

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201

Minutes of the Meeting

August 6, 2008

11:00 a.m.

Commission Members Attending

Dr. Layton McCurdy, Chairman

Dr. Doug Forbes

Dr. Bettie Rose Horne

Mr. Ken Jackson

Dr. Raghu Korrapati

Dr. Louis Lynn

Ms. Cynthia Mosteller

Mr. Jim Sanders

Mr. Bill Scarborough

Mr. Hood Temple

Mr. Randy Thomas

Mr. Ken Wingate

Mr. Neal Workman

Dr. Mick Zais

Ms. Courtney Blake

Mr. Michael Brown

Ms. Camille Brown

Ms. Julie Carullo

Mr. Gary Glenn

Ms. Alyson Goff

Dr. Paula Gregg

Ms. Trena Houp

Ms. Lane Jeselnik

Ms. Lorna Manglona-Williams

Dr. Gail Morrison

Dr. Michael Raley

Ms. Stephanie Reynolds

Ms. Beth Rogers

Commission Members Absent

None

Guests

Dr. Cheryl Cox, State Technical College
System

Mr. John Malmrose, Medical University of SC

Ms. Jennifer Pearce, Medical University of SC

Ms. Beth McGinnis, Clemson University

Mr. Daniel Ravenel, Chair, Higher Education
Study Committee

Ms. Christine Smalls Brown, Medical
University of SC

Mr. Chuck Talbert

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director

Ms. Rita Allison

Members of Press

none

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The meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Introductions

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Julie Carullo introduced the guests, all of whom are listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made (Workman), **seconded** (Mosteller), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2008, meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

- Chairman McCurdy

Chairman McCurdy introduced and welcomed new Commission member, Bill Scarborough, representing the 1st Congressional District. He stated that Commissioner Randy Thomas would be leaving the Commission to become a faculty member at USC Upstate. He thanked Mr. Thomas for his service and introduced Mr. Chuck Talbert who may likely, upon confirmation, take Mr. Thomas' place as the representative from the 4th Congressional District.

4. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

Dr. Walters reported he and the staff had been working hard to be active around the state. He has met with various Presidents on their campuses, several editorial boards, and area commission trustees and discussed with them key issues in higher education and efforts to build a statewide constituency. He provided an update on the status of the Higher Education Committee's Action Plan, stating that the deadline for the state level report which will describe on a macro level the four goals developed by the Committee was September 15, 2008. He reported that the period between September 15 and early December will be used to meet intensively with colleges and universities to develop a specific plan to implement the goals followed by efforts to communicate information about them throughout the state. Dr. Walters stated that his discussions with various populations have indicated they are supportive of the goals. At Dr. Walters' request, Mr. Dan Ravenel, Chairman of the Higher Education Study Committee, provided his assessment of the remaining work of the Committee.

5. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo distributed written copies of the 2008 Session Legislative Update for Higher Education (**Attachment I**). She stated that she was continuing to monitor the state budget situation and was working on the CHE's Agency Accountability Report. In response to Commissioner Zais' question about the lack of funding for the statewide electronic library, Dr. Gail Morrison reported that some state appropriation money from last year that was able to be carried forward together with dues paid by participating institutions enabled the library to remain relatively intact this year. She reported further that if state appropriation money was not restored for next year, the project would not be able to continue. Dr. Morrison noted that the statewide electronic library was an excellent example of collaboration between public and private institutions and that funding for its continuance is critical.

6. Committee Reports

6.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Layton McCurdy

Dr. McCurdy reported that the Executive Committee had met just prior to this Commission meeting where it received for information CHE's FY 2009-10 Higher Education Budget Request. This information will be presented to the full Commission at its September 4, 2008, meeting.

6.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

-Bettie Horne

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing had no report.

**6.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity
and Student Services**

- Bettie Horne

Commissioner Mosteller reported that the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services had held an excellent retreat on June 19, 2008. The committee is currently considering recommendations in three areas: 1) financial access, curriculum alignment and retention, and marketing. She shared and explained a chart (**Attachment II**) which compares the old (based on an institution's headcount) and new (based on an institutions' number of needy students) methodologies for allocation of need-based aid. She stated that the new method of allocation is represents and example of unique collaboration between the CHE and the General Assembly.

6.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Jim Sanders

A. Leases

- 1. Medical University of SC
 - 21 Courtenay Drive
 - 135 Cannon Street – Office Space
 - 135 Cannon Street – Parking
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**B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for June and July, 2008
(For Information)**

Commissioner Sanders reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had met prior to the CHE meeting at which they had considered preliminary information on CHE's FY 2009-10 Higher Education Budget Request. He reported that the draft of this information will be shared with institutions after which they will be given the opportunity to offer their input. Further revisions to the document will be made at the Finance and Facilities Committee's mini-retreat to take place on the evening of September 3 and the that revised version will be presented to the Commission at its September 4 meeting.

At Commissioner Sanders' request, Mr. Gary Glenn presented information on three leases at the Medical University of South Carolina which the Committee had approved, detailed information about which may be found in **Attachment III**. Mr. Glenn noted a correction to the information originally distributed which indicated that

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these leases were for thirty-one years. The leases are actually for a period of thirty years. He also noted that the correct cost of the 135 Cannon Street parking lease is \$101.50 per month.

A **motion** was made (Sanders) and **carried** to collectively approve the following **recommendation** for each of the above-referenced leases:

The Committee on Finance and Facilities recommends approval of this lease provided the rates and terms are approved by the Budget and Control Board.

Commissioner Sanders reviewed the list of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for June and July, 2008, as described in **Attachment III**, and stated that this was provided for information only.

Commissioner Sanders stated that CHE staff member, Ms. Alyson Goff, would be moving to Washington, DC to further her career. He congratulated her and thanked her for her excellent service to the CHE. Commissioner Sanders reported that Ms. Courtney Blake would be moving into Ms. Goff's position and that Ms. Stephanie Reynolds had moved from her position in management and information systems to the finance area of the Finance and Facilities Division of the CHE. Chairman McCurdy wished Ms. Goff good luck, and welcomed Ms. Blake and Ms. Reynolds to their new positions.

8. Other Business

Commissioner Temple shared information on a project called Graduate Florence, the purpose of which is for local businesses to make it a priority to help students graduate. Dr. Karen Woodfaulk stated that she and her staff had been working on the Graduate Greenville project. She reported that there is a possibility that this may become a statewide program.

There being no other business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth B. Rogers

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Recording Secretary

Attachment I-III

*Attachments are not included in this mailing, but will be filed with the permanent record of these minutes and are available for review upon request.