

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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

Minutes of the Meeting
September 1, 2011

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chair
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair
Ms. Natasha Hanna
Ms. Elizabeth Jackson
Dr. Raghu Korrapati (by phone)
Mr. Kim Phillips
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Mr. Guy Tarrant (by phone)
Mr. Hood Temple
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer
Hon. Lewis Vaughn

Commission Members Absent

Ms. Leah Moody
Admiral Charles Munns
Mr. Rodney Smolla

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Mr. Arik Bjorn
Ms. Courtney Blake
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Mr. Tony Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Mr. Jason Cone
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Mr. Clint Mullins
Mr. Frank Myers
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Ms. Tanya Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Joren Bartlett, SC Technical College
System
Ms. Donna Collins, USC Columbia
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter
Dr. David DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina
University
Dr. Tim Douppnik, USC Columbia
Mr. Henry Giles, Spartanburg Community
College
Ms. Joyce Green, SC State University
Mr. Derek Gruner, USC Columbia
Ms. Shirley Hinson, College of Charleston
Dr. George Hynd, College of Charleston
Mr. Rick Kelly, USC Columbia
Mr. Jeff Lamberson, USC Columbia
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges
& Universities
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University
Dr. Danny McKenzie, Lander University
Dr. Tara McNealy, The Citadel
Dr. Suzanne Ozment, USC Aiken
Mr. Tom Quasney, USC Columbia
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College
System
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University
Dr. Roger Weikle, Winthrop 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 guest in attendance, as listed above. Chairman Wingate introduced the Commission's newest Commissioner, Mr. Kim Phillips, who had been unable to be present at the August CHE meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

- **Ken Wingate**

At Chairman Wingate's invitation, a **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Scarborough), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2011 CHE meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

- **Ken Wingate**

Chairman Wingate chose not to provide a report in the interest of allowing adequate time for the scheduled presentations.

4. Report of the Executive Director

- **Garrison Walters**

Dr. Walters called on President David DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University, to comment on an element of regulatory relief, specifically regarding the percentage of students for which an institution is allowed to provide tuition waivers. Dr. DeCenzo stated that a provision to allow raising the current rate of 4% to 8%, which was considered but not included in the recently enacted higher education regulatory reform legislation, would help reduce the number of students who must be deregistered due to their inability to pay tuition. He reported that Coastal Carolina had recently deregistered for the fall session 318 students, 216 of which were South Carolinians. Chairman Wingate requested that Dr. DeCenzo acquire and summarize similar statistics from the state's other public institutions. He stated that that this information would be prioritized in upcoming discussions with the Governor about accountability based funding.

Dr. Walters commented on the recent move of the CHE offices from 1333 Main Street to 1122 Lady Street, and thanked the CHE staff, and in particular, Mr. Gary Glenn for his leadership and implementation of the move. Mr. Glenn also thanked the CHE staff for their hard work in helping to make the move successful.

In response to Dr. Walters' invitation, CHE staff members provided updates on various initiatives: Mr. Michael Brown on the status of the New Front Door pilot program in Cherokee County; Dr. Karen Woodfaulk on College Application Month activities; and Dr. Mike Raley on Degree SC. Dr. Raley reported that there would be a Committee on Academic Affairs & Licensing committee meeting at 1:00 p.m. following the CHE meeting.

Dr. Walters then commended Ms. Trena Houpp for her regular, dedicated efforts to compile a comprehensive assessment on the report of the Higher Education Ad Hoc Committee (Agenda Item 7), which provides information on the outcome and activity resulting from the Higher Education Action Plan.

5. Legislative Report

- **Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo provided a report on the recent meeting of the Board of Economic Advisors (BEA). She stated that state revenues were trending upward and that at the end of the FY 2010-11 there was \$123 million remaining that would be placed in the State's Contingency Reserve Fund. She also stated that the Capital Reserve Fund should be available for appropriations next year. Ms. Carullo reported that the BEA will make their first official estimates for FY 2011-12 by November 15. She informed member that representatives from the Senate Finance Committee would asked

to make a presentation on the status of the State's budget situation at a CHE meeting in the near future. Ms. Carullo also provided information on the status of the state's redistricting process as well as on ad hoc committees that had been formed recently by the Senate, House, and Governor to consider revisions to the State's tax code.

6. Presentations

- Garrison Walters

Update on Accountability Based Funding

Dr. Walters presented on the current Accountability-Based Funding (ABF) initiative, details about which may be found in **Attachment I**. A collaborative effort of the colleges and universities, the CHE, and the Governor's office, the intent of this initiative is to prepare for legislative implementation an innovative accountability-based funding strategy for higher education. Dr. Walters provided information about the development of ABF task forces and plans as work on this initiative moves forward, details about which are located in his July 22 memo to University Presidents (**Attachment II**). A list of the ABF task force members may be found in **Attachment III**.

Updates on the progress of each of the task forces were then given by the following individuals: Dr. Suzanne Ozment, Co-Chair of Producing Graduates; Dr. Danny McKenzie, Co-Chair of Access & Affordability; Dr. Roger Weikle, Economic Development and Job Placement; Ms. Shirley Hinson, Co-Chair of Accountability; and Ms. Julie Carullo, CHE staff liaison for Regulatory Reform.

Ms. Carullo stated that recommendations from each of the task forces are expected to be received by the end of September, after which a meeting with the Presidents will take place. Following that meeting, the Presidents will bring their compiled recommendations in a meeting with the Governor. Legislation will then be developed and be brought before the General Assembly for consideration during the next legislative session in January of 2012.

Why Does College Cost So Much

Dr. Walters then delivered a presentation about the rising cost of college, after which brief discussion followed. Details about this presentation may be found in **Attachment IV**.

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

Chairman Wingate referred to the Action Plan Implementation Status Report (**Attachment V**), copies of which had been distributed to Commissioners. Chairman Wingate emphasized the benefit of becoming familiar with the 2009 Higher Education Action Plan and how the goals of that plan are being met.

8. Committee Reports

8.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Ken Wingate

There was no report from the Executive Committee.

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

There was no report from the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing. Commissioner Horne stated that this committee would be meeting at 1:00 p.m. following the CHE meeting.

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. Commissioner Temple reported, however, that the Committee had held its first meeting with its newest members at 8:30 that morning. He noted that a report from the SC Program for Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers delivered at the meeting revealed that the program not only effectively helps to educate and retain people in South Carolina to teach, but also helps to increase the knowledge-based economy as well as serves students in critical needs areas.

8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Guy Tarrant

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

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| 1. Clemson University | Littlejohn Coliseum Annex Addition (Phase I) Freeman Hall Expansion (Phase II) |
| 2. University of SC Columbia | Darla Moore School of Business Construction |
| 3. Spartanburg Community College | Spartanburg Downtown Campus (Phase II) |

B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for August 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-B (Attachment VI)**.

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

9. Other Business

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

A **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Temple), and **carried** for the Commission to go into Executive Session to consider a personnel matter at 12:05 p.m.

10. Adjournment

The Commission returned to public session at 12:30 p.m. A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Horne), and **carried** to approve the Agency Head Planning document. Chairman Wingate then adjourned the meeting 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.