



HIGHLIGHTS OF CHE MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 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 held its monthly meeting at USC Beaufort's Hilton Head Gateway Campus. Chancellor Jane Upshaw welcomed the Commission and provided an update on USC Beaufort. Commissioners enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about recent initiatives and tour the campus.

Commissioners **re-elected Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, as Vice-Chair.** Dr. Horne is the 3rd Congressional District representative and also chairs CHE's Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL).

CHE approved its [2015 Meeting Calendar](#) and [amendments to CHE's Bylaws, Rules and Procedures](#). CHE also received a quarterly report on the CHE's budget activities ([Click Here](#), see *Agenda Item 6.05 B*).

As part of its strategic agenda, CHE has initiated activities to strengthen relationships with K-12. Dr. Horne has served as board liaison to the State Department of Education (SDE) and updated the Commission on recent SDE meetings attended. Executive Director Rick Sutton updated the Commission on the recent launching of the *SC Council of P-20 Agency Heads*. The Council is a voluntary collaborative established to encourage collaboration in order to increase student success and academic achievement throughout the state. Council members include the Superintendent of Education and executive directors of First Steps, the Education Oversight Committee, CHE, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, and the Department of Employment and Workforce. To learn more about the Council, [Click Here](#).

Commissioner Terrye Seckinger, who serves as the Commission's representative on the board of the [Lowcountry Graduate Center](#) (LGC), provided a brief update on LCG activities.

Licensing of non-Public Postsecondary Institutions: At its October meeting, CHE delayed its vote on South University's request to amend its license and add three new programs (A.S. in Occupational Therapy Assistant, A.S. in Physical Therapist Assistant, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice) pending review of additional analysis and information gathering relating to costs and other similar programs in S.C. The request to add the new programs to its Columbia Campus was approved. For information, [Click Here](#). In discussing this item, the Commission also requested that CAAL bring back recommendations to amend the licensing review criteria. To learn more about CHE's authority for the licensing of non-public institutions, [Click Here](#).

CHE approved with conditions the FY 2015-16 budget request of SC State University's Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT). For more information, [Click Here](#). CHE has review and budget approval authority for SC-PRRMT and also [CERRA](#), which are both EIA-funded teacher recruitment programs established in the mid-1980s. The budget for CERRA was approved by CHE in October ([Click Here](#)).

CHE approved the following interim capital project requests for Clemson University (Advanced Technology Education Center Construction and also the Central Energy Facility Boiler Replacement); **for USC Columbia** (Men's Basketball Office and Team Space Renovations and also South Tower Bathroom Renovations); **for Coastal Carolina** (University Place Acquisition and also University Place Dining Hall); **for Lander University** (Pedestrian Plaza & Vehicular Access Enhancement); and **for Midlands Technical College** (Airport Property Purchase). To learn more about these projects and for an information report on Capital Projects and Leases processed by Staff for October, 2014, [Click Here](#) (see *agenda items 6.05 A and 6.05 C*).

Upcoming Commission Meeting: CHE meets next on **Thursday, January 8, at 10:30 am.** On that same day, the Finance & Facilities Committee is expected to meet in the morning prior to the CHE meeting and the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing will meet at 1:00 pm.

ABOUT CHE: CHE serves as the coordinating board for the state's thirty-three public institutions of higher education. Our mission is to promote quality and efficiency in the state system of higher education with a goal of fostering economic growth and human development in South Carolina. For more information about CHE, please visit our website: www.che.sc.gov. CHE meets regularly during the year, typically on the first Thursday of the month. For the schedule and additional details, [Click Here](#).

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