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**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees**

**Athletics Committee Meeting
E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration, Wall Board Room
May 6, 2010**

**Members of the
Committee Present:** Mr. Larry L. Biddle (teleconference), Mr. William S. Biggs,
Mr. R. Duke Brown, Mr. Charles J. Hodge, Mr. Mike Pruitt
(teleconference), Mr. Eugene C. Spivey and Mr. John Vrooman

**Other Board
Members Present:** Mr. William H. Alford, Mr. Gary W. Brown, Mr. Joseph L. Carter,
Mr. Samuel H. Frink, Ms. Natasha M. Hanna, Mr. D. Wyatt
Henderson, Mr. William L. Lyles Jr., Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr.
and Dr. Samuel J. Swad

Others Present: Mr. Doug Bell, Ms. Stacie Bowie, Dr. Debbie Conner, Ms. Lori G.
Church, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Dr. Edgar L. Dyer, Mr. Will
Garland, Ms. Martha S. Hunn, Mr. Timothy Meacham, Ms. Anne
T. Monk, Mr. Mark Roach, Dr. Michael Ruse, Dr. Judy W. Vogt,
Mr. Hunter Yurachek, Ms. Jennifer Packard and Ms. Chyrel
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(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. Josh Hoke of The Sun News was present.)

Mr. Hodge called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Mr. Spivey moved to approve the January 21, 2010, Athletics Committee minutes and Mr. Biggs seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Hodge led a discussion on fundraising and suggested three or four honorary captains for specific home games to contribute \$1,000 to fund summer school.

With the momentum of the baseball team being ranked number four in the nation, Dr. DeCenzo believes it a good time to begin a campaign to raise private funds for a new baseball/softball facility.

Mr. Yurachek stated that he and Mark Roach had met with Coaches Green and Gilmore and have researched baseball/softball facilities and is working with Ron Walker to develop a rendering. The first draft will be ready next week. A plan is being developed to define naming rights and their monetary values. It was suggested to have the rendering put on line and available to the Board of Trustees as soon as they are prepared.

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Will Garland and Mike Pruitt consent to be the point people to carry the project through. A kick-off media event will be planned to announce new facilities by the 2012 season. Dr. DeCenzo and Coach Gilmore plan to go on the road in July to contact former players and others to introduce the plan.

Mr. Pruitt noted that the father of a member of the baseball team member runs the Little League Baseball World Series and is willing to share his contacts/sponsors to pursue the project. Mr. Yurachek and Mark Roach already have a meeting scheduled with the father next week. This gentleman has great contacts for lights and scoring/video boards.

Mr. Yurachek presented an update on facilities. Adkins Fieldhouse looks beautiful and the coaches will move in on June 1. The locker room is a show piece that shows a true commitment to athletics on campus. The Garland Academic Enhancement project is 95% completed and will serve up to 50 students at a time. The hitting facility project is in progress and should be completed in July.

In a meeting with the staff and coaches, the Athletics Missions and Goals were developed. This report was distributed to everyone. The new mission statement states: *The Coastal Carolina University Department of Athletics supports the University mission by providing opportunities for the student-athletes to reach their potential and experience success academically, athletically and personally. In providing student-athletes the opportunity to achieve excellence in these three areas, we are developing **Champions for Life** (new slogan for athletics).*

The purpose of this vision is for Chanticleer Athletics to become the premier Division I FCS institution in the country. The key areas of focus, goal development and action plans were highlighted and will become areas of accountability for the staff.

Mr. Yurachek and Dr. Sheehan worked together to prepare the draft of the Student-Athlete Class Attendance Policy which was reviewed. While student-athletes will be required to miss classes as a result of travel and scheduled competitions, these absences are generally anticipated and excused. However, unexcused absences will not be permitted. The Department of Athletics will use in-person class checks and telephone/e-mail correspondence with professors to monitor class attendance. If a student-athlete has four unexcused absences, they will be suspended from 10% of the team's regular season scheduled. This policy will be presented to Faculty Senate tomorrow afternoon for their endorsement.

In the past, there were three areas to defend against a Title IX allegation. Dr. DeCenzo stated that now proportionality is the standard to be defended towards gender equity. Proportionality is the percent of males and females in institution versus percent of males and females that are athletes. Some universities are dropping some men's sports and adding women's sports.

Mr. Hodges believes that Title IX is an opportunity to express support of women's athletics.

Mr. Yurachek presented a sports update. At the moment, Coastal Carolina University is just behind Liberty for the Sasser Cup Championship.

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As there were personnel issues to discuss, Mr. Biddle moved to go into Executive Session and Mr. Spivey seconded. Upon reconvening, Mr. Hodge noted that no action was taken.

Mr. Hodge moved to recommend to the full Board of Trustees the addition of a women's lacrosse program beginning in the 2012-2013 season. Mr. Spivey seconded and the motion passed (Motion 10-36).

As there was no further business, Mr. Spivey moved to adjourn and Mr. Biddle seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey for
Secretary/Treasurer