

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
1333 Main Street, Suite 200  
Columbia, S.C. 29201  
***Minutes of the Meeting***  
***November 4, 2010***

**Commission Members Attending**

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chair  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair  
Dr. Doug Forbes  
Ms. Cyndi Mosteller (by phone)  
Mr. Jim Sanders  
Mr. Bill Scarborough  
Mr. Chuck Talbert  
Mr. Hood Temple

**Commission Members Absent**

Mr. Ken Jackson  
Dr. Raghu Korrapati  
Mr. Guy Tarrant  
Dr. Charles Thomas  
Mr. Neal Workman

**Staff Present**

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director  
Ms. Rita Allison  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Mr. Tony Brown  
Ms. Saundra Carr  
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau  
Mr. Jason Cone  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Mr. Gerrick Hampton  
Ms. Trena Houp  
Ms. Lorna Manglona-Williams  
Mr. Clint Mullins  
Ms. Yolanda Myers  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Ms. Edna Strange  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Dr. Becky Boone, Horry-Georgetown Technical College  
Ms. Stacie Bowie, Coastal Carolina University  
Mr. Tom Covar, Lander University  
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter  
Mr. Will Garland, Coastal Carolina University  
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia  
Dr. Tom Hallman, USC Aiken  
Dr. George Hynd, College of Charleston (by phone)  
Mr. Ken Kents, Francis Marion University  
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges & Universities  
Dr. Chad Leverette, USC Aiken  
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University  
Ms. Terri McNeil, The Citadel  
Mr. John Malmrose, Medical University of SC  
Dr. Gail Morrison, former CHE staff member  
Ms. Jen Phelps, SC Association of Technical College Commissioners  
Dr. Suzanne Ozment, USC Aiken  
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University  
Dr. Jane Upshaw, USC Beaufort  
Dr. Harvey Varnet, USC Beaufort  
Dr. Juanita Villena-Alvarez, USC Beaufort  
Ms. Sandy Williams, Coastal Carolina University

**Members of the Press**

none

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

## 1. Introductions

- Tony Brown

Mr. Brown introduced the guests in attendance, all of whom are listed above.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate made a **motion** to accept the minutes as presented, subject to a revision reflecting that Commissioner Scarborough did not call in, but was absent from that meeting. The **motion carried**.

## 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. He noted that this year the judges were unable to decide between two individuals in the four-year institution category, and therefore had selected two winners who would be equally rewarded and recognized. He then welcomed, introduced, and congratulated the three winners of the Governor's Professor of the Year Award: Dr. Juanita Villena-Alvarez of the University of South Carolina Beaufort; Dr. Chad Leverette of the University of South Carolina Aiken, and Dr. Becky Boone of Horry-Georgetown Technical College. The recipients had been recognized at a press conference at 9:30 a.m. in the rotunda of the State House. A description of each of the winners and their accomplishments may be found in the press release which had been distributed (**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 stated that Commissioners should have received a copy of the draft minutes of the October 28, 2010, Executive Committee meeting, which were self-explanatory.

## 5. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

Dr. Walters reported on his October 20 presentation to the Education, Cultural, Regulatory, & Transportation Subcommittee of the State Agency Restructuring Study Committee, a copy of which may be found in **Attachment II**. Dr. Walters provided an overview of his presentation and commented briefly on two of its major topics, tuition and out-of-state students. Dr. Walters reported on his recent trip to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with Mr. Michael Brown and Ms. Julie Carullo, the purpose of which was to gain valuable information about their planning and strategy practices. Dr. Walters commented on his recent presentation to the Mullins Rotary Club, the CHE's continued research and strategy work on culture change with USC, as well as on several recent news articles of interest (**Attachment III**). Dr. Walters stated that conversation is continuing with the USC regarding the proposed expansion of the USC medical school in the Greenville area in alliance with the Greenville Hospital System. Following a series of 3-4 discussions on this topic at public meetings, the proposed expansion will be presented to the CHE as a new program for review and approval. Dr. Walters also commented positively on a recent article in the American Association of Colleges and Universities News (**Attachment IV**) about USC's General Education Program.

Dr. Karen Woodfaulk provided information on the outcome of the recently completed and very successful College Application Month, noting it reached 15,000 SC high school students and included 100% of the state's Gear Up schools. Commissioner Mosteller also commented very positively and commended highly CHE staff who worked on this initiative. Dr. Mike Raley commented on a recent conference of the Center of Economic Excellence Council of Chairs, stating that a national conference would take place in the fall of 2011.

Dr. Walters then recognized retired CHE staff member, Dr. Gail Morrison, commending her for the outstanding contributions she has made not only to the CHE, but also to higher education as a whole in South Carolina. Dr. Walters' remarks were followed by enthusiastic and sincere expressions of appreciation from Commissioner Horne, Commissioner Mosteller, Commissioner Sanders, and Chairman Wingate. Dr. Morrison responded with comments of admiration and respect for all the people with whom she has worked during her 26 years with the CHE. She thanked in particular the current group of Commissioners for their dedicated efforts on behalf of higher education.

**6. Legislative Report**

- Julie Carullo

Dr. Walters stated that Ms. Carullo was unable to be present because she was representing the Commission at an education summit meeting of the SC Chamber of Commerce.

**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

As stated during the Chairman’s Report portion of the meeting, the draft minutes of the September 30, 2010, Executive Committee meeting had been distributed to Commissioners for information.

**9.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing**

- Bettie Rose Horne

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing had no report.

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

- Chairman Wingate

**A. Public Hearing for Proposed Regulations: Palmetto Fellows Scholarship/Enhancement, LIFE Scholarship Regulations/Enhancement, SC Hope Scholarship, SC Need-based Grant, and Lottery Tuition Assistance Program for Two-Year Public and Independent Institutions**

Chairman Wingate declared the opening of the public hearing regarding the regulations referred to in Agenda Item 9.03A and described in detail in **Attachment V**, stating that the hearing provided the opportunity for citizens of South Carolina to provide feedback or concerns regarding the proposed regulatory changes to the programs. He stated further that notice of the public hearing was provided in the state register on September 24, 2010. Chairman Wingate stated that no written comments were received in response to the request to submit them. He also stated that no requests to make oral comments at this public hearing had been received. Chairman Wingate then invited those present to comment.

Commissioner Horne shared a letter sent to Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of the CHE’s Division of Student Services, from a student who expressed her sincere thanks for her Palmetto Scholarship.

As there were no other requests to comment, a **motion** was made (Talbert), **seconded** (Temple), and **carried** to close the public hearing. Chairman Wingate then stated that the regulations would move forward as presented.

**9.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities**

- Jim Sanders

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Interim Capital Projects**

- 1. Medical University of SC - Thurmond/Gazes Research Building Air Handler Unit Replacement (Phase II)

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| 2. Coastal Carolina University  | - | Academic Office/Classroom Building Construction (Phase II) |
|                                 | - | Public Safety Facility (Phase II)                          |
| 3. University of SC Lancaster   | - | Classroom Building Construction (Phase I)                  |
| 4. Tri-County Technical College | - | Welding/HVAC Building Renovation (Phase II)                |

**B. Lease**

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| 1. Clemson University | - | Eagles Landing |
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**C. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for October 2010  
(For Information)**

Commissioner Sanders reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had approved Agenda Items 9.04 A, B, and C at its meeting earlier meeting in the morning, details about which may be found in **Attachment VI.**

Commissioner Sanders stated that the agenda items were presented to the full Commission by consent. Agenda Item 9.04 A was then voted on and **approved.**

Commissioner Sanders stated that the lease referred to in Agenda Item 9.04B had also been approved by the Committee on Finance and Facilities at its earlier morning meeting. Agenda Item 9.04B was then voted on and **approved.**

Agenda Item 9.04C was brought to the full Commission for information and required no action.

**9. Other Business**

Commissioner Forbes requested that Chairman Wingate send a letter to each public institution requesting the specific number of out-of state students they have enrolled who are receiving in-state tuition. He stated that his request was made in an effort to be pro-active, in anticipation of a possible audit from the state treasurer and/or comptroller general. He stated further if an institution reflected an inordinate number of out-of state students receiving in-state tuition, they be asked to describe in detail the method by which they are able to make those provisions. Chairman Wingate agreed to this request, stating he would like to collaborate with Commissioner Forbes on the wording of the letter and, working collaboratively with CHE staff, mail it out within a week's time.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Beth B. Rogers*  
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I-VI)

\*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.