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Gail M. Morrison Named Interim Executive Director of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

Dr. Gail M. Morrison has been named as the Interim Executive Director of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. Morrison will serve in the position beginning July 1, 2006, when Dr. Conrad Festa steps down to become the interim president of the College of Charleston.

Dr. Morrison has been at the Commission since 1984 where she has served for the past four years as the agency's Deputy Executive Director and also as the Director of Academic Affairs and Licensing since 1990.

"I am honored to follow Dr. Festa who has done a great job," Dr. Morrison said. "I believe passionately that higher education is an essential driver of a brighter future for South Carolina and its citizens, and I welcome the opportunity to serve in this new way."

Dr. Layton McCurdy, Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education, stated today that he is pleased to have a person of Dr. Morrison's caliber fill this important role and expressed the Commission's appreciation in her willingness to do so.

The Commission is in the process of forming a search committee that will be chaired by Mr. Dan Ravenel, a Commissioner since 2000. This special committee will be tasked with nominating candidates for consideration by the Commission and is expected to begin meeting in the very near future.