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Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees

Government Affairs Committee
E. Craig Wall Jr., Board Room
May 8, 2014

Committee Members Present: Mr. Samuel H. Frink, Ms. Natasha M. Hanna, Mr. William L. Lyles Jr., and Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr.

Other Board Members Present: Mr. William S. Biggs, Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson, Mr. Carlos C. Johnson, Mr. Marion B. Lee, Mr. Charles E. Lewis, Dr. Oran P. Smith, Mr. Eugene C. Spivey, 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. Fred F. “Trip” DuBard III, Ms. Martha S. Hunn, Mr. Timothy E. Meacham, Ms. Christine L. Mee, Ms. Jennifer A. Packard, Mr. William M. “Bill” Plate Jr., Dr. Michael H. Roberts, Ms. Sharyn A. Sluys, Ms. V. Chyrel Stalvey, and Mr. Gregory W. 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 and Vicki Grooms of the Sun News were in attendance.)

Chairman Larry Lyles brought the meeting to order at 11:27 a.m. It was noted that Mark Kelley would not be in attendance because of personal business.

Sam Frink moved to approve the February 12, 2014 committee minutes and Dan Moore seconded. The motion passed.

David DeCenzo reported that the legislators are still working to approve the budget for next year. There was not a lot of money for higher education this year. We had asked for an additional \$3M in funding for tuition and that did not happen. Appreciation was expressed for Senator Ray Cleary’s efforts for Coastal Carolina University on this matter.

Stacie Bowie noted that we have approval to move forward with Hicks Dining Hall for new beds in 2015, and it will be presented to the Budget & Control Board Control in June. Because this is not tuition related, the outlook is promising.

Bill Biggs feels that we should be more aggressive in contacts with legislators. Oran Smith suggested having a “Teal Day” to invite legislators.

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Mike Roberts stated that the Grand Strand Technology Council has gotten a \$250,000 state grant for the Grand Strand Startup Initiative, which will help budding entrepreneurs learn what they need to do and the skills they will need to convert their ideas into businesses. Matching state funding will be required. Abdullah Haddad and he are on this committee.

We are partnering with Conway and Clemson in establishing technology villages in Conway focusing on startups in life sciences and biotechnology. Coastal's role will be operational and content into the incubator.

The Coastal Educational Foundation agreed to establish a program fund to support the activities of University faculty members and other non-profits providing assistance in the local region for technology startups.

Edgar stated that Coastal Carolina is doing a lion's share trying to improve economics in the area. The University has a \$400M impact on the county; \$240M of this comes from out-of-state tuition which provided Columbia with taxes from this amount. Two-thirds of our tuition comes from out-of-state students. They are providing more money to state than the state gives to the University. Biggs asked for a handout of these figures.

Wyatt Henderson noted that Coastal Carolina accepts all in-state students who are qualified.

Dyer stated that work continues for a red light and other safety features on University Boulevard by Lackey Chapel but SCDOT turned the requests down. After University Boulevard is resurfaced this summer, DOT will deed the road to Coastal. Future upkeep of the road will be 25% from Horry-Georgetown Technical College and 75% from Coastal. Mike Wooten has been helpful to move this project forward. After resurfacing, traffic devices, raised concrete walkways, and vehicle triggered caution lights will be installed. Everything should be completed by the time school starts in August.

Board of Trustees will be provided with a list of 2013-2014 projects which Nelson Mullins assisted in to further the cause of the University. They successfully helped with getting the research vessel and with the open house events for it by suggesting invitees to attend. They are also monitoring digital integration resources into course work and the Affordable College Textbook Act. Mike Roberts believes that we should have presence in Washington, and their services are adequate at this time.

Dan Moore asked if the new trolleys are being used. Bowie reported that they are widely used. Sometimes they are full, and students will have to wait for the next shuttle. Very positive feedback has been received.

As there was no further business, Sam Frink moved to adjourn and Moore seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey