

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300

Columbia, S.C. 29201

Minutes of the Meeting

January 5, 2012

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chair
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair
Ms. Natasha Hanna
Ms. Elizabeth Jackson
Ms. Leah Moody (by phone)
Admiral Charles Munns
Mr. Kim Phillips
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer
Mr. Hood Temple
Hon. Lewis Vaughn

Commission Members Absent

Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Mr. Guy Tarrant
Mr. Rodney Smolla

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Courtney Blake
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Mr. Tony Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau
Mr. Jason Cone
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Ms. Trena Houpp
Mr. Clint Mullins
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Ms. Trudy Norton
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Joren Bartlett, SC Technical College System
Dr. Pam Cooper, USC Beaufort
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia
Dr. Michael Flynn, College of Charleston
Dr. Lynne Ford, College of Charleston
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University
Dr. Deborah Miller, College of Charleston
Mr. Rick Moul, Partnership Among SC Academic Libraries (PASCAL)
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System
Dr. Harvey Varnet, USC Beaufort

Members of the Press

none

1. Introductions

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo introduced the guests in attendance, as listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Ken Wingate

A **motion** was made (Munns), **seconded** (Philips), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2011 CHE meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate reported on activities which had taken place since the December CHE meeting, among them meetings with staff from the Governor's office as well as meetings with college and university presidents to discuss Accountability Based Funding (ABF). He stated that the final outcome of this discourse has not yet been determined, and that he and Dr. Walters would be meeting with the Governor's staff again later in the day. In response to Commissioner Munns' question, Chairman Wingate stated that the technical college systems' involvement in these efforts is on a separate track from that of the research and comprehensive universities. In response to Commissioner Vaughn's question, Chairman Wingate explained the Governor's proposed time frame for implementation of ABF, stating that it would be phased in over five years, beginning with 15% of the total higher education budget developed under ABF provisions in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and increasing gradually until the fifth year when 100% would be reached. He stated further that, if adopted by the General Assembly, the Governor's ABF recommendations would require a substantial revision of the law. In response to Commissioner Horne's questions, Chairman Wingate and Dr. Walters explained that, unlike the ABF model proposed by the institutions, the Governor's recommendations do not include provisions for new money and would place institutions in competition with one another beginning in the first year. Further discussion took place about the differences in the institutional and Governor's proposals as well about the CHE's role in the process.

4. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

Dr. Walters talked about reviving the practice of having a designated time at each CHE meeting for a CHE Forum to consider and discuss important topics in higher education. Commissioner Munns commented that he endorsed the concept and also recommended that the topics chosen include options for active output on the part of the Commission. Dr. Walters suggested that possible topic might be the higher education reform agenda which considers the issue of getting more graduates per dollar, the value of technology in lowering the cost of higher education, and the assessment of student learning. In response to Dr. Walters' invitation to Commissioners for recommendations of other topics, suggestions included: 1) the implications of the current business model for colleges and universities in light of reduced state funding (Commissioner Munns); discerning the quality of higher education data (Commissioner Horne); and 3) retention and college drop-out rates (Commissioner Vaughn). Dr. Walters stated he would compile a list of the suggested topics, send it to Commissioners, and get their feedback as to the order in which they should be considered. Dr. Walters provided an overview of his draft testimony (**Attachment I**) to be presented to the House Ways and Means Committee. Following a brief period of comment and discussion, Dr. Walters invited the Commissioners to attend the January 19 presentation. He stated that input from institutions and others would be considered and the revised testimony would again be distributed to Commissioners for their review. Upon the suggestion of Commissioner Vaughn, he stated it would also be distributed in advance of the meeting to the House Ways and Means Committee.

In response to Dr. Walters' invitation, CHE staff members provided updates on various initiatives. Dr. Woodfaulk reported that the Linda B. Floyd Campus Safety Conference would take place February 15-17 in Myrtle Beach and that the second phase of College Application Month would take place on Saturday, February 18. Mr. Glenn encouraged Commissioners to review the 2011 Statistical Abstract which had been distributed to each of them. He invited Commissioners to contact him with

any questions or comments they might have about the information contained in this publication. Mr. Michael Brown provided a brief update on the success of the adult education pilot program in Cherokee County stating that many individuals involved in this program had either gone on to enroll or soon plan to enroll at Spartanburg Community College. He also stated that similar pilot programs were in place in the Pee Dee and Charleston areas of the state, and that he would bring more details about their progress to a future CHE meeting. Dr. Raley reported that the SmartState Conference, which took place in Charleston December 4-6, 2011, had been quite successful in that it had good attendance and excellent speakers and was very well received.

5. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo provided information about 2012 prefiled bills as well as bills from 2011 relating to higher education (**Attachment II**) that will be under consideration during the 2012 legislative session which begins on January 10. She stated she would provide Commissioners with regular updates during the Session. She also provided information about the composition of the House Ways and Means Committee and subcommittees as well as on their scheduled budget hearings for 2012 (**Attachment III**). She stated it is anticipated that the Governor will release her version of the budget sometime next week. She also reported that Dr. Walters would also appear before the Senate Education Committee on January 18 and that, in addition the full Ways and Means Committee, he would appear before the budget subcommittee on January 17. Chairman Wingate encouraged Commissioners to attend these meetings if at all possible.

6. Presentations

No presentations were delivered at this meeting.

7. Report of the Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee

- Ken Wingate

There was no report from the Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee.

8. Committee Reports

8.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Ken Wingate

There was no report from the Executive Committee. The minutes of the December 21, 2011, Executive Committee meeting were received for information only.

8.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

- Bettie Rose Horne

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consideration of New Program Proposals

1. B.A., Communication Studies, USC Beaufort
2. B.A. /A.B.,B.S./A.B., Public Health, College of Charleston
3. Institute, Human Factors and Ergonomics, Clemson University

B. Consideration of Report on Program Productivity, Fall 2006-Fall 2010

Commissioner Horne provided a brief summary of the three programs listed in **Agenda Item 8.02A**, details about which may be found in **Attachment IV**. She stated that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing had reviewed the programs carefully and recommended them for approval. In response to Commissioner Vaughn's question about the difference between the costs and funding of the Institute in Human Factors and Ergonomics program at Clemson University, Dr. Raley explained these figures are arrived at by the institution and include a fair amount of internal fund redistribution, thus reflecting that the funds for this program are higher than its estimated cost.

Commissioner Munns noted that approximately \$225,000 of the program's funding will come from indirect grants. Ms. Beth McInnis provided additional information about the program, stating that it was designed to be fully self-supporting within a five-year period.

Agenda Item 8.02A was then voted on and **approved**. Commissioner Horne reported that **Agenda Item 8.02B** had been removed from the agenda and would be brought before the full Commission at a later date.

8.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services - Hood Temple

There was no report from the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services.

8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Bill Scarborough

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Project

1. Horry-Georgetown Technical College - Conway Buildings 100, 200, 1000
Energy Updates & Classroom
Renovations

B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for December 2011 (For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Scarborough reported on behalf of Commissioner Tarrant who was unable to be present. He stated that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had met earlier in the morning and had considered and approved the projects described in **Agenda Items 8.04 A (Attachment V)**. He then summarized details about the project, as well as the projects and leases processed by staff for December 2011.

Agenda Item 8.04 A was then voted on and **approved**. The capital projects and leases listed in **Agenda 8.04 B (also described in Attachment V)** were accepted as information.

9. Other Business

A. Executive Session to Consider a Personnel Matter

The Commission went into Executive Session at 12:05 p.m. to consider a personnel matter.

10. Adjournment

The Commission concluded its Executive Session at 12:35 p.m., after which Chairman Wingate immediately adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I - V)

*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.