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**Minutes  
Coastal Carolina University  
Board of Trustees**

**Government Affairs Committee  
E. Craig Wall Jr. Board Room  
February 21, 2019**

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

**Committee Member Not Present:** Dr. Samuel J. Swad

**Other Board Members Present:** Mr. Dalton B. Floyd Jr., Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson, Mr. Carlos C. Johnson, Ms. Sherry I. Johnson, Mr. Charles E. Lewis, Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr., Dr. Oran P. Smith, Mr. Eugene C. Spivey, 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. Ms. Amanda E. Craddock, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Mr. Edgar L. Dyer III, Mr. Samuel J. Frink, Mr. David A. Frost, Ms. Lindsy M. Glass, Mr. Stephen K. Harrison, Mr. Matthew L. Hogue, Ms. Martha S. Hunn, Ms. Robyn A. Jones, Mr. Timothy E. Meacham, Mr. Travis E. Overton, Ms. Jennifer Packard, Ms. V. Chyrel Stalvey, Mr. Bryan Steros, Mr. John Vrooman, and Mr. David Yancey

(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. None was in attendance.)

Chairman Natasha Hanna brought the Government Affairs committee to order at 4:10 p.m.

George Mullen made a motion to accept the December 13, 2018 Government Affairs Committee minutes. John Bartell seconded, and the motion was approved.

Hanna reminded everyone that the College and University Trustee Screening Commission has sent out notifications to all trustees whose reappointments are approaching. It is critical that the hand carried letter be submitted by noon tomorrow. Regrettably, it was announced that Larry Lyles, an original trustee, will not seek reappointment.

She believes two questions that will be asked during their interviews will be trustee's thoughts about the S.C. Commission on Higher Education (SCCHE) and their opinion regarding having 50/50 in-state and out-of-state students.

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The annual Ethics Form must be submitted to the state by March 30.

President David DeCenzo was asked by Senator Vincent A. Sheheen to present information regarding the S298 Higher Education Opportunity. He prepared two charts to lay out the effects of additional funding to higher education which were well received. The committee is moving in the direction of letting money follow the student.

Hanna encouraged trustees who will be interviewed to study this information.

DeCenzo believes that part of the bill will be passed. If we could get already identified increases in the budget this year and the state covering pensions and mandated increases, we would be financially much better off than we have ever been. In March, the bill will be presented to the Senate Education Committee.

Edgar Dyer stated that the last time the University was fully funded was FY 1985-1986.

Everyone was encouraged to attend the Grand Strand Legislative Dinner next Wednesday, February 27 from 6-9 p.m. in Columbia. CCU is one of the event's co-sponsors.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Chyrel Stalvey*

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Recorder