

## **SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300  
Columbia, SC 29201

### ***Minutes of the Meeting***

**May 3, 2012**

#### **Commission Members Attending**

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chair  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice-chair  
Ms. Elizabeth Jackson  
Dr. Raghu Korrapati (phone)  
Ms. Leah Moody  
Admiral Charles Munns  
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer  
Mr. Guy Tarrant  
Mr. Hood Temple  
Hon. Lewis Vaughn

#### **Commission Members Absent**

Ms. Natasha Hanna  
Mr. Kim Phillips  
Mr. Bill Scarborough  
Mr. Rodney Smolla

#### **Staff Present**

Ms. Julie Carullo, Acting Executive Director  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Ms. Laura Belcher  
Mr. Arik Bjorn  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Mr. Tony Brown  
Ms. Elizabeth Caulder  
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau  
Mr. Jason Cone  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Ms. Monica Goodwin  
Ms. Trena Houpp  
Mr. Robert McMillan  
Mr. Rick Moul (PASCAL)  
Mr. Clint Mullins  
Ms. Yolanda Myers  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

#### **Guests**

Dr. Anthony Ambler, University of SC  
Columbia  
Dr. John Beard, Coastal Carolina University  
Dr. Richard Chapman, Francis Marion  
University  
Dr. Hanif Chaudhry, University of SC  
Columbia  
Ms. Donna Collins, University of SC Columbia  
Dr. Anthony Coyne, University of SC Sumter  
Dr. Sam Hines, The Citadel (phone)  
Dr. Kris Finnigan, University of SC Columbia  
Dr. Lacey Ford, University of SC Columbia  
Ms. Vanessa Gill, SC Technical College System  
Dr. Anand Gramopadhye, Clemson University  
Ms. Brenda Hammersley, Chamberlain  
College of Nursing  
Dr. George Hynd, College of Charleston  
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University  
Dr. Jamil Khan, University of SC Columbia  
Dr. Brian Klaas, University of SC Columbia  
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges &  
Universities  
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University  
Dr. Spike Metts, The Citadel  
Dr. Brian J. Mihalik, University of SC  
Columbia  
Dr. Jeannette Myers, Francis Marion  
University  
Mr. Steve Osborne, College of Charleston  
Dr. Betty Regan, University of SC Columbia  
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System  
Ms. Shari Schleis, Art Institute of Charleston  
Mr. John Smith, Coastal Carolina University  
Dr. Nelson Soto, Harrison College  
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University  
Dr. Hildy Teegen, University of SC Columbia  
Mr. Eric Watson, Art Institute of Charleston  
Dr. Ruth Wittmann-Price, Francis Marion  
University

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

**1. Introductions**

**- Tony Brown**

Mr. Brown introduced the guests in attendance, as listed above.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**- Ken Wingate**

A **motion** was made (Tarrant), **seconded** (Temple), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2012, CHE meeting.

**3. Chairman’s Report**

**- Ken Wingate**

Chairman Wingate reported on a recent meeting he and Ms. Carullo had with Dr. Rita Teal, Acting President at SC State University, as well as on the recent testimony they had delivered to the Senate Higher Education Subcommittee and the Senate Finance Committee. He provided an update on Accountability Based Funding (ABF) stating that the full Senate Education Committee will consider an amended version of the ABF Joint Resolution as recommended by the subcommittee. The amendments make clear that technical colleges are excluded and extend for one year the effective date. Chairman Wingate stated it was unlikely that the ABF resolution would be adopted by both the House and Senate this year given the lateness in the session and that it will more likely be re-considered by the General Assembly when it convenes for the 2013 session.

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

**- Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo reported the June 7 CHE meeting will be held on the campus of Lander University and that Commissioners would also have the opportunity to visit Piedmont Technical College later that same day. She stated that efforts are still in progress to schedule a meeting of the Commissioners with the public college and university presidents. Ms. Carullo reported on the status of the federal College Access Challenge Grant (CACG) which helps support various initiatives of the CHE and for which the CHE must apply each year. She explained the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement and stated that, as in past years, South Carolina has not met the requirement for this grant and that a waiver from the US Department of Education will be sought in order to be eligible to receive the grant funds. At Ms. Carullo’s request, Dr. Karen Woodfaulk provided a report on the HEART Award, an initiative supported by the CACG. This award which honors guidance counselors who have developed college access activities within their curriculum in elementary, middle, and high schools, will be presented to the selected winners on May 8 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

**5. Legislative Report**

**- Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo provided a legislative update, stating that the Senate Finance Committee should have their budget recommendations developed during the week of May 7<sup>th</sup> and that those recommendations should be considered by the full Senate in subsequent weeks. She reported that she had delivered to the Democratic Caucus the same presentation on higher education funding that she and Chairman Wingate had presented to the Senate Education and Finance Committees. Ms. Carullo also provided information on the status of other bills related to higher education including: a bill that adds to existing boards and commissions a seventh congressional delegate; a bill that enables the four-year institutions to offer doctoral programs; a bill related to the structure of SC State University’s Board of Trustees; and a bill that allows public and independent universities to become sponsors of public charter schools. She also reported on the status of a bill which provides for the creation of a Department of Administration as well as a bill that provides for changes to the State Retirement System.

**6. Staff Presentation: Licensing Overview**

**- Renea Eshleman**

Ms. Eshleman delivered a presentation which provides an overview of the process whereby the CHE licenses nonpublic postsecondary institutions, details about which may be found in **Attachment I**

(a copy of her PowerPoint presentation) and **Attachment II** (a more detailed supplement to that presentation). During the course of her presentation discussion took place about the CHE's ability to enforce licensing requirements after which Chairman Wingate stated he would, with Ms. Eshleman's assistance, draft a formal letter on behalf of the Commission requesting that the State's Attorney General provide assistance with regard to the CHE's enforcement procedure.

**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. The minutes of the April 25, 2012, Executive Committee meeting were received for information.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Consideration of Mission Revision for Francis Marion University**

**B. Consideration of New Program Proposals**

1. Accelerated Master of Business Administration (A.M.B.A.), University of SC Columbia
2. B.A., Intelligence and National Security Issues, Coastal Carolina University
3. B.S., Sport Management, The Citadel
4. Master of Health Information Technology (M.H.I.T.), University of SC Columbia
5. M.E., Systems Engineering, Clemson University
6. M.S., Engineering Management, University of SC Columbia
7. M.S., M.E., Aerospace Engineering, University of SC Columbia
8. M.S.N., Family Nurse Practitioner, Francis Marion University
9. Center, Workforce Development, Clemson University

**C. Consideration of Applications for Initial License**

1. B.S.N., M.S.N., D.N.P., (Nursing), Chamberlain College of Nursing, Downers Grove, IL
2. Various Associate's and Bachelor's degrees online and Chef's Academy, Harrison College, Morrisville, NC

**D. Consideration of Amendments to Existing License to Add New Programs**

A.A., B.F.A., Graphic and Web Design, Art Institute of Charleston, Charleston, SC

**E. Consideration of Revised Guidelines for Federal *Improving Teacher Quality* Competitive Grants Program, FY 2013-2014**

**F. Consideration of Revised Guidelines for EIA *Centers of (Teacher Education) Excellence* Competitive Grants Program, FY 2013-2014**

**G. Consideration of Revised Consortium Agreement for the Lowcountry Graduate Center**

**H. Presentation of Report on Awards for *Improving Teacher Quality* Competitive Grants**

**Program, FY 2012-2013 and Awards for *EIA Centers of (Teacher Education) Excellence* Competitive Grants Program, FY 2012-2013, New and Continuing**

Dr. Horne reported that agenda items **8.02 A-F**, as described in detail in **Attachment III**, were presented to the full Commission by consent agenda. In response to Chairman Wingate's question as to whether any items needed to be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion, Commissioner Munns requested on behalf of Commissioner Scarborough, who was unable to be present at this meeting, that **Agenda Item 8.02 B1**, be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

**Agenda Items 8.02 A, B2-B9, and C-H** were then voted on and **approved** by the Commission.

Commissioner Munns stated that Commissioner Scarborough requested the wording of the recommendation with regard to **Agenda Item 8.02B1**, be changed as reflected below:

**Recommendation as contained in the consent agenda:**

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission the program leading to the Accelerated Master of Business Administration (AMBA) degree at the University of South Carolina at the Columbia campus, to be implemented in Summer 2013, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested, and further provided that should the University wish to expand the program to sites other than Columbia or change the nature of the program as currently described, the University will submit a program modification proposal to the Commission and if such a program modification proposal is submitted, the Committee strongly suggests that the program modification proposal include a Memorandum of Understanding amongst all players for this enhanced program.

**Recommendation as Commissioner Scarborough requested it be changed:**

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission the program leading to the Accelerated Master of Business Administration (AMBA) degree at the University of South Carolina at the Columbia campus, to be implemented in Summer 2013, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested, and further provided that should the University wish to **further** expand the program to sites other than Columbia or change the nature of the program as currently described, the University will submit a program modification proposal to the Commission. ~~and~~ If such a program modification proposal is submitted, the Committee ~~strongly suggests expects~~ that the program modification proposal **would** include a Memorandum of Understanding amongst all players for this enhanced program.

Commissioner Munns explained that the essence of Commissioner Scarborough's requested change strengthens the words of the recommendation to suggest that there be a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of South Carolina and the College of Charleston should the University of South Carolina decide to expand its AMBA program at some point in the future.

On behalf of Commissioner Scarborough, Commissioner Munns then made a **motion** that the wording of the above-referenced recommendation be modified as reflected. The motion was **seconded** by Commissioner Moody.

Discussion followed about the implications and expectations of the proposed modification of the recommendation's wording.

The **motion** to modify the wording of the recommendation as proposed was then brought to the table and **carried**.

In response to Commissioner Tarrant's question about when this recommendation would become effective, Dr. Raley stated that the modified recommendation pertains only to the AMBA program offered by the

University of South Carolina and that discussion of a resolution pertaining to the CHE's program approval process would take place during the Other Business section of the meeting's agenda.

The **modified recommendation** pertaining to **Agenda Item 8.02B1** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

**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.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Interim Capital Projects**

- 1. Clemson University
  - Kingsmore Stadium Addition
  - Memorial Stadium WEZ Component III
  - Watt Innovation Center
  - Barnett Hall Renovation
  - Highway 93 Pedestrian Safety Improvements
- 2. University of SC Columbia
  - Outdoor Football Practice Fields Construction

**B. Lease**

- 1. Coastal Carolina University
  - University Place

**C. Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plans (CPIPs)**

- 1. Year One Project Approvals
  - Projects Requesting Establishment or an Increase to the Budget
  - Projects That Have Completed Pre-Design and Construction Phase is Expected to Begin FY 2012-13
  - Projects That Can Be Staff Approved and Are Presented as Information

**D. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for April 2012  
(For Information, No Action Required)**

Commissioner Tarrant reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had met earlier in the morning and had considered and approved the projects described in **Agenda Items 8.04 A - C (Attachment IV)**. He stated further that these items were presented to the full Commission by consent agenda.

**Agenda Items 8.04 A ,B & C** were then voted on and **approved**. The capital projects and leases listed in **Agenda 8.04 C (also described in Attachment IV)** were accepted as information.

Commissioner Tarrant stated that an extensive discussion about the Coastal Carolina University lease, as described in **Agenda Item 8.04 B**, had taken place during the meeting of the Committee on Finance and Facilities. He offered to answer questions from any Commission members not on that committee should they have any.

## 9. Executive Director Search Committee Update

Commissioner Horne reported that the CHE Executive Search Committee had held its first meeting on April 25, at which time the charge to return to the Commission three unranked candidates for consideration for the position of CHE Executive Director was received from Chairman Wingate. She stated further that regular reports on the Search Committee's progress will be brought to the Commission. Commissioner Horne reported that input from CHE staff members had been solicited and received and will be considered as the committee develops its criteria for the Executive Director position and that the possible entry date for the new Executive Director would be July 1, 2013.

## 10. Other Business

### Consideration of a Resolution concerning the Program Approval Policy

- **Bettie Rose Horne**

Commissioner Horne delivered information on the need to reconsider CHE's policy on program approval stating that passage of the resolution, a copy of which may be found in **Attachment V**, provides for the CHE staff review of the current program approval process. She further explained that it provides for the reinstatement of the process that was in place prior to its modification in March of 2009 concerning approval of off-site locations until such time as the current policy is revised by CHE staff and Commissioners approve those revisions. She stated that September 2012 is the goal for CHE staff to bring the revisions to the Commission for consideration.

A **motion** was made (Horne) and **seconded** (Temple) to approve the resolution as presented.

Discussion followed during which Dr. Raley explained how the 2009 modification to the program approval policy had resulted in unforeseen and unintended consequences and ultimately led to the present need for the policy's review and reinstatement of policies that had been streamlined in recent years. Commissioner Munns commented that he was in favor of the motion. He commented further that, with regard to the review of this important CHE policy, he advocated that the CHE should be about less bureaucracy rather than more while streamlining the process as much as possible and still providing for adequate supervision to make sure that unintended consequences do not occur. Commissioner Vaughn commented that he also supported this motion, and that he intended to request that a similar review of some of the Finance and Facilities approval processes take place at some point in the future.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

## 11. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Commission, Chairman Wingate adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Beth B. Rogers**  
Beth B. Rogers  
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.