

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
1333 Main Street, Suite 200  
Columbia, S.C. 29201  
***Minutes of the Meeting***  
**April 14, 2011**

**Commission Members Attending**

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

**Commission Members Absent**

Dr. Doug Forbes  
Dr. Raghu Korrapati

**Staff Present**

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Ms. Laura Belcher  
Mr. Arik Bjorn  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau  
Mr. Jason Cone  
Ms. Sjanna Coriarty  
Ms. Arlene Criswell  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Ms. Nan Ford  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Ms. Shanna Graham  
Dr. Paula Gregg  
Ms. Trena Houpp  
Mr. Clint Mullins  
Ms. Yolanda Myers  
Ms. Trudy Norton  
Ms. Edna Strange  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus, USC Columbia  
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia  
Ms. Alyson Goff, College of Charleston  
(by phone)  
Ms. Rachel Jones, Medical University of SC  
(by phone)  
Mr. Bob Knight, Greenville Hospital System  
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University  
Ms. Tara McNealy, The Citadel  
Mr. Steve Osborne, College of Charleston  
(by phone)  
Mr. Eddie Shannon, SC Independent Colleges &  
Universities

**Members of the Press**

none

## **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 March 3, 2011, CHE meeting.

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

**- Ken Wingate**

Chairman Wingate stated that this Commission meeting had been delayed from its scheduled meeting date of April 7 due to the expected appointment and confirmation of six new commissioners, which has now occurred. He stated further that this meeting would be of an organizational nature as the Commission's revised committee assignments had not yet been made. He stated further that the meeting would be followed by a commissioners' orientation session, primarily for the benefit of the new members. Chairman Wingate then welcomed the new commissioners.

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

**- Garrison Walters**

Dr. Walters referred to his article entitled, *More Degrees/Dollar – Damn the Quality*, which appeared in the April 11, 2011, edition of *Inside Higher Education (Attachment I)*. The article advocates for protection of the diversity of missions of U.S. colleges and universities. Dr. Walters' invited Commissioners' comments about the article once they had had the opportunity to read it.

## **5. Legislative Report**

**- Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo provided an update on the status of the FY 2011-12 state budget, reminding members that the House had passed the budget and that it is currently being considered by the Senate Finance Committee which was anticipated to finalize recommendations by the end of the week for consideration of the full Senate within the next two weeks. She then summarized the House higher education recommendations and commented that the General Assembly's work on the budget should be completed by the end of May. Ms. Carullo also provided information on the status of the regulatory reform legislation and legislation relating to higher education transparency with regard to online posting of expenditures. She reported that regulations pertaining to the Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, HOPE, Lottery Tuition Assistance, and Need-based scholarship and grant programs have been considered by both the Senate and a House subcommittee and are expected to go into effect near the end of May. Ms. Carullo stated that we were nearing the cross-over date of May 1 which marks the date by which legislation must be passed from one body of the General Assembly to the other in order to be considered during the legislative session and commented that along with the release of Census figures recently, the reapportionment process will be a major area of focus through the end of the session.

## **6. Presentations**

No presentations were delivered at this meeting.

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

**- Ken Wingate**

For the benefit of new Commissioners, Chairman Wingate provided background information on the Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee, which was created as a result of the work of the Higher Education Study Committee, chaired by former CHE Commissioner, Dan Ravenel, and the development of its 2009 report, *Leveraging Higher Education for a Stronger South Carolina*. Mr. Wingate explained that the Ad Hoc Committee periodically provides updates on implementation of recommended goals and objectives put forth in that report. Mr. Wingate encouraged the new Commissioners to review the report, and also stated that Mr. Ravenel would be delivering a presentation to them about it at a future date to be determined.

## **8. Committee Reports**

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

- Ken Wingate

There was no report from the Executive Committee. Chairman Wingate briefly explained the CHE's committee structure, stating that further information about them as well as Commissioners' committee assignments would be shared during the orientation session.

### **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. Commissioner Horne welcomed the new commissioners and invited them to consider serving on the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing.

### **8.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services**

- Ken Wingate

There was no report from the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services. Chairman Wingate stated that the former chair of this committee had been replaced with a new commissioner, and that a new chair would be selected when committee assignments were made.

### **8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities**

- Ken Wingate

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **A. Interim Capital Project**

1. College of Charleston - Rita Hollings Science Center Renovation (Phase I)

##### **B. Lease**

1. Medical University of SC - 1786 Anthony Street

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

Chairman Wingate stated that the former chair of this committee had also been replaced with a new commissioner, and that a new chair would be selected when committee assignments were made. Chairman Wingate provided information about the process by which capital projects and leases are approved. He briefly described Agenda Items **8.04 A, B, & C**, details about which may be found in **Attachment II**.

In response to Commissioner Vaughn's question about how current efforts to implement a SC Department of Administration, a new state agency, might affect the function of the SC Budget and Control Board with regard to the capital project approval process, Chairman Wingate responded that would not necessarily have any impact on the CHE's role in this process. Mr. Glenn explained that current regulatory reform legislation might cause a change in the CHE's role with regard to the dollar level at which permanent improvement projects may be approved at the institutional level without having to come to the CHE for approval, but that in all other respects the CHE's responsibilities and authority will remain intact. Ms. Carullo also reported that the House version of regulatory reform bill may have some impact on the CHE's role, however, that legislation is still pending Senate committee review and consideration. Chairman Wingate explained that the purpose of the regulatory reform legislation is to help make more expedient the time frame in which to complete the capital project approval process in an effort to minimize project cost increases which are often significant in the current, lengthier process. Mr. Glenn noted that the College of Charleston's project, listed in Agenda 8.04A, is a good example of the lengthy process in that the Commission is being asked to approve only Phase I, the planning stage of the project, and will be presented with the opportunity to approve its subsequent phases at dates to be determined in the future.

Following this discussion, **motion** was made (Wingate) and **carried** to approve the project and lease as listed in Agenda Items 8.04 A & B.

## **9. Other Business – Update on CHE’s plan for review of the USC medical school in Greenville**

At Chairman Wingate’s request, Dr. Walters provided information on the letter and the Attorney General’s January 5, 2011 opinion that Commissioners received from Commissioner Moody by e-mail on April 13 regarding the expansion of the USC medical school in Greenville, copies of which may be found in **Attachment III**. He also summarized the related events that have taken place to date, details about which may be found in **Attachment IV**. Chairman Wingate stated that the focus of today’s meeting was not to have any substantive debate, but to provide new Commissioners with an understanding of what has occurred to date.

Commissioner Moody stated it was not her intention to contradict or interfere with the work that has progressed between CHE and USC on this matter. Rather the items were sent as information only.

Chairman Wingate noted that all communication between the CHE and USC with regard to medical education has been collaborative and cooperative, and that both parties were in full agreement about moving forward with hearings on the topic. He then briefly reviewed the proposed hearing schedule, a copy of which may be found in **Attachment V**. Chairman Wingate asked that Commissioners to hold these dates on their calendars pending confirmation of them in the near future.

Following discussion about the timeline of the hearings schedule and information anticipated to be acquired, considered, and acted upon as a result of them, Chairman Wingate stated that Commissioners would be kept closely posted on the timeline of the upcoming hearings.

## **10. Adjournment**

There being no new business to consider, a **motion** was then made (Tarrant), **seconded** (Scarborough), and **carried** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:40 a.m. Chairman Wingate stated that an orientation session for new commissioners would begin immediately following a five minute break.

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.