

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

Minutes of the Meeting

March 5, 2009

10:30 a.m.

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chairman
Dr. Doug Forbes
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Mr. Ken Jackson
Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller
Mr. Jim Sanders
Mr. Chuck Talbert
Mr. Hood Temple
Mr. Neal Workman

Commission Members Absent

Dr. Louis Lynn
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Dr. Mick Zais

Invited Guest Speaker

The Honorable Richard Eckstrom,
State Comptroller General

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Courtney Blake
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Mr. Derrah Cassidy
Ms. Sandra Carr
Ms. Julie Carullo
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Dr. Gail Morrison
Mr. Clint Mullins
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Dr. Michael Raley
Ms. Stephanie Reynolds
Mr. Jeff Richards
Ms. Beth Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Dr. Cynthia Baker, Greenville Technical College
Ms. Candice Borchik, University of Phoenix
Mr. Darryl Bridges, Francis Marion University
Ms. Teesa Brunson, Voorhees College
Ms. Christine Smalls Brown, Medical University of SC
Dr. Fred Carter, Francis Marion University
Dr. David Caslan, Voorhees College
Ms. Donna Collins, USC Columbia
Dr. Cheryl Cox, State Technical College System
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter
Ms. Avery Daniels, SC State University
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University (by phone)
Dr. Paul DeMarco, Francis Marion University
Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus, USC Columbia
Ms. Jan Hirt, Greenville Technical College
Dr. Bob Horton, Clemson University
Dr. David Hunter, USC Regional Campuses
Mr. Wayne Landrith, SC Student Loan Corporation
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges & Universities
Dr. Learie Luke, SC State University
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University
Mr. Earl Mayo, SC Tuition Grants Commission
Dr. Bernard Moses, Voorhees College
Dr. Dana Rafferty Parker, Greenville Technical College
Ms. Jennifer Pearce, Medical University of SC
Ms. Jen Phelps, SC Association of Technical College Commissions
Dr. Shafiqur Rahman, SC State University
Dr. Freida Reid, Brown Mackie College
Ms. Lynn Rogers, Greenville Technical College
Mr. Chuck Sanders, SC Student Loan Corporation
Dr. John Sanders, Medical University of SC
Mr. Daniel Summer, Brown Mackie College
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University
Mr. Richard Thome, Brown-Mackie College
Dr. Fran Welch, College of Charleston
Dr. Sonny White, Midlands Technical College
Mr. Bryce Wilson, SC Budget & Control Board
Mr. Michael Wright, State Treasurer's Office

Members of Press

none

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

Introductions

- Julie Carullo

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

1. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Mosteller), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2009, meeting.

2. Chairman's Report

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate reported that the Commission had held a very successful retreat on February 20-21, 2009, and that he had also recently participated in a retreat of the SC Independent Colleges and Universities Board. Mr. Wingate stated that his appointment as Chair of the Commission had been confirmed. He also reported that he and Dr. Walters had met with Superintendent of Education, Jim Rex, to discuss possible collaborative opportunities to engage in projects which may result from monies provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and its State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF).

3. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

Dr. Walters began by providing an overview of a draft summary of the ARRA which had been distributed to each Commissioner (**Attachment I**). He emphasized in particular the proposed projects listed on page 4 of that attachment which represent one-time investments that have the ability to reduce subsequent costs over many years, and which are also projects that have statewide benefit. Dr. Walters then requested that CHE staff members provide updates on several topics of interest.

Dr. Morrison reported on the status of the SC Course Alignment Project, the objective of which is to promote academic success as students leave high school and enroll in colleges and universities. Details about this project may be found in the SC Course Alignment Project newsletter (**Attachment II**). Dr. Morrison also provided an overview of New Program Proposal Flow Chart and Program Modification Flow Chart (**Attachment III**), developed by CHE staff at the request of Chairman Wingate, in order that Commissioners might become more familiar with both these procedures.

Dr. Woodfaulk reported on the 10th annual Linda B. Floyd Campus Safety Conference which took place February 25-27, 2009, and was hosted by Coastal Carolina University. This conference was a joint effort of the SC Higher Education Foundation, the SC Law Enforcement Association, and the SC Student Personnel Association. Dr. Woodfaulk also provided information on recent College Goal Sunday events, the purpose of which is to help students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Additional information about College Goal Sunday may be found in **Attachment IV**.

Ms. Carullo reported on plans to develop an education session for freshmen state legislators in an effort to provide them with more information about issues and matters related to higher education.

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Dr. Walters reported that CHE staff member, Mr. Michael Brown, would be taking the lead on the CHE's "New Front Door" project, an effort to promote greater awareness of and accessibility to higher education for adults in South Carolina.

Dr. Walters then highlighted a quote from President Obama's February 24, 2009, address to Congress in which he emphasized the value of advancing one's education beyond a high school diploma and asked that every American commit to at least one year or more of higher education or career training.

4. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported that work on the development of the FY 2009-10 Appropriation Bill was progressing. She stated that the House would begin debate on the bill, as passed by the Ways and Means Committee, (**Attachment V**), on Monday, March 9. Ms. Carullo also reported that the House Education Public Works Subcommittee had reviewed the higher education regulatory relief bill, and that a copy of a summary and text of the proposed bill (**Attachment VI**) had been distributed to Commissioners for their reference.

5. Invited Guest Speaker:

**- Mr. Richard Eckstrom,
State Comptroller General**

Chairman Wingate stated that the meeting would proceed with the presentation of the Commission's Service Learning Awards and the following agenda items until the arrival of the Comptroller General.

6. Presentation of the Commission's Service Learning Awards

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate provided information on the background of the Service Learning Award. He stated that of the 24 programs nominated for the award, 3 had been selected based on the following criteria: 1) ability to resolve community concerns or address community issues; 2) degree to which project enhances students' learning; 3) impact on community; and 4) integration into academics. Chairman Wingate announced the winners which were: 1) Advancing Rural Community Health (ARCH) Program, Francis Marion University, Project Director – Dr. Paul DeMarco; 2) Lessons of the Heart Program, Greenville Technical College in partnership with the Medical University of South Carolina, Project Director – Dr. Dana Rafferty Parker; and 3) Student Volunteer Income Tax Program, Voorhees College, Project Director – Dr. David Caslan.

Chairman Wingate and Commissioner Mosteller commented briefly on each of the programs, recognized each winner, and congratulated them for their outstanding efforts to help resolve community problems and concerns with direct hands-on student learning.

The meeting continued with **Agenda Item 7.04, the Report of the Committee on Finance and Facilities.**

The meeting proceeded to **Agenda Item 7.02B, Analysis of Four New Program Proposals.**

Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom then arrived and was welcomed and introduced by Chairman Wingate. General Eckstrom's remarks focused primarily on and generated conversation about the approval process for capital projects. He noted that the prospect of a

bond bill is not good in the near future. The importance of a statewide master list of prioritized projects and the process by which projects are reviewed by the Joint Bond Review Committee and the Budget and Control Board were discussed at considerable length.

Upon the Comptroller General's departure, the meeting then returned to consideration of the Academic Affairs and Licensing portion of the agenda, with specific reference to **Agenda Item 7.02A, Consideration of New Program Proposals.**

7. Committee Reports

7.01 Report of the Executive Committee - Ken Wingate

The Executive Committee had no report.

7.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing - Bettie Horne

A. Consideration of New Program Proposals

1. A.P.S., Fire Science Technology, Greenville Technical College
2. B.A., Communications with Concentrations in Journalism Broadcasting, SC State University
3. M.Ed., Teaching, Learning, and Advocacy with a specialization in Teaching Children and Youth in the Contemporary Context and Teacher as Change Agent, College of Charleston
4. Inquiry in Motion Institute, Clemson University

B. Consideration of Request for Initial License

A.A.S., Accounting Technology, Business Management, Criminal Justice, Healthcare Administration, Information Technology, Medical Assisting, Occupational Therapy, Office Management, Paralegal and Surgical Technology; B.S., Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Legal Studies, and Healthcare Management, Brown–Mackie College, Tucson, Arizona (new branch in Greenville)

C. Consideration of Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs, FY 2006-07

D. Consideration of Revisions to CHE's Policy and Procedures for New Academic Program Approval and Termination

E. Informational Report on Awards for Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program, FY 2009-10 (New and Continuing)

Commissioner Horne stated that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing had approved the programs as listed in **Agenda Item 7.02B**, a detailed description of which may be found in **Attachment VIII**.

A **motion** was made (Horne) to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission

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approval of initial licensure for five years to Brown Mackie College in Tucson, AZ, to establish a branch campus in Greenville, SC to offer programs leading to the Associate of Applied Science degree in (1) Accounting Technology, (2) Business Management, (3) Criminal Justice, (4) Healthcare Administration, (5) Information Technology, (6) Medical Assisting, (7) Occupational Therapy Assistant, (8) Office Management, (9) Paralegal, and (10) Surgical Technology; and the Bachelor of Science degree in (1) Business Administration, (2) Criminal Justice, (3) Healthcare Management, and (4) Legal Studies to be implemented in October 2009.

Following discussion about whether particular students were targeted for enrollment in these programs as well as whether the states from which the students come are identified and tracked, the **motion** was brought to the table and **carried**.

Commissioner Horne provided a brief overview of each of the four new program proposals as listed in **Agenda Item 4.02A**, described in detail in **Attachment VIII**. She noted one change in the description of the South Carolina State University program, stating that item 3 on page 7 of that programs' description should read "not later than Spring 2013" (as opposed to 2017). Commissioner Horne stated that all of these programs had been approved by her committee and they were offered for approval in the form of a consent agenda.

Commissioner Forbes requested that the program leading to the M.Ed. degree at the College of Charleston be removed from the consent agenda. That request was granted.

A **motion** was made (Horne) and carried to approve the following **recommendations**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission approval of the program leading to the Associate in Public Service degree with a major in Fire Science Technology at Greenville Technical College, to be implemented in Summer 2009 at the Brashier Campus, provided no "unique costs" or other special state funding be required or requested.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission approval of the program leading to the Bachelor of Arts in Communications with concentrations in Journalism and Broadcasting at South Carolina State University, to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested and provided further that:

1. Title III funds are allocated to the program during its first five years at the level stated in the proposal;
2. Faculty identified by this proposal are hired and retained during the first five years of the programs implementation, and
3. Prior to implementing the concentration in Public Communications in Fall 2013, SC State University will formally notify the Commission that the necessary faculty has been hired, courses developed, and library and equipment resources are in place to permit students to graduate from the program not later than Spring 2013.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission approval of the Institute for Inquiry in Motion at Clemson University, to be implemented in Spring 2009, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested.

A **motion** was made (Horne) to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission approval of the program leading to the Master's of Education degree in Teaching, Learning and Advocacy with concentrations in Teaching Children and Youth in the Contemporary Context and Teacher as Change Agent to be offered at the College of Charleston and the Lowcountry Graduate Center through blended delivery, to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested and provided further that the four M.Ed. programs in Early Childhood, Elementary Education, Middle Level Education, and Special Education be discontinued by August, 2009.

Dr. Fran Welch of the College of Charleston responded to Commissioners' questions about this program. Following discussion about possible confusion caused by the title of the program as well as whether it might be duplicative with regard to similar programs at other institutions within the state, the **motion** was brought to the table and **carried** with 7 Commissioners voting in the affirmative, 1 voting no (Forbes), and one abstaining (Mosteller).

With regard to **Agenda Item 7.02C**, a **motion** was made (Horne) to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission this report's designation of programs for the current reporting year as shown in Tables 1,3,6,7,8, and 9. Because of the importance of certain associate degree programs to economic development in South Carolina, the staff further recommends that:

- 1) The state Technical College system be requested to review any existing plans and consider a system plan for increasing enrollments and retention to graduation in the Engineering Technology area of the curriculum; and
- 2) A working group of the staffs of the Commission, the State Technical College System, and the USC System be convened to consider active steps to implement cooperative programming at the three identified two-year Regional Campuses to provide technical associate degree programs of value for economic development in those three communities.

Following brief discussion, the **motion** was brought to the table and **carried**.

With regard to **Agenda Item 7.02 D**, a **motion** was made (Horne) and **carried** to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission two changes to the *Policies and Procedures for New Academic Program Approval and Program Termination* as described above for immediate implementation.

Commissioner Horne stated that the material contained in **Agenda Item 7.02E** was provided for information only.

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

- Cynthia Mosteller

The Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services had no report.

7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Jim Sanders

A. Lease

1. Medical University of South Carolina - Rutledge Tower Parking Garage

**B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for February 2009
(For Information)**

Commissioner Sanders reported that the committee has met earlier in the morning and had considered and approved the lease renewal project at the Medical University of South Carolina, **Agenda Item 7.04A**, described in **Attachment VII**.

A **motion** was made (Sanders), and **carried** to approve the following **recommendation**:

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 stated that **Agenda Item 7.04B, List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for February 2009**, was provided for information only. He then stated that an in depth discussion of the Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP) had taken place at the committee's earlier meeting and that information on the process will soon be brought to the whole Commission who will consider it for approval at the April, 2009, CHE meeting.

8. Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth B. Rogers

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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I – VIII)

*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.