

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
1333 Main Street, Suite 200  
Columbia, S.C. 29201  
***Minutes of the Meeting***  
***October 8, 2010***

**Commission Members Attending**

Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair  
Mr. Ken Jackson  
Dr. Raghu Korrapati (by phone)  
Ms. Cyndi Mosteller  
Mr. Jim Sanders  
Mr. Bill Scarborough (by phone)  
Mr. Guy Tarrant

**Commission Members Absent**

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chair  
Dr. Doug Forbes  
Mr. Chuck Talbert  
Mr. Hood Temple  
Dr. Charles Thomas  
Mr. Neal Workman

**Staff Present**

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Ms. Laura Belcher  
Mr. Arik Bjorn  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Dr. Paula Gregg  
Ms. Trena Houpp  
Ms. Rae McPherson  
Mr. Clint Mullins  
Ms. Yolanda Myers  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Mr. Jeff Beaver, Lander University  
Dr. Pat Bohannon, Clemson University  
Dr. Barbara Buckner, Clemson University  
Dr. Richard Chapman, Francis Marion University  
Ms. Christy Ciminerie, Horry-Georgetown Technical College  
Ms. Donna Collins, USC Columbia  
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter  
Dr. James Deavor, College of Charleston  
Dr. Ed Dickey, USC Columbia  
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia  
Dr. Dave Fleming, Clemson University  
Dr. John Hester, Francis Marion University  
Dr. George Hynd, College of Charleston  
Mr. Bob Isenhower, Spartanburg Methodist College  
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University (by phone)  
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges & Universities  
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University  
Mr. John Malmrose, Medical University of SC  
Dr. Bill Manaris, College of Charleston  
Dr. Marian Mazzone, College of Charleston  
Dr. Jim Mensch, USC Columbia  
Dr. Valerie Morris, College of Charleston  
Ms. Glenda Ridgely, Lander University  
Dr. Chris Starr, College of Charleston  
Dr. Blake Stevens, College of Charleston  
Mr. Ray Switzer, Spartanburg Community College  
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. The meeting was chaired by Vice Chair Horne as conflicting out of town commitments prevented Chairman Wingate from being present.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

- Bettie Rose Horne

A **motion** was made (Mosteller), **seconded** (Tarrant), and **carried** to approve the minutes of September 2, 2010, CHE meeting.

## 3. Chairman's Report

- Ken Wingate

Vice Chair Horne commented briefly on the Trustees' Conference and the SC Higher Education Hall of Fame banquet, both of which had taken place on the previous day, October 7. She then deferred to the report of the Executive Director for more detailed information.

## 4. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

Dr. Walters reported on the September 28 Governor's Higher Education Summit, noting in particular Chairman Wingate's very positive remarks about the capability and effectiveness of the state's college and university leaders and trustees. He reported that in an effort to clear any existing confusion about higher education data, a frequently asked questions document will be drafted by the CHE, in conjunction with the colleges and universities. This document will be distributed to college and university trustees in order to help provide them with an accurate understanding of the data. Dr. Walters reported that the Trustees' Conference had gone well, noting that the presentation provided by Dr. Donald Finley, President of the Virginia Business Higher Education Council, showed that Virginia's work to emphasize the importance of the value of higher education is similar to the work which is taking place in South Carolina. The inclusion of an active structure of business leaders in this effort, however, is still under development in our state and will continue to be explored. Dr. Walters also commented positively on the presentation about the Kingsport, Tennessee *Educate and Grow* initiative, provided by Mr. Keith Wilson, publisher of the *Kingsport Times-News*. He stated that the CHE continues to work on implementing culture change in identified South Carolina communities, and that the recent approval of years 3 and 4 of the College Access Challenge Grant will help support that effort.

## 5. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported on comments made by Senator Hugh Leatherman, who participated, along with Representative B.R. Skelton, in a legislative panel and discussion at the Trustees' Conference. She commented that Senator Leatherman provided an overview of the state's budget situation and had remarked that the state budget has steadily declined from \$7 billion two years ago to \$5 billion this year, and that by next year it is expected there will be only \$4 billion in expendable revenue, which will mostly likely necessitate additional budget cuts and possible closing of some state agencies. She noted that Senator Leatherman had stated in his comments that he did not foresee the successful passing of a bond bill under current executive branch leadership. Ms. Carullo reported that both Senator Leatherman and Representative Skelton expressed support of regulatory reform which failed to pass during the 2010 legislative session. She also stated that Senator Leatherman commented on his concerns regarding the numbers of out-of-state students and indicated that he might consider a 25% cap on out-of-state students who attend college in South Carolina. She noted that there would be follow up with regard to the particular concerns. Ms. Carullo commented briefly on the the SC Budget and Control Board's recent action to impose a moratorium on capital improvement projects for institutions that had raised tuition beyond certain levels, more detail about which may be found in **Attachment I**, and requested that Mr. Gary Glenn provide additional information. Mr. Glenn stated that the moratorium does not affect the work of the CHE with regard to facilities as the CHE's responsibility in this area pertains solely to the consideration of projects based on their merits. Under the moratorium, an institution must provide assurance to the SC Budget and Control Board that they intend to comply with the allowable tuition increase percentage rate before their projects can be undertaken. Discussion about tuition rate increases followed.

Dr. Walters thanked CHE staff members Julie Carullo, Beth Rogers, and Lorinda Copeland for their dedicated work, which contributed to the success of the 2010 SC Higher Education Hall of Fame Banquet and 2010 Trustees' Conference. He then stated that budget cuts have resulted in a loss of 50% of the state-funded CHE staff. He also stated that, in view of budget projections for the upcoming year, the CHE will most likely have to plan for an anticipated additional 15% reduction.

Dr. Walters then invited other CHE management staff to report on activities in their respective areas.

Dr. Karen Woodfaulk and Commissioner Mosteller reported on the September 30, 2010, press conference that kicked off the 2010 College Application Month activities. A list of the locations of those events may be found in **Attachment II**. Commissioner Mosteller reported that 57 high schools in the state were participating in the event, and it is anticipated that between 12,000 and 16,000 students will be assisted with completing their college applications. Video news clips, featuring former Governor and Secretary of Education Dick Riley, spokesperson for this initiative, were then shared with all in attendance.

Dr. Mike Raley reported on the work that progresses with various initiatives, among them Degree SC, the Course Alignment Project, the SC Transfer and Articulation Project, and the Centers of Economic Excellence.

Mr. Mike Brown reported that he would soon be traveling with Dr. Walters to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for a comprehensive meeting with their planning staff to learn more about their very successful planning strategies.

## **6. Presentations**

No presentations were delivered at this meeting.

## **7. Report of the Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee - Bettie Rose Horne**

Dr. Mike Raley reported that the Action Plan Implementation Status Report (**Attachment III**), which had been distributed to Commissioners with their meeting materials, provides information on progress that has been made since the previous status report, delivered in May 2010. Dr. Raley provided examples of institutional activities pertaining specifically to Action Plan recommendations, details about which may be found in **Attachment III**. In response to Commissioner Tarrant's inquiry, Dr. Raley replied that the institutions are not required to report to the CHE about the status of their Action Plan recommendation activities, however, more institutional response had been received when requested for this report than it had been previously.

## **8. Committee Reports**

### **8.01 Report of the Executive Committee - Bettie Rose Horne**

Dr. Horne stated that the Executive Committee met on September 30, 2010. The draft minutes of that meeting (**Attachment IV**) had been distributed to Commissioners for information.

### **8.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing - Bettie Rose Horne**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Consideration of New Program Proposals**

1. B.A., Computing in the Arts, College of Charleston
2. B.S., Athletic Training, USC Columbia
3. B.S., Nursing (Completion), Coastal Carolina
4. M.Ed., Teaching and Learning, Clemson
5. Ph.D., Teaching and Learning, USC Clemson

### **B. Consideration of Revised Mission: Francis Marion University**

**C. Consideration of Operating Budget for Center of Economic Excellence, FY 2010 - 2011**

**D. Consideration of *Annual Report on First-time Entering Freshmen Admission Standards, FY 2009-2010***

**E. Annual Report on Staff-approved Mission Changes, FY 2009-2011**

**F. Annual Report on Academic Common Market, Calendar Years 2008 and 2009**

**G. Annual Report on Terminated and Approved Programs, FY 2009-2010**

**H. Annual Report on Licensing Activities, FY 2009-2010**

Commissioner Mosteller reported on behalf of Commissioner Horne. She stated that Agenda Items 8.02 A-H, brought forward by the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing and described in detail in **Attachment V**, were presented to the full Commission by consent.

Commissioner Mosteller noted that the revised mission statement of Francis Marion University (Agenda Item 8.02B) reflects they now offer a Specialist degree in School Psychology. With regard to Agenda Item 8.02G, Commissioner Mosteller stated that in 2009-2010, 73 academic programs were terminated and 42 were approved by the CHE. Commissioner Sanders recommended that the information about the number of terminated and approved programs be included in the frequently asked questions document, which is periodically updated for Commissioners.

Agenda Items 8.02 A-H were then voted on and **approved**.

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

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| 1. Medical University of SC           | - | Quad E Building Roof Replacement (Phase II)        |
|                                       | - | CSB Air Handler #6 Replacement (Phase II)          |
| 2. College of Charleston              | - | 74 George Street Renovation (Phase II)             |
| 3. Central Carolina Technical College | - | Civil/Site Renovations (Phase II)                  |
|                                       | - | Landscape/Plaza Renovations (Phase II)             |
|                                       | - | Spartanburg Downtown Campus Acquisition (Phase II) |

**B. Leases**

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| 1. Lander University | - | BearCat Village Apartments |
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**C. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for September 2010  
(For Information)**

Commissioner Sanders stated that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had approved Agenda Items 8.04 A, B, and C at its meeting earlier in the morning, details about which may be found in **Attachment VI**. He

noted, however, that they had not been unanimously approved and that there was a growing concern among members of the committee about balancing of priorities and needs of the institutions with the resources that may or may not be available in light of current economic times. He stated further that the committee's intent is to expedite approval of projects and that the projects presented to them for review will be examined very carefully.

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

## **9. Other Business**

There was no other business to consider.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:55 a.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.