

**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University**

Board of Trustees

**Athletics Committee Meeting
Atheneum Hall, William H. Alford Ballroom
August 3, 2017**

**Members of the
Committee Present:** Mr. Charles E. Lewis, Mr. William L. Lyles Jr., Mr. George E. Mullen, Mr. Patrick Sparks, and Mr. Eugene C. Spivey

**Committee Member
Not Present:** Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson

Other Trustees Mr. William S. Biggs, Mr. Samuel H. Frink. Mr. Carlos C. Johnson, Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr., Dr. Oran P. Smith, Mr. H. Delan Stevens, and Mr. William E. Turner III

Others Present: Ms. Sandra A. Baldrige-Adrian, Dr. Brian Bunton, Dr. J. Ralph Byington, Ms. Nedy Campbell, Mr. Joshua M. Chesson, Dr. Debbie C. Conner, Ms. Amanda E. Craddock, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Dr. Daniel J. Ennis, Mr. Matthew L. Hogue, Dr. Sara N. Hottinger, Ms. Martha S. Hunn, Dr. Edward Jadallah, Ms. Jane E. Johansen, Mr. Christopher A. Johnson, Mr. Timothy E. Meacham, Mr. Travis E. Overton, Ms. Jennifer Packard, Mr. William M. Plate Jr., Mr. Mike Pruitt (teleconferenced), Dr. Barbara A. Ritter, Mr. Mark A. Roach, Dr. Michael H. Roberts, Dr. Reneé Smith, Ms. V. Chyrel Stalvey, and Mr. Mr. John Vrooman

(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. No media were in attendance.)

Chairman Gene Spivey brought the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m.

Patrick Sparks moved to approve the May 4, 2017 Athletics Committee minutes. Delan Steven seconded, and the motion carried.

Athletic Director Matt Hogue presented the following updates:

- During FY 2017, student athletes had the higher GPA ever—3.2.
- In a National Football Foundation release, Coastal Carolina University was ranked second on a list behind Northwestern in terms of current student-athlete graduates still in a graduate program.
- The NCAA Transition Committee has approved the University joining the Sun Belt Conference. The FBS will have to approve each year.

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- Baseball's attendance is second in country and has increased every year since the new stadium was built and the success at the Baseball World Series in Omaha.
- Director of Corporate Sales & Sponsorship Rhett Graham worked to increase corporate sponsorship to \$700,000 this year.
- There are 4,000 season ticket holders.
- Sun Belt has joined the world of collaborative instant replay to determine questionable calls.
- Sun Belt has joined a baseball umpiring consortium with the Southeastern Conference and Atlantic Sun Conference. Baseball will now be the seventh sport that the Sun Belt and SEC share a joint officiating program, joining football, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, and softball.
- The following coaches have been hired: men's golf Jim Garren; men's assistance golf Jeremy Alcorn, and cheerleading Dave Almeida.
- CCU finished fourth in the Sun Belt and 150th in the Director's Cup standings.
- Josh Norman was chosen the Chanticleer Athlete of the Year.

Executive Director of the Chanticleer Athletic Foundation (CAF) Chris Johnson stated that during FY 2017, the CAF had pledges of \$752,000 and total fundraising of \$2,911,000.

Former soccer student-athlete Ashleigh Gunning Alcorn has been selected as a Director of Major Gifts for the CAF.

Spivey feels that it is time to develop a policy regarding student-athletes who have graduated from college and have a year of eligibility left. Hogue added that the student transfer portion of eligibility is a hot topic. We currently have 19 student-athlete who are in graduate programs from CCU. Most Division I transfers are in men's football and basketball. Provost Ralph Byington stated that if the student-athlete meets admission requirements, there is no problem. If needed, graduate students can get through admissions as quickly as possible. There are plenty of offerings for prospective students.

As there was no further business, Chuck Lewis moved to adjourn and George Mullen seconded. The meeting recessed.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Chyrel Stalvey

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