

**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees**

**Academic Affairs & Assessment Committee
West Zone Suite, Brooks Stadium
October 10, 2019**

Committee Members Present: Mr. Lee Belcher, Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson, Mr. Charles E. Lewis, Mr. Daniel W.R. Moore, Sr., Mr. Eugene C. Spivey

Committee Member Not Present: Dr. Samuel J. Swad, Dr. Oran P. Smith,

Other Board Members Present: Mr. John Bartell, Jr., Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr., Ms. Sherry I. Johnson, Mr. George E. Mullen, Mr. Patrick Sparks, Mr. H. Delan Stevens, Mr. William E. Turner, III.

Board Members Not Present: Mr. William S. Biggs, Ms. Natasha M. Hanna

Others Present: Mr. Jamieson A. Bilella, Dr. Claudia Bornholt, Ms. Nedy Campbell, Ms. Elizabeth Carter, Mr. Joshua M. Chesson, Dr. Debbie C. Conner, Ms. Amanda Craddock, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Ms. Lydia J. Deeck, Dr. Daniel J. Ennis, Mr. David A. Frost, Dr. Sara Hottinger, Ms. Martha S. Hunn, Dr. Edward Jadallah, Mr. Carlos Johnson, Dr. Pamela Martin, Mr. Travis Overton, Ms. Jennifer Packard, Dr. Barbra Ritter, Dr. Peter Paquette, Mr. Mike Ryhal, Mr. Gregory T. Thompson, Dr. Robert Young, Ms. Jasmine Jackson, Mr. Kyle Mingo, Ms. Clara Comiskey, Mr. Tyler Fleming, Ms. Katie Powell, Ms. Chelsie Whitelock

(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. Two members of the media were in attendance.)

Wyatt Henderson brought the Academic Affairs & Assessment Committee meeting to order at 12:10 PM.

Eugene Spivey made a motion to approve the August 8, 2019 Academic Affairs and Assessment Committee meeting minutes. Daniel Moore seconded, and the motion carried.

Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. T. Brian Bunton, submitted his Faculty Senate report via writing (attached).

Wyatt Henderson made a motion to approve Ron Daise as the December 17, 2019 Commencement speaker (Motion 19-47). William Turner seconded. The motion passed.

Spivey made a motion to approve the new Master of Arts in Education program, effective Fall 2020 (Motion 19-48). Moore seconded. The motion passed.

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Spivey moved to approve the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Sustainability and Coastal Resilience, both effective Fall 2020 (Motion 19-49). Moore seconded. The motion passed.

Henderson proposes a motion for consideration to approve the University moving forward with negotiating a memorandum of agreement with the City of Myrtle Beach and Burroughs & Chapin for development of an innovative K-8 school to be located in the City of Myrtle Beach and operated at no cost to CCU (Motion 19-55). Moore seconded. The motion passed.

President David DeCenzo referenced the recent signing event between Coastal Carolina University and the South Carolina Technical College System. Students who graduate from a South Carolina technical college with an Associate of Arts (A.A.) or an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree who then apply and become accepted into Coastal, would have their general education requirements waived. This will be an incentive to these prospective students.

As there was no additional business, Spivey moved to adjourn. Moore seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Deeck
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Recorder

Faculty Senate Report to the Board of Trustees
T. Brian Bunton – October 10, 2019

This is the first report of my second term as Faculty Senate Chair. I had previously served in the same capacity from 2015 to 2017, and am delighted to serve again. As the next two to four years will be a time of considerable activity, I look forward to representing the faculty's interests in matters across the university.

At the July Faculty Senate meeting, a totally new Executive Committee was elected to a two-year term. Joining me are Vice Chair Adam Chamberlain, Associate Professor and Chair of the Politics and Diane Fribance, Associate Professor of Physical Oceanography. I have appointed Drew Kurlowski, Assistant Professor of Politics as the Senate parliamentarian. This committee is ready and excited to lead the Faculty Senate.

We continue to perform the regular business of the Faculty Senate, including approving new courses and programs, receiving reports from the university standing committees, and considering changes to academic policy and procedure. This year, we have been invited to form a stronger bond with the Horry County Higher Education Commission. The commission's chair, Ruth Kearns, attended our October meeting, and I plan to regularly attend their meetings as an ex-officio member.

We have also embarked upon some new initiatives. September saw the first meeting of our newest university standing committee, the Non-Tenure Track Faculty Committee. While the faculty governance structure has long supported those of us not on the tenure track, the formation of this committee further formalizes our commitment to consider the concerns of this crucial population. In September we formed an ad hoc committee charged to review the processes used when academic integrity violations are reported. The committee will recommend changes to the existing processes. Finally, a conversation has begun among the chairs of the various promotion and tenure committees to look at the language currently in the Faculty Manual and consider updating it. This is surely a big task, but an important one, and we hope to have a suite of changes to bring to the Board in May 2020.

Much of the Faculty Senate's work is in concert with Provost Ennis's efforts. For example, part of considering the promotion and tenure process came from the need to evaluate faculty members with joint appointments across disciplines, in support of the "blended majors" initiative. Professor Ennis began his time as provost with a mindset of engaging with faculty, and we look forward to continued cooperation.

Finally, the faculty and I would like to work more collaboratively with the Board of Trustees. Because of the faculty's primacy in advancing the academic mission of the university, I would ask for consultation on matters that impact faculty interest. In efforts such as the formation and selection of the presidential search advisory committee, joint effort between our bodies of a most critical kind must be taken. I would hope that the Board feels the same way, and offer myself for more regular discussion.

Thank you once again for your time and attention. Respectfully submitted,

T. Brian Bunton
Chair of Faculty Senate