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**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees**

**Government Affairs Committee
October 21, 2010**

Committee Members Present: Mr. Samuel H. Frink, Mr. J. Wayne George, Ms. Natasha M. Hanna, and Mr. William L. Lyles Jr.

Committee Members Not Present: Chairman Liz Gilland, Mr. Mark S. Kelley, and Senator Dick Elliott

Other Board Members Present: Mr. William H. Alford, Mr. Larry L. Biddle, Mr. William S. Biggs, Mr. Gary W. Brown, Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson, Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr., Dr. Oran P. Smith, Mr. Eugene C. Spivey, Dr. Samuel J. Swad and Mr. Robert G. Templeton

Others Present: Ms. Stacie Bowie, Ms. Jean Ann Brakefield, Dr. Debbie Conner, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Dr. Edgar L. Dyer, Mr. Will Garland, Ms. Anne T. Monk, Dr. Rob Sheehan, Dr. Holley E. Tankersley, Ms. Jennifer Packard and Ms. Chyrel Stalvey

(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.)

Mr. Lyles brought the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Sam Frink moved to approve the Government Affairs Committee minutes of July 15, 2010. Ms. Natasha Hanna seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Spivey noted that newly elected Congressman Tim Scott will be attending the football game on Saturday.

Ms. Anne Monk reported work continues with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, our Washington lobbyist, to put together a funding package for a research vessel to be used in the Center for Marine & Wetland Studies. We have been assured that we are still on Senator Graham's appropriations request list for \$200,000 for equipment for the Swain Science Building. We won't know anything until mid-November. The outstanding grant is the Veterans Student Support Group through the Federal Administration Agency.

Mr. Lyles wanted to know if the administration is happy with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough. The administration works directly with Craig Metz in the Washington office and Keith Herrington in the Columbia office. They have been very responsive when Ms. Monk has asked questions. Dr. Dyer feels satisfied that they are doing the best that they can and that they

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are the best that we could hire considering the current philosophy regarding earmarks now and the budget situation in Washington.

Ms. Monk also talked about the Federal program called “Elect Her—Campus Women Win” of which Coastal Carolina University was chosen as one of 20 institutions to host the training program to groom young women for elected offices. A day-long training program will take place in the spring.

Dr. Dyer reported that the local planning staffs from the local jurisdictions in the surrounding cities and counties and utilities will meet again before Christmas to discuss project plans together and to plan inter-department cooperation.

In conjunction with the North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce, a Sustainability Conference was held last Friday on campus and was well attended. Three panels and discussions included: economy, environment, and social equity. Chairman Alford was a guest speaker and talked about the economy in our region.

Chairman Alford feels that Waites Island affords a great opportunity for us to work with the City of North Myrtle Beach.

Coastal Carolina’s student delegation was recognized this year as the best large delegation at the South Carolina Student Legislature Conference. We have won the award for three consecutive years—beating out Clemson, the Charleston of Charleston, the Citadel and the University of South Carolina. Sixteen students were in the group. Dr. Holley Tankersley, co-adviser for the group, has done a wonderful job.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel H. Frink
Secretary/Treasurer