

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
1333 Main Street, Suite 200  
Columbia, S.C. 29201  
***Minutes of the Meeting***  
***January 6, 2011***

**Commission Members Attending**

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chair  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair  
Dr. Doug Forbes  
Mr. Ken Jackson  
Dr. Raghu Korrapati (by phone)  
Mr. Jim Sanders  
Mr. Bill Scarborough  
Mr. Chuck Talbert  
Mr. Hood Temple (by phone)  
Mr. Neal Workman

**Commission Members Absent**

Ms. Cyndi Mosteller  
Mr. Guy Tarrant  
Dr. Charles Thomas

**Staff Present**

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Mr. Arik Bjorn  
Ms. Laura Belcher  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Mr. Tony Brown  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Mr. Jason Cone  
Ms. Lorinda Copeland  
Mr. Pinckney Epps  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Ms. Nan Ford  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Dr. Paula Gregg  
Ms. Trena Houpp  
Mr. Clint Mullins  
Mr. Frank Myers  
Ms. Yolanda Myers  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Mr. Jeff Beaver, Lander University  
Ms. Donna Collins, USC Columbia  
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter  
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia  
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges &  
Universities  
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University  
Mr. John Malmrose, Medical University of SC  
Ms. Rebecca Masters, Winthrop University  
Ms. Jen Phelps, SC Association of Technical  
College Commissioners  
Mr. Scott Poelker, Trident Technical College  
Ms. Hope Rivers, State Technical College System  
Mr. Mike Shealy, Senate Finance Committee  
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander 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, all of whom are listed above.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

- Ken Wingate

At Chairman Wingate's invitation, a **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Scarborough), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2010, CHE meeting.

## 3. Chairman's Report

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate began his report by sharing a letter he had received from one of the state's private colleges which commended CHE staff member, Mr. Frank Myers, for his very professional and thorough work during his recent review and inspection of the institution's documents pertaining to student veterans' benefits. Chairman Wingate also commended and thanked Mr. Myers, as did the other members of the CHE. Chairman Wingate noted that a press conference concerning the college and university transparency initiative would take place at 2:00 p.m.

## 4. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

Dr. Walters reported on most recent travel and meetings with regard to the Know2 initiative. He noted in particular a group of citizens from Gaffney, SC, who are motivated to move forward with this initiative and are making plans to implement it in their area. He also reported that a community in the Pee Dee section of the state may be interested in acting as a pilot in the Know2 effort. Dr. Walters then distributed a document about information sessions pertaining to the expansion of the USC medical school in the Greenville area, details about which may be found in **Attachment I**. He also referred to a publication which had been distributed to Commissioners, *The Handbook of Academic Medicine – How Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals Work*, encouraging them to read it in preparation for the sessions. Dr. Walters stated that the proposed first sessions on February 3 would allow for the CHE to present information on medical education from 9:30 am. until 12:00 noon, and USC and the Greenville Hospital System to make their presentation from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The proposed session on February 10 will provide an opportunity for other interested parties to comment on this issue. On February 14, it is anticipated that a special CHE meeting will take place (instead of the scheduled February 3 CHE meeting) at which the medical school expansion issue will be considered by the Commission. Dr. Walters stated that, in addition to the financial analysis of the medical school expansion provided by USC, an independent financial analysis will be conducted and presented to Commissioners for their review on if not before the re-scheduled February 14 meeting.

Dr. Walters then delivered a presentation based on a book he recently read entitled, *Why Does College Cost So Much?*, details about which may be found in **Attachment II**. In summary, he stated that: 1) the issue with tuition isn't inefficiency or duplication or the like; 2) tuition is increasing for the same reasons and at the same of as other services that use highly educated workers and can't automate or outsource; and 3) the price of public higher education actually looks good when you consider the cut in state support.

Following Dr. Walters' presentation Dr. Mike Raley referred to the *2009-2010 Annual Report to the S.C. General Assembly and the S.C. Budget and Control Board*, which had been distributed to Commissioners for their review. He stated that three of the CoEE endowed chairs have been invited to present on their respective areas of expertise, and will most likely do so at the March 3, 2011, CHE meeting.

Chairman Wingate adjusted the agenda of the meeting slightly to allow Mr. Mike Shealy to deliver his presentation prior to Ms. Carullo's legislative report.

## 5. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported that the 2011 session of the General Assembly would begin on January 11 and that inauguration of Governor-elect Haley would take place on January 12. She stated that work on the state budget

would begin with the House Ways and Means Committee meeting on Thursday, January 13 at which time they will receive information from several state agencies including the CHE. She stated that the Ways and Means higher education subcommittee would receive information from the CHE on January 18. Ms. Carullo provided a summary of Governor Sanford's proposed 2011-2012 budget recommendations. She stated that work continues on the development of a consolidated regulatory reform bill, which is anticipated to be released next week. She also provided some details on the transparency initiative to be presented at today's 2:00 p.m. press conference at the Statehouse.

**6. Presentation: "An Era of Austerity"**

Mr. Mike Shealy, Budget Director, Senate Finance Committee provided information about the state's current budget situation as well as on the budget outlook for FY 2011-12. Details about his presentation may be found in **Attachment III**.

**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**

Chairman Wingate stated that the minutes of the December 30, 2010, Executive Committee were received as information.

**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 - Cyndi Mosteller**

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

**8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Jim Sanders**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Interim Capital Projects**

- 1. Medical University of SC
  - Thurmond Gazes Envelope & Exhaust Systems Renovation (Phase II)
  - Harborview Office Tower Chilled Water Risers Replacement (Phase II)
  - Storm Eye Institute Sanitary Sewer Replacement (Phase II)
  - BSB Dental Medicine Classroom/Office Renovation (Phase II)
  - BSB East Side Exhaust & Emergency Power Improvements (Phase II)
  - BSB East Side Air Handler Replacement (Phase II)
  - BSB Fire Alarm System Replacement (Phase II)
- 2. Lander University
  - Student Housing Construction (Phase I)
- 3. Trident Technical College
  - Building 950 Renovation (Phase II)

**B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for December 2010 (For Information)**

Commissioner Sanders reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had approved the interim capital projects listed Agenda Items 8.04 A at its meeting earlier meeting in the morning, details about which may be found in **Attachment IV**.

Commissioner Sanders stated that the agenda items were presented to the full Commission by consent. Agenda Item 8.04 A was then voted on and **approved**.

Agenda Item 8.04B was brought to the full Commission for information and required no action.

Commissioner Sanders commented that discussion had also taken place at the committee's earlier meeting about the need to make changes to the methods used to prioritize facilities needs and projects. He stated that the committee anticipates bringing additional information on that topic to full commission for consideration at some point in the relatively near future.

## **9. Other Business**

There was no other business to consider.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Beth B. Rogers*  
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I-IV)

\*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.