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**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees**

**Government Affairs Committee
E. Craig Wall Jr. Board Room
October 1, 2015**

Committee Members Present: Mr. Samuel H. Frink, Mr. Marion B. Lee, Mr. William L. Lyles Jr., and Mr. George E. Mullen

Committee Member Not Present: Ms. Natasha M. Hanna and Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr.

Other Board Members Present: Mr. William S. Biggs, Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson, Mr. Carlos C. Johnson, Mr. Charles E. Lewis, Dr. Oran P. Smith, Mr. Eugene C. Spivey, Dr. Samuel J. Swad, and Mr. William E. Turner III

Others Present: Dr. John P. Beard, Ms. Carolyn S. Bender, Ms. Stacie A. Bowie, Dr. Brian Bunton, Dr. J. Ralph Byington, Ms. Nedy Campbell, Mr. Josh Chesson, Ms. Lori G. Church, Dr. Debbie Conner, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Dr. Daniel J. Ennis, Dr. Edward Jadallah, Dr. James O. Luken, Mr. Timothy E. Meacham, Ms. Christine L. Mee, Ms. Jennifer Packard, Mr. William M. Plate Jr., Mr. Mike Pruitt, Dr. Barbara A. Ritter, Dr. Michael H. Roberts, Dr. Sherer W. Royce, Dr. Michael S. Ruse, Dr. Kenneth W. Smalls Jr., Ms. V. Chyrel Stalvey, and Ms. Kathy T. Watts

(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.)

Chairman Larry Lyles brought the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Lyles moved to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2015, Government Affairs Committee meeting, and Sam Frink seconded. The minutes were approved.

Stacie requested approval to seek an additional \$4M in General Funds (state appropriations) for the 2016-2017 budget on behalf of in-state students (Motion 15-52).

President David DeCenzo stated that on October 6, he will be participating in discussions with the House of Education Committee regarding the feasibility of a state Board of Regents.

Congressman Tom Rice has asked DeCenzo what he could do for Coastal Carolina University. DeCenzo responded that a pedestrian bridge over 544 was greatly needed. Rice's staff found that there were federal monies given to each state for this purpose. A conference call was held with DeCenzo, Rice, County Council Chairman Mark Lazarus, and D.O.T. chairman. The

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Federal government will be paying for a feasibility study to see what is needed, and the best location.

Dean and Vice President of Research and Emerging Initiatives, Mike Roberts, report stated that Dr. Paul Gayes will be hosting a seminar today at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the Hugo hurricane model with Hurricane Joaquin in the Atlantic Ocean.

A technology innovation center will be opening an operational office in Georgetown in time for the wooden boat show in October. Micro funds are available for startup of businesses.

As there was no further business, Lyles moved to adjourn, and Marion Lee seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey
Recorder