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SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300
Columbia, SC 29201

Minutes of the Meeting
March 6, 2014

Commission Members Attending

General John Finan, Chair
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice-chair (phone)
Ms. Natasha Hanna
Ms. Elizabeth Jackson
Ms. Dianne Kuhl
Ms. Leah Moody (phone)
Admiral Charles Munns (phone)
Mr. Kim Phillips (phone)
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer
Mr. Hood Temple

Commission Members Absent

none

Staff Attending

Dr. Richard Sutton, Executive Director
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Dr. MaryAnn Janosik
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Ms. Beth Rogers
Ms. Tanya Rogers
Ms. Edna Strange
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Dr. Jim Barker, Clemson University
Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University
Mr. Tim Drueke, Winthrop University
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia
Mr. Peter Goplerud, Infilaw
Mr. Kevin Hall, Womble Carlyle Sandridge &
Rice, LLP (Infilaw)
Mr. Craig Hess, Midlands Technical College
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges
& Universities
Dr. John Masterson, USC Upstate
Dr. Jeff Priest, USC Aiken
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System
Ms. Terrye Seckinger, SC Public Charter School
District Board
Dr. Darlene Shaw, Medical University of SC
Dr. Mark Sothmann, Medical University of SC
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University
Dr. Danny Varat, State Board of Education

1. Introduction

- Tanya Rogers

Ms. Rogers recorded and announced the names of all those in attendance as listed above. She also stated that the meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. Approval of Minutes

- John Finan

A **motion** was made (Scarborough), **seconded** (Temple), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2014 CHE meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

- John Finan

Chairman Finan spoke briefly about activities of the week which included Dr. Sutton's delivery of the CHE budget presentation to the House Education and Public Works Higher Education Subcommittee and the Senate Finance Higher Education Budget Committee as well as a meeting with the Council of Presidents, all of which took place on March 5. He also commented on recent news about possible revisions to the SAT examination. Chairman Finan then welcomed and introduced the Commission's newest member representing the 4th Congressional District, Ms. Dianne Kuhl.

4. Recognition of James F. Barker, President Emeritus, Clemson University

Chairman Finan welcomed President Barker and commented on his many accomplishments, after which Ms. Carullo read a resolution presented to him by the Commission in recognition of his fifteen years of dedicated service as the 14th President of Clemson University. A copy of this resolution may be found in **Attachment I**. Following his remarks of appreciation, President Barker thanked the Commission for their valuable support and encouragement and asked that they continue to support his successor as President of Clemson, Dr. James P. Clements.

5. Report of the Executive Director

- Richard Sutton

A. General Update

B. Update on the Charleston School of Law

C. Monthly Progress Report on the CHE Strategic Agenda

Dr. Sutton provided a general update on his activities and other events related to higher education since the February 6, 2014, CHE meeting as well as an update on the status of the Charleston School of Law and a progress report on the CHE's strategic agenda. The details of his report may be found in **Attachment II**.

6. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo's report included information on work accomplished to date in this session of the General Assembly, the status of the FY 2014-15 budget, and on recently introduced legislation. The details of her report may be found in **Attachment III**.

7. Briefing on State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA):

- MaryAnn Janosik

- Debra Jackson

Dr. Janosik and Dr. Jackson delivered a PowerPoint presentation about the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), a copy of which may be found in **Attachment IV**. A document providing background information on SARA, the purpose of which is to allow institutions to recruit and enroll residents of other reciprocity-participating states into distance education programs, was also distributed to Commissioners, a copy of which may be found in **Attachment V**.

Discussion during and subsequent to the presentation touched on the following topics: 1) program approval standards and procedures required for states participating in SARA; 2) the cost of offering online courses versus traditional delivery; 3) the broadening effect of out-of-state, international, and in-state student participation on course quality; and 4) the influence of state funding levels and the

accessibility of scholarships on the numbers of both in-state and out-of-state students taking online courses offered by South Carolina institutions.

8. Report on Enrollment Trends

-Karen Woodfaulk

Dr. Woodfaulk delivered a PowerPoint presentation on college enrollment trends in South Carolina, a copy of which may be found in **Attachment VI**.

Following brief discussion after the presentation, it was recommended that the topic of enrollment trends be again considered as an agenda item at a future CHE meeting for the purpose of closer examination and interpretation of the meaning of the data and how that might impact the Commission’s work.

9. Committee Reports

8.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- John Finan

Chairman Finan reported that the Executive Committee had met on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, for the purpose of preparing the agenda for this CHE meeting.

9.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

- Bettie Rose Horne

There was no report from the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing.

9.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

- Hood Temple

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

9.04 Report of Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs

- C. L. Munns

There was no report from the Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs.

9.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Y. W. Scarborough

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Project

- 1. Midlands Technical College - Beltline Library Building Replacement

**B. Recovery Audit Mandated per Proviso 117.96 for FY 2009-12
(For Information, No Action Required)**

**C. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for February 2014
(For Information, No Action Required)**

Commissioner Scarborough reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had met at 9:30 a.m. and brought to the full Commission for approval by consent agenda **Agenda Items 9.04 A, B, & C**, details about which may be found in **Attachment VII**.

He provided brief information about **Agenda Item 9.04A**, after which that item was voted on and **approved**. Commissioner Scarborough then commented on **Agenda Items 9.04 B & C** which were provided for information only.

10. Other Business

There was no other business to consider.

11. Executive Session

At approximately 12:05 p.m., a **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Scarborough), and **carried** for the meeting to go into Executive Session.

10. Adjournment of Business Meeting

The Commission returned to regular session and adjourned its business portion of the meeting at approximately 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I - VII)

*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.