

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300

Columbia, S.C. 29201

Minutes of the Meeting

February 2, 2012

Commission Members Attending

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

Commission Members Absent

Dr. Raghu Korrapati

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Courtney Blake
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Mr. Tony Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Mr. Jason Cone
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Ms. Shanna Graham
Ms. Trena Houp
Mr. Robert McMillan
Mr. Clint Mullins
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Ms. Trudy Norton
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Stacie Bowie, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter
Dr. David DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. Marsha Dowell, USC Upstate
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia
Ms. Nicole Ford-Jennings, SC Budget & Control Board
Dr. George Hynd, College of Charleston
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges & Universities
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University
Mr. John Malmrose, Medical University of SC
Ms. Christine Smalls-Brown, Medical University of SC
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System
Mrs. Shelline Warren, Allen University
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University
Ms. Sandy Williams, Coastal Carolina University
Mrs. Marilyn Young, Allen 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, as listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

- **Ken Wingate**

A **motion** was made (Vaughn), **seconded** (Munns), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2012 CHE meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

- **Ken Wingate**

Chairman Wingate reported that he, Dr. Walters, and Ms. Carullo had recently had very productive discussions about matters pertaining to higher education with leadership in the General Assembly.

4. Report of the Executive Director

- **Garrison Walters**

Dr. Walters referred to recent articles (**Attachment I**) which had been distributed to Commissioners about a movement in higher education known as the "Completion Agenda". He asked that they consider this as a possible CHE forum topic, along with several others that had been discussed at the January 5 CHE meeting which he will compile into a list and share with them. He then summarized information about the Accountability Based Funding (ABF) initiative, more detail about which may be found in **Attachment II**. At Dr. Walter's request, Ms. Carullo and Mr. Glenn provided information about the history and background of funding requests and how they have been developed for the timeframe between 1996, when performance funding was implemented, and the present. Mr. Glenn described background information about the Mission Resource Requirement (MRR) and how it has historically related to the distribution of higher education funding, after which brief discussion followed. Dr. Walters stated that if ABF is agreed upon and passed during the current legislative session, then a new funding allocation plan will hopefully be put in place for any new operating funds as they become available. Ms. Carullo then provided information on the source of anticipated new funds as well as on the Governor's recommendations for the use of those funds and the timeline in which the House and Senate will also develop their recommendations. She noted that a summary of the FY 2012-13 higher education and agency budget priorities (**Attachment III**) had been distributed to Commissioners for their review. Mr. Glenn provided information on how any new money allocated might be used for recurring expenses as well as on possible options of distributing one-time money for deferred capital maintenance needs. Following discussion in which Commissioners offered comments on the suggested distribution options, Dr. Walters summarized areas of general agreement in the ABF proposal as it currently stands. Ms. Carullo provided information on the General Assembly's timeline with regard to budget considerations and recommendations. At Dr. Walters' request, Dr. Raley reported on the development of a coordinated funding request of the SC State Library and the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL) which will leverage the partnership between the two entities.

Also in response to Dr. Walters' request, the following updates were provided by CHE staff:

1) Ms. Carullo reminded Commissioners of the Professor of the Year Awards events which will take place on March 1; 2) Michael Brown reported that the annual Access & Equity Conference will be held in Columbia on April 18 and 19; 3) Dr. Raley reported that the SC Lottery Commission has produced a public service announcement for the CHE about making college choices which started airing on television in December 2011. He also distributed information about and invited Commissioners to attend upcoming regional meetings on the SC Course Alignment Project (**Attachment IV**) during the week of February 27 and the SC Transfer and Articulation Center (SC TRAC) User Group Conference (**Attachment V**) to take place in Columbia on

February 21; 4) Mr. Glenn reported that work was in progress to select and install a new audio-video system for the CHE's main conference room; and 5) Dr. Woodfaulk reported on an interactive program aired on SCETV on Sunday, January 29, during which parents and students had the opportunity to have their questions answered about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and scholarships and grants, details about which may be found in **Attachment VI**. She also provided information on and invited Commissioners to attend the annual Linda B. Floyd Campus Safety Conference to take place in Myrtle Beach on February 15-17.

5. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

A separate legislative report was not provided as Ms. Carullo had already delivered information during the Executive Director's Report.

6. Presentations: Staff Presentation on Current CHE Program

Given concerns about the length of the meeting, the presentation was delayed until the end of the meeting after all business matters were addressed.

Upon conclusion of Agenda Item 9, Dr. Woodfaulk and Ms. Shanna Graham then delivered the staff presentation, originally scheduled as Agenda Item 6, on the South Carolina College Access Network (SC CAN) program, funded by the College Access Challenge Grant. Designed to increase college access and awareness, details about this program may be found in **Attachment VII**. Following this presentation, Dr. Walters concluded the presentation by providing information on the Know2 initiative, the purpose of which is to create a pervasive education culture in South Carolina. Know2 is also supported by the College Access Challenge through funds sub-granted to the SC Higher Education Foundation. Commissioner Munns emphasized the importance of publicizing the productive work taking place in these important areas.

7. Report of the Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate referred to the most recent Action Plan Implementation Status Report (**Attachment VIII**) which had previously been distributed to Commissioners. Dr. Raley stated that a one-page synopsis of the most critical aspects of that report was being formulated and would be sent to Commissioners. Brief discussion took place about the schedule for moving forward with the items outlined in the Action Plan and the CHE's role in that process. Chairman Wingate commented on the large volume of work accomplished thus far on the Action Plan's implementation and recommended that Commissioners pay particular attention to the action items most closely aligned with the work of the CHE committees on which each of them serve.

8. Committee Reports

8.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Ken Wingate

There was no report from the Executive Committee. The minutes of the January 26, 2012, Executive Committee meeting were received for information only.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

- 1. Medical University of SC - Clinical Sciences Building 9th Floor Renovation
- Walton Research Building Renovation,
Floors 2, 3, 6, & 7
- 2. Coastal Carolina University - New Student Housing Construction

**B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for January 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 & B (Attachment IX)**. There were no requests to discuss either item individually.

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

9. Other Business

Chairman Wingate recognized Dr. David DeCenzo, President of Coastal Carolina University, and invited him to deliver any comments he may care to share. Dr. DeCenzo thanked the CHE for all their efforts and assistance in supporting higher education throughout the state. He also thanked Dr. Walters and CHE staff for their work and leadership on the ABF initiative. Dr. DeCenzo then announced that Coastal Carolina was recommending to its Board of Trustees that there be no tuition increase and possibly a nominal decrease in tuition for in-state students for the upcoming academic year. Brief discussion followed about possible future federal legislation related to tuition increases as well as about the importance of institutional accessibility and growth despite the lack of adequate funding through the creative use of existing monies.

10. Adjournment

Following the staff presentation (Agenda Item 6), Chairman Wingate adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I - IX)

*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.