

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Minutes of the Meeting

March 1, 2012

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chair
Ms. Elizabeth Jackson
Dr. Raghu Korrapati (phone)
Ms. Leah Moody
Admiral Charles Munns (phone)
Mr. Kim Phillips
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer
Mr. Rodney Smolla (by phone)
Mr. Guy Tarrant (by phone)
Hon. Lewis Vaughn

Commission Members Absent

Ms. Natasha Hanna
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair
Mr. Hood Temple

Staff Present

Ms. Julie Carullo, Acting Executive Director
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Courtney Blake
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Mr. Tony Brown
Ms. Saundra Carr
Mr. Jason Cone
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Mr. Gerrick Hampton
Mr. Robert McMillan
Mr. Mac McNeal
Mr. Rick Moul
Mr. Frank Myers
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Ms. Tanya Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Members of the Press

none

Guests

Dr. Andrew Abrams, Charleston School of Law
Ms. Carol Bratt, Grand Canyon University
Mr. Willie Byrant, Williamsburg Technical College
Mr. Randall Bridwell, Charleston School of Law
Dr. Edward Callen, USC Aiken
Mr. Jack Clark, Virginia College
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter
Dr. James Cutsinger, USC Columbia
Ms. Kathy Ferrell, Greenville Technical College
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia
Ms. Lynn Ford, College of Charleston (phone)
Ms. Katherine Haigler, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
Dr. Tim Hardee, Central Carolina Technical College
Dr. Samuel Hines, The Citadel
Ms. Shirley Hinson, College of Charleston
Mr. George Kosko, Charleston School of Law
Dr. Amy Langville, College of Charleston
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges & Universities
Dr. Learie Luke, SC State University
Mr. John McGill, York Technical College
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University
Mr. Todd McNerney, College of Charleston
Ms. Valerie Morris, College of Charleston
Dr. Bo Moore, The Citadel
Dr. Nicholas Panasik, Claflin University
Ms. Martha Pearthree, USC Sumter
Mr. Hal Peters, Office of the Governor
Dr. Roger Poole, The Citadel
Dr. Hank Radda, Grand Canyon University (phone)
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System
Dr. Kristan Ryan, Virginia College
Dr. Conway Saylor, The Citadel
Mr. Boyd Stith, Office of the Governor
Ms. Karen Taylor, SC Technical College System
Dr. Hendrikus van Bulck, USC Sumter
Dr. Nikki Vasilas, Lenoir-Rhyne University
Dr. Hank Weddington, Lenoir-Rhyne University

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

1. Introductions

- Tony Brown

Mr. Brown introduced the guests in attendance, as listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Ken Wingate

A **motion** was made (Moody), **seconded** (Tarrant), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2012 CHE meeting.

3. Introduction of the Governor's Professors of the Year

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate provided background information on the Governor's Professor of the Year Award, which is given annually to one faculty member from a four-year institution and one faculty member from a two-year institution. He then welcomed, introduced, and congratulated the two winners of the Governor's Professor of the Year Award. He also stated that the winners would be recognized at a 1:00 p.m. luncheon on the campus of USC Columbia as would the other distinguished professors who had been nominated for this award by their respective institutions. The recipients, Dr. Hendrikus van Bulck of USC Sumter and Dr. Conway Saylor of The Citadel, had been recognized earlier in the morning at a 9:30 press conference in the rotunda of the State House. A description of each of the winners and their accomplishments may be found in the press release, a copy of which is included in **Attachment I**. At Chairman Wingate's request, each winner commented briefly and expressed appreciation for having been chosen for this award.

4. Chairman's Report

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate reported that Dr. Garrison Walters, the Commission's Executive Director had made the decision to retire and that the Commission's Executive Committee had appointed Ms. Julie Carullo, the Commission's Deputy Director, as the Acting Executive Director. He stated that this action would be ratified during the Other Business portion of the meeting's agenda. Chairman Wingate commended Dr. Walters for his outstanding accomplishments and productive leadership during his almost five year term as the Commission's Executive Director. Chairman Wingate then reported that his activities since the February 2 CHE meeting included continued meetings with legislative leaders to advocate the CHE's FY 2012 - 2013 budget requests.

5. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the CHE's Acting Executive Director. She then delivered a blended Legislative and Executive Director report providing a written update on the budget, details about which may be found in **Attachment II**. The update described recent budget recommendations made by the House Ways and Means Committee for CHE and for higher education program funds that flow through CHE's budget, funding for student financial aid programs and lottery funding recommendations, and for public institutions. Ms. Carullo also provided information on other House and Senate legislation of interest. She reported that the House Ways and Means Committee's recommendations did not include any recommendations related to an Accountability Based Funding approach. Ms. Carullo stated that the House will begin debate on these recommendations during the week of March 13. In response to Commissioner Tarrant's question about S. 1193, a bill which would limit tuition increases, Ms. Carullo confirmed that the legislation would limit increases to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as opposed to the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI). Following discussion and consensus about the complexity of this topic, Chairman Wingate stated that a written response to this proposed legislation will be drafted and circulated among Commissioners for their review and comment. In response to Commissioner Munn's request for clarification of a proviso included in the Ways and Means recommendations that prohibits CHE from spending funds for marketing the SmartState program, Ms. Carullo stated that concerns had been expressed and were being discussed. Chairman Wingate stated that a written

response to this proviso will also be drafted and circulated among Commissioners for review and comment. Following Commissioner Scarborough's expression of concern about the House Ways and Means Committee's recommendation that funding for the need-based grants program remain level, Chairman Wingate suggested that communication take place with the Council of Presidents about their acting as a strong advocate for an increase of funding for this program. Chairman Wingate then recognized Dr. Tim Hardee, President of Central Carolina Technical College, stating he would provide him a brief period for comment at a point later in the meeting.

6. Report of the Executive Director - Julie Carullo

See **Agenda Item 5** above.

7. Presentations

No presentations were delivered at this meeting.

8. Report of the Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee - Ken Wingate

There was no report from the Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee.

9. Committee Reports

9.01 Report of the Executive Committee - Ken Wingate

There was no report from the Executive Committee. The minutes of the February 27, 2012, Executive Committee meeting were received for information only.

9.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing - Kim Phillips

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consideration of New Program Proposals

1. B.A./A.B., Dance, College of Charleston

B. Consideration of Request for Initial License

M. A., Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Lenoir Rhyne University, Hickory, NC following merger with the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia

C. Consideration of Request for Amendment to Existing Licenses to Add New Programs

1. LL.M., Admiralty and Maritime Law, Charleston School of Law
2. D.B.A. in Management, Ph.D. in General Psychology with an emphasis in Cognition and Instruction, Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership, Grand Canyon University

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

A.A.S. in Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Healthcare Reimbursement, Medical Assistant, Medical Office Administration, Surgical Technology, Virginia College, Florence, SC

E. Consideration of Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs,

FY 2009-2010

F. Consideration of Report on Program Productivity, Fall 2006-Fall 2010

G. Presentation of Interim Report on Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs, July 2011 – January 2012

For Commissioner Horne who was unable to be in attendance, Commissioner Phillips reviewed briefly **Agenda Items 9.02 A – D**, details about which may be found in **Attachment III**. He stated these items had been considered and approved by the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing at its meeting on February 2, and were presented to the full Commission by consent agenda. Commissioner Tarrant requested that the minutes reflect he has a business-related conflict with **Agenda Item 9.02 C1**, and would abstain from voting on this item at the time the vote on **Agenda Items 9.02 A - F** was taken.

Representing Grand Canyon University, Ms. Carol Bratt, stated that only two of the five emphases of the Ed.D. program (Education and Effective Schools and Instructional Leadership) as listed in **Agenda Item 9.02 C2** were submitted to the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) for approval, and that the other three areas of emphasis (Organizational Development, Higher Education, and Behavioral Health) were being withdrawn from consideration.

In response to Commissioner Vaughn's question about the length of time it took for the program proposal from the College of Charleston, as listed in **Agenda Item 9.02 A1**, to go through the process, Dr. Raley explained that institutions are allowed a period of up to three years to best develop the program from the planning summary stage to the point where it ready to be submitted to CHE for approval. Following a brief period of questions and answers about various aspects of this program, Commissioner Phillips briefly reviewed **Agenda Items 9.02 E & F**.

Agenda Items 9.02 A – F were then voted on and approved. **Agenda Item 9.02 G** was accepted for information only.

9.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services - Hood Temple

For Commissioner Temple who was unable to be present, Dr. Woodfaulk stated that there was no report from the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services.

9.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Guy Tarrant

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

1. Aiken Technical College - Building 100/200 Student Intake Renovation

**B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for February 2012
(For Information, No Action Required)**

Commissioner Tarrant reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had met earlier in the morning and had considered and approved the projects described in **Agenda Items 9.04 A & B (Attachment IV)**.

Agenda Items 9.04 A was then voted on and **approved**. The capital projects and leases listed in **Agenda 9.04 B (also described in Attachment IV)** were accepted as information.

10. Other Business

In response to Chairman Wingate's invitation, Dr. Hardee congratulated Ms. Carullo on her appointment as Acting Executive Director of CHE. He also commented on the earlier discussion about need-based aid and advocated for continued collaborative work toward the increase of funding for that program. He also reported that the recent establishment of a Continental Tire plant in the Sumter area would require the technical education training of approximately 1700 potential employees.

Chairman Wingate entertained a motion to ratify the Executive Committee's appointment of Ms. Julie Carullo as Acting Executive Director of the CHE. A **motion** was then made (Tarrant), **seconded** (Vaughn), and unanimously **carried**.

Chairman Wingate reported he would initiate the development of an Executive Director Search Committee, stating that more detailed information on the status of that process will be brought to the full Commission within one to two months. He then reminded Commissioners of the Governor's Professors of the Year Luncheon at 1:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Chairman Wingate adjourned the meeting at approximately 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.