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HIGHLIGHTS OF CHE MEETING AUGUST 7, 2014

The following information is intended to be a brief summary of Commission actions and should not be considered as any form of minutes for the referenced meeting. Blue underlined text is hyperlinked.

CHE makes Appointments to Higher Education Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Accountability Review Steering Committee.

CHE appointed Dr. Fred Carter, President of Francis Marion University, The Honorable David Wilkins, Chair of Clemson University Board of Trustees, and Mr. Ed Walton, USC Senior Vice President for Administration and Chief Operating Officer, to a 13-member committee that will oversee the procurement and execution of a higher education review for which approximately \$2.7 million in one-time funds was appropriated. Dr. Richard Sutton, CHE Executive Director, also serves on the committee. To learn more about the review authorized in the State's 2014-15 Appropriations Act, [Click Here](#).

State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)

SARA – a recently initiated voluntary consortium overseen by a National Council and administered by regional education compacts including SREB – is an agreement among member states that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs. It is intended to make it easier for students to take online courses offered by postsecondary institutions based in another state. In order to allow time for further discussion and additional information to be acquired, Commissioners tabled a recommendation to authorize staff to move forward with preparations to seek legislative change necessary to allow SC to join. For information, [Click Here](#).

CHE welcomes College of Charleston's new president Glenn McConnell.

Commissioners thanked President McConnell for his state service and engaged him in a discussion of the College's request of July 24 to approve a change in its mission statement to become a research institution. Commissioners expressed interest in an accelerated process. CHE is authorized by the General Assembly to approve institutional missions to ensure they are consistent with SC statutes. CHE's Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) began steps to consider the request at its meeting later the same day. For information about CHE's policy and procedures for mission statement consideration, [Click Here](#).

CHE approves recommended FY 2014-15 program administrative budgets for SmartState® (SC Centers of Economic Excellence) and also SC Student Loan Corporation for the SC Teacher Loan Program.

CHE approves Coastal Carolina University's request to establish a project to start the phase I environmental and building assessment to acquire the property and University Place apartments currently leased from the Coastal Housing Foundation. Approval of JBRC and the Budget & Control Board must also be received. For details, [Click Here](#).

CHE receives several information reports and updates of interest:

- **[Year-End Legislative Wrap Up for Higher Education for the 2014 Session](#)** – includes information on the FY 2014-15 budget for higher education and legislation.
- Information updates were presented on **CHE's year-end budget; FY 2014-15 Tuition & Required Fees** for the State's public colleges and universities; and **capital projects and leases processed by staff** since June. [Click Here for details](#).
- **Update and report on the SC State's Program for Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers and FY 2015-16 budget request.** For the report, [Click Here](#). Program and budget recommendations will be considered at the October CHE meeting.

Upcoming Commission Meeting: Instead of its monthly business meeting on the first Thursday of the month, CHE will hold its annual planning retreat on September 3-4. Pending the outcome of an [August 26 CAAL meeting](#) to consider the College of Charleston's mission statement change request, a business meeting may be scheduled in conjunction with the retreat and notice will be provided. CHE's next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, October 2, 2014, at 10:30 am.