

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, S.C. 29201
Minutes of the Meeting
December 3, 2010

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chair
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair
Dr. Doug Forbes
Ms. Cyndi Mosteller
Mr. Jim Sanders
Mr. Chuck Talbert
Mr. Guy Tarrant
Mr. Hood Temple
Dr. Charles Thomas
Mr. Neal Workman

Commission Members Absent

Mr. Ken Jackson
Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Mr. Bill Scarborough

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Arlene Criswell
Ms. Courtney Blake
Ms. Camille Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Mr. Derrah Cassidy
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau
Mr. Jason Cone
Ms. Sjanna Coriarty
Mr. Pinckney Epps
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Mr. Gerrick Hampton
Ms. Trena Houpp
Ms. Chanda Jackson-Booker
Ms. Rae McPherson
Mr. Clint Mullins
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Mr. Richard Arboscello, Argosy University
Ms. Stacie Bowie, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. James Colbert, Lander University
Ms. Nancy Cooper, Furman University
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter
Dr. David DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University
Mr. Will Garland, Coastal Carolina University
Ms. Megan Fields, USC Columbia
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia
Rep. Jerry Govan, SC House of Representatives
Dr. Nancy Jeter, SC State University
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges &
Universities
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University
Mr. Danny McKenzie, Lander University
Ms. Tara McNealy, The Citadel
Mr. Rob Rhodes, Greenville County School
District
Ms. Erin Sanders, Ferrebee Lane
Dr. Gayle Sawyer, Center for Educator
Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement
Dr. Reinell Thomas-Myers, SC State University
Ms. Courtney Williams, Riley Institute, Furman
University
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

- 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 (Tarrant), **seconded** (Mosteller), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2010, CHE meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate recognized Dr. David DeCenzo, President of Coastal Carolina University, who explained how a possible proposed 25% cap on out of state student enrollment at South Carolina's colleges and universities would cause Coastal Carolina to lose between 23 and 25% of its revenue. Commissioner Tarrant recommended that Dr. DeCenzo draft a letter providing details about Coastal's situation which Chairman Wingate might share with key members of the legislature. Discussion followed about the importance of clearly defining in-state and out-of-state students. Chairman Wingate then noted that the proposed meeting schedule for the 2011 CHE meetings (**Attachment I**) had been provided to Commissioners for their information.

4. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

Dr. Walters reported on his most recent travel and presentations, noting in particular his knowledge economy presentation in Cherokee County on November 4 and his plans to return there for an additional presentation on December 13. He stated that possible pilot programs to begin implementation of this initiative are being considered in the Pee Dee area of the state as well as in Jasper County. Dr. Walters commented on several items he had distributed to Commissioners (**Attachment II**), among them: 1) a letter received from the Office of the Governor as well as related articles concerning interpretation of higher education data; 2) his December 2 article, *21st Century Snake Oil*, published in *Inside Higher Education* concerning performance funding; 3) two news articles, one concerning a recently awarded \$16 million federal grant shared by nine South Carolina institutions for expansion of biomedical research programs and another about an award winning Experiential Education program at Lander University; 4) a recent *Post and Courier* editorial and follow-up correction by the paper and other materials pertaining to the expansion of the USC medical school in the Greenville area; and 5) a draft letter to public college and university presidents inviting them to participate in a Cost Reduction Committee to be formed for the purpose of finding a way to promote and publicize institutional operational efficiency and effectiveness. With regard to the expansion of the USC medical school in Greenville, Dr. Walters provided an update on the timetable for the review of details and hearings related to this issue, stating the hearings will most likely take place February 2011 and that USC will be presenting proposals for accreditation of this program to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) in April 2011. Discussion followed about the scheduling, format, and content of the hearings. Dr. Walters then stated that work was continuing on the CHE's internal budget in light of anticipated additional budget cuts in 2011.

In response to Dr. Walters' request, Dr. Michael Raley provided updates on the Degree SC and SC Transfer and Articulation Center (SC TRAC) initiatives, as well as information on his upcoming presentation to the SC Technical College System about the role of the CHE and its interaction with System. Mr. Gary Glenn stated that the Division of Finance and Facilities continued working with the SC Budget and Control Board on several agency funding issues and internally on the timely payment of invoices. He also stated that work was progressing on a facilities summary document as well as implementation of a longitudinal data system in conjunction with the SC Department of Education. Dr. Karen Woodfaulk provided an update on the February 9-11, 2011 Linda B. Floyd Campus Safety Conference, the status of scholarship appeals, and the status of the students impacted by the SC GEAR UP grant.

A. Personnel Issue

Dr. Walters referred to a printed resolution (**Attachment III**) recommending that Dr. Michael Raley, who had been serving as Interim Director of the CHE's Division of Academic Affairs and Licensing since June of

2010, be promoted to the Director of that Division. Chairman Wingate advanced this resolution in the form of a **motion**, which was **seconded** (Tarrant) and **carried unanimously**. Dr. Walters noted that, although it had not been the case in past years, he and Chairman Wingate had decided that all CHE director-level position appointments would hereafter be required to be brought to the full Commission for approval.

At the conclusion of Dr. Walters' report, Commissioner Horne requested that future reports of the Executive Director include a set of bulleted items to be covered and that this document be distributed to Commissioners prior to the CHE meeting.

Chairman Wingate stated that the Agenda Items 5 and 6 would be considered in reverse order. He then welcomed and introduced Representative Jerry Govan, who acted as an advocate with securing the second cycle of federal College Access Challenge Grant funding which is instrumental in implementing the College Application Month initiative.

5. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported that 2011 legislative session would begin on Tuesday, January 11. She stated that, in addition to the budget concerns, redistricting will be a major issue of focus. She reported on the status of bills which have been or will soon be pre-filed, including those that pertain to state government restructuring and transparency. She also reported that Dr. Walters had been asked to represent the CHE at the House Ways & Means committee meeting on January 13, along with the State Technical College Board and other state agencies. Ms. Carullo stated the SC Board of Economic Advisors (BEA) projects that revenue estimates for 2011 will be slightly higher than last year's estimate of \$229 million. However, she explained that the projected shortfall for FY2011-12 is just under \$1 billion, which if spread across agencies would translate to 15% reductions for agencies. Ms. Carullo reported that Mr. Mike Shealy of the Senate Finance Committee will provide more information about the state budget at the January 6, 2011, CHE meeting. She stated that the Tax Realignment Committee had concluded its work and would soon be delivering its report and that the State Restructuring Committee should be delivering its report during the second week of January 2011. Ms. Carullo also explained the status of the higher education regulatory reform legislation noting that work continues on combining two bills and that it is expected a single bill will be filed by House leadership at the opening of the 2011 legislative session.

6. Presentation – 2010 College Application Month

Commissioner Mosteller delivered a power point presentation containing information and data about the 2010 College Application Month activities, a copy of which may be found in **Attachment IV**. In addition to the presentation, a video of a press conference with former Governor of South Carolina and Secretary of Education Dick Riley was shared as were clips from WIS and WLTX television news reports on the event.

Following these presentations, Commissioner Mosteller provided information about the collaborative efforts of the Riley Institute at Furman University and the Greenville County School District, which helped to make the 2010 Campus Application month such a successful event. In recognition of their significant contributions to this effort, award plaques were presented to Ms. Courtney Williams of the Riley Institute, Governor Riley (award received by Ms. Williams in his behalf), Ms. Nancy Williams, Furman University Coordinator for Volunteer Services, Mr. Rob Rhoads, Director of Counseling for the Greenville County School District, and Representative Jerry Govan, member of the SC House of Representatives.

7. 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.

8. Committee Reports

8.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate stated that the minutes of the November 24, 2010 Executive Committee would be accepted as presented by acclamation.

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

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing had no report.

8.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services - Cyndi Mosteller

A. 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

B. Consideration of FY 2009-10 Program Summaries and FY 2011-12 Appropriation Requests for EIA Funded Teacher Recruitment Projects

Commissioner Mosteller referred to the proposed regulations referred to in Agenda Item 8.03A and described in detail in **Attachment V**. A **motion** was then made (Mosteller) and **carried** to approve these regulations.

Commissioner Mosteller referred to the FY 2009-10 Program Summaries and FY 2011-12 Appropriation Requests for EIA Funded Teacher Recruitment Projects as described in detail in **Attachment VI**. A **motion** was then made (Mosteller) and **carried** to approve these appropriation requests.

8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Jim Sanders

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

- 1. Coastal Carolina University - Baseball Complex Improvements (Phase I)
- Student Center Annex Construction (Phase I)

B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for November 2010 (For Information)

Commissioner Sanders reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had approved the projects listed Agenda Items 8.04 A at its meeting earlier meeting in the morning, details about which may be found in **Attachment VII**.

Commissioner Sanders stated that the agenda items were presented to the full Commission by consent. Agenda Item 8.04 A was then voted on and **approved**.

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

9. Other Business

There was no other business to consider.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I-VII)

*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.