

**Minutes
Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing
April 22, 2016**

Members Present

Chair Terrye Seckinger, via teleconference
Admiral Charles Munns, via teleconference
Mr. Kim Phillips, via teleconference
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer, via teleconference

Members Absent:

Dr. Louis Lynn
Dr. Evans Whitaker

Staff Present

Mr. Clay Barton
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Anna Grubic
Ms. Trena Houp
Dr. John Lane

Guests

Ms. Sabrina Andrews, University of South Carolina Columbia, via teleconference
Dr. Ralph Byington, Coastal Carolina University, via teleconference
Dr. Tara Hornor, The Citadel, via teleconference
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University, via teleconference
Dr. Hope Rivers, S.C. Technical College System, via teleconference
Dr. Suzanne Thomas, Medical University of South Carolina

Welcome

Chair Seckinger called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and announced the meeting was being held in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Revisions to the *Policies and Procedures for New Academic Programs, Program Modifications, Program Notifications, Program Terminations, and New Centers for SC Public Colleges and Universities* Regarding the Approval of Programs Offered by the Technical Colleges

Chair Seckinger introduced the agenda item, and the Committee **moved** (Munns) and **seconded** (Settlemyer) a motion to accept the staff's recommendation for approval. Chair Seckinger explained that CHE has been working together with the S.C. Technical College System to make revisions to the *Policies and Procedures for New Academic Programs, Program Modifications, Program Notifications, Program Terminations, and New Centers for SC Public Colleges and Universities* regarding the approval of occupational associate degree

programs offered by the technical colleges. She then introduced Dr. Lane to share more. Dr. Lane thanked Dr. Rivers and the S.C. Technical College System for their collaborative work. He explained that the changes involve the approval process for occupational, non-transferable associate degrees at the technical college system. He further added that the policy allows these types of programs to be exempt from the full CHE vetting process. Chair Seckinger stated that this policy decision allows both CHE and the S.C. Technical College System to respond to workforce needs quickly.

Commissioner Munns moved that the policy revisions be approved but with a typo corrected on in the statement found in Section C.2.b.iii. He asked that the second "if" in the sentence be changed to "is." Dr. Lane agreed.

Dr. Lane provided Commissioner Lynn's feedback in his absence and informed the Committee that Commissioner Lynn is in favor of the policy revision.

Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the revisions, with the small typo corrected by Commissioner Munns, to the *Policies and Procedures for New Academic Programs, Program Modifications, Program Notifications, Program Terminations, and New Centers for SC Public Colleges and Universities* regarding the approval of occupational associate degree programs offered by the technical colleges.

2. Other Business

Chair Seckinger thanked those in attendance for their participation and staff for their work. Commissioner Munns moved that the meeting be adjourned. Hearing no further business, she adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.