

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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

Minutes of the Meeting
December 1, 2011

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chair
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair
Ms. Natasha Hanna
Ms. Leah Moody (by phone)
Admiral Charles Munns
Mr. Kim Phillips
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Mr. Guy Tarrant
Mr. Hood Temple
Hon. Lewis Vaughn

Commission Members Absent

Ms. Elizabeth Jackson
Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Dr. Jennifer Settlemeyer
Mr. Rodney Smolla

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
(by phone)
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Courtney Blake
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Mr. Tony Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Elizabeth Caulder
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau
Mr. Jason Cone
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Mr. Clint Mullins
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Ms. Trudy Norton
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Joren Bartlett, SC Technical College
System
Ms. Katy Bayless, Clemson University
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter
Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus, USC Columbia
Dr. Lynne Ford, College of Charleston
Dr. Brian Klaas, USC Columbia
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University
Mr. Craig Parks, Senate Finance Committee
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College
System
Mr. Eddie Shannon, SC Independent
Colleges and Universities
Mr. Mike Shealy, Senate Finance Committee
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University
Dr. Hildy Teegan, USC Columbia

Members of the Press

none

1. Introductions

- **Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo introduced the guests in attendance as listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

- **Ken Wingate**

A **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Temple), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2011 CHE meeting.

3. Chairman’s Report

- **Ken Wingate**

Chairman Wingate deferred his report to that of the Executive Director.

4. Report of the Executive Director

- **Garrison Walters**

Dr. Walters reported on the status of Accountability Based Funding (ABF). He stated that he and Chairman Wingate would be meeting with the Governor’s staff on December 7 to discuss the previously submitted ABF proposal document. Subsequent to this meeting, a conference call with college and university presidents will take place to discuss its outcome. Commissioner Munns reiterated his position that CHE work to coordinate issues from the technical colleges as well as from the research and comprehensive institutions in the development of an ABF umbrella proposal to be presented to the Governor. Chairman Wingate expressed agreement with Commissioner Munns’ comments and offered assurance that he and Dr. Walters would act as representatives of the Commission’s perspective as they continue to work on this issue with the Governor’s staff.

In response to Commissioner Munns’ request for a status report on the Competing Through Knowledge initiative sponsored by the SC Higher Education Foundation, Dr. Walters stated that representatives of some of the firms who responded to the Foundation’s Request for Proposal had been interviewed, comments from presidents and others involved in that process were being received, and that if all appear to be in agreement, the Foundation will begin to negotiate a contract. Dr. Walters agreed to keep Commissioners posted on the status of this initiative once the contract is finalized.

Dr. Walters then referred to the CHE staff response to the SC Policy Council’s (SCPC) report on higher education in South Carolina. Copies of both these documents as well as three news articles on this topic may be found in **Attachment I**. Dr. Walters provided a brief summary of the highlights of the CHE response. Chairman Wingate recommended that Commissioners review these documents carefully and be prepared to modify as needed and/or affirm the CHE response and take action to move it forward as a statement from the Commission at the January 2012 CHE meeting. Upon being questioned, Dr. Walters provided information about the function and activities of the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA) which collaborated with the SC Policy Council in the report’s development. Discussion followed in which Commissioners shared their reactions to the report.

Dr. Walters reported that a discussion of national higher education reform movement, originally intended to be held at this meeting, would be delayed until the January 2012 CHE meeting. At Dr. Walters’ invitation, Commissioner Vaughn then provided a briefing on the November 18 visit and tour of the University Center of Greenville (UCG) and Clemson University’s International Center for Automotive Research (CU ICAR) which was also attended by Commissioners Jackson, Munns, and Wingate.

In light of recent incidents of reported child sexual abuse on campuses nationally and in South Carolina, Dr. Walters reported briefly that reporting laws vary and in comparison to other states it appears current South Carolina law pertaining to child sexual abuse reporting appears fairly minimal

with respect to those required to report. He stated further that there has been an interest expressed in legislation that would strengthen the reporting requirements. Before asking Ms. Carullo to comment further, he explained that adhering to such laws is the responsibility of the individual campuses and that CHE has no authority or in this regard.

Commissioner Horne commented that, particularly in light of Penn State's recent problems, CHE's clear position should be that it expects and believes all our institutions have policies which protect children and that colleges and universities actively comply with law and law enforcement, particularly during criminal investigations. Dr. Walters suggested that the CHE's consideration and endorsement of the legislation that may be advanced would also be appropriate.

In response to Dr. Walters' invitation, CHE staff members provided updates on various initiatives. Dr. Woodfaulk reported on upcoming events in 2012: 1) the HEART Award event on May 8; 2) the collaborative counselor training initiative course offered through SCETV on January 29; 3) College Goal Sunday on February 18 and 4) the Linda B. Floyd Campus Safety Conference on February 15-17 in Myrtle Beach. Mr. Michael Brown reported that the annual Access & Equity Conference would be held April 18-19 in Columbia. Ms. Eshleman reported that the SmartState Conference would take place in Charleston December 4-6, 2011 and she encouraged Commissioners to attend.

5. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported that the House and Senate have begun to pre-file legislation in advance of the session and that there is a pre-filed bill, as referred to in Dr. Walters' report, that would broaden the current reporting requirements such that everyone and not just designated categories of people would be required to report suspected cases of child sexual abuse. She also stated that there are to date approximately 100 pieces of legislation that have been pre-filed, only one of which pertains directly to higher education and would require K-Postsecondary institutions to observe Veterans' Day as a holiday. She reminded Commissioners that legislation from the past session carries forward into the 2012 session and stated she would provide further information on active legislation at the January CHE meeting.

6. Presentation: "A Slight Acquaintance"

Mr. Mike Shealy, Budget Director, and Mr. Craig Parks, Senior Research Analyst, SC Senate Finance Committee

Mr. Shealy and Mr. Parks delivered their presentation on the status of the state budget, a copy of which may be found in **Attachment II**. Brief discussion followed in which it was noted that this presentation has been delivered to members of the General Assembly as well as numerous constituencies across the state.

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

There was no report from the Executive Committee.

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 - Hood Temple

The Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services had no report.

8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Guy Tarrant

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Clarifying Staff Authority for Interim Capital Projects & Leases

**B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for November 2011
(For Information, No Action Required)**

At Commissioner Tarrant's request, Mr. Glenn provided information about **Agenda Item 8.04A**, details about which may be found in **Attachment III**.

Agenda Item 8.04 A was then voted on and **approved**. The capital projects and leases listed in **Agenda 8.04 B (also described in Attachment III)** were accepted as information.

9. Other Business

A. Executive Session to Consider a Personnel Matter

Chairman Wingate reported the Executive Session to consider a personnel matter, the annual review of the CHE Executive Director, would be deferred to a later date in light of the fact that Dr. Walters was unable to be physically present at this meeting.

Chairman Wingate distributed the draft calendar for the 2012 CHE meetings (**Attachment IV**), requesting that Commissioners make note of those dates on their calendars.

Commissioner Temple called attention to the SC Teaching Fellows Program's recent receipt of The Dick and Tunky Riley WhatWorksSC Award, more information about which may be found in the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA) press release. (**Attachment V**). He also commented briefly on details of the Palmetto Fellows scholarship and stated he would highlight activities related to the GEAR UP program as well as on veterans' education at the January CHE meeting. Commissioner Munns commented on the value of opportunities for Commissioners to view first-hand activities taking place at the some of the State's institutions such as the November 18 visit to UCG and CU ICAR. Chairman Wingate agreed, stating he hoped these types of visits could be made possible at least once or twice per year.

10. Adjournment

Chairman Wingate declared the meeting adjourned at 12:30p.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.