

SC Commission on Higher Education

Role and Authority

Statewide Higher Education Planning



A presentation for
The Governor's Higher Education Task Force
Meeting 2 – June 1, 2006

Authorizing Legislation

- **SC Code of Laws: 59-103-5, et seq.
State Commission on Higher Education**
 - *Defines Commission membership (59-103-10) and its duties and functions*
 - *Defines the mission and goals for Higher Education and for types of institutions. Identifies critical success factors and indicators for academic quality (59-103-15 & 59-103-30)*

- **SC Code of Regulations pursuant to 59-103 and other state code related to CHE authority:
R62-1 to R62-1040**

Mission Statement

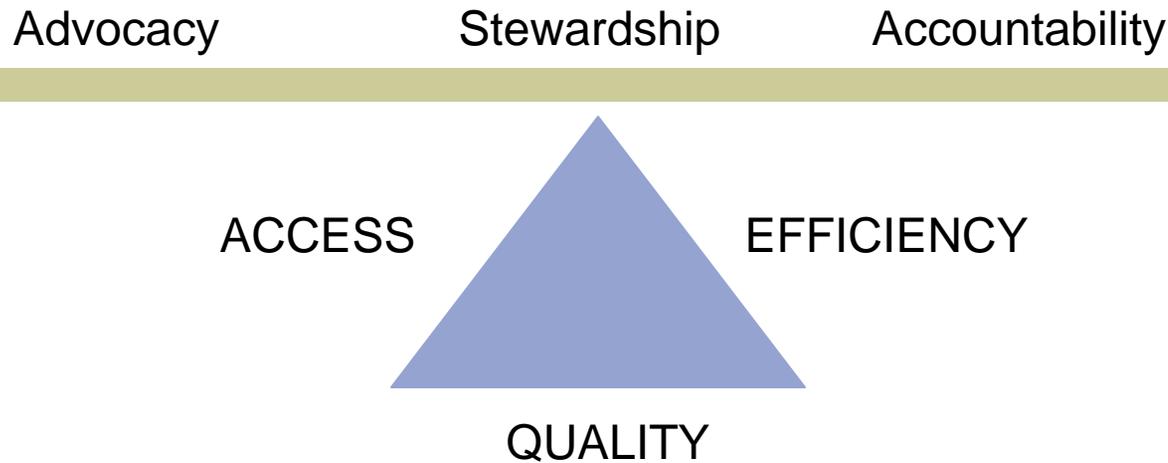
The SC Commission on Higher Education will promote quality and efficiency in the state system of higher education with the goal of fostering economic growth and human development in South Carolina.

Approved by the Commission on March 5, 1998

Guiding Principle

Through statewide planning, CHE promotes Quality, Access, and Efficiency while balancing Advocacy, Stewardship, and Accountability.

Advocacy Stewardship Accountability

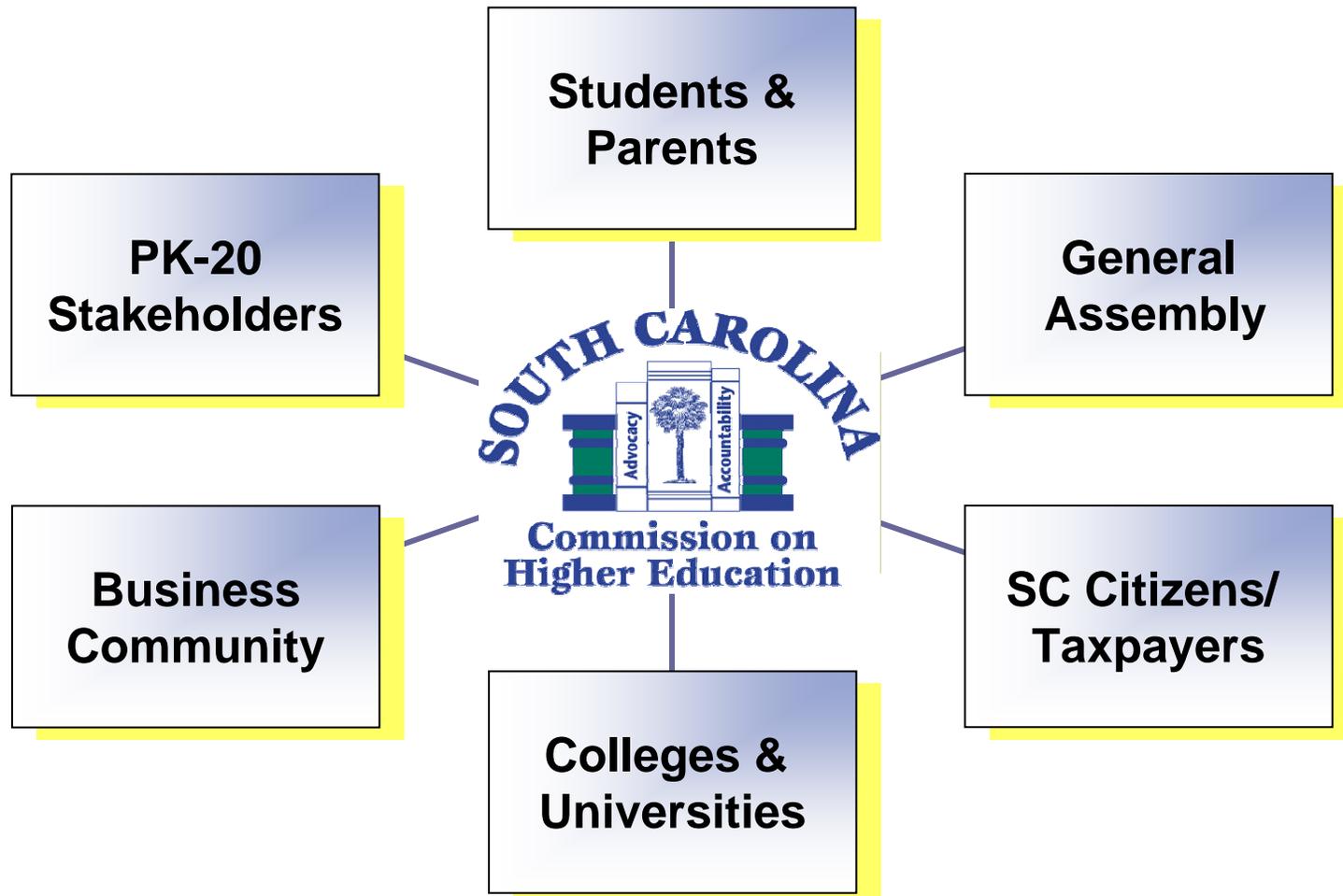


ACCESS

EFFICIENCY

QUALITY

The Constituents We Serve



Commission Membership

14 members

- 8 Appointed by Governor, with advice and consent of Senate
 - Chairman
 - Three Statewide Appointees
 - Three Public Institutions Trustees
 - One Private Institution President
- 6 Appointed by Governor, on recommendation of Legislative Delegation
 - Six Congressional District Appointees

Timeline of the Public Higher Education System in South Carolina

	Entry into Public System	Initial Founding and Other Notes
USC	1801	
The Citadel	1842	opened to women in 1996
Winthrop	1886	opened to men in 1974
Clemson	1889	opened to women in 1895
SC State	1896	founded in 1872
MUSC	1913	founded in 1823
Denmark Tech	1947	established as residential inst., entered Tech system in 1969
Francis Marion ³	1957	founded as USC freshman center
USC Upstate ⁹		founded as USC 2-yr
USC Beaufort ⁷	1959	founded as USC 2-yr
USC Lancaster		
Coastal Carolina ¹	1960	founded initially in 1954 as CofC branch; USC 2 year in 1961
USC Aiken ⁵	1961	founded as USC 2-yr
<i>State Advisory Comm. for Tech Training</i>		part of Department of Education
Central Carolina Tech	1962	
Greenville Tech		
Tri-County Tech		
Florence-Darlington Tech	1963	
Midlands Tech		
Spartanburg Tech		
Trident Tech	1964	
York Tech		
USC Salkehatchie	1965	
USC Sumter		founded as branch of Clemson. In 1973 became part of USC
Horry-Georgetown Tech	1966	
Piedmont Tech		
CHE	1967	
Northeastern Tech		
Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech	1968	
Francis Marion ⁴	1969	separated from USC, named Francis Marion 1970
Williamsburg Tech		
College of Charleston	1970	founded in 1770
<i>State Board for Tech & Comp Higher Ed</i>	1972	
Aiken Tech	1972	
Lander	1973	founded in 1872
Coastal Carolina ²	1974	
USC Upstate ¹⁰	1975	became USC 4-yr
USC Aiken ⁶	1976	became USC 4-yr
Tech Coll of Lowcountry	1979	
Coastal Carolina ³	1993	founded in 1954
USC Beaufort ⁸	2002	became USC 4-yr

COMMISSION (CHE)

**STANDING COMMITTEES OF CHE
(CHE MEMBERS)**

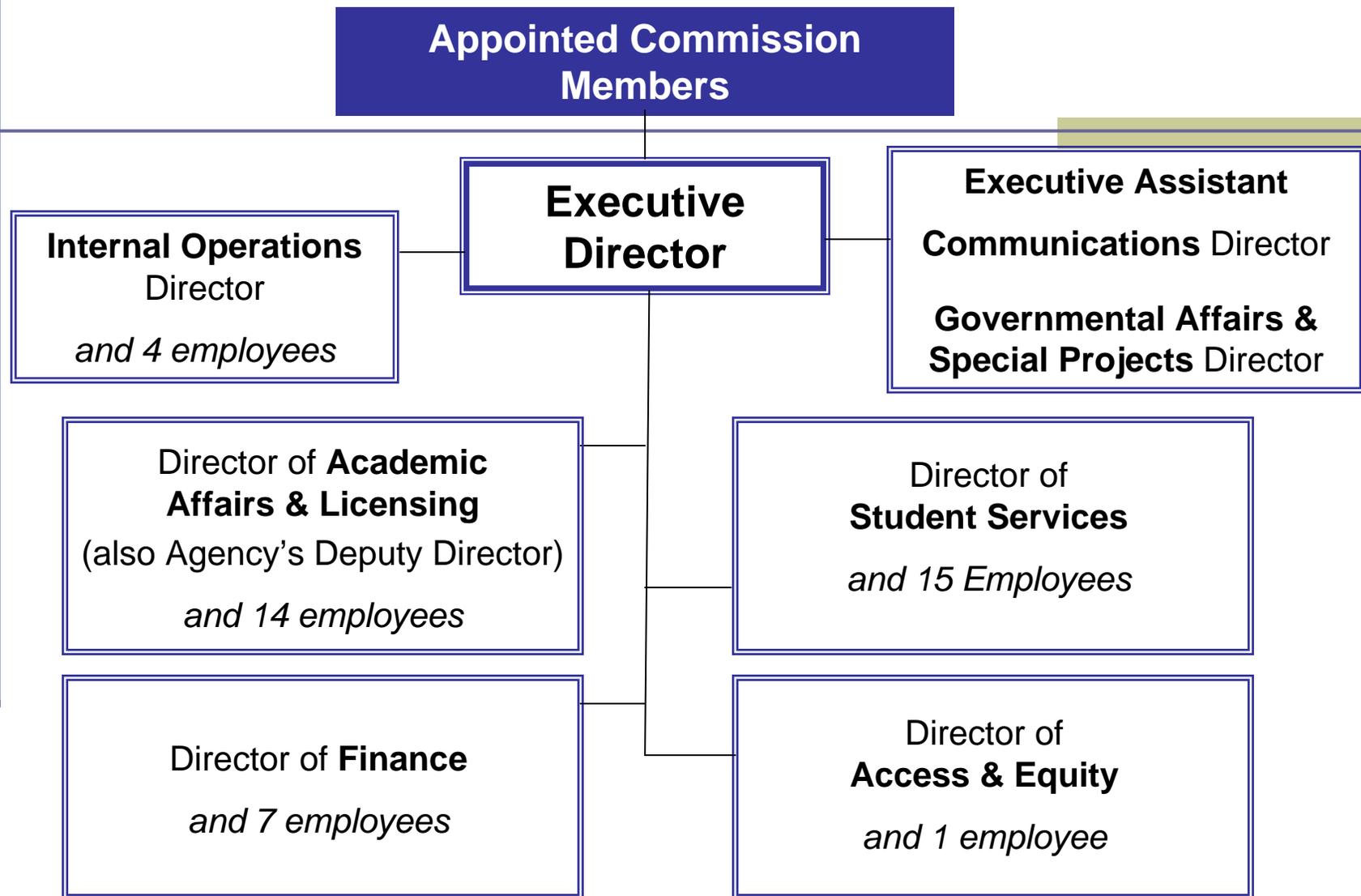
Committee on Academic Affairs & Licensing	Executive Committee Committee on Access, Equity & Student Services	Committee on Finance & Facilities
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ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Academic Programs (ACAP)	Finance Facilities Institutional Research	Student Services Access & Equity
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CHE staff representation on other committees, task forces and organizations at state, regional and national levels also informs the work of the advisory committees and CHE

CHE Organizational Chart



Note: Employee numbers include state FTE, temporary time-limited, full and part-time.

CHE's Authority by Functional Area

- Academics and Licensing
- Funding and Finance
- Facilities
- Student Services / Access & Equity
- Other Administration
- Planning

“Academics & Licensing”

- Mission
- New Programs / Existing Program
- Licensing of Out-of-State, New and For-Profit Institutions
- Admissions
- Other (e.g., Transfer, Developmental Studies, Teacher Education)

“Higher Education Funding/Finance”

■ Operating Funds

- CHE has responsibility for ensuring an equitable statewide allocation of higher education funding
- CHE recommends funding annually within parameters set in law for operating and special (below-the-line) institutional funding

■ Tuition and Fees

- CHE has no authority whatsoever in setting tuition or fees
- Authority rests with institutional governing boards with the exception of the Area Commissions of Technical Colleges which must abide by a range set by the State Technical College Board

“Higher Education Facilities”

- Approval of Permanent Improvement Projects
 - Institutions must receive CHE approval prior to any authorization to construct or purchase any new, permanent facility or make permanent improvements
- Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plans
 - CHE to submit projects with recommendations to Joint Bond Review Committee (JBRC) on behalf of higher education
- Prioritize Higher Education Capital Projects submitted for consideration of JBRC
- Certification of projects under Research Infrastructure Act

“Student Services / Access & Equity”

- Administer state supported scholarship and grant programs for higher education students
- Provide for uniform regulations for purposes of determining residency for tuition and fee purposes
- Provide outreach program for 8th graders to encourage participation in higher education
- Ensure higher education opportunities for all citizens of the state regardless of race, gender, color, creed, or national origin

“Other Administration”

- CHE provides staffing and support for the SC Research Centers of Economic Excellence
- CHE reviews annually SC Manufacturing Extension Program and SC Student Loan Corporation
- CHE administers or assists state participation in a number of federal/regional programs, e.g.,
 - SREB
 - NCES IPEDS
 - Gear Up
 - SC Alliance for Minority Participation
 - Veteran’s Education and Training Programs
 - EPSCOR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Research)



Higher Education Statewide Planning

Statewide Planning - Legislation

- Act 629 of 1988, “The Cutting Edge Legislation” legislated a statewide planning system for higher education and provided direction for institutional planning systems
 - CHE is to maintain a statewide planning system to address strategic issues in public and private higher education with focus on the following goals:

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- Identifying future directions for higher education and recommending appropriate methods for meeting the challenges
 - Reviewing major goals of public and private institutions and ascertaining relation to higher education in SC
 - Assuring maintenance and continued development of quality of SC higher education
 - Assuring maintenance and continued provision of access to and quality of educational opportunity in SC higher education
 - Measuring and monitoring an institution's standard of achievement in regard to the performance indicators for quality academic success in §59-103-30

Act 629 of 1988 further required . . .

- CHE to establish an Advisory Council on Planning to assist CHE and institutions to maintain planning as a high priority
- CHE to ensure that public institutions maintain individual planning processes
- CHE's director to develop prospectus for planning each year and the Advisory Council to develop and submit a planning document to CHE and annually thereafter its revisions

SC Statewide Plan for Higher Education

- The Commission's last statewide strategic plan was adopted in January 2002.
- The 2002 plan resulted from the work of representatives from institutions, CHE, and others who considered current conditions.
- The plan called for an implementation task force and had the approval of the Presidents' Council and Commission, but it was never fully implemented.
- *Higher Education for Higher Purposes* (group of Presidents chaired by Dr. DiGiorgio) was formed to lead the implementation but other issues such as "regulatory relief" became the forefront of discussions.

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- Renewed Planning Activities began in Spring 2003. CHE initially planned a “blue ribbon panel” to study higher education. The Governor did not lend support
- CHE then set out to have a study completed that would help identify a statewide agenda and review policy mechanisms to enable an agenda to be realized.
- *Foundations for the Future: Higher Education in South Carolina* - conducted jointly by NCHEMS and AGB from June 2003 to December 2003

Most Recent Planning Activity

- In December 2003, CHE staff considers proposing changes to CHE's authority and membership and to accountability legislation.
- After concerns expressed by institutional presidents, the CHE instead develops a process whereby the presidents would contribute to a revised statewide plan.
- .March 2004 to June 2005, a representative working group of Presidents meet to identify statewide goals and objectives. Goals and Objectives are adopted June 2005
- In November 2005, the Presidents directed institutional representatives to determine measures for the identified goals and objectives.