

Minutes
Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing
November 22, 2013 Teleconference

Members Present

Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Chair
Admiral Charles Munns
Ms. Natasha Hanna
Mr. Kim Phillips

Members Absent

Ms. Leah Moody

Staff Present

Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Saundra Carr
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Dr. MaryAnn Janosik

Guests

Dr. Nadim Aziz, Clemson University
Dr. J. Ralph Byington, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. Gordon Haist, U.S.C. Beaufort
Dr. Learie Luke, South Carolina State University

1. Introductions

Dr. Horne called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. Consideration of Revised Guidelines for the *EIA Centers of (Teacher Education) Excellence Competitive Grants, FY 2014-2015*

Dr. Horne requested a motion to accept the item. The Committee **moved** (Munns) and **seconded** (Hanna) a motion to accept the staff's recommendation for approval. Dr. Gregg explained that Committee approved the original guidelines in May 2013, but the approved guidelines needed significant revision in order to focus on College and Career Readiness. She explained that CHE staff met with Ms. Melanie Barton, Executive Director of the Education Oversight Committee (EOC), and at her urging, is requesting additional funds through the EOC's budget to fund a new Center of Excellence focusing on College and Career Readiness. Dr. Gregg described the key changes in the revised document, including: a focus on College and Career Readiness, an increase in funding to \$150,000-250,000 per year, an increase in the funding period from five years to seven years, the required partnership between a two- and four-year institution, an external evaluator for the project selected by CHE staff, and the required inclusion and expansion of the SC Course Alignment Project. Dr. Gregg explained that the special meeting of the Committee was called in order to approve these new guidelines in a timely manner to allow institutions an appropriate amount of time to prepare proposals.

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The Committee members discussed the revised guidelines and agreed to editorial changes presented by Dr. Horne and Admiral Munns in addition to the substantive revisions presented by Dr. Gregg.

Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the Revised Guidelines for the *EIA Centers of (Teacher Education) Excellence Competitive Grants, FY 2014-2015*.

Dr. Horne thanked those in attendance for their participation and staff for their work. Hearing no further business, she adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.