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**Minutes  
Coastal Carolina University  
Board of Trustees**

**Government Affairs Committee  
E. Craig Wall Jr., Board Room  
February 21, 2013**

**Committee Members Present:** Dr. Larry L. Biddle, Mr. Samuel H. Frink and Ms. Natasha M. Hanna

**Committee Members Not Present:** Mr. William L. Lyles Jr. and Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr.

**Other Board Members Present:** Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson, Mr. Carlos C. Johnson, Mr. Eugene C. Spivey, Dr. Samuel J. Swad and Mr. William E. Turner III

**Others Present:** Ms. Carolyn Bender, Ms. Stacie A. Bowie, Dr. Debbie Conner, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Mr. Edgar L. Dyer, Ms. Martha S. Hunn, Dr. Keshav Jagannathan, Mr. Mark Kelley, Ms. B. J. Landrum, Mr. Tim Meacham, Ms. Jennifer Packard, Mr. William M. Plate Jr., Dr. Michael Roberts, Ms. Chyrel Stalvey, Mr. Gregory Thompson and Mr. Greg Thornburg

(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. Heather Gale of The Horry Independent was in attendance.)

Vice Chairman Sam Frink brought the meeting to order and reported that Chairman Larry Lyles could not be in attendance.

**Dr. Larry Biddle moved to approve the Government Affairs Committee minutes of October 25, 2012. Ms. Natasha Hanna seconded and the motion carried.**

Mr. Mark Kelley reported that no money has been put into the State's budget for recurring dollars for Coastal Carolina University next year. We have not pushed for it in the House because Sen. Ray Cleary plans to discuss parity in the Senate. Deferred maintenance is being closely watched in all schools because of last year's media attention. CCU's budget will be reviewed by the legislature in April.

Mr. Wyatt Henderson noted that with all the attention focused on recurring dollars, we need to hold tuition down.

Ms. Natasha Hanna reported that restructuring higher education has slowed down because Gov. Haley is working to resolve the division of power in Columbia and a Department of Administration will be formed within the next couple of months.

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An RFP has been issued for a D.C. Lobbyist and that should be finalized within the next three weeks. The dollar amount was specified in the solicitation and will be lower this year.

After last year's legislation regarding board of trustees' district restructuring in the state, trustees' term expirations have been changed. All trustees have been notified of the changes, and the screening process is now taking place. Coastal Carolina districts have no opposition for appointment.

Mr. Kelley advised the trustees to take the opportunity to go to Columbia and meet face-to-face with legislators during the year. The Grand Strand Legislative Reception is a good opportunity for this.

Mr. Eddie Dyer, Representative Liston Barfield and Senator Ray Cleary had a successful meeting with Horry County Transportation Department for the installation of a traffic signal at Highway 544 and Founders Drive. Representative Barfield is always looking for ways to help CCU.

Dr. Mike Roberts gave an update on the MBREDC initiatives. In Myrtle Beach, the Cowork MYR is working to bring information technology entrepreneurs together to develop technology projects. Our faculty in Exercise Science and Psychology are also working with local small businesses startup.

An update was presented on the Duke Energy two-part grant. Our physics faculty and civil engineers at Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) are working to develop an engineering transfer agreement. Two additional grants have been submitted to the National Science Foundation in collaboration with HGTC. One is for the development of wind tunnel energy and another is for a microscope. We should find out about these grants in August.

Dr. Sheehan noted that it is important to collaborate with HGTC. Their new engineering building has state-of-the-art equipment. Marine & Wetland Studies is also working with HGTC on wind energy programs.

Bids for the research vessel have gone out with the hope to have it built by mid-summer. The capacity will be 25 people in order to accommodate classes. If the vessel is completed early enough, a ship has been found to bring it to us.

The S.C. Commission on Higher Education will vote on our Marine Science Ph.D. program in March.

As there was no further business, Mr. Frink moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hanna seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey  
for Larry L. Biddle  
Secretary/Treasurer