

**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees**

**General Board of Trustees Meeting
Singleton Ballroom
May 6, 2022**

Board Members Present: Delan Stevens, John Bartell, Lee Belcher, William Biggs, Dalton Floyd, Natasha Hanna, Joe Jarrett, Sherry Johnson, Mark Kelley, George Mullen, Jason Repak, Oran Smith, Patrick Sparks, Gene Spivey, William Turner

Board Members Not Present: Lisa Davis, Bradley Poston

Others Present: Sandra Baldrige-Adrian, Michael Benson, Claudia Bornholdt, Cassandra Boyd, Brant Branham, Lee Brown, Brian Bunton, Daniel Ennis, Amanda Foss, Sandy Fowler, Diane Fribance, David Frost, Christina Genovevo, Stephen Harrison, Matthew Hogue, Sara Hottinger, Melissa Jefferson, Judy Johns, Carlos Johnson, Thomas Koczara, Brianna Martin, Travis Overton, Jerry Rashid, Michael Roberts, Erika Small, Mateo Solana, James Solazzo, Atiya Stokes-Brown, Holley Tankersley

(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: Connor Ingalls with WPDE and Katie Powell with MyHorryNews.com.)

Chairman Delan Stevens called the Board meeting to order 9:45 a.m. Oran Smith offered an invocation

- I. Roll call was taken by Executive Assistant to the President, Amanda Foss.
- II. Natasha Hanna moved to approve the Board of Trustee meeting minutes from Feb.17, 2022. John Bartell seconded, and the motion carried.
- III. University Reports

Stevens presented the following on behalf of the board:

- Recognized the accomplishments of the USC Women's Basketball team and presented a resolution in recognition of their championship. Vice President for Executive Initiatives/Chief of Staff, Travis Overton, read the resolution regarding the Women's Basketball team. (See [APPENDIX I](#))
- Recognized the students, faculty, and staff for all their hard work during this past academic year.
- Congratulated Melissa Jefferson for being the Sun Belt Indoor Track Champion.
- Dean of the Spadoni College of Education and Social Sciences, Holley Tankersley, gave comments regarding the first cohort of Ph.D. students from

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Education that will be graduating on Saturday, May 6.

- Thanked Dean of the Gupta College of Science, Michael Roberts, for his service at Coastal and highlighted some of his accomplishments during his tenure with the University. Smith honored Roberts with a CINO pin.

Student Government Association (SGA) President, Brianna Martin, presented the SGA report and gave an overview of accomplishments during her time as SGA President. Mateo Solano was presented as the incoming SGA President.

Staff Senate President, Sandra Baldrige-Adrian, presented the Staff Senate Report.

- Staff Ombuds is now in place.
- *Bring your child to work day* is being reviewed, with an intent to make it more of a showcase for the University. The goal is to have older children become potential students, and help the younger children know and understand where their parents work.
- Currently, the number one priority and staff concern is cost of living and cost of getting to and from work. They are having discussions with HREO and CFO to see if there are other alternatives such as different work schedules or remote work opportunities.

Faculty Senate Chair, Brian Bunton, presented the Faculty Senate Report.

- Elections are currently taking place for faculty committees.
- Faculty are excited about a new program that will be in place for the fall: First Day Complete.
- There have been some discussions around continuing education and there is an ad-hoc committee that has presented suggestions to Faculty Senate. The Senate voted to accept the recommendations and will move forward in creating a policy for this.
- Currently working on scholarly reassignment process and how to make it more manageable.

Governmental Affairs Director, Brant Branham, gave an update on Columbia legislature.

University President, Michael Benson, presented the President's Report.

IV. Standing Committee Motions

Finance and Audit Committee

- **Lee Belcher moved to approve and adopt the proposed tuition and fees as presented in the Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. (Motion 22-FAA-09) Dalton Floyd seconded. A roll call vote was taken and all present were in favor; the motion carried.**
- **Belcher moved to approve and adopt the proposed Room and Board rates as presented in the Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. (Motion 22-FAA-10) Jason Repak seconded. A roll call vote was taken, all present were in favor, and the motion carried.**

- Belcher moved to approve the course lab fees and other fees as presented in the Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. (Motion 22-FAA-11) Repak seconded. A roll call vote was taken, all present were in favor, and the motion carried
- Belcher moved to approve the discretionary fund, for Dr. Michael T. Benson, University President, in the amount of \$350K, for fiscal year 2022-2023. (Motion 22-FAA-12) Sherry Johnson seconded, and the motion carried.
- Belcher moved to approve two one-year leases, renewable for two more years for: 1). Fountain-Fuller of SC, L.L.C., for +/- 5,000 square feet of office space at the Atlantic Center (450 Century Circle Suite B) effective September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023, and 2). Fountain-Fuller of SC, L.L.C., for +/- 2,500 square feet of office space at the Atlantic Center (450 Century Circle Suite C) effective September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023. (Motions 22-FAA-13 and 14) William Biggs seconded, and the motion carried.
- Belcher moved to approve the lease amendment and extension with Georgetown County for a property located at 909 Front Street in the City of Georgetown, South Carolina, effective May 1, 2022. (Motion 22-FAA-15) William Turner seconded, and the motion carried.
- Belcher moved to approve the renewal of one-year lease for the term July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, to the Small Business Development Center of Winthrop University. (Motion 22-FAA-16) Turner seconded, and the motion carried.

Facilities and Planning Committee

- Johnson moved to approve to enhance Burroughs and Chapin Marine and Wetlands Studies (BCMWS) and BBB parking lots, to include paving, curbing, lighting, stormwater drainage, and other necessary infrastructure improvements. (Motion 22-FAC-01) Turner seconded, and the motion carried.
- Mark Kelley moved to table Motion 22-FAC-01. Biggs seconded, and the motion carried.
- Johnson moved to approve the conceptual design and feasibility study to enhance Burroughs and Chapin Marine and Wetlands Studies (BCMWS) and BBB parking lots, to include paving, curbing, lighting, stormwater drainage, and other necessary infrastructure improvements. (Motion 22-FAC-02) Kelley seconded, and the motion carried.

Academic Affairs and Retention

- Smith moved to approve the new program: B.S. in Mathematics Education. (Motion 22-AAR-04) Biggs seconded, and the motion carried.
- Smith moved to approve the new program: B.A. in History Education. (Motion 22-AAR-05) Floyd seconded, and the motion carried.

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- **Smith moved to approve status of Distinguished Professor Emeritus for retiring faculty: J. Ralph Byington, John A. Goodwin, J. Kay Keels, and James O. Luken. (Motion 22-AAR-06) Turner seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Smith moved to award the new Dean of the Gupta College of Science with title of Professor of Chemistry with tenure. (Motion 22-AAR-07) Turner seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Smith moved to amend the Faculty Manual to require the five most recent years of documents as part of a Lecturer's application for Senior Lecturer. (Motion 22-AAR-08) Patrick Sparks seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Smith moved to amend the Faculty Manual to allow Senior Lecturers serving on college promotion and tenure committees to consider post-promotion review applications for Senior Lecturers. (Motion 22-AAR-09) Belcher seconded, and the motion carried.**

Administration, Governance and Philanthropy

- Consent agenda regarding University policies was affirmed by unanimous consent.
- **Turner moved to approve the Penny Sales Tax Memorandum of Agreement among the School District of Horry County, South Carolina (the "School District"), Coastal Carolina University ("Coastal"), and Horry-Georgetown Technical College ("HGTC"). (Motion 22-AGP-01). Biggs seconded, and the motion carried.**

Athletics

- **Gene Spivey moved to renew one contract, a new contract as discussed by the Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics and University Recreation and allow University Counsel to finalize that agreement. Turner seconded, and the motion carried.**

Executive Committee

- **Stevens moved to form a new committee that will be called Governance and Legal committee. (Motion 22-EXC-01) Turner seconded, and the motion carried.**

The Communications Ad-Hoc Committee will continue until the Governance and Legal Committee becomes official. George Mullen will be the chair, and Joe Jarrett will be added as a member.

V. Chairman's Report

Future Board of Trustee Meetings

- August 11-12, 2022
- October 13-14, 2022
- December 13-14, 2022
- February 16-17, 2023

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Respectfully submitted,

Christina Genovevo
Recorder

APPENDIX I

Resolution

State of South Carolina, United States of America
County of Horry
Coastal Carolina University



IN RECOGNITION of the University of South Carolina Women’s Basketball team for winning the 2022 NCAA National Championship in Women’s Basketball, the following is resolved:

Whereas the University of South Carolina women’s basketball team completed a record of 35-2 during the 2021-2022 college basketball season and won the 2022 National Collegiate Athletic Association Women’s Basketball Playoff National Championship, defeating the University of Connecticut Huskies by a score of 64-49 on April 3, 2022;

Whereas this victory marks the second national championship for the University of South Carolina women’s basketball program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees hereby congratulates Coach Dawn Staley and the 2021-2022 team and coaching staff that contributed to the championship season.

Done this sixth day of May in the year two thousand twenty-two.

Patrick Sparks
Secretary, Board of Trustees

H. Delan Stevens
Chairman, Board of Trustees

