

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, S.C. 29201
Minutes of the Meeting
March 3, 2011

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chair
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair (by phone)
Dr. Doug Forbes
Mr. Ken Jackson (by phone)
Ms. Cyndi Mosteller (by phone)
Mr. Jim Sanders (by phone)
Mr. Guy Tarrant (by phone)
Mr. Hood Temple (by phone)
Dr. Charles Thomas (by phone)
Mr. Neal Workman (by phone)

Commission Members Absent

Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Mr. Chuck Talbert

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Courtney Blake
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau
Mr. Jason Cone
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Mr. Clint Mullins
Ms. Trudy Norton
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Dr. Beth Carter, St. Leo University
Dr. Katherine Chaddock, USC Columbia
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter
Dr. Marsha Dowell, USC Upstate
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia
Dr. Jim Hudgins, USC Columbia
Dr. Chris LaCola, USC Columbia
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges &
Universities
Ms. Anna Lucas, The LPA Group
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University
Dr. Frank Osage, St. Leo University
Ms. Jennifer Pearce-Aldridge, MUSC
Dr. Les Sternberg, USC Columbia

Members of the Press

none

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

1. Introductions

- **Julie Carullo**

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

2. Approval of Minutes

- **Ken Wingate**

At Chairman Wingate's invitation, a **motion** was made (Forbes), **seconded** (Tarrant), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2011, CHE meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

- **Ken Wingate**

Chairman Wingate reported that a number of nominations are in the process of being considered for Commission appointments for which the term limitations have expired. He stated that additional information about the nominations will be shared as soon as it becomes available. Chairman Wingate thanked all current Commission members for their hard work for dedicated efforts on behalf of higher education. Chairman Wingate then shared information about his recent attendance at the biannual meeting of the SC Colleges and Independent Universities.

4. Report of the Executive Director

- **Garrison Walters**

Dr. Walters reported on his recent opportunities to present testimony to members of the House Ways and Means Committee, the House Higher Education Subcommittee, and the Senate Education Committee. He stated that a number of meetings had taken place with Governor Haley and college and university Presidents, the purpose of which was to discuss a new funding model for higher education. The plan developed as a result of those meetings will place greater emphasis on performance and accountability and have key indicators that are easily understood by the public, while allowing the institutions flexibility to achieve the goals within their individual missions. It is anticipated that the development of this plan will progress in two phases, the first of which should be complete by April 7, at which time the purpose, general parameters, and key indicators of the plan will be presented as will implementation guidance information and an implementation timetable. The second phase will conclude by late summer or early fall and will provide implementation details and recommended necessary legislative changes so that the plan might be applied in FY 2012-13. Chairman Wingate noted that the Governor emphasized that the new model will also afford the institutions more flexibility with regard to the use of funds allocated to them.

Following brief discussion, Chairman Wingate concluded that overall communication with the Governor thus far has been positive and encouraging and has demonstrated a willingness to work together to resolve issues pertaining to higher education.

Dr. Walters continued his report with updates on the status of the proposed expansion of the USC medical school in collaboration with the Greenville Hospital System as well as on the Know2 and Grow by Degrees initiatives. Dr. Walters then invited the CHE division leaders to report on activities within their specific areas. Brief reports were provided by: Dr. Karen Woodward on the February 9-11, 2011, Linda B. Floyd Campus Safety Conference; Mr. Mike Brown on the April 19-20, 2011, Access & Equity Conference; Dr. Mike Raley on the February 5, 2011, Course Alignment Project Conference (see **Attachment I**), the February 22, 2011, SCTRAC working conference, and the upcoming Service Learning Awards to be presented to the winning institutions at the April 7, 2011, CHE meeting. Dr. Walters also reported that he was in the process of arranging a meeting with State Superintendent of Education, Mick Zais, to discuss the possibility of implementing course alignment capability in all public schools.

Discussion followed about the relationship between the CHE and the recently created legislative committee, the purpose of which is to review the details of the proposed USC medical school expansion. It is anticipated the committee, composed of three members of the House and three members of the Senate, should

conclude and report on its work by September 2011. Working in parallel, the CHE will also continue with previously made plans to hold hearings on this issue as soon as the expired terms on the Commission have been filled.

5. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported that the House Ways and Means Committee had approved its budget recommendations, which will move forward to the full House in two weeks. These recommendations provide for a \$5.1 billion state budget and include widespread cuts throughout. Most of the cuts for higher education institutions are at approximately 6%. The House Ways and Means Committee also approved allocations to the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$110 million, \$40 million of which to be spread throughout all the colleges and universities for the purpose of deferred maintenance projects. Also recommended were \$14 million for the job training and economic development program at the SC Technical College System and \$5 million for a Center for Aviation Innovation and Research at the University of South Carolina. Ms. Carullo reported the Committee's recommendations included a 6% cut for the CHE for administration and flow-through items. The CHE's request for funds to provide for the (SREB) contract programs were included in the recommendations as were continued funding of the merit scholarship programs for their anticipated growth and funding level to last year's for the Need-based and Lottery Tuition Assistance programs. Ms. Carullo reported that the Committee's recommendations for PASCAL did not include any additional funding, however, it will be considered first in position for uncertified, unclaimed lottery prize money.

Ms. Carullo stated that the Higher Education Efficiency and Administrative Procedures Act (regulatory reform) had received a favorable report from the House Education and Public Works Committee and should come up for full debate on the House floor on Tuesday, March 8. Bills pertaining to the issue of higher education transparency have been considered by the House and Senate and are awaiting further consideration on the Senate calendar. Ms. Carullo reported that the House had passed legislation related to charter schools which allow higher education institutions to volunteer to become sponsors for these K-12 schools. She stated that the House had also passed a restructuring bill which creates a Department of Administration, moving some of the current functions of the SC Budget and Control Board under that entity. Provisions were also passed which would allow the Governor to appoint the State Superintendent of Education and require that the Governor and Lieutenant Governor run for office on the same political party ticket.

6. Presentations

No presentations were delivered at this meeting.

7. Report of the Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate reported that the Action Plan Implementation Status Report (**Attachment II**), which had been distributed to Commissioners by e-mail prior to the meeting, provides information on progress made since the previous status report, delivered in October 2010. Chairman Wingate encouraged Commissioners to review it carefully and commended the efforts of the CHE staff and others working to implement the Action Plan's objectives. Dr. Walters echoed Chairman Wingate's remarks, noting that CHE employees who regularly compile this report do so in a very thoughtful and dedicated manner, despite the fact that their workloads have increased significantly due to budget cuts and reductions in staff in recent years.

8. Committee Reports

8.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate stated that the minutes of the February 24, 2011, Executive Committee were received as information.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consideration of New Program Proposals

1. A.B., B.A., Jewish Studies, College of Charleston
2. B.F.A., Interior Design, Winthrop University
3. B.F.A., Visual Communication Design, Winthrop University
4. M.Ed., Higher Education Business Administration, University of South Carolina

B. Consideration of Request for Amendments to Existing License to Add New Site

B.A. in Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Human Resource Management, and Psychology; B.S. in Health Care Management; M.B.A.; M.S. in Criminal Justice; Saint Leo University, new site in Charleston and additional classroom at the Catholic Diocese of Charleston

C. Consideration of Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs, FY 2008-2009

D. Interim Report on Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs, Program Components, and Centers/Institutes, July – December 2010

Commissioner Horne began by stating that an excellent report had been delivered by CHE staff member, Ms. Renea Eshleman, at the Committee's most recent meeting concerning questions related to the licensing of for-profit institutions. Dr. Horne stated that the Committee recommends including that very useful information in future orientations of new members of the Commission.

Commissioner Horne provided details related to **Agenda Items 8.02 A, B, C, and D**, more information about which may be found in **Attachment III**. She stated that all of these items had been approved by the Committee on Academic Affairs & Licensing and were presented to the full Commission by consent agenda.

Brief discussion followed in which Commissioner Horne explained the nature of the B.F.A. program in Visual Communication at Winthrop University, the method by which tuition funding and fees are determined for academic programs, and the establishment of new academic programs as a result of higher accreditation requirements which ultimately result in increasing students' employment potential. Also discussed was the specific location of the new site of St. Leo University, which Dr. Beth Carter explained will be determined as soon as leased space has been successfully negotiated and the CHE has had the opportunity to examine and approve that space.

Agenda Items 8.02 A, B, C, and D were then voted on and approved.

8.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

- Cyndi Mosteller

The Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services had no report. Commissioner Mosteller commented on her recent meetings at Wofford University and Winthrop University, the purpose of which was to discuss possible implementation of College Application Month activities in their respective areas. Commissioner Sanders reported that interest in this initiative has also been expressed in Cherokee County.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

- 1. Clemson University - Indoor Football Practice Facility Construction (Phase I)
- 2. University of SC Columbia - McBryde Renovations (Phase II)
- 3. Medical University of SC - Institute of Psychiatry 30 Bathrooms Renovation (Phase II)
- 4. College of Charleston - Grice Marine Lab Complex Structural & Envelope Repairs (Phase II)

B. Lease

- 1. College of Charleston - Warren Place

C. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for January and February 2011 (For Information)

Commissioner Sanders stated that the **Agenda Items 8.04 A and B**, details about which may be found in **Attachment IV**, had been approved at the Committee’s meeting earlier in the morning and were presented to the full Commission by consent. **Agenda Item 8.04 A and B** were then voted on and **approved**.

Agenda Item 8.04C was brought to the full Commission for information and required no action.

Commissioner Sanders made reference to a regulatory reform project approval flow chart which had been distributed as part of the Committee on Finance and Facilities’ meeting materials, stating that a copy of this chart would be forwarded to the full Commission for their reference.

9. Other Business

Mr. Mike LeFever, President of the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU), spoke briefly about the excellent working relationship between SCICU and the CHE, noting SCICU’s intention to continue to foster and develop that relationship as well as Chairman Wingate’s and Dr. Walters’ active participation with the SCICU board. He commended the hard work of the CHE staff, providing a recent example of their efforts to promptly assist with a matter pertaining to accreditation questions about one of the private institutions.

10. Adjournment

A **motion** was then made (Forbes), **seconded** (Tarrant), and **carried** to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I-IV)

*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.