

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300

Columbia, SC 29201

12:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting

April 6, 2017

Commissioners Attending

Mr. Tim Hofferth, Chair
Ms. Dianne Kuhl, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Batson
Mr. Devron Edwards
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Mr. Kenneth Kirkland
Ms. Allison Dean Love
Mr. Charles Munns
Mr. Kim Phillips
Ms. Terrye Seckinger
Dr. Evans Whitaker (phone)

Commission Members Absent

Dr. Louis Lynn (excused)

Commission Staff Present

Mr. Gary Glenn, Interim Executive Director
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Mr. Clay Barton
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Camille Brown
Ms. Sandra Carr
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Carrie Eberly
Mr. Kevin Glears
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Ms. Monica Goodwin
Mr. Gerrick Hampton
Ms. Sarah Hearn
Ms. Devon Hollimon
Ms. Trena Houpp
Ms. Elizabeth Jablonski
Mr. Michael Jackson
Ms. Carrie Johnston
Dr. John Lane
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Mr. Frank Myers Jr.
Mr. Morgan O'Donnell
Mr. Edward Patrick
Ms. Vickie Pratt
Ms. Tanya Rogers
Dr. Regine Rucker
Ms. Laverne Sanders
Ms. Peggy Simons
Dr. Kimberly Walker
Ms. Tanya Weigold
Ms. Leslie Williams
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests Attending

Dr. Jeanette Andrews, USC Columbia
Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University
Mr. Harry Bell, USC Columbia
Dr. Lynn Cherry, College of Charleston
Dr. Tena Crews, USC Columbia
Dr. Frederick Evans, SC State University
Ms. Kayleigh Hall, USC Columbia
Mr. Michael Hughes, Executive Budget Office
Dr. Jeremy King, Clemson University
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges & Universities
Dr. Jedd Lyons, USC Columbia
Dr. Lucas McMillan, Lander University
Mr. Rick Moul, PASCAL
Dr. Georgia Narsavage, USC Columbia
Mr. Tom Nelson, Lander University
Dr. Maru Nix, Lander University
Dr. Jeff Priest, USC Aiken
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System
Mr. Chuck Sanders, SC Student Loan Corporation
Dr. James Spencer, Clemson University

Chairman Hofferth convened the meeting at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

A **motion** was made (Kuhl), **seconded** (Kirkland), and **carried** to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters. No motion resulted from Executive Session.

At 1:18 p.m., the meeting returned to regular business.

1. Introductions

Elizabeth Jablonski

Ms. Jablonski introduced the guests in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes

Tim Hofferth

A **motion** was made (Seckinger), **seconded** (Love), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2017 CHE meeting.

3. Presentation

Ellan Jenkinson

Ms. Jenkinson gave a presentation on behalf of Mr. Rick Moul, Director of PASCAL (**Attachment I**). The presentation stated the following: 1) the purpose of PASCAL; 2) the statewide impact and long-term value of the program; 3) the shared platform initiative; 4) ongoing costs of PASCAL; and 5) the project timeline for the shared platform initiative.

4. Chairman's Report

Tim Hofferth

There was no report.

5. Vice Chair's Report

Dianne Kuhl

The future direction of the Service Learning Awards was discussed, in terms of whether internships and work experience should be included in the consideration process. The purpose of considering other components would be to best represent the direction of the institutions, as focus shifts from service learning to experience-based learning.

The annual Two-Day Working Session would have dates confirmed before the next CHE meeting.

6. Interim Executive Director's Report

Gary Glenn

Mr. Glenn shared that he testified before the Senate Oversight Committee, as a part of a process that occurs every seven years for each agency. The purpose of the committee is to determine whether agencies are following their statutory obligations. The CHE's message to the committee in the hearing was that the opportunity to be reviewed would validate the work completed in the Clarity, Best Practice, and Sustainability (SWOT) book for the past two years. It is the belief that the conclusion of the review would show that the problem in not fulfilling all statutory mandates lies within a restriction of resources out of the CHE's control.

Chairman Hofferth lauded the SWOT book and the Statistical Abstract, which are produced by the CHE each year, and then explained the budget process for any Commissioner that was not familiar with the timeline of events that takes place within the General Assembly on that matter. Vice Chair Kuhl stated that she believed a report similar to the SWOT book would become standard for all agencies in the near future.

7. Committee Reports

7.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Tim Hofferth

The committee had no report.

7.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Terrye Seckinger

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Program Proposals

1. University of South Carolina- Columbia, Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.), Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
2. University of South Carolina- Columbia, Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.), Family Nurse Practitioner
3. University of South Carolina- Columbia, Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.), Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
4. University of South Carolina- Columbia, M.S., Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurial Engineering
5. Lander University, B.S., Criminology
6. Clemson University, M.Eng., Civil Engineering with a concentration in Risk Engineering & System Analytics

The Lander University Criminology program was pulled away from the consent agenda and moved to item 7.02.A.a. on the agenda. The programs left on the consent agenda were brought forward as a motion from the committee, and were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Horne noted that pulling Lander's program from the consent agenda illustrated there was no truth behind the rumor that the CHE does not thoroughly vet programs prior to approval. There are multiple levels of staff approval before programs are placed on the agenda, and the number of programs presented to the full Commission were half of the number of programs brought forward to the committee initially.

A **motion** was made (Munns) to have the full board consider staff's recommendation for the Lander University Criminology program. The cost of the program was discussed, and it was established that the program revenue had not be isolated properly in the initial paperwork sent to the committee for review. The issue was explained and correct information was introduced to the board. Mr. Glenn stated that the discussion proved the growth of the Commission in understanding the intricacies of finance and program approval, and that he was proud to see such discussion take place. The program was **approved** unanimously.

The University of Phoenix had an ownership change at the parent corporation over its company. The effects of the change were discussed, which resulted in no action needed from the CHE besides monitoring the situation, as the remaining South Carolina campus was already in teach-out mode in anticipation of closure.

Bob Jones University had asked the CHE to review its request to become a not-for-profit institution due to changes in its corporate structure that would no longer allow the institution to be considered a taxable not-for-profit entity. The status had no impact on exemption from CHE licensing.

Ms. Lane Goodwin was recognized for being named the National President of the National Association of State Administrators and Supervisors of Private Schools (NASASPS) at the organization's annual meeting at the beginning of April.

7.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

Paul Batson

CONSENT AGENDA

A. SC Student Loan Corporation, SC Student Loan Program

Agenda item 7.03.A., the SC Student Loan Corporation, SC Student Loan Program, was brought forward to the board as a motion from the committee. The motion was **approved** unanimously.

Information was shared regarding the following: 1) the quarterly report for the SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT); 2) College Application Month 2016; and 3) Public Law 114-315 Compliance.

An update on the Scholarship and Grant Advisory Committee was provided, in which it was announced that a workshop would be taking place at the CHE. The purpose of the workshop would be to inform Commissioners and any guests in attendance of all changes to the SC Universal Grading Policy and the effects that has had on the state, along with potential changes to scholarships as a result. Town hall meetings would be held around the state after the workshop occurred. Commissioner Kuhl asked to ensure members of respective legislative delegations were invited to attend the town hall meetings, to which Dr. Woodfaulk said that legislators and Commissioners would be invited.

7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

Dianne Kuhl

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

1. Clemson University – Business & Behavioral Science Building/Sirrine Hall Replacement

B. Lease Approvals

1. Medical University of South Carolina – 22 WestEdge
2. Medical University of South Carolina – 165 Cannon Street Garage

The consent agenda, which was brought to the full board as a motion from the committee, was **approved** unanimously.

Mr. Ed Patrick shared that there were numerous projects being received by staff for potential consideration in the May CHE meeting. An update on the Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) installation was provided, along with reports on the success of staff Excel training.

7.05 Report of Special Ad Hoc Subcommittee—Boards of Trustees Code of Conduct

Ken Kirkland

The scheduling process for the first subcommittee meeting was purposefully postponed over the previous month due to difficulties with committee members, which were in the process of being resolved. A personnel change at the Inspector General's office was also causing a delay, but Commissioner Kirkland would continue to stay in contact with Ms. Bessie Watson throughout the process.

7.06 Report of Special Ad Hoc Subcommittee—Public Agenda

Allison Dean Love

Dr. Tom Layzell had recommended that work on the public agenda be divided into two major categories: basic text and strategies, and metrics. A draft of the basic text was sent to the CHE staff for review while strategies and metrics were in the process of being drafted. The two parts will be merged once completed. Dr. John Lane will meet with staff that is reviewing metrics and strategies from previous reports and will gather all feedback. There will not be another update until May.

8. Other Business

Commissioner Love stated that Winthrop was recognized for the second time in ten years by the Education Trust as a leading higher education institution with high graduation rates for African-American students. Winthrop was also ranked second in a national list of top-performing schools. The College of Charleston, University of South Carolina, and Clemson University were also recognized for having 2017 Barry Goldwater Scholars, which are scholarships intended to support students who plan to pursue PhDs in the sciences.

The University of South Carolina men's and women's basketball team were recognized for their achievement in the NCAA tournaments. The Women's team won the National Championship and the men's team made the final four. The National Championships held by South Carolina institutions were also noted, as Coastal Carolina University held the 2016 Baseball World Series title, Clemson University held the 2017 National Championship title, as well.

Chairman Hofferth recognized Mr. Gary Glenn for his eighteen years of service to the Commission on Higher Education. It was noted that the SWOT book was Gary's biggest achievement and that he singlehandedly helped the CHE reestablish credibility by producing that document. Mr. Glenn stated that in eighteen years at the CHE and 43 years working for the state, he had never had a better staff than the staff he had upon retirement. He extended his appreciation for all he had the opportunity to work with over his years of service, and was met with a round of applause from all in attendance.

A **motion** was made (Seckinger), seconded (Phillips), and **carried** to nominate Mr. Jeff Schilz as Interim President and Executive Director of the Commission effective immediately. The motion **passed** unanimously.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment provided.

10. End of Business Meeting

A **motion** was made (Phillips), **seconded** (Seckinger), and **carried** to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah R. Hearn

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Recording Secretary

Attachments (VII)

**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.*