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Chairman Larry Lyles brought the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Bill Biggs moved to approve the Government Affairs Committee minutes of July 19, 2012. Dr. Larry Biddle seconded, and the motion passed.

Mr. Biddle moved to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters and Ms. Natasha Hanna seconded. Upon reconvening, it was noted that no action was taken.

Mr. Mark Kelley expressed appreciation for Chairman Brian White, Senator Nikki Setzler, Senator Raymond Cleary and the Horry Legislative Delegation in helping to pass the legislation for the Ph.D. program and budgeting state money for a research vessel.

There will be no additional funding in next year’s budget.

There are concerns regarding where comprehensive universities will fall in the discussion of remodeling higher education. Gov. Haley brought legislators, educators, and businessmen to discuss accountability at an October conference. She believes college funding should be on a merit system that rewards schools for their graduation rates and job placements. Haley wants the Legislature to get away from its standard funding formulas that have given the schools the same
percentage of state money year after year. There is a mindset that education needs to be focused
on job creation, technical job training, and research. This pinches out the comprehensive
universities. Everyone will be looking for survival. We need to educate why comprehensive
universities are important to the state.

Dr. Decenzo added that the goals of the state are to increase the quality of life and increase
income. In other states, the four-year degree has made a difference. We need to develop talking
points to educate. For example, about 36% of our out-of-state students stay in the state. What is
Coastal Carolina’s record versus other comprehensives in the state?

Ms. Hanna reported that concern was expressed at Governor Haley’s Higher Education
Conference regarding the state’s return on investment for college degrees. Technical colleges
tout their Associate Degree students finding successful jobs. Graduates are leaving South
Carolina because there are no manufacturing businesses. Another hot topic is the budget.
Schools are spending way too much money on buildings and athletic facilities instead of
academics.

Dr. DeCenzo believes the formula is not bad. The problem is carrying through with the formula.

Mr. Dyer feels we must be careful to watch the definitions of retention and graduation rates. We
need to track students who attend Coastal, transfer to another school and graduate from there.

Mr. Kelley reported that the Washington lobbyist contract was expiring and a decision needs to
be made whether or not to continue the contract. We need to have a presence in Washington.
This will be discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Dyer reported that a good rapport continues with Horry County Schools and the Myrtle
Beach Regional Economic & Development Corporation which we are supporting financially and
with expertise. The Horry County Higher Education Commission continues their support of the
University through the tax millage. They are currently working on issuing $6M in bonds for a
student center expansion. Good relationships continue with the Atlantic Center POA.

As there was no further business, Dr. Biddle moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey
for Larry L. Biddle
Secretary/Treasurer