

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
1333 Main Street, Suite 200  
Columbia, S.C. 29201  
***Minutes of the Meeting***  
**May 5, 2011**

**Commission Members Attending**

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

**Commission Members Absent**

Ms. Elizabeth Jackson

**Staff Present**

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau  
Mr. Jason Cone  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Dr. Paula Gregg  
Ms. Trena Houpp  
Mr. Renwick McNeal  
Ms. Lorna Manglona-Williams  
Mr. Rick Moul  
Mr. Clint Mullins  
Mr. Frank Myers  
Ms. Yolanda Myers  
Ms. Trudy Norton  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Ms. Tanya Rogers  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Dr. Lansford Bell, Clemson University  
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter  
Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus, USC Columbia  
Ms. Nicole Ford-Jennings, SC Budget & Control Board  
Ms. Stephanie Frazier, State Technical College System  
Mr. Morris Galloway, Presbyterian College  
Mr. John Hayes, York Technical College  
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University  
Mr. Michael Jara, USC Aiken  
Ms. Rose Marie Johnson, Coastal Carolina University  
Mr. Bob Knight, Greenville Hospital System  
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges & Universities  
Mr. David LeGrande, York Technical College  
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University  
Ms. Tara McNeely, The Citadel  
Mr. Larry Mulhal, Presbyterian College  
Ms. Vera Neaderhiser, Presbyterian College  
Mr. Steve Osborne, College of Charleston  
Ms. Linda Putnam, Presbyterian College  
Ms. Jeanie Reed, Clemson University  
Lt. David Stevens, Presbyterian College  
Ms. Rebecca Stevens, Presbyterian College  
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University  
Ms. Deborah Tertinger, York Technical College

**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 (Horne), **seconded** (Tarrant), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2011, CHE meeting.

## **3. Chairman's Report**

- **Ken Wingate**

Chairman Wingate provided a brief explanation of the consent agenda process. He also reported on meetings that have taken place to date between Governor Haley and the public college and university presidents concerning the development of a new funding formula for higher education. Chairman Wingate stated that collaborative efforts have produced successful results thus far, and that updates on this initiative will be provided as they become available.

## **4. Report of the Executive Director**

- **Garrison Walters**

Dr. Walters reported that hearings to consider the proposal to expand the USC medical school in Greenville are scheduled to take place on May 19, 25, and 26. The June CHE meeting will be rescheduled to also take place on May 26. Dr. Mike Raley reviewed details about the activities to take place on those dates, details about which may be found in **Attachment I**. To allow for teleconferencing capability, the location of these meetings will likely be the northeast campus of Midlands Technical College. Dr. Walters noted that Commissioners had previously been provided with an American Association of Medical Colleges' publication which summarizes medical education issues, stating that it would also be distributed to new commissioners. Commissioner Vaughn inquired as to whether the Commission would vote on the USC medical school expansion at its meeting on May 26, to which Chairman Wingate responded affirmatively.

Dr. Walters reported that a continuation of the new member orientation will soon be scheduled for new commissioners who attended the 1<sup>st</sup> session on April 14, 2011. This session will also include information covered on that day for the members who were unable to be present. In response to Dr. Walters' request, information was then shared by: 1) Dr. Mike Raley regarding the recent 2011 best practices award presented to the Commission by the Postsecondary Electronics Standards Council (PESC) for the SC Transfer and Articulation Center (SC TRAC) initiative – see **Attachment II**; 2) Mr. Mike Brown on the April 19-20, 2011, SC Professional Association for Access and Equity Conference; and 3) Dr. Karen Woodfaulk on the Palmetto Fellows Scholarships program, the SC College Application Month initiative and plans to expand that project nationally, and the May 17, 2011, SC Higher Education Awareness Readiness Transition (HEART) Award event, at which K-12 school guidance counselors are recognized for their efforts to encourage college attendance.

## **5. Legislative Report**

- **Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo reported that the Senate is expected to finish their work on the state budget by the end of the following week. She provided an update on the higher education efficiencies legislation. She stated that Representative Dan Cooper will resign as Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee at the end of June, 2011, and that Representative Brian White has been elected to become the committee's new chair. Chairman Wingate commented that in recent meeting of the college and university presidents with Governor Haley, the Governor has reinforced her intention to include regulatory relief in the developing overall funding formula for higher education.

## **6. Presentations: CHE Service Learning Awards**

Chairman Wingate provided background information about the Service Learning Awards initiative. These awards, presented by the CHE since 2001, recognize and publicize the service learning and volunteerism efforts of the state's public and independent colleges and universities. Chairman Wingate stated that of the 20

programs nominated this year, three had been selected for the award: one from the public four-year institutions; one from the public two-year institutions; and one from the independent institutions. Chairman Wingate then announced the winners who were: 1) Water System Design for Cange, Haiti, Clemson, Project Director – Dr. Lansford Bell; 2) You Are Your Child’s First Teacher, York Technical College, Project Director – Ms. Deborah Tertinger; and 3) Teachers of English for Speakers of Other Language (TESOL) Support through a Latin Civilization Class, Furman University, Project Director – Dr. Sofia Kearns. Details about each of these projects may be found in **Attachment III**.

Chairman Wingate asked leaders of the Clemson and York Technical College projects and Mr. Rod Smolla, President of Furman University, to describe the project of their respective institutions. He then recognized and commended each winner, and congratulated them for their outstanding efforts to help address community needs and concerns with direct hands-on student learning.

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

Chairman Wingate introduced Mr. Dan Ravenel, former CHE commissioner, and Chairman of the legislatively mandated Higher Education Study Committee (HESC), the purpose of which was to develop a plan to advocate for and increase the level of higher education in South Carolina. Mr. Ravenel began his report by paying tribute to the late Dr. Andrew Sorensen, former President of the University of South Carolina, for his aggressive and successful efforts to promote collaboration on and commitment to a statewide agenda for higher education. Mr. Ravenel then provided a briefing on the composition and work of the HESC and the action plan it developed entitled, **Leveraging Higher Education for a Stronger South Carolina**. Details about the plan may be found in its Executive Summary (**Attachment IV**). Toward the conclusion of Mr. Ravenel’s remarks, Chairman Wingate noted that the work of the HESC has helped to further promote education in South Carolina, not only in terms of higher education, but also with regard to K-12 as well as to the ongoing dialogue and collaborative work of the two sectors towards the same goals. Mr. Ravenel encouraged Commissioners to continue to support and further advance these efforts. With regard to Commissioner Tarrant’s question as to whether the HESC had plans to reconvene for the purpose of assessing the status of the plan’s implementation, Mr. Ravenel responded that he and others who served on the committee may possibly present at a future CHE retreat. Chairman Wingate noted that regular updates on the implementation of the Action Plan from the Higher Education Ad Hoc Committee are periodically brought forward at CHE meetings.

**8. Committee Reports**

**8.01 Report of the Executive Committee - Ken Wingate**

There was no report from the Executive Committee. Chairman Wingate stated that the minutes of the April 28, 2011, Executive Committee meeting were accepted as information.

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

There was no report from the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing.

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

There was no report from the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services. Lt. David Stevens of Presbyterian College was then recognized and presented with a plaque in honor of his having been selected the 2011 Campus Safety Officer of the Year.

**8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Guy Tarrant**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Interim Capital Project**

1. University of SC Columbia - Softball Stadium Construction (Phase I)

- Discovery I Third, Fourth, & Fifth Floors Upfit (Phase II)

**B. Lease**

1. University of SC Aiken - Pedestrian Bridge Construction (Phase II)

**C. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for April 2011  
(For Information)**

Commissioner Tarrant stated that he and the other members of the Ad Hoc Finance and Facilities committee had approved the projects listed in Agenda Item 8.04 A and B at its meeting earlier in that morning. He noted that these projects were brought to the full Commission by consent agenda. Mr. Gary Glenn then provided brief descriptions of those projects, more information about which may be found in **Attachment V**. The projects were then voted on and approved by the full Commission.

**9. Other Business**

With regard to other business, Chairman Wingate notified Commissioners that lunch was available for them in Dr. Walters' office immediately following the meeting. He also noted that a mileage reimbursement form had been put at their places with their respective meeting materials and reminded them to return their completed CHE committee preference form if they had not already done so.

**10. Adjournment**

There being no other business to consider, Chairman Wingate adjourned the meeting at 12:00 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.