department of Energy (formula grant - pending): Energy Efficiency Improvements - \$433,327

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- U.S. Department of Education
 - Federal Work Study Program (formula grant) - \$58,433
 - Pell Grants - \$2,505,994 (total amounts received by students)
- U.S. Secretary of Education/State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (application pending) - \$2,270,097
- NIH Competitive Grant Application for Swain Science Building (pending – the award will be made in January) - \$9,663,898

The total possible is \$15,151,556.

We are working with Senator Graham’s office for \$1.3 million appropriations for equipment for the sciences for 2011. We are working with Representative Clyburn’s office for \$5 million proposal to endow the archaeology program and purchase the building in Litchfield.

The historical marker project has moved forward. We are awaiting the check to cast the markers to place in Conway and at the Singleton Building for the establishment of Coastal Carolina.

Ms. Monk reported for Ms. Rose Marie Hussey on the strategic planners and grants community network. There are now 65 people from various agencies and several counties attending. The second meeting was held on August 5 to discuss the S.C. Priority Investment Act which requires all local entities, utilities, special service districts, school districts, transportation agencies and other public agencies such as Coastal Carolina to coordinate development projects and make finance predictions of public finances that will be utilized. Their next meeting is scheduled for October 21.

Mr. Kelley reported that there is no movement at this point for additional budget cuts. The October and November numbers will be closely watched to see if there will be additional budget cuts above the 4.4% already enforced.

Dr. Conner reported on the initiative to involve Coastal Carolina with the City of Conway. Terri DeCenzo, Marketing, Athletics, and others on campus are working different angles with various entities in Conway. The faculty/staff picnic was held at the Conway Riverwalk area with close to 500 in attendance. “Welcome to the City of Conway” signs are on either end of University Boulevard and more signage for downtown is being planned. The homecoming parade will be held in Conway. A group of Coastal Carolina students are planning the Conway Chamber of Commerce Gala and incorporate our colors.

We also continue to work with Loris, Georgetown, North Myrtle Beach, and Myrtle Beach municipalities.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey for
Secretary/Treasurer