

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

President's Board Room, Carnell Learning Center

Lander University

Greenwood, SC 29649

***Minutes of the Meeting***

**June 7, 2012**

**Commission Members Attending**

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chair  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice-chair  
Ms. Natasha Hanna  
Ms. Elizabeth Jackson  
Ms. Leah Moody  
Mr. Bill Scarborough  
Mr. Rodney Smolla (by phone)  
Mr. Guy Tarrant  
Mr. Hood Temple  
Hon. Lewis Vaughn

**Commission Members Absent**

Dr. Raghu Korrapati  
Admiral Charles Munns  
Mr. Kim Phillips  
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer

**Guests**

Dr. Dan Ball, Lander University  
Dr. Ray Brooks, Piedmont Technical College  
Mr. Harry Brown, SC Student Loan Corporation  
Chief Howard Cook, SC Campus Law Enforcement Association  
Capt. Dan Fancote, Piedmont Technical College  
Mr. Jim Kelly, Piedmont Technical College  
Chief Terry Ledford, Piedmont Technical College  
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University  
Mr. John Malmrose, Medical University of SC  
Mr. Chuck Sanders, SC Student Loan Corporation

**Staff Present**

Ms. Julie Carullo, Acting Executive Director  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Trena Houpp  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

The meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

## **1. Introductions**

**- Courtney Blake**

Ms. Blake introduced the guests in attendance, as listed above. Chairman Wingate thanked Dr. Dan Ball, President of Lander University, for his gracious hospitality in hosting the meeting and related activities. He also thanked Dr. Ray Brooks, President of Piedmont Technical College, stating that Commissioners looked forward to also visiting his campus later in the day.

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

**- Ken Wingate**

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Tarrant), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2012, CHE meeting. In response to Commissioner Vaughn's question about whether a letter to the SC Attorney General regarding possible assistance with the CHE's ability to enforce licensing requirements of non-public postsecondary institutions (as noted in the May 3 minutes) had been sent, Chairman Wingate stated that the letter was in the process of being drafted and that, upon its completion, it would be circulated among Commissioners.

## **3. Chairman's Report**

**- Ken Wingate**

Chairman Wingate commented briefly on his activities since the May 3 CHE meeting, deferring delivery of more complete information about legislation and matters related to institutions to Ms. Carullo during her report.

## **4. Report of the Acting Executive Director & Legislative Report**

**- Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo provided an update on the status of the state's FY 2012-13 budget, noting the key differences between the House and Senate versions which will be considered in conference committee when the legislature returns to session on June 19. She stated that a detailed outline of these differences will be prepared and sent to Commissioners for their reference. Ms. Carullo reported that the Accountability Based Funding (ABF) legislation did not make it through the session and will have to be re-introduced when the General Assembly reconvenes for a new session in January 2013. She reported that a bill which adjusts Boards and Commissions to include representation from the state's newly formed 7<sup>th</sup> district had passed and will increase the CHE's membership from 14 to 15 Commissioners. It also effects the composition of the state's college and university boards which have representation from Congressional Districts. Ms. Carullo stated that a bill that would enable comprehensive universities to have doctoral programs had passed through both the House and Senate and was awaiting consideration by the Governor. She also reminded the Commission that the legislation had been amended before passing to include only marine science doctoral programs. Ms. Carullo reported that a bill related to the structure of the SC State Board of Trustees had gone to conference committee. She provided information on the differences between the House and Senate versions of this bill. Following discussion about the details and ramifications of these differences, Chairman Wingate encouraged Commissioners to share with their views about the structure and composition of institutional Boards of Trustees with their respective elected officials. Ms. Carullo also commented briefly on the status of a bill relating to smoke-free college and university campuses, a bill pertaining to the retirement benefits of SC state government employees, and a bill providing for the formation of a Department of Administration. She stated that a hard copy of her letter to the U.S. Department of Education requesting a waiver of the College Access Challenge Grant Maintenance of Effort requirement (**Attachment I**) had been distributed to Commissioners at the table with their meeting materials.

## **5. Presentation**

**- Hood Temple**

### **Campus Safety Officer of the Year – Commendation of Excellence**

Commissioner Temple welcomed and introduced those in attendance for the occasion of honoring Captain Dan Fancote, Campus Safety Officer of the Year: Dr. Ray Brooks, Mr. Jim Kelly, and Chief Terry Ledford from Piedmont Technical College and Chief Howard Cook, President of the SC Campus Law Enforcement Association, from Columbia College. Commissioner Temple highlighted Captain Fancote's achievements and dedication and commended him for his work to ensure the safety of the students on Piedmont Technical College's seven campuses. Captain Fancote was then presented with a Commendation of Excellence award and was enthusiastically congratulated by all present.

## **6. Report of the Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee - Ken Wingate**

At Chairman Wingate's request, Ms. Trena Houp highlighted the progress on Action Plan activities which had taken place since the last implementation status report delivered on February 2, 2012, details about which may be found in **Attachment II**. She stated that the next implementation status report would be brought to the Commission at its October 2012 meeting.

## **7. Committee Reports**

### **7.01 Report of the Executive Committee - Ken Wingate**

There was no report from the Executive Committee. The minutes of the May 31, 2012, Executive Committee meeting were received for information.

### **7.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing - Bettie Rose Horne**

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

### **7.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services - Hood Temple**

#### **A. Consideration of SC Student Loan Corporation FY 2012-13 Administrative Budget Request: SC Teachers Loan Program**

Commissioner Temple reported that the SC Student Loan Corporation's FY 2012-13 proposed budget for administration of the SC Teachers Loan Program, details about which may be found in **Attachment III**, was commended favorably to the full Commission for approval by the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services. At Chairman Wingate's invitation, Mr. Chuck Sanders, President of the SC Student Loan Corporation, briefed Commissioners on the status of the Student Loan Corporation's work in light of the 2010 change in federal regulations which now require that all federal student loans are originated with the U.S. Department of Education. He stated that though the volume of their work had decreased significantly, they are still servicing some federal loans and are also acting as a collection agent for defaulted federal loans on behalf of the federal government. Discussion followed during which Mr. Sanders stated that the Student Loan Corporation has historically had a very low default rate on student loans, however, that rate has risen in recent years largely due to economic conditions which have made it more difficult for graduating college students to become gainfully employed. Also discussed was the fact that although students who choose to teach in critical needs areas after graduating are granted loan forgiveness, they are also having difficulty finding employment in those areas. At the discussion's conclusion, Dr. Woodfaulk offered to provide Commissioners with additional information about the critical needs areas of teaching.

The **motion** to approve the SC Student Loan Corporation's FY 2012-13 proposed budget for administration of the SC Teachers Loan Program was then brought to the table and **carried**.

**7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities**

**- Guy Tarrant**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Interim Capital Project**

- 1. Medical University of South Carolina - Walton Research Building Renovation

**B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for May 2012  
(For Information, No Action Required)**

Commissioner Tarrant reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had met earlier in the morning and had considered and approved the project described in **Agenda Item 7.04 A**, as described in **Attachment IV**. He stated further that this item was presented to the full Commission by consent agenda.

**Agenda Items 7.04 A** was then voted on and **approved**. The capital projects and leases listed in **Agenda 7.04 B**, also described in **Attachment IV**, were accepted as information.

Commissioner Tarrant stated that his term as a Commissioner ended in July 2012 and that this was his last CHE meeting. He reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had nominated and elected Mr. Bill Scarborough as the committee’s new chair. Chairman Wingate expressed his appreciation for Commissioner Tarrant’s dedicated work on behalf of the CHE and thanked him for his service. Commissioner Scarborough also applauded Commissioner Tarrant’s outstanding work for the CHE as well as his previous work on the State Technical College System.

**8. Executive Director Search Committee Update**

**- Bettie Rose Horne**

Commissioner Horne reported that the CHE Executive Director Search Committee was in the process of examining the compensation level of the Executive Director position as well as developing an estimate of the possible costs the committee will incur throughout the search process. She stated that the committee would next meeting in early July at which time they will begin developing the qualification criteria required for prospective Executive Director candidates.

**9. Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the Commission. Commissioners were provided with scheduling details for the remainder of the day in Greenwood.

**10. Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Commission, Chairman Wingate adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Beth B. Rogers**  
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Recording Secretary

**Attachments (I - IV)**

\*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.