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**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees**

**Athletics Committee Meeting
Wall Board Room
February 13, 2014**

Members of the Committee Present: Dr. Larry L. Biddle,* Mr. William S. Biggs, Mr. Carlos C. Johnson,* Mr. Marion B. Lee, Mr. George E. Mullen and Mr. Eugene C. Spivey

Other Trustees Present: Mr. Samuel J. Frink, Ms. Natasha M. Hanna, Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson, Mr. Charles E. Lewis,* Mr. William L. Lyles Jr., Dr. Oran P. Smith, Mr. Robert G. Templeton* and Mr. William E. Turner III*

Others Present: Ms. Stacie A. Bowie, Dr. J. Ralph Byington, Ms. Lori Church, Dr. Debbie Conner, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Mr. Edgar L. Dyer, Mr. Bruce L. Gregory, Ms. Martha S. Hunn, Mr. Christopher A. Johnson, Mr. Mark Kelley, Ms. B.J. Landrum, Dr. Steven J. Madden, Mr. Timothy E. Meacham, Ms. Jennifer Packard, Mr. William M. Plate Jr., Mr. Mark A. Roach, Ms. V. Chyrel Stalvey, Mr. Gregory W. Thornburg and Ms. Jaida Williams

(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.)

Eugene Spivey brought the meeting to order.

George Mullen moved to approve the October 10, 2013, committee minutes and Marion Lee seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.

Women's Basketball Coach Jaida Williams was introduced. She is excited to be at Coastal Carolina University. Her vision is to put CCU women's basketball on the national scene as a premiere team. The team is working hard, improving each day, and leading the Big South in points per game. We have had a couple of injuries and loss of some athletes. The team is working in the community with children and retirees. Attention is paid to student-athlete grades. Everyone was invited to attend the Play 4Kay women's basketball game tonight. The team is having a good season.

Hunter Yurachek was caught in the snowstorm while traveling with the basketball team. In his stead Bruce Gregory, Senior Associate Athletic Director for Internal Operations, presented the 2013 Fall review.

*Denotes joined by teleconference.

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Nineteen student-athletics received bachelor's degrees and two more received their MBA. A 3.028 GPA was posted for the semester and the cumulative GPA reached the highest ever record of 3.108. Of the 434 student-athletics, 253 or 58.3% posted a semester GPA between 3.0 and 4.0.

The department ranked a program best--40th nationally in the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup. Football placed fifth by reaching the NCAA Division I Championship quarterfinals. Men's soccer reached the NCAA Sweet 16 and finished ninth in the NCAA Championship. We led all Big South programs and ranked third-best among NCAA and FCS programs, trailing Georgetown (18th) and Princeton (35th). Men's sports programs ranked 22nd nationally in the Capital One Men's Fall Standings. Chanticleers won four Big South Championships: football, men's soccer regular season, men's soccer tournament and women's cross country. All six of CCU's fall sports programs finished among the Big South top five.

Football ranked seventh in the fall national ranking in both the Sports network and FCS Coaches polls—both program and Big South bests. Football earned the Big South's automatic bid to the NCAA Division I Championship (fourth playoff appearance, earning the league's first ever berth in 2007 and the league's automatic berth in 2010, 2012 and 2013). They had twelve wins as a program record before losing to the eventual national champion North Dakota State.

Men's soccer ranked as high as fifth nationally during the season and was 13th (College Soccer News and Top Draw Soccer), 14th (NCAA RP) and 15th (National Soccer Coaches Association of America) in the final rankings.

Women's cross country won the program's 13th Big South Championship, the most among Big South schools, and won four of six regular-season meets in the fall.

Student-athletes worked in several programs in the community. This year 50 Horry County children received Christmas gifts--an improvement over 2012's 31 and 2011's six. They also participated in the holiday food drive by providing food for 25 families, exceeding their goal of 15.

The Big South Basketball Championship Tournament will be held March 4-9, 2014, in conjunction with visitmyrtlebeach.com. This is the second of a three-year contract to host the tournaments. Bruce Gregory is the director of the tournament.

Men's basketball team is currently first in conference.

Facilities Update:

- Baseball Stadium – moving along nicely, starting process of berms, etc. and play in February 2015, scheduled to play at the Pelicans this season
- Softball Stadium – opened this season last Saturday, press box will be completed in March, will play there all season long, will host Big South softball championships here in May
- Tennis Complex – 2014 completion

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- Brooks Stadium Turf Field Project – plans have been submitted to Columbia, cost estimate is over budget, reviewing it again to bring cost down.

Congratulations to Hunter Yurachek's son, Ryan, who has signed to play football at Marshall University.

Chris Johnson introduced Coastal alum Rhett Graham who has been hired as the Director of Development for the Coastal Athletic Foundation.

After completion of the facilities, baseball will have a suite levels.

The Chanticleer Athletic Gala will be held on August 27th at the Sheraton.

Football's spring game is April 12th.

A report of naming opportunities was distributed. The women's softball program has gone out and secured naming rights for lockers and basically has verbal pledges for about 36.

Gene Spivey complimented Mark Roach and Chris Johnson for the success of the WOW Zone at the football games this past season. There were lots of new donors which was impressive.

David DeCenzo reminded everyone of the reception at the HTC Center prior to the CCU vs. Campbell's women's basketball game tonight.

As there was no further business, Bill Biggs moved to adjourn, and Marion Lee seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey for
Larry. L. Biddle
Secretary/Treasurer