

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300, Columbia, SC 29201

***Minutes of the Meeting***

**October 4, 2012**

**Commission Members Attending**

General John Finan, 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 (by phone)  
Mr. Rodney Smolla  
Mr. Hood Temple  
Hon. Lewis Vaughn

**Commission Members Absent**

Dr. Raghu Korrapati  
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer

**Staff Attending**

Ms. Julie Carullo, Acting Executive Director  
Mr. Arik Bjorn  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Mr. Tony Brown  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Dr. Paula Gregg  
Mr. Rick Moul  
Mr. Clint Mullins  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Ms. Tanya Rogers  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Mr. John Beard, Coastal Carolina University  
Mr. Jeff Beaver, Lander University  
Mr. William Boozang, Northeastern University  
Mr. John Boyette, Clemson University  
Dr. Richard Chapman, Francis Marion University  
Ms. Donna Collins, University of SC Columbia

Ms. Nancy Cooper, Furman University  
Mr. Dick Daigle, Advanced Technology Institute  
Mr. Tom Covar, Lander University  
Dr. Jocelyn Evans, College of Charleston  
Dr. Kris Finnigan, University of SC Columbia  
Dr. Lynne Ford, College of Charleston  
Dr. Godfrey Gibbison, College of Charleston  
Dr. Ellen Granberg, Clemson University  
Mr. Charles Harrington, University of SC Upstate  
Mr. Craig Hess, Midlands Technical College  
Dr. Samuel Hines, The Citadel (by phone)  
Dr. George Hynd, College of Charleston  
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University (by phone)  
Ms. Nancy Jeter, SC State University  
Mr. John McEntire, Clemson University  
Mr. John Malmrose, Medical University of SC  
Dr. Spike Metts, The Citadel (by phone)  
Dr. Amy Milsom, Clemson University (by phone)  
Ms. Cyndi Mosteller, former CHE Commissioner  
Ms. Brooke Mosteller, USC Law Student  
Dr. Jeannette Myers, Francis Marion University  
Mr. John Perry, University of SC Upstate  
Dr. Gregory Pickett, Clemson University  
Dr. Jeff Priest, University of SC Aiken  
Mr. Tony Putnam, Clemson University  
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System  
Mr. Jim Rund, ECPI University  
Mr. Eddie Shannon, SC Independent Colleges  
& Universities  
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University  
Ms. Jane Turner, Center for Educator Recruitment,  
Retention, and Advancement (CERRA)  
Ms. Reinell Thomas-Myers, SC State University  
Dr. Harvey Varnet, University of SC Beaufort  
Dr. Kris Varazo, Francis Marion University  
Mr. Regan Voit, SmartState™ Review Board  
Dr. Kenneth Williams, Francis Marion University  
Dr. Ruth Wittmann-Price, Francis Marion  
University

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

**1. Introductions**

**- Tony Brown**

Mr. Brown introduced the guests in attendance, as listed above.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**- John Finan**

A **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Temple), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2012, CHE meeting.

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

**- John Finan**

Chairman Finan introduced himself and commented briefly on his background and experience in higher education. He also thanked former Chairman Ken Wingate, who was not able to be in attendance, for all his efforts on behalf of the CHE and higher education in South Carolina and commented that the Commission (CHE) would extend thanks to him personally at the earliest opportunity.

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

**- Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo referred to several handouts distributed to Commissioners for information which included: 1) a staff draft letter to Governor Haley regarding the CHE FY 2013-14 Budget Request (**Attachment I**); 2) a staff draft letter to the SC Attorney General concerning the enforcement of institutional licensing requirements (**Attachment II**); 3) an article published in the recent issue of *Change* in which Paul Lingenfelter, President of State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO), addresses an open letter on higher education to the 2012 Presidential candidates (**Attachment III**); and 4) an information article by the Wells Fargo Securities Economics Group on the topic of student loans (**Attachment IV**). Ms. Carullo reported that the upcoming Governor's Public Higher Education Conference would take place on Wednesday, October 10, and that the agenda for this event would be forthcoming. She also explained that the US Department of Education had declined CHE's request for a waiver of the Maintenance of Effort requirement for 2012 College Access Challenge Grant (CACG), and as a consequence, CHE would not be eligible to receive the 2012 CACG. She further commented that although CHE will be able to apply for the 2013 CACG, the likelihood of receiving the grant in future years would be doubtful given that a waiver of the Maintenance of Effort requirement would be needed. Ms. Carullo also reported on her recent attendance at a meeting of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) which focused on the preparation of high school students for college and career readiness, a topic about which much discussion is taking place nationally. She noted that a briefing of the Commission on this topic and work in South Carolina would be provided in an upcoming meeting.

With regard to her legislative report, Ms. Carullo stated that there will be a number of new members of both the House and Senate after the November elections and that orientation and organizing sessions will take place for House members in late November/early December and for the Senate when they return to session in January. She also briefly commented on some of the issues that are anticipated for consideration in the upcoming 2013 legislative session, noting that as is the case each session, there will be dates that legislation may be prefiled prior to the start of the session. Commissioner Munns spoke on the importance of familiarizing the new members with higher education and the work of CHE. A brief discussion then took place about the CHE hosting an orientation session for the new members for that purpose.

### **5. Higher Education Action Plan, October Status Report**

**- Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo referred Commissioners to the status report on the implementation of the Higher Education Action Plan, which may be found in **Attachment V**. She stated that discussion about how CHE might more closely follow progress on specific Action Plan items was a suggested topic for consideration at the next Commission Retreat. Commissioner Horne noted the importance of emphasizing the Action Plan and the contributions resulting from its implementation at the October 10 Governor's Public Higher Education Conference.

### **6. Presentation: Regan Voit, Chairman, SmartState Program**

Mr. Regan Voit delivered a briefing on the status of the SmartState program, details about which may be found in **Attachment VI**. As included in the attachment, Mr. Voit briefed Commissioners on the present status and funding situation of the program and also commented on discussion taking place

with the SmartState Board, institutions, and Commerce Secretary regarding the future of the program and changes that may be beneficial as the program matures. Following a brief discussion about the benefit and economic impact of SmartState, Commissioner Munns commented that language concerning SmartState as presented in the draft letter to the Governor transmitting CHE's FY 2013-14 budget requests (**see Attachment I**) should be strengthened and volunteered to advance suggested draft language to staff for consideration.

## **7. Committee Reports**

### **7.01 Report of the Executive Committee**

**- John Finan**

Chairman Finan reported that the Executive Committee had met on September 27, 2012, to review the CHE October meeting's agenda.

### **7.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing**

**- Bettie Rose Horne**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **A. Consideration of Revision to the Mission of Coastal Carolina University**

##### **B. Consideration of Revision to the Mission of Francis Marion University**

##### **C. Consideration of New Program Proposals**

1. Bachelor, Professional Studies, College of Charleston
2. B.A., Elementary Education, University of SC Beaufort
3. B.A., B.S., Anthropology, Clemson University
4. B.S., Exercise Science, The Citadel
5. B.S., Finance, College of Charleston
6. B.S., Foreign Language Education, College of Charleston
7. B.S., Pharmaceutical Studies, Francis Marion University
8. Ed.S., Counselor Education, Clemson University
9. M.S.N., Nurse Educator, Francis Marion University

##### **D. Consideration of Applications for Initial License**

1. A.O.S. in Automotive Technology with Service Management, Heavy Vehicle Technology with Service Management, HVAC Technology with Service Management and Maritime Welding Technology with Service Management, Advanced Technology Institute (ATI), Virginia Beach, VA
2. M.S. online degree in Project Management, Leadership, Sports Leadership, Health Informatics, Finance, Taxation; M.Ed. online degree; M.B.A. online degree, Northeastern University, College of Professional Studies, Boston, MA

##### **E. Consideration of Annual Report on Admissions Standards for First-Time Entering Freshmen, FY 2011-12**

##### **F. Consideration of Operating Budget for SmartState, SC Centers of Economic Excellence, FY 2012-13**

##### **G. Consideration of Revisions to Policies and Procedures for New Academic Program Approval and Program Termination**

##### **Information Items:**

##### **H. Presentation of Annual Report on Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs, Program Components, and Centers/ Institutes, FY 2011-12**

##### **I. Presentation of Annual Report on Staff-Approved Mission Changes, FY 2011-12**

**J. Presentation of Annual Report on Academic Common Market, 2012**

**K. Presentation of Annual Report on Licensing Activities, FY 2011-12**

Commissioner Horne provided a brief review of **Agenda Items 7.02 A-K**, which were presented by consent agenda. Details about these items may be found in **Attachment VII**.

Discussion followed about costs related to the programs listed in **Agenda Item 7.02 C1, 7.02 C3, 7.02 C4, and 7.02 C8** and Commissioner Vaughn's questions about the sources of funding to cover these costs were clarified by the respective institutional representatives. Discussion also took place and Commissioner Phillips expressed concerns about the difference in the costs of student enrollment at for-profit institutions versus public institutions.

A **motion** was then made (Horne), **seconded** (Munns), and **carried** to approve **Agenda Items 7.02 A-K**.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Consideration of FY 2011-2012 Annual Reports and Appropriation Requests for FY 2013-14 for EIA-Funded Teacher Recruitment Projects – EOC Budget Report**

1. Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, & Advancement (CERRA)
2. SC Program for the Recruitment & Retention of Minority Teachers (PRRMT): SC State University

**B. Information Item: College Application Month**

Commissioner Temple welcomed and introduced former Commissioner, Cyndi Mosteller, and her daughter, Brooke, and thanked them for the work with College Application Month (CAM). He briefly reviewed **Agenda Items 7.03 A (Attachment VIII)**, stating that it was brought to the Commission by consent agenda. Following Commissioner Horne's complementary remarks about the concise and comprehensible nature of both the CERRA and PRRMT documents, the **Agenda Item 7.03 A** was **approved**.

Commissioner Temple then provided information about the history and current activities of CAM, details about which may be found in **Attachment IX**. Dr. Karen Woodfaulk also recognized former Commissioner Mosteller and her daughter, Brooke. She also introduced Rob Rhodes, Director of Guidance for the Greenville School District, and Nancy Cooper, Volunteer Coordinator for Furman University, who each commented on the history of the coordinated efforts that took place to initiate CAM activities as well as the positive results of this initiative to date in the Greenville area. Brief discussion followed about the federal TRIO program and its involvement with CAM, the provision of information to high school students about the costs of college attendance, and the process of recruiting more high schools to become engaged in CAM activities. Commissioners were provided information on upcoming CAM events and encouraged to attend an event in their area. It was also noted that legislators and others were sent a letter from Chairman Finan describing CAM and inviting attendance or participation in upcoming area CAM events.

**7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Bill Scarborough**

**A. Information Item: FY 2012-13 CHE Budget Quarterly Status Report**

**B. Consideration of CHE Budget Requests and Priorities, FY 2013-14**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **C. Consideration of Interim Capital Projects**

1. Clemson University - Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade
2. Medical University of South Carolina - Thurmond Gazes Building Envelope & Exhaust Systems Renovations
3. Lander University - Pedestrian Plaza & Vehicular Access Enhancement  
- Student Housing Construction
4. Horry-Georgetown Technical College - New Culinary Arts Building  
- Building 100, 200, 1000 Energy Upgrade/Renovation  
- Building 400
5. Midlands Technical College - Airport Campus Support Center Upfit

### **D. Consideration of Master Land Acquisition Plans (MLAPs)**

1. Coastal Carolina University
2. Winthrop University

### **E. Consideration of Lease and Interim Capital Project**

1. Clemson University - Greenville One Building (Lease)  
- Greenville One Upfit (Interim Capital Project)

### **F. Information Item:**

#### **List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for August & September 2012**

Commissioner Scarborough reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had met earlier in the morning to review their agenda items, details about which may be found in **Attachment X**. He provided a brief review of **Agenda Item 7.04 A**, the CHE FY 2012-13 Quarterly Budget Presentation, stating that it was presented for information only and encouraged Commissioners to review it carefully.

Commissioner Scarborough asked Mr. Glenn to review **Agenda Item 7.04 B**, CHE Budget Requests & Priorities for FY 2013-14. Mr. Glenn explained that the item was being brought directly from the morning Committee meeting and was not exempted from the requirement in the Commission's By-laws that items acted on by Committee require a 48 hour delay before subsequent Commission action unless the Commission first acted to place the item on the agenda for consideration. A **motion** was **made** (Temple), **seconded** (Horne), and **carried** to suspend the By-laws to allow the consideration of the item. Mr. Glenn then proceeded to brief the Commissioners on the requests and priorities, details about which may also be found in **Attachment X**. Mr. Glenn reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had approved the requests and priorities as outlined and for approval of the full Commission. A **motion** was made (Temple) and **seconded** (Munns) to approve **Agenda Item 7.04 B**. Discussion followed in which questions were raised about a bond bill, regulatory reform, Accountability Based Funding and the direction CHE should take in advocating for those issues. The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

Commissioner Scarborough reviewed **Agenda Items 7.04 C-F**, stating that they had been approved by the Committee on Finance and Facilities at its morning meeting and were presented to the full Commission by consent agenda.

Commissioner Vaughn requested and it was agreed that **Agenda Item 7.04 E**, Clemson University Greenville One Building Lease and Upfit, be pulled from the consent agenda.

A **motion** was made (Vaughn), **seconded** (Munns), and **carried** to approve all of the items on the consent agenda with the exception of **Agenda Item 7.04 E** which had been pulled from the consent agenda.

A **motion** was then made (Temple) and **seconded** (Scarborough) to approve **Agenda Item 7.04 E**. Commissioner Munns noted that the questions he had about this agenda item has been answered by staff prior to this meeting.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried** by a vote of **ten in favor** and **one opposed** (Vaughn).

### **8. Executive Director Search Committee Update**

**- Bettie Rose Horne**

Commissioner Horne reported on the status of the work of the CHE Executive Director Search Committee. She stated that the Committee would meet on October 17 to review and narrow down the list to the top candidates, with the view toward initial interviews taking place on November 13. Commissioner Horne reported that CHE interviews would be anticipated in in January of 2012 and that the goal remained to have the selected candidate in the position by July 1, 2013. She also stated that Commissioner Temple had replaced Commissioner Scarborough on the Search Committee and that work was progressing to locate a replacement for Commissioner Moody. Commissioners Scarborough and Moody had asked to be removed from the Search Committee due unanticipated personal circumstances which prevent their full participation in the process.

### **9. Other Business**

### **10. Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Beth B. Rogers*  
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Recording Secretary

### **Attachments (I - X)**

\*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.