

**Minutes**  
**Coastal Carolina University**  
**Board of Trustees**

**Government Affairs Committee**  
**E. Craig Wall Jr. Board Room**  
**February 23, 2017**

**Committee Members Present:** Mr. Samuel H. Frink, Ms. Natasha M. Hanna, Mr. Marion B. Lee, Mr. William L. Lyles Jr., Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr., and Mr. George E. Mullen

**Other Board 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:** Ms. Stacie A. Bowie, Dr. J. Ralph Byington, Ms. Nedy Campbell, Mr. Josh Chesson, Ms. Lori Church, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Ms. Martha S. Hunn, Mr. Timothy E. Meacham, Ms. Jennifer Packard, Mr. William M. Plate Jr., Dr. Michal H. Roberts, Ms. V. Chyrel Stalvey and 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.)

Chairman Larry Lyles brought the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

George Mullen moved to approve the October 20, 2016 Government Affairs Committee minutes. Chuck Lewis seconded. The motion passed.

President Dr. DeCenzo, Provost Ralph Byington, Dean Ed Jadallah, along with Dr. Fred Carter of Frances Marion University will appear before the S.C. House of Representative's Education Committee on February 28 to debate movement into Ph.D. programs. Being a Level 5 university means that up to eight Ph.D. programs could be offered. The next Ph.D. program we offer will be in Education to service our area needs. Mark Kelley is working hard on the House of Representatives side and Frances Marion University is working the Senate side on this issue.

Next year's budget from the House of Representatives came out yesterday and no university received a dollar increase in recurring funds. With the current state pension and roads issues, there is probably no hope in increasing recurring funds this year. We will get the new positions requested, but we will have to fund them.

Provost Ralph Byington stated that Dean/Vice President for Research and Emerging Initiatives Mike Roberts reported the 5T innovation group microloans have been very successful.

We continue searching for grant money in Washington with the hope that persistence will eventually pay off.

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As there was nothing further to discuss, Dan Moore moved to adjourn and Marion Lee seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Chyrel Stalvey*

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