

**DRAFT**

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300, Columbia, SC 29201

***Minutes of the Meeting***

**May 2, 2013**

**Commission Members Attending**

Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair  
Ms. Elizabeth Jackson  
Dr. Raghu Korrapati  
Mr. Kim Phillips  
Ms. Leah Moody (phone)  
Admiral Charles Munns  
Mr. Bill Scarborough  
Mr. Rodney Smolla (phone)  
Mr. Hood Temple  
Hon. Lewis Vaughn

**Commission Members Absent**

Ms. Natasha Hanna  
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer

**Staff Attending**

Dr. Richard Sutton, Executive Director  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Ms. Saundra Carr  
Ms. Elizabeth Caulder  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau  
Ms. Lorinda Copeland  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Dr. Paula Gregg  
Ms. Trena Houpp  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Ms. Catherine Team  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

President Jim Barker, Clemson University  
Ms. Michele Biron, Greenville Technical College  
Ms. Frenche' Brewer, University of SC Columbia  
Mr. Collin Crick, University of SC Columbia  
Dr. Kris Finnigan, University of SC Columbia  
Mr. Jimmy Gahagen, University of SC Columbia  
Ms. Susan Gaskill, Greenville Technical College  
Mr. Reginald Greene, Southeastern Institute  
Mr. Asher Haines, Southeastern Institute  
Dr. Charles Harrington, University of SC Upstate  
Ms. Jennifer Holiday, Claflin University  
Dr. George Hynd, College of Charleston  
Ms. Angie Leidinger, Clemson University  
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges  
& Universities  
Ms. Becky Mann, Greenville Technical College  
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University  
Ms. Amber Morgan, Greenville Technical College  
Dr. Jeff Priest, University of SC Aiken  
Mr. Ernest Pringle, University of SC Aiken  
Mr. Steve Osborne, College of Charleston  
Ms. Kathy Smiling, University of SC Columbia  
Ms. Carolyn Snell, Claflin University  
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University  
Mr. Steve Valand, Greenville Technical College  
Ms. Dottie Wiegler, University of SC Columbia  
Ms. Susan Willey, Georgia State University

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

### **1. Introductions**

**- Courtney Blake**

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

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

**- Bettie Rose Horne**

A **motion** was made (Korrapati), **seconded** (Temple), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2013, CHE meeting. Acting Chair Horne called to the Commissioners' attention the recently distributed 2012 SC Higher Education Statistical Abstract which annually provides data about higher education in the state. She commended the CHE staff members for their outstanding efforts in producing this comprehensive publication.

### **3. Acting Chair's Report**

**- Bettie Rose Horne**

Acting Chair Horne began her report with an acknowledgement of the hard work of Ms. Julie Carullo who served as the Acting Executive Director of the CHE from March 1, 2012 through April 28, 2013. She then presented Ms. Carullo with a certificate of commendation for her excellent leadership of the agency during that time period, after which Ms. Carullo expressed her appreciation for having had the opportunity to serve the Commission in this capacity.

Acting Chair Horne then provided brief introductory remarks about Dr. Richard Sutton and welcomed him as the CHE's new Executive Director. She also thanked members of the CHE Executive Director Search Committee for their hard work in conducting the search process.

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

**- Richard Sutton**

Dr. Sutton reported on his activities since officially becoming CHE's Executive Director on Monday, April 29. He provided information about his goals and objectives as well as on anticipated challenges and issues he expects to encounter. A full copy of Dr. Sutton's remarks may be found in **Attachment I**.

### **5. Discussion: S.535, Clemson Enterprise Act**

**President James F. Barker, Clemson University**

Following Acting Chair Horne's introduction of President Barker during which she commended him for his many years of excellent service to Clemson University and commented on his upcoming retirement, President Barker provided information about the importance of the Clemson University Enterprise Act. He also presented details about the various components of the proposed legislation. A full copy of President Barker's remarks may be found in **Attachment II**.

Discussion followed during which President Barker responded to questions from Commissioners concerning the structure of entities created as a result of the Enterprise Act, institutional missions, the impact on faculty and the institution, expectations of CHE, relation to accountability based funding, and the interests of other institutions. In addressing these and other questions, President Barker explained that the legislation would create an Enterprise Division within the University which would include business organizations, much like the already existing Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR), in areas where Clemson has already established a presence throughout the state. He commented on the importance of all the state's higher education institutions listening to the needs of business in order to help better prepare their students with more marketable degrees. He noted that increased collaboration among the colleges and universities institutions will result in stronger institutions that will very positively impact their students and, in turn, strengthen the state. With regard to Clemson's expectations of the CHE, President Barker stated he hoped CHE would support the Clemson Enterprise Act both individually and collectively in their role as Commissioners. He reported that the flexibility related to this initiative is being requested based on earned accountability in terms of Clemson's demonstrated commitment to efficiency and sound business practices. He also stated that the Clemson Enterprise Act has the capacity to potentially benefit all of the state's higher education

institutions with regard to their future needs for flexibility based on the outcome of Clemson's experience as the initiative progresses during the next few years. He referenced the changes to human resources as proposed in the legislation, stating they would be beneficial to all of the state's institutions.

## **6. Presentation of Service Learning Awards**

**- Hood Temple**

Commissioner Temple provided an overview and history of the Service Learning Award initiative which recognizes exemplary contributions to service learning and volunteerism. Mr. Temple then stated that of the 16 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. He then announced and congratulated the award winners who were: 1) University of South Carolina Columbia: The Giving Back Project, Project Director – Mr. Collin Crick, 2) Greenville Technical College: College-Wide Food Drive, Project Director – Ms. Amber Morgan, and 3) Claflin University: Panther Reading Express, Project Director – Ms. Carolyn Snell. Details on Service Learning Awards and each of these projects selected as this year's winners may be found in **Attachment III** as well as in **Attachment IV**, the press release distributed about them.

## **7. Legislative Report**

**- Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo reported that the Senate Finance Committee was continuing with meetings on the state budget. She also provided updates on provisos for higher education, and stated that the Senate is expected to begin its debate on the full budget during the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>. In addition, Ms. Carullo provided status reports on the status of several pieces of legislation, including the Clemson Enterprise Act and bills related to the SC National Guard College Assistance Program, the Tuition Prepayment Program, and Accountability Based Funding.

In response to Commissioner Scarborough's question regarding the appointment of an additional CHE Commissioner to represent the state's recently established 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Ms. Carullo stated she would inquire as to the status of that process which requires that a person be nominated from the delegation and subsequently confirmed by the Governor. Commissioner Munns inquired about whether Commissioners should advocate for the Clemson Enterprise Act and the Accountability Based Funding legislation, and also asked about how the Commission would be expected to report on Accountability Based Funding if and when it is officially established. Dr. Sutton responded that CHE advocacy for the Clemson Enterprise Act would not be necessary at this point since this legislation did not meet the May 1 crossover date from Senate to the House. He also stated that advocacy for this legislation, should it receive the required number of House votes to consider it, should come directly from the CHE Commissioners based on their collective decision whether or not to support it. With regard to the assembly of the ABF report should that become necessary, Dr. Sutton reported he had some strategies in mind for that process. Ms. Carullo then commented briefly on the status of the Department of Administration bill. Discussion followed about the Commission's influence in shaping policy and the importance that Commissioners speak from a unified voice when representing the CHE.

## **8. Committee Reports**

### **8.01 Report of the Executive Committee**

**- Bettie Rose Horne**

Commissioner Horne reported that the Executive Committee had met by teleconference on Thursday, April 25, 2013, to plan the agenda for this Commission meeting.

### **8.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing**

**- Natasha Hanna**

Acting for Commission Hanna who was unable to be present, Commissioner Munns stated that there was no report from the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing. He stated that the committee would be meeting, however, at 1:00 p.m.

**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 - Bill Scarborough**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Interim Capital Project**  
 1. Clemson University - ICAR Advance Powertrain Lab Upgrade

**B. Leases**  
 1. College of Charleston - Fitness Center  
 - Fountain Walk

**C. Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plans (CPIPs)**  
 1. Year One Project Approvals - Projects requesting establishment or an Increase to budget/scope  
 - Projects that can be staff approved and are Presented as information

**D. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for April 2013 (For Information, No Action Required)**

Commissioner Scarborough reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had met earlier in the morning prior to the CHE meeting. He commented briefly on the information contained in **Agenda Items 8.04 A, B, C, and D**, after which he stated these items were brought to the full Commission for approval by consent agenda. Details about these items may be found in **Attachment V**. The **motion** was then voted on and **carried**.

**9. Other Business**

With regard to other business, Commissioner Scarborough reported that some initial conversations were taking place in the Charleston area about a possible merger of the College of Charleston, the Medical University of South Carolina, and possibly the Citadel. He provided information on the history and development of this initiative and spoke about its positive aspects in terms of combining the strengths of each participating institution and promoting collaboration. In response to Commissioner Munns' question about whether the CHE should take a lead in this effort, Dr. Sutton replied that it was important for the CHE to be involved with this initiative from its early stages.

**10. Adjournment**

Commissioner Horne adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:15 p.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.