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**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees**

**Government Affairs Committee
Atheneum Hall, William H. Alford Ballroom
August 3, 2017**

Committee Members Present:	Mr. Samuel H. Frink, Mr. William L. Lyles Jr., and Mr. George E. Mullen
Committee Members Not Present:	Mr. John H. Bartell Jr., Ms. Natasha M. Hanna, and Dr. Samuel J. Swad
Other Board Present:	Mr. William S. Biggs, Mr. Carlos C. Johnson, Mr. Charles E. Lewis, Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr., Dr. Oran P. Smith, Dr. Oran P. Smith, Mr. Eugene C. Spivey, Mr. H. Delan Stevens, and Mr. William E. Turner III
Others Present:	Ms. Sandra Baldrige-Adrian, Dr. J. Ralph Byington, Ms. Nedy Campbell, Mr. Joshua M. Chesson, Dr. Debbie C. Conner, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Dr. Daniel J. Ennis, Mr. Stephen K. Harrison, Mr. Matthew L. Hogue, Dr. Sara N. Hottinger, Ms. Jane E. Johansen, Mr. Timothy E. Meacham, Ms. Jennifer Packard, Mr. Travis E. Overton, Ms. Jennifer Packard, Mr. William M. Plate Jr., Dr. Barbara A. Ritter, Mr. Mark A. Roach, Dr. Michal H. Roberts, Ms. V. Chyrel Stalvey, Ms. Sharon Sluys, Mr. Gregory Thompson

(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.)

Vice Chair William L. Lyles called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

Because a quorum was not present, the minutes will be reviewed and approved at the full Board meeting tomorrow.

Dean of the College of Science and Vice-President for Research and Emerging Initiatives Michael reported that the three Coastal Carolina University Swain scholars were in Washington, D.C., recently for the 21st annual Posters on the Hill, a distinguished annual undergraduate research competition. CCU was the only university in the state to be invited to the event this year. The Scholars are conducting a research project on public perceptions about people who are homeless. Their research compares public opinion findings with real data collected through firsthand interviews. The scholars, in follow-up to this event, met with staff from the offices of Senators Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott and Representative Tom Rice to discuss their project and obtain information on resources on how to move the project forward.

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The 5th T (that operates the Conway and Georgetown Innovation Centers) has had several “walk-ins” needing business development help, including micro-loans. The State is also issuing a limited number of licenses for growing industrial hemp. These licenses require a university research partner; the CIC is working to get these growers connected with appropriate university researchers. Clemson University is the obvious partner for this agriculturally-based project, but since some of the research questions are business and marketing related, as opposed to agronomy-related, the farmers may want to connect with CCU.

President Dave DeCenzo reported that Mark Kelley will be retiring on June 30, 2018. Kelley has recommended his successor. The Horry Legislative Delegation has been consulted and is in agreement with the selection. The candidate is well respected in Columbia and has no issues with anyone. His resume will be sent to the Board of Trustees. He will be shadowing Kelley for a year. He will lobby for both the Myrtle Beach Chamber and CCU.

As there was no further business, everyone was in agreement to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey

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Recorder