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**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees**

**Government Affairs Committee
E. Craig Wall Jr. Board Room
May 4, 2018**

Committee Members Present: Mr. John H. Bartell Jr. Mr. Samuel H. Frink, Ms. Natasha M. Hanna, Lyles Jr., and Mr. George E. Mullen

Committee Member Not Present: Mr. William L. Lyles Jr. 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, Mr. Patrick S. Sparks, Mr. Eugene C. Spivey, Mr. H. Delan Stevens, and Mr. William E. Turner III

Others Present: Ms. Sandra Baldrige-Adrian, Ms. Katherine Brooks, Dr. J. Ralph Byington, Ms. Nedy Campbell, Mr. Joshua M. Chesson, Dr. Debbie C. Conner, Dr. Melvin Davis, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Mr. Stephen K. Harrison, Mr. Matthew L. Hogue, Dr. Sara N. Hottinger, Mr. Mark Kelley, Mr. Timothy E. Meacham, Mr. Travis E. Overton, Ms. Jennifer Packard, Mr. William M. Plate Jr., Dr. Barbara A. Ritter, Mr. Mark A. Roach, Dr. Michael H. Roberts, and Ms. V. Chyrel Stalvey

(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. Katie Powell of Horry Independent was in attendance.)

Prior to the beginning of the meeting Gene Spivey introduced the Men's and Women's Golf Team who both won the Sun Belt Conference. They received a standing ovation from those in attendance.

Chairman Natasha Hanna brought the Government Affairs committee to order at 9:10 a.m.

Hanna moved to approve the Government Affairs Committee minutes of February 16, 2018 with the correction of "*Hanna inquired about SCCHE Commissioner Chairman Tim Hoffereth going around the state discussing the Commission's view of the problems with state universities. Mark Kelley suggested that Hoffereth was promoting the need for a state board of regents.*" George Mullen seconded as amended. The motion passed.

President David DeCenzo explained that the next two motions are attempts for the Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP contract period to run concurrently with the University's fiscal year.

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George Mullen moved to amend the existing agreement of services from April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP at the current rate (Motion 18-35). Sam Frink seconded, and the motion passed.

Sam Frink made a motion to approve the Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP contract from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 at the current rate (Motion 18-38). Mullen seconded. The motion carried.

Dean and Vice President for Research and Emerging Initiatives Michael Roberts reported that the Conway Innovation Center held a showcase in January featuring some of the companies going through the center at which two students made presentations. In October another showcase will be held and students will again present. The Conway Innovation Center has received a \$70,000 grant from the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

There has been much discussion at the Board meetings recently regarding the increase in the quality of our students and faculty. For example, Marine Science Assistant Professor Zhixiong Shen had papers published in two of the most prestigious scientific journals—Nature Magazine and Science Advances—regarding flooding in the Mississippi River.

Mullen suggested meeting with the local delegation to discuss the Universities' goals. President DeCenzo suggested a breakfast meeting early on the morning of the Board retreat in August. Dan Moore also recommended inviting local mayors, county council chairman, and others at another breakfast. Everyone was in agreement for these recommendations. The President's Office will handle the details.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey

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Recorder