

Draft Minutes - September 30, 2009

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201
Minutes of the Meeting
September 30, 2009
10:30 a.m.

Commission Members Attending

Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice-chair
Dr. Doug Forbes
Mr. Ken Jackson
Dr. Raghu Korrapati (by phone)
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller
Mr. Chuck Talbert
Mr. Guy Tarrant
Dr. Charles Thomas
Dr. Mick Zais

Commission Members Absent

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chairman
Mr. Jim Sanders
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Mr. Hood Temple
Mr. Neal Workman

Invited Guest Speaker

Dr. David Conley,
Education Policy Improvement Center

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
Ms. Marissa Adamczyk (Student Intern)
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Mr. Arik Bjorn
Ms. Courtney Blake
Mr. Anthony Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau
Ms. Crystal Davidson
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Ms. JoAnn Gardner
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Dr. Gail Morrison
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Deb Carson, Fortis College
Mr. Josh Brown, ITT Technical Institute
Ms. Jane Chadwick, Fortis College
Dr. Kathy Coleman, Clemson University
Ms. Teresa Cook, Francis Marion University
Dr. Anthony Coyne, University of SC Sumter
Dr. Kris Finnigan, University of SC Columbia
Dr. Andrew Gowan, University of SC Columbia
Dr. Joseph Harm, South University
Mr. Mitch James, ITT Technical Institute
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University (by phone)
Ms. Nancy Jeter, SC State University
Ms. Karen Jones, Winthrop University
Dr. John Lane, Allen University
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges and Universities
Ms. Julie Lybrand, House Education & Public Works Committee
Ms. Beth McGinnis, Clemson University
Ms. Jen Phelps, SC Association of Technical College Commissioners
Ms. Kimberly Pittman, Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement
Dr. Gayle Sawyer, Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement
Ms. Renelle Thomas, SC State University
Ms. Elise Smalls, Springfield College
Ms. Kelly Vance, ITT Technical Institute
Dr. James Wynn, South University

Members of the Press

none

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

1. Introductions

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Julie Carullo introduced the guests, all of whom are listed above. Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, vice-chair of the Commission, presided over the meeting for Chairman Ken Wingate, as a previously scheduled commitment prevented his attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made (Tarrant), **seconded** (Forbes), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2009, meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

- Bettie Rose Horne

Dr. Horne commented very favorably about the Trustees' Conference which had taken place on the previous day, September 29, after which several other positive observations about the conference were shared. The importance of a unified approach with regard to college and university support of higher education's needs was emphasized. Dr. Walters noted that work on the development of an overall statewide strategy was taking place and that he would provide more information on that topic during his Executive Director's report.

4. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

The report of the Executive Director was delayed and presented following the Committee Reports. During his report, Dr. Walters provided an overview of his most recent knowledge economy presentations throughout the state and on several meetings with which he had been involved including: a meeting about the New Front Door initiative with technical college presidents; the initial meeting about an initiative entitled, DegreeSC; a meeting with the Palmetto Business Forum; a meeting at the University of Toledo, the topic of which was the University in 2025; and a meeting of the Coalition of Academic and Scientific Reporting in Washington, DC.

Commissioner Tarrant questioned whether there appeared to be a common thread of concern at Dr. Walters' knowledge economy presentations. Dr. Walters responded he has addressed the concern that schools are failing to prepare students adequately by emphasizing education culture, noting that the perception of the value of education in a student's home environment and community is often the most influential factor related to his/her success. Dr. Walters stated he hopes to be able follow the presentations he has made thus far by returning to these communities with information about creating college access programs and the return on educational investment. He also mentioned that he hears about the rising cost of tuition, to which he offers information about the direct connection between lack of state support and tuition increases. Another concern expressed at his presentations is about young people departing from South Carolina to attend college and/or seek employment in states more focused on the knowledge economy.

Dr. Walters then provided information on the CHE FY 2010-11 budget requests and reviewed the draft budget request letter (**Attachment I**) to be submitted to Governor Sanford that had been distributed with the CHE meeting mail out. He noted that the letter, which requests restoration of core funding for the state's colleges and universities as well as the CHE and initiatives that strengthen statewide collaboration and assist students in successfully achieving a college degree, was being presented to Commissioners for their approval. In response to Commissioner Tarrant's question about whether this was the same format in which this information has been submitted in the past, Dr. Walters stated that, although CHE submits budget requests to the Governor annually, this was the first time that this type letter outlining the requests was presented to the Commission.

A **motion** was made (Mosteller), **seconded** (Jackson), and **carried** to accept the draft letter.

Dr. Walters then provided information on the status of the development of a unified budget strategy. He stated that he and CHE staff are in the process of developing a four-year budget strategy in conjunction with institutional presidents and their legislative liaisons. The strategy is intended to follow through on the Action Plan for Higher Education and would include institutional level proposals specifically connected to Action Plan. The same type of approach would also be used with regard to a bond bill proposal. When invited to share their reactions about this type of unified strategy, Commissioners were very supportive and endorsed the approach described.

5. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

The legislative report was also delayed until later in the meeting. During her report, Ms. Carullo provided information on the status of the regulatory relief bills, which are still under consideration by the Senate Education Committee. She reported that the Board of Economic Advisors had not made any changes at its September meeting to the revised revenue estimates adopted in August. Ms. Carullo also reported that the CHE's Agency Accountability Report for FY 2008-09 had been submitted as required and a copy had been distributed each of the Commissioners. The report is also available on the CHE website.

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

There was no report from the Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee.

7. Presentation on SC Course Alignment Project:

Dr. David Conley, CEO, Education Policy Improvement Center

At Dr. Horne's request, Dr. Morrison welcomed and introduced guest speaker, Dr. David Conley. Dr. Conley provided an overview of the SC Course Alignment Project, details about which may be found in **Attachment II**. Dr. Conley stressed that the focus of this project is to align the last courses students take in high school with the first courses taken in college in order to help smooth the transition and help them become better prepared for and succeed in college. Paired courses were created during the 2008-09 academic year and pilot implementation is taking place during the 2009-10 academic year by 32 high school, technical college, and 4-year college faculty across the state. Once feedback has been evaluated and appropriate adjustments have been made, the intent is to implement these courses statewide.

Discussion followed about: 1) the effect a course's chosen textbook and standardized test requirements might have on this project; 2) the intent to engage independent institutions in the project in the near future; and

3) the positive effect the implementation of paired courses will have on reducing the need for remediation in college and the economic implications of that on students and their families. In response to Dr. Zais' request for information that college professors might use as a guide in help students make a smoother transition between high school and college, Dr. Conley recommended his publication entitled, *Refining College Readiness*, and Dr. Morrison also offered to provide Commissioners with information on that topic. Dr. Horne concluded by thanking Dr. Conley for his excellent presentation as well as Dr. Morrison and other CHE staff for taking the lead in the initiation of this important project.

8. Committee Reports

8.01 Report of the Executive Committee

There was no report from the Executive Committee. The the minutes of the September 24, 2009, Executive Committee meeting (**Attachment III**) had been distributed to Commissioners prior to this meeting for information only.

CONSENT AGENDA**A. Consideration of New Program Proposals**

1. B.S., Environmental Engineering, Clemson
2. B.A., Graphic Design, Coastal Carolina
3. B.S., Information Systems, Coastal Carolina
4. M.Ed., Learning and Teaching with Specializations in Instructional Elementary Teaching Grades, Coastal Carolina
5. M.S., Project Management, The Citadel
6. M.A.T., Music Education with Specializations in Choral, Instrumental (Orchestra), And Instrumental (Band), USC Columbia

B. Consideration of Request for Initial License

A.O.S., Dental Assistant, Medical Assistant, and Medical Office Administration, Education Affiliates, branch of Fortis College

C. Consideration of Request for Amendments to Existing License to Add New Sites

A.A.S., Computer and Electronics Engineering Technology; A.A.S., Computer Drafting and Design; A.A.S., Information Technology, Computer Network Systems; A.A.S., Information Technology, Software Applications and Programming; A.A.S., Information Technology, Web Development; A.A.S., Paralegal Studies; B.S., Construction Management; B.S. Electronics and Communications Engineering; B.S., Information Systems Security, ITT Technical Institute, Carmel, IN, at Charleston and Conway

D. Consideration of Request for Amendment to Existing Licenses to Add New Programs

1. A.A.S., Paralegal Studies; A.A.S., Development Technology; B.S., Project Management; B.S., Software Applications Development, ITT Technical Institute, Carmel, IN, at Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville
2. B.S. Human Services, with a concentration in Early Childhood Education, Springfield College, Springfield, MA, at its branch in Charleston
3. Doctor of Pharmacy, South University, Columbia

E. Consideration of Report on Program Productivity, Fall 2004-Fall2008**F. Consideration of Revised *Guidelines for Centers of Excellence (Teacher Education) Competitive Grants Program, FY 2010-11*****G. Consideration of Revised *Guidelines for Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program, FY 2010-11*****H. Consideration of Annual Report on English Fluency Act, FY 2008-09****I. Consideration of Operating Budget for Centers of Economic Excellence, FY 2009-10****J. Informational Report on Staff-Approved Mission Statement Changes****K. Annual Report on Approved and Terminated Programs, FY 2008-09 (For Information Only)****L. Annual Report on Licensing Activities, FY 2008-09 (For Information Only)**

Because Dr. Horne was chairing the Commission meeting, Commissioner Cynthia Mosteller provided the report from the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing. She stated that the Committee had approved the six program proposals as listed in Agenda Item 8.02A and described in detail in **Attachment IV**. Commissioner Mosteller noted that, with regard to Agenda Item 8.02K, 29 programs were terminated and 19 programs were approved.

Following discussion about the process by which programs are terminated, a **motion** was made (Mosteller), **seconded** (Jackson), and **carried** to approve the recommendations made and information provided in Agenda Items 8.02 A – L.

8.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

- Cynthia Mosteller

A. Consideration of FY 2008-2009 Program Summaries and FY 2010-2011 Appropriation Requests for EIA Funded Teacher Recruitment Projects

Commissioner Mosteller stated that the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services had approved the appropriation requests of both the SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers and the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement at its meeting on September 25. More detailed information about both these programs may be found in **Attachment V**.

A **motion** was made (Mosteller), **seconded** (Talbert), and **carried** to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Access & Equity and Equity recommends approval of the FY 2010-11 budgets in the amount of \$467,000 for the SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers and \$4,063,533 for the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement.

8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Jim Sanders

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

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| 1. Clemson University | - | Golf Practice Facility |
| 2. Medical University of SC | - | Energy Performance Contract |
| 3. Francis Marion University | - | Athletic Complex Construction (Phase I) |
| 4. Horry-Georgetown Tech | - | Building 400 (Phase I) |
| | - | Speir Building Allied Health Expansion (Phase II) |

B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for September 2009 (For Information Only)

Commissioner Forbes, vice-chair of the Finance and Facilities committee, reported on behalf of the committee's chair, Commissioner Jim Sanders, who could not attend this meeting due to prior commitments. Commissioner Forbes stated that the committee presented by consent agenda the capital projects described in Agenda Item 8.04A, more details about which may be found in **Attachment VI**.

A **motion** was made (Forbes), **seconded** (Tarrant), and **carried** to approve the following recommendation with regard to each of the interim capital projects described in Agenda Item A: The Committee on Finance and Facilities recommends approval of this project.

Agenda Item 8.04B, List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for September 2009, and also described in **Attachment V** was provided for information only.

9. Other Business

Dr. Horne requested that Ms. Carullo provide a summary of feedback from the September 29, 2009 Trustees' Conference once all the evaluations forms had been received and the information compiled.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I -VI)

*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.