

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300
Columbia, SC 29201

Minutes of the Meeting

April 5, 2012

Commission Members Attending

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

Commission Members Absent

Ms. Elizabeth Jackson

Staff Present

Ms. Julie Carullo, Acting Executive Director
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Mr. Arik Bjorn
Ms. Courtney Blake
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Saundra Carr
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Mr. Clint Mullins
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Joren Bartlett, SC Technical College System
Ms. Jackie Blakley, Tri-County Technical College
Dr. Kathy Coleman, Clemson University
Dr. Gail DiSabatino, Clemson University
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter
Dr. Marsha Dowell, USC Upstate
Ms. Harriet Dudley, Tri-County Technical College
Dr. Ron Faulkenberry, Francis Marion University
Dr. Joyce Fields, Columbia College
Dr. Kris Finnigan, University of SC Columbia
Dr. Doug Hallenbeck, Clemson University
Dr. Polly Haselden, Francis Marion University
Dr. Laurie Hopkins, Columbia College
Dr. George Hynd, College of Charleston
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges & Universities
Ms. Angie Leidinger, Clemson University
Mr. John McEntire, Clemson University
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University
Mr. Nick Rigas, Clemson University
Ms. Stephanie Thompson, Columbia College
Mr. Gerald Vander Mey, Clemson University
Dr. Caroline Whitson, Columbia College

1. Introductions

- Courtney Blake

Ms. Blake introduced the guests in attendance, as listed above. Chairman Wingate recognized and welcomed Dr. Caroline Whitson, President of Columbia College. He also thanked Dr. Marsha Dowell for her hard work as Provost of USC Upstate and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Ken Wingate

A **motion** was made (Tarrant), **seconded** (Scarborough), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2012, CHE meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate made reference to S. 1397, a joint resolution of the House and Senate concerning Accountability Based Funding (ABF), a copy of which had been distributed to Commissioners (**Attachment I**). If adopted by the General Assembly, the ABF formula would be finalized over the next year with the Commission on Higher Education playing a large role in its development and subsequent implementation. In response to Commissioner Munns' question about how the ABF formula relates to the technical colleges, Ms. Carullo stated as she understood it, the intent of the resolution is directed toward the senior colleges and universities and conversations about the technical colleges have taken place separately. Chairman Wingate reported he would call a meeting of the Council of Presidents and the Commission to be scheduled for the afternoon of May 3, the purpose of which would be to discuss ABF as well as other matters relevant to the institutions. He also stated that the June CHE meeting will take place offsite on one of the institutions' campuses to be determined.

4. Report of the Acting Executive Director and Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported that since the last CHE meeting the House had completed its work on the budget on March 15. She reviewed the House recommendations for higher education, details about which may be found in **Attachment II**. She also reported that the Senate Finance Committee was working on its budget recommendations and it was expected the budget would reach the full Senate for debate during the week of May 14. Ms. Carullo provided additional information about legislation of interest related to higher education, details about which may also be found in **Attachment II**. In addition, Ms. Carullo reported on H. 5051 (**Attachment III**), a House bill which along with its companion bill in the Senate, S.1323, provides for changing the statewide sector mission for four-year colleges and universities to enable institutions in this sector to offer doctoral programs. Discussion took place about various aspects of H. 5051 as well as about the policies of other states with regard to the offering of doctoral degrees at comprehensive institutions and about the offering of doctoral programs by for-profit institutions. Ms. Carullo stated there do not appear to be any statutory prohibitions on the offering of doctoral programs at comprehensive universities in other states. Dr. Raley confirmed that statement adding that doctoral programs at other states' comprehensive universities lead largely, but not exclusively to education doctorates as opposed to research doctorates. Commissioner Hanna expressed support for this legislation stating that it will help individuals advance their education levels while remaining in their local communities. In response to Commissioner Tarrant's question about whether this legislation stimulated concern about mission creep, Chairman Wingate stated that though there is a large group of proponents of this legislation within the House as evidenced by the legislation's sponsors, there were also some opponents. At Ms. Carullo's request, Mr. Michael Brown then shared information about the upcoming Access & Equity Conference reporting that the dates for that conference had been changed from April 18-19 to May 16-17 and that further information about the conference would soon be distributed. Ms. Carullo then thanked Mr. Gary Glenn and his staff for their work overseeing the

installation of the sound system for the CHE's main conference room which was being used for the first time.

5. Presentation: CHE Service Learning Awards - Ken Wingate

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. Chairman Wingate announced and congratulated the award winners who were: 1) Clemson University: Tutoring and Mentoring in Literacy Instruction, Project Director – Dr. Kathryn Haselden, 2) Tri-County Technical College: Early Childhood Development's Serve and Learn Project, Project Director – Ms. Harriett Dudley, and 3) Columbia College: The Benefit Bank and Columbia College, Project Director – Dr. Joyce Fields. Details about each of these projects may be found in **Attachment IV**.

6. 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.

7. Committee Reports

7.01 Report of the Executive Committee - Ken Wingate

There was no report from the Executive Committee. The minutes of the March 28, 2012, Executive Committee meeting were received for information.

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

There was no report from the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing.

7.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services - Hood Temple

There was no report from the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services.

7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Guy Tarrant

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

- 1. Clemson University - Douthit Hills Redevelopment
- Wind Turbine Drivetrain Test Facility/Grid Simulator
- 2. Medical University of SC - Basic Science Building Craniofacial Biology
- Research Renovation
- College of Nursing Interior Renovation Floors 2-5
- 3. Coastal Carolina University- Hicks Dining Hall Expansion
- 4. Aiken Technical College - Center for Energy & Advanced Technology

B. Review of SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership (SCMEP) Activities, Board Membership, and Budget Recommendations

**C. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for March 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 7.04 A (Attachment V)**. He stated further that time did not allow discussion of the Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Projects originally on that meeting's agenda and that those projects will be considered at a meeting to be scheduled in the near future prior to the next CHE meeting. Mr. Glenn stated that the item, Review of the SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership Activities, Board Membership, and Budget Recommendations, was also brought to the full Commission by consent agenda for consideration and that the List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for March 2012 was reviewed and brought forward for information. In response to Commissioner Munns' question about the wind turbine project at Clemson University, Ms. Angie Leidinger stated that the budget increase for this project was for the purpose of covering the costs of buildings on the drivetrain test facility as well as for the grid simulator. She stated further that coverage of the operating costs of the facility is provided for in the business plan of the companies who will be using it as well as by grants and research funding.

Agenda Items 7.04 A & B was then voted on and **approved**. The capital projects and leases listed in **Agenda 7.04 C (also described in Attachment V)** were accepted as information.

8. Other Business

Chairman Wingate provided for information details from news article which stated that three economists from Clemson University's Strom Thurmond Institute will be meeting to discuss higher education and rising tuition costs on the evening of April 10 at the Clemson Central Regional Library in Central, SC.

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Munns) and **carried** for the Commission to go into Executive Session at approximately 11:25 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. The Commission returned to regular session at approximately 12:00 noon, after which a **motion** was made (Tarrant), **seconded** (Temple), and **carried** for the Commission to appoint a seven member search committee to discuss and bring to the full Commission three recommendations for a CHE's next permanent Executive Director. The search committee will consist of Dr. Bettie Rose Horne who will serve as Chair; Commissioners Leah Moody, Bill Scarborough, and Admiral Charles Munns; Mr. Ted Pitts, Office of the Governor; Dr. Fred Carter, President of Francis Marion University, and Mr. Craig Garner, President of the SC Higher Education Foundation.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Wingate adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:05 p.m.

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.