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**Minutes**  
**Coastal Carolina University**  
**Board of Trustees**

**Government Affairs Committee**  
**E. Craig Wall Jr., Board Room**  
**October 10, 2013**

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

**Committee Members Not Present:** Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr.

**Other Board Members Present:** Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson, Mr. Carlos C. Johnson, Mr. Marion B. Lee, Mr. Charles E. Lewis, Mr. George E. Mullen, Dr. Oran P. Smith, Mr. Eugene C. Spivey and Mr. William E. Turner III

**Others Present:** Ms. Carolyn S. Bender, Ms. Stacie A. Bowie, Dr. J. Ralph Byington, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Mr. Edgar L. Dyer, Ms. Martha S. Hunn, Ms. B. J. Landrum, Dr. Steven J. Madden, Mr. Timothy E. Meacham, Ms. Jennifer Packard, Mr. William W. Plate Jr., Ms. Chyrel Stalvey, Mr. Greg Thompson, Mr. Gregory W. Thornburg and Mr. John Vrooman

(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 and Vicki Grooms of the Sun News were in attendance.)

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

Lyles moved to approve the Government Affairs Committee minutes of July 18, 2013. Sam Frink seconded and the motion carried.

Mark Kelley reported that the General Assembly is not in session. An old issue is the Teaching Fellows Scholarship Program which Senator Hayes is working on to have it available to all South Carolina universities.

David DeCenzo reported that the governor continues efforts to change higher education to accountability based funding but has little support from the General Assembly, which could be because it would require additional funding.

Coastal Carolina's main goal is to increase recurring funding. We are the least funded of all universities receiving only 4.9% funding from the state which is controlled by the state. We are fortunate to have a member of the Horry-Georgetown Delegation on the House Ways and Means Committee.

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On the Federal level, Nelson Mullins continues to work on grant opportunities. Thoughts are to invite the congressional delegation to Coastal Carolina to see our research vessel and let them see firsthand that we have a research program second to none. The vessel will be presented to the public on November 14 and also at Georgetown at a later date. More information will come when available.

Talks continue about transitioning from textbooks to electronic books.

DeCenzo reported that Sam Frink has been added to the Executive Committee of the MBREDC. Horry-Georgetown Tech College and Coastal Carolina are partners with economic development.

As there was no further business, Lyles presented a motion to adjourn and Dan Moore seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey  
for Larry L. Biddle  
Secretary/Treasurer