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TO: Members of the Commission on Higher Education

FROM: John L. Finan, Chair

DATE: 24 September 2014

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Commission's 2014-15 Strategic Agenda

At its meeting today, the Executive Committee unanimously approved the Strategic Agenda that was developed during our strategic planning retreat on September 3-4, 2014. The draft of the Strategic Agenda was sent to all Commissioners earlier this month for review and comment. The Strategic Agenda as approved by the Executive Committee is unchanged from the draft document, save for formatting and minor spelling corrections. A copy of the final version is attached. The Committee's recommendation is presented to the full Commission as a motion for consideration and approval.

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
2014-15 STRATEGIC AGENDA**
Approved by the CHE Executive Committee 9/24/2014

TARGETED OBJECTIVE

ACTION STEPS

1	Improve Monitoring and Assessment of Academic Programs and Student Services at SC Public Colleges and Universities	
	A	Establish performance metrics and outcome measures for assessment of programs
	B	Redirect CHE staffing and resources to focus on performance metrics of academic programs approved in past five years
	C	Conduct risk assessments of data security vulnerabilities
	D	Conduct periodic institutional audits of state scholarship and student aid programs funded through CHE
	E	Determine options for revisioning of Professors-of-the-Year program
2	Strengthen Existing and/or Develop New Funding Models to Sustain Public Higher Education in South Carolina	
	A	Engage the legislatively mandated Efficiency Studies Review Committee in seeking systemic approaches to higher education cost savings and economies
	B	Seek state appropriations to encourage funding innovations by institutions that increase college affordability for students
	C	Seek executive, legislative, and institutional support for adherence to statutory requirements of 59-103-35
	D	Seek executive, legislative, and institutional support for a bond bill or infrastructure bank to achieve economical financing of capital projects
	E	Re-evaluate CHE's membership in the South Carolina Higher Education Foundation
3	Align SC's Higher Education Resources to Meet Current and Future Needs of the State Most Effectively and Efficiently	
	A	Initiate a study of SC's higher education resources with recommendations to identify their most effective deployment in support of state needs
	B	Investigate the need to revise statutory sector definitions for SC's public colleges and universities
	C	Work with partner agencies and organizations to integrate workforce needs assessment into long-term statewide planning
	D	[See also Item #2A above--Efficiency Studies]
4	Improve Collaboration among All Tiers of the State's Education Enterprise from Pre-K through College/Career	
	A	Work through the Council of P-20 Agency Heads to coordinate key objectives of participating agencies
	B	Continue to strengthen communications between CHE and SDE/SBE at board, executive, and staff levels
	C	Work with SDE to align new K-12 college readiness standards with institutional admissions and math/English placement standards
	D	Work with SDE to develop college-ready remediation strategies prior to high school graduation and establish consequences for unsatisfactory institutional performance
	E	Coordinate forums to provide continuing education opportunities for institutional trustees to promote collaboration and sharing of best practices
5	Strengthen Monitoring and Assessment of Non-Public Post-Secondary Institutions Operating in SC	
	A	Establish performance metrics and outcome measures for assessment of programs at non-public institutions
	B	Redirect CHE staffing and resources to focus on performance metrics of programs at non-public institutions approved in past five years
	C	Improve functional collaboration between CHE's State Approving Agency (veterans' benefit programs) and Academic Affairs and Licensing Division