

Draft Minutes - September 3, 2009

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201
Minutes of the Meeting
September 3, 2009
10:30 a.m.

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chairman
Dr. Doug Forbes
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Mr. Ken Jackson
Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller
Mr. Jim Sanders
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Mr. Chuck Talbert
Mr. Guy Tarrant
Mr. Hood Temple
Dr. Charles Thomas
Mr. Neal Workman
Dr. Mick Zais

Commission Members Absent

none

Invited Guest Speakers

Dr. Darren Felty, Trident Technical College
Dr. Alice Frye, Aiken Technical College
Ms. Katherine Haigler, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
Dr. Gina Mounfield, Technical College of the Lowcountry
Mr. Steve Valand, Greenville Technical College
Mr. Warren Yarbrough, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
Ms. Marissa Adamczyk (Student Intern)
Ms. Rita Allison
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Courtney Blake
Mr. Anthony Brown
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Mr. Sidney Brown
Mr. Derrah Cassidy
Ms. Sjanna Coriarity

Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Dr. Gail Morrison
Mr. Clint Mullins
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Dr. Anthony Coyne, University of SC Sumter
Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus, University of SC Columbia
Ms. Stephanie Frazier, State Technical College System
Dr. Gemma Frock, Aiken Technical College
Mr. Jeff Lamberson, University of SC Columbia
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges and Universities
Ms. Beth McGinnis, Clemson University
Ms. Jen Phelps, SC Association of Technical College Commissioners
Ms. Sandra Powers, College of Charleston
Ms. Hope Rivers, State Technical College System
Ms. Shun Robertson, State Technical College System
Ms. Anne Marie Stieritz, State Technical College System
Mr. Bryce Wilson, SC Budget & Control Board
Dr. Susan Winsor, Aiken Technical College

Members of the Press

none

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

1. Introductions

- Renea Eshleman

Ms. Renea Eshleman introduced the guests, all of whom are listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made (Jackson), **seconded** (Workman), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2009, meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate reported that a successful rollout on the Return on Educational Investment study took place at SCETV on August 19 and was broadcast to a number of remote sites around the state. He stated that a Trustees' Conference for members of the boards of trustees and foundations of both public and private institutions would be held on September 29 and encouraged Commissioners to attend. Chairman Wingate reported that the date of the October CHE meeting had been changed from October 1 to September 30 in order to have it follow the Trustees' Conference on September 29 and help minimize travel time for Commissioners. He stated that he and Commissioner Sanders would be meeting with State Treasurer Converse Chellis that afternoon, following the CHE meeting. Chairman Wingate reported that he and Dr. Walters had several upcoming meetings scheduled to speak with various institutional boards, rotary clubs, and chambers of commerce throughout the state.

4. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

Dr. Walters stated he and CHE staff were in the process of developing a four-year budget strategy which will undergird the implementation of the Higher Education Study Committee's Action Plan. Information about this strategy will be distributed to Commissioners prior to the next CHE meeting. He reported on various presentations on the knowledge economy he had made in Beaufort and Fountain Inn as well as to a meeting of the Regional Education Center Coordinators. In addition, Dr. Walters delivered a power point presentation (**Attachment I**) about and provided information on a recent trip he had made to Kingsport, Tennessee, where he met with various local officials and business representatives to discuss the city's very successful Educate and Grow initiative. This initiative brought about significant improvements to the city's economy as a result of its focused and collaborative efforts to increase awareness about the value of higher education as well as make it more accessible and affordable. Dr. Walters emphasized the importance of fostering similar developments in South Carolina, stating that this should be a principal responsibility of the CHE. A brief period of discussion followed.

Dr. Walters made reference to the recently released 2009 edition of the CHE's Statistical Abstract which had been distributed to each of the Commissioners. He stated that the SC Budget and Control Board would be meeting that afternoon to discuss budget cuts to state agencies. It is anticipated that there will be another 4% - 5% across the board. The CHE is prepared to manage under those circumstances, although with some degree of difficulty.

At Dr. Walters request, members of the CHE staff provided updates and briefings on the following topics: 1) the August 25-26, 2009, meeting of the Regional Education Center Coordinators (Dr. Karen Woodfaulk); 2) the High School and College Course Alignment Project and the Course Articulation and Transfer System Project (Dr. Gail Morrison); and 3) efforts to increase opportunities for adult education (Mr. Michael Brown). **Attachment 2**, entitled "A New Front Door to Higher Education", provides some detail on the adult education possibilities.

5. Legislative Report

The legislative report portion of the meeting had been covered during Dr. Walters' Executive Director Report when he provided information about the SC Budget and Control Board meeting and anticipated state budget cuts.

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

Chairman Wingate stated that the Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee held its initial meeting on September 2. **Attachment 3** provides a brief summary of the content and outcome of that meeting.

7. Achieving the Dream: Presentation from The State Technical College System

Mr. Steve Valand, Vice President for Education, Greenville Technical College
Dr. Alice Frye, Dean of Health Science, Aiken Technical College
Mr. Warren Yarbrough, Dean of Arts and Humanities, Orangeburg-Technical College
Ms. Katherine Haigler, Biology Instructor, Orangeburg-Technical College
Dr. Gina Mounfield, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Technical College of the Lowcountry
Dr. Darren Felty, Department Head for English, Trident Technical College

Chairman Wingate asked Ms. Hope Rivers, of the SC Technical College System, to introduce the panelists presenting on Achieving the Dream, as listed above. Mr. Valand provided background information on this national initiative, designed to help community college students succeed, by focusing on student groups that face the most significant barriers and the achievement gaps that exist with unprepared students. More detail about the initiative in general as well as specifics on the program at Greenville Technical College may be found in **Attachment IV**. Details about the programs at Aiken Technical College, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, the Technical College of the Lowcountry, and Trident Technical College may be found in **Attachments V-VIII**, respectively.

Chairman Wingate relayed a suggestion made by Commissioner Korrapati that a conference of technical colleges be held in order to allow the technical colleges represented at this meeting to share the best practices described today with their colleagues throughout the state. Chairman Wingate commended the efforts of these institutions and thanked them for their valuable presentations.

8. Committee Reports

8.01 Report of the Executive Committee - Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate stated that the minutes of the August 27, 2009, Executive Committee meeting (**Attachment IX**) had been distributed to Commissioners for information only.

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

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing had no report.

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

Commissioner Mosteller asked some of the CHE staff whose work focuses on the issue of college access to provide brief updates on their activities. Mr. Derrah Cassidy, Ms. Shauna Corriarty, and Ms. Rae McPherson reported on College Application Week, the purpose of which is to provide a centralized opportunity for students and their parents to learn more about the process and procedures involved in applying to college. A list of this year's participating high schools as well information about the timeline for the week may be found in **Attachment X**. This initiative has been very positively received and it is hoped that it will become a statewide

effort in the future.

8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Jim Sanders

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Lease

1. Clemson University - Computing and Information Technology

B. Master Land Acquisition Plan (MLAP) Approval

1. York Technical College

C. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for August 2009 (For Information)

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Gary Glenn to brief Commissioners on Consent Agenda Item A, as listed above and described in detail in **Attachment XI**.

A **motion** was made (Sanders) and **carried** to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Finance and Facilities recommends approving the Computing and Information Technology Lease at Clemson University provided the rates and terms are approved by the Budget and Control Board.

Mr. Glenn also provided information on Consent Agenda Item B, as listed above and described in detail in **Attachment XI**.

A **motion** was made (Sanders) and **carried** to approve the Master Land Acquisition Plan at York Technical College.

Commissioner Sanders stated that agenda item 8.04C, List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for August 2009 and also described in **Attachment XI**, was provided for information only.

9. Other Business

Dr. Gail Morrison offered congratulations to Dr. Zais, President of Newberry College for the college's recent award of a \$900,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, the purpose of which is to develop plans to increase the production of teachers in the areas of math and science.

10. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I - XI)

*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.