

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, S.C. 29201
Minutes of the Meeting
December 3, 2009
10:30 a.m.

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chairman
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Mr. Ken Jackson
Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller
Mr. Jim Sanders
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Mr. Chuck Talbert
Mr. Guy Tarrant
Mr. Hood Temple
Dr. Charles Thomas
Dr. Mick Zais

Commission Members Absent

Dr. Doug Forbes
Mr. Neal Workman

Invited Guest Speakers

Ms. Karen Todd, AcademyOne, Inc.

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
Ms. Marissa Adamczyk (Student Intern)
Ms. Rita Allison
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Courtney Blake
Mr. Anthony Brown
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Mr. Sidney Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Mr. Derrah Cassidy
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau
Ms. Sjanna Coriarty
Ms. Arlene Criswell
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Pinckney Epps
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Ms. Rae McPherson
Dr. Gail Morrison
Mr. Clint Mullins
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Caroline Bladon, Ferebee Lane
Dr. Kathy Coleman, Clemson University
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia
Ms. Jenna Hallman, Center for Educator
Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement
Mr. Jim Klauber, Piedmont Technical College
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges and
Universities
Ms. Angie Leidinger, Clemson University
Ms. Julie Lybrand, House Education & Public
Works Committee
Ms. Beth McGinnis, Clemson University
Ms. Jen Phelps, SC Association of Technical
College Commissioners
Ms. Sandra Powers, College of Charleston
Ms. Hope Rivers, State Technical College System
Dr. Gayle Sawyer, Center for Educator
Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement
Mr. Charles Shawver, SC Budget and Control
Board
Mr. Erik Shepski, AcademyOne
Mr. David Stanley, AcademyOne

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, all of whom are listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made (Korrapati), **seconded** (Temple), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2009, CHE meeting.

3. Guest Presentation: *Implementation Status & Demonstration of the SC Transfer & Articulation*

Ms. Karen Todd, Vice-President and General Manager, AcademyOne, Inc.

Chairman Wingate welcomed and introduced Ms. Todd, who provided information on the SC Course Articulation and Transfer System. Scheduled to be launched in early 2010, the system is designed to help meet the course articulation and college transfer needs of South Carolina's public colleges and universities and their students. The system will be promoted to students through links on each institution's web site and through public service announcements provided by SCETV. Although there is currently no money budgeted for marketing the system, efforts are being made to develop a funding source for this purpose. More detailed information about this system may be found in the hard copy of the presentation (**Attachment I**).

4. Chairman's Report

- **Ken Wingate**

Chairman Wingate reported on several meetings in which he had participated since the November CHE meeting, as well as on several presentations he and/or Dr. Walters had made to various institutional Boards of Trustees, Rotary Clubs, and the SC Chamber of Commerce.

5. Report of the Executive Director

- **Garrison Walters**

Dr. Walters stated that he and CHE staff member, Michael Brown, had delivered a presentation on the New Front Door initiative to the New Carolina Education Task Force. He reported that he and Chairman Wingate would be speaking to the Charleston Rotary Club on December 8. He stated that the presentations to rotary clubs and chambers of commerce have been very well-received and will continue to be scheduled in 2010. Dr. Walters reported that the CHE budget is soon expected to be cut another 3% which brings the total budget cuts to the agency to approximately 30% over a period of two years. The cuts have been met by not filling staffing vacancies which, although the work of the agency has been adequately maintained, have resulted in lost opportunities and delays in progress. Dr. Walters concluded his report by offering kudos to Clemson University for the major grants it recently received from the Department of Energy, and he applauded their outstanding efforts in taking cutting edge knowledge and effectively streaming it into practice.

6. Legislative Report

Ms. Carullo reported that the next legislative session will begin on January 12, 2010. She stated that approximately 58 bills to date have been pre-filed in the House and that bills will be pre-filed by the Senate on December 9. Ms. Carullo stated that the CHE is scheduled to have its budget hearing with a subcommittee of the House Ways & Means Committee on January 12, 2010. Also during that week, the regulatory relief bills are tentatively scheduled to be considered by a Senate subcommittee on January 14. She also reported that the SC Budget & Control Board meets on December 15 and is expected to act on a statewide budget cut of at least 3% to address the November action of the Board of Economic Advisors to reduce the state's revenue estimate.

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

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate asked Dr. Walters to provide a briefing of the most recent activities with regard to implementation of Higher Education Action Plan. Dr. Walters then reviewed the highlights of the Action Plan Implementation Status Report as of October 29, 2009, (**Attachment II**). Chairman Wingate stated that a review of this type would be presented periodically in order to keep the Commission apprised of current activities and developments.

8. Committee Reports

8.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate stated that the draft minutes of the November 30, 2009, Executive Committee meeting (**Attachment III**) had been distributed to Commissioners for information.

8.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

- Bettie Horne

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing had no report.

8.03 Report of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

- Cynthia Mosteller

A. College Application Week Report

Commissioner Mosteller delivered a presentation on College Application Week (**Attachment IV**), an event which had taken place at various high schools throughout the state during the months of October and November. The purpose of this very successful well-received initiative was to assist all high school students with completing and filing their applications for college. Commissioner Mosteller noted the significance of this event in terms of contributing to Goal 1 of the Higher Education Action Plan, which aims to significantly increase the number of college-educated South Carolinians.

8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Jim Sanders

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Project

- 1. Piedmont Technical College - Newberry County Center (Phase I)

B. Lease

- 1. Clemson University - 55 Camperdown Way in Greenville

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

Commissioner Sanders stated that the project and lease, listed in Agenda Items 8.04 A and B and described in **Attachment V**, had been unanimously approved by the Committee on Finance and Facilities at its meeting earlier in the morning.

A **motion** was made (Sanders) and **carried** to approve the following **recommendations** with regard to the capital project and lease as listed above:

- 1) The Committee on Finance and Facilities recommends approval of this project as proposed; and

2) 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 8.04C, List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for November 2009, was provided for information.

Commissioner Sanders commended CHE staff who, working in conjunction with the Joint Bond Review Committee staff and SC Budget & Control Board staff, were able to successfully expedite the approval of two higher education capital projects which resulted in an opportunity to take advantage of available federal stimulus money. He then requested that a brief resolution of thanks be drafted and presented to the various staff persons who had participated in this effort.

Chairman Wingate accepted Commissioner Sanders' request as a **motion**, which was **seconded** (Tarrant), and **carried**. Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Gary Glenn will work together to draft the resolution. Chairman Wingate also commended Commissioner Sanders for his tireless work on behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities as well as the CHE.

10. Other Business

There was no other old business or new business to consider. Chairman Wingate noted that a meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing would take place at 1:00 p.m. in the main conference room.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I -V)

*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.