

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

1122 Lady Street, Suite  
Columbia, S.C. 29201

***Minutes of the Meeting***

**October 6, 2011**

**Commission Members Attending**

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

**Commission Members Absent**

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chair  
Ms. Elizabeth Jackson  
Mr. Hood Temple

**Staff Present**

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director  
Ms. Rita Allison  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Ms. Laura Belcher  
Mr. Arik Bjorn  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Mr. Tony Brown  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Ms. Sandra Carr  
Ms. Elizabeth Caulder  
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau  
Mr. Jason Cone  
Ms. Lorinda Copeland  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Dr. Paula Gregg  
Ms. Trena Houp  
Mr. Ryan Leckie  
Mr. Frank Myers  
Ms. Yolanda Myers  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Ms. Joren Bartlett, SC Technical College  
System  
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter  
Dr. David DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina  
University  
Dr. Mike Flynn, College of Charleston  
Dr. Lynne Ford, College of Charleston  
Dr. Esther Kramer, Art Institute of  
Charleston  
Dr. Thomas Kurfess, Clemson University  
Dr. Jochen Lauterbach, USC Columbia  
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University  
Dr. Danny McKenzie, Lander University  
Dr. Tara McNealy, The Citadel  
Ms. Liesl Martin, Lesley University  
Dr. Judy Neufeld, Lander University  
Ms. Lynne Riding, Art Institute of  
Charleston  
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College  
System  
Mr. Eddie Shannon, SC Independent  
Colleges & Universities  
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University  
Dr. Melanie Thomas, Medical University  
of SC  
Mr. Richard White, USC Columbia

**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, as listed above.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

- Bettie Rose Horne

At Vice Chair Horne's invitation, a **motion** was made (Tarrant), **seconded** (Scarborough), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2011 CHE meeting.

## 3. Chairman's Report

- Bettie Rose Horne

Due to Chairman Wingate's absence, no report was delivered.

## 4. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

Dr. Walters commended the Technical Colleges and Clemson University for their recent receipt of \$20 million in federal funds to be used to retrain unemployed South Carolinians for jobs in emerging industries, stating that this accomplishment provides an excellent example of how our colleges and universities work well together. He also congratulated the USC School of Medicine in Greenville which recently received preliminary accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. More details about both these achievements may be found in The State newspaper articles about them (**Attachment I**), which were distributed to Commissioners. Dr. Walters called attention to his draft letter to Governor Haley (**Attachment II**) concerning CHE's FY 2012-13 Budget Request. He stated that the final letter would be brought back to the Commission for approval at the November CHE meeting. Dr. Walters reviewed the content of the letter and invited Commissioners to offer their comments and suggestions on the draft document.

Dr. Walters updated Commissioner's on the Accountability Based Funding (ABF) initiative which had been initiated by Governor Haley in January. He reviewed the latest draft ABF report under discussion among the university presidents (**Attachment III**) which had been circulated for their review and feedback following a meeting last week in which he and Chairman Wingate had participated. Dr. Walters stated that the development of the ABF funding plan will likely be completed by the November CHE meeting and also invited reactions and suggestions on this topic from Commissioners as the report is further refined. In response to Commissioner Scarborough's question about the process necessary to implement ABF, Dr. Walters stated that legislation would be required and the expectation was that the final developed plan would be drafted into proposed legislation for consideration during the upcoming legislative session. Dr. Walters further stated there would be coordination of the technical college plan and the final plan will include input from the technical colleges.

Dr. David DeCenzo, President of Coastal Carolina University, then provided information in follow-up to the comments he delivered at the September 1 CHE meeting regarding the deregistration of students due to their lack of sufficient tuition funds. Dr. DeCenzo distributed and reviewed data collected from each of the state's colleges and universities (**Attachment IV**), which showed the 26.2% of the state's Pell Grant recipient students did not return to college this academic year which he attributed to their lack of adequate funds. Discussion followed concerning possible ways to remedy this situation, including changing regulations to allow public institutions more flexibility to provide tuition discounts to needy South Carolina students. Dr. Walters recommended and Dr. DeCenzo agreed that this issue be brought to the ABF Access & Affordability Task Force for consideration as it further develops its recommendations.

In response to Dr. Walters' invitation, CHE staff members provided updates on various initiatives: Dr. Karen Woodfaulk reported on CHE's recent receipt of a GEAR UP grant in the amount of \$22,786,282, more information about which may be found in **Attachment V**; Dr. Mike Raley reported on the DegreeSC initiative, the first program of which will go active in the fall of 2012; Mr. Gary Glenn reported on the status of renovations to the Commission's new office space; Dr. Walters for Mr. Michael Brown reported on the status of the adult education pilot program in Cherokee County, more information about which may be found in **Attachment VI**; and Ms. Rita Allison reported on the status of the 2012 Professor of the Year Award.

## **5. Legislative Report**

**- Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo stated that Governor Haley was holding town hall meetings throughout the state to talk about her priorities, which include Accountability Based Funding for higher education, job training, tax reform, the creation of a Department of Administration, and also revisions to the State Retirement System. She reported on issues being considered by special committees or subcommittees of the House and Senate which had been meeting in the interim in anticipation of the upcoming session. It was also reported that the Board of Economic Advisors would meet in October to hear from economic advisors and would release their first official estimates for FY 2012-2013 in November as required, and that Mr. Mike Shealy and Mr. Craig Parks, staff members of the Senate Finance Committee, will provide a presentation on the state's budget situation to the full Commission at the December 1, 2011, CHE meeting.

## **6. Presentations from SmartState Endowed Chairs:**

**Dr. Thomas Kurfess, Clemson University**  
**Dr. Melanie Thomas, Medical University of South Carolina**  
**Dr. Jochen Lauterbach, University of South Carolina**

Dr. Mike Raley introduced Mr. Arik Bjorn, Dr. Argenti Anderson, and Ms. Laura Belcher, members of the Academic Affairs staff who work most closely with SmartState, after which Mr. Bjorn provided a brief overview about the program, details about which may be found in **Attachment VII**.

Dr. Kurfess then presented on the work taking place at the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CUICAR), Dr. Thomas presented on the work on Gastrointestinal Cancer Diagnostics at the Medical University of South Carolina, and Dr. Lauterbach presented on the work to improve and enhance the environmental performance of electricity production at the University of South Carolina. Details about their presentations may be found in **Attachment VIII, IX, and X**, respectively.

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

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

## **8. Committee Reports**

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

**- Bettie Rose Horne**

There was no report from the Executive Committee.

### **8.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing**

**- Natasha Hanna**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Consideration of New Program Proposals**

1. B.S./A.B., Exercise Science, College of Charleston
2. M.Ed., Teaching and Learning with concentrations in Diverse Learners, Exercise and Sports Studies, and Instructional Technology, Lander University

**B. Consideration of Amendments to Existing Licenses to Add New Programs**

1. B.F.A., Fashion Design, Art Institute of Charleston
2. Ed.S., Integrated Teaching Through the Arts, Ed.S., Technology in Education, Lesley University, Cambridge, MA

**C. Consideration of Request for Confirmation of Degree-Granting Authority, Independent Institutions**

**D. Consideration of Operating Budget for SmartState Program, FY 2011-2012**

**E. Consideration of Annual Report on Admissions Standards for First-Time Entering Freshmen, FY 2010-2011**

**F. Consideration of Annual Report for Course Acceptance Policies, FY 2010-2011**

**G. Presentation of Annual Report on Terminated and Approved Programs, FY 2010-2011**

**H. Presentation of Annual Report on Staff-Approved Mission Changes, FY 2010-2011**

**I. Presentation of Annual Report on Academic Common Market**

**J. Presentation of Annual Report on Licensing Activities, FY 2010-2011**

Commissioner Hanna provided brief information about each of the agenda items listed above which were considered and approved by the Committee at its meeting on September 1. Additional information about each of these items may be found in **Attachment XI**.

A **motion** was then made (Hanna) and **carried** to approve Agenda Items 8.02 A-J.

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

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

**8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Guy Tarrant**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Interim Capital Projects**

1. University of SC Columbia - Indoor Practice Facility Construction (Phase I)
2. Medical University of SC - College of Nursing Interior Renovation (Phase II)

**B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for September 2011  
(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 8.04 A (Attachment XII)**.

**Agenda Items 8.04 A** was then voted on and **approved**. The capital projects and leases listed in **Agenda 8.04 B (also described in Attachment XII)** were accepted as information.

**9. Other Business**

There was no other new business to come before the Commission.

**10. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Horne adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Beth B. Rogers*  
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Recording Secretary

**Attachments (I - XII)**

\*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.