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SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300
Columbia, SC 29201

Minutes of the Meeting

October 2, 2014

Commission Members Attending

General John Finan, Chair
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice-Chair
Ms. Natasha Hanna (phone)
Ms. Elizabeth Jackson (phone)
Ms. Dianne Kuhl
Ms. Leah Moody (phone)
Admiral Charles Munns
Mr. Kim Phillips
Ms. Terrye Seckinger
Dr. Jennifer Settlemeyer (phone)
Mr. Hood Temple

Commission Members Absent

None

Staff Attending

Dr. Richard Sutton, Executive Director
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Mr. Clay Barton
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Courtney Blake
Ms. Camille Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Saundra Carr
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Ms. Monica Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Dr. Rachel Harvey
Ms. Trena Houpp
Dr. MaryAnn Janosik
Dr. John Lane
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Ms. Trudy Norton
Ms. Beth Rogers
Ms. Tanya Rogers
Ms. Leslie Williams
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Dr. Matthew Boyer, Clemson University
Dr. Joshua Davis, College of Charleston
Mr. Tim Drueke, Winthrop University
Lt. Col. Sean Egnew, National Guard
Dr. Kris Finnigan, University of SC Columbia
Dr. Lynne Ford, College of Charleston
Mr. Reginald Greene, Southeastern Institute
Dr. Sam Hines, The Citadel (phone)
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University
Dr. Janie Hodge, Clemson University
Mr. James Hull, Francis Marion University
Dr. Laura Kasman, Medical University of SC
Dr. Lucas Kavlie, South University
Dr. Peter King, Francis Marion University
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges
& Universities
Mr. Andrew Lindemann, Davidson &
Lindemann, P.A.
Dr. Jackie Malloy, Clemson University
Mr. Tom Nelson, Lander University
Mr. Steve Osborne, College of Charleston
Dr. Diane Perpich, Clemson University
Dr. Jeff Priest, University of SC Aiken
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System
Dr. Alan Shao, College of Charleston
Dr. Darlene Shaw, Medical University of SC
Dr. David Shoop, South University
Dr. Aga Skrodzka, Clemson University
Dr. Robert Stubblefield, South University
Dr. Suzanne Thomas, Medical University of SC
Dr. Cynthia Wright, Medical University of SC

1. Introductions

- Tanya Rogers

Ms. Rogers recorded and announced the names of all those in attendance as listed above. She also stated that the meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. Approval of Minutes

- John Finan

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Munns), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2014, CHE meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

- John Finan

Chairman Finan reported that he had recently met with Dr. Sutton and the members of his Executive Team to discuss the topic of communication between the CHE staff, Executive Director, and Commissioners. He also reported that a document was in the process of being developed which will help define a CHE Communications Policy both internally as well as with external constituencies.

Chairman Finan also reported that an Executive Session would take place later in the meeting for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

4. Report of the Executive Director

- Richard Sutton

Dr. Sutton began his report by thanking Commissioners for their participation and engagement in the CHE Strategic Planning Retreat which had taken place at the Clemson Conference Center on the campus of Clemson University, September 3rd through 4th. Dr. Sutton reported that following consideration of the Commission meeting's one action item, the approval of the revised mission statement for the College of Charleston, a two page bulleted summary on that topic had been created and distributed to Commissioners. He said that his summary was also being shared during one-on-one meetings with members of the legislature and members of the Governor's office staff. Dr. Sutton's report also included information about fall enrollment data, the recently appointed Higher Education Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Accountability Review Study Committee, the status of the search for a new CHE Director of Fiscal Affairs, and the first meeting of the Southern Regional Education Board's (SREB) Commission on College Affordability.

The details of Dr. Sutton's report may be found in **Attachment I**.

5. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported that the CHE had submitted its Annual Accountability Report in September, a copy of which had been distributed to Commissioners and may be found in **Attachment II**. She also stated that the FY 2015-16 budget plans are being submitted by agencies, noting that Commissioners would be considering CHE's recommended FY 2015-16 later in the morning as part of the meeting agenda. Ms. Carullo also reported that the Board of Economic Advisors will make its preliminary revenue estimates for FY 2015-16 in November as required and that estimates for the current year have remained unchanged. Ms. Carullo informed Commissioners that a number of committees in both the House and Senate were in the process of holding meetings to consider various issues in preparation for the 2015 Legislative Session.

6. Committee Reports

6.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- John Finan

A. Consideration of FY 2014-15 Strategic Agenda

B. Consideration of CHE's FY 2015-16 Budget Request

Chairman Finan reported that the Executive Committee had met on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, for the purpose of preparing the agenda for this CHE meeting. He stated that during the course of that meeting, the Committee had approved the FY 2014-15 Strategic Agenda and the FY 2015-16 Budget Request, details about which may be found in **Attachments III and IV**, respectively.

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded**, (Horne), and **carried** to approve both the above-referenced items as written.

6.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing - Bettie Rose Horne

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consideration of FY 2015-16 Appropriation Request and FY 2013-14 Annual Report for the EIA Funded Teacher Recruitment Project, Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA)**
- B. Consideration of Program Proposals**
1. Clemson University, B.A., World Cinema
 2. Clemson University, M.A.T., Special Education, with Three Concentrations
 3. Clemson University, Ph.D., Learning Sciences
 4. Clemson University, Ph.D., Literacy, Language and Culture
 5. Clemson University, Ph.D., Special Education
 6. College of Charleston, B.S., A.B., Supply Chain Management
 7. Francis Marion University, M.S., Physician Assistant Studies
 8. Medical University of SC, M.S., Medical Sciences
- C. Consideration of Amendment to Existing License to Add New Programs:**
A.S., Occupational Therapy Assistant; A.S., Physical Therapist Assistant;
And D.N.P., South University, Savannah, GA at its Columbia Campus
- D. Consideration of Revised Policies and Procedures for New Academic Programs, Program Modifications, Program Notifications, Program Terminations, and New Centers**

Agenda Items 6.02 E – K (Presented for Information, No Action Required)

- E. Presentation of Annual Report on Admissions Standards for First-Time Entering Freshmen, FY 2013-14**
- F. Presentation of Report on Program Productivity, Fall 2008-Fall 2012**
- G. Presentation of Annual Report on Terminated and Approved Programs, FY 2013-14**
- H. Presentation of Annual Report on Staff-Approved Mission Statement Modifications, FY 2013-14**
- I. Presentation of Annual Report on Academic Common Market, 2014**
- J. Presentation of Annual Report on Licensing Activities, FY 2013-14**
- K. Presentation of Report on Program Modifications, May 1-July 31, 2014**

Commissioner Horne commented briefly on Consent Agenda **Items 6.02 A – D**, details about which may be found in **Attachment V**.

Commissioner Seckinger stated that she had questions and concerns about **Agenda Item 6.02 C** and asked that it be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda Items 6.02 A, B, and D were then voted on and **approved**.

Conversation took place during which the discussion focused on the South University's default rates as well as on the tuition cost and accreditation of the programs listed in **Agenda Item 6.02 C**.

Following that discussion, a **motion** was made (Seckinger) to table consideration of **Agenda Item 6.02 C** in order that CHE staff might gather and bring back to Commissioners information about the process by which these programs were accredited at all the colleges currently offering them in South Carolina. The **motion** was **seconded** by Commissioner Phillips.

Discussion continued, after which Commissioner Munns asked for clarification of the motion. Commissioner Seckinger stated that, in addition to information requested with regard to accreditation, she was also requesting that staff provide information about default rates and graduation rates of the three programs.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried** by a majority vote with the **exception of one (Munns)**, who voted against approval of the motion.

Commissioner Horne reported that **Agenda Items 6.02 E – K**, details about which may also be found in **Attachment V**, were provided for information only. Chairman Finan requested clarification of the information as it appears in **Agenda Item 6.02 E**, specifically with regard to the differences in admissions standards for out-of-state students versus those for in-state students. Brief discussion followed during which details about the way this data is accumulated and reported were provided.

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

A. Consideration of SC National Guard College Assistance Program: Proposed Regulations

B. Consideration SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention Minority Teachers (SC PRRMT)

Commissioner Temple recognized and welcomed attorney, Andrew Lindemann, stating that Mr. Lindemann would be providing legal advice to the Commission later in the meeting during an Executive Session.

Mr. Temple provided background information about **Agenda Item 6.03A**, details about which may be found in **Attachment VI**. He stated that changes recommended by the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services make both the SC National Guard Loan Repayment Program and the SC National Guard College Assistance Program more financially responsible. Commissioner Temple then reported that recommendation to accept these changes was brought by the committee as a **motion** for approval by the full Commission. The **motion** was then voted on and **carried**.

6.04 Report of Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs - C. L. Munns

The Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs had no report. Commissioner Munns stated that the committee would be meeting later in the day and that information from that meeting will be delivered to the full Commission at its November 6 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects		
1. The Citadel	-	New School of Business Building
	-	New Capers Hall
2. College of Charleston	-	176 Lockwood Drive Property Acquisition
	-	176 Lockwood Drive Renovation

B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for August and September 2014 (For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Temple reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities presented as a **motion** to the full Commission by consent agenda, **Agenda Items 6.05 A & B**, details about which may be found in **Attachment VII**. Commissioner Temple provided a brief description of the projects listed in **Agenda Item 6.05 A**.

Chairman Finan noted that the Lockwood Drive property acquired and renovated by the College of Charleston would not take students away from the campus footprint, but would be used to house administrative functions only. He asked that it be placed in the record of this meeting that staff at The Citadel committed to looking at all sources of funding for the new business building and new Capers Hall projects before they raised student capital improvement fees. Commissioner Munns also asked that it be placed in the record of this meeting that the College of Charleston’s acquisition and renovation of Lockwood Drive property was in no way related to the University of Charleston mission statement approval which the Commission had granted at its September 4, 2014, meeting.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

Commissioner Temple then reported that **Agenda Items 6.05 B**, details about which may also be found in **Attachment VII**, were presented for information only

8. Other Business

Commissioner Kuhl requested that the Commission recognize the passing of Dr. Leonid Kovalchuk, former Director of Ternopil State Medical University in Ukraine. She stated that, in his tireless efforts to upgrade medical education in his country, Dr. Kovalchuk had developed strong ties to South Carolina, and on his visits to the state, spent time at Clemson University, the University of South Carolina (USC) Upstate, and Greenville Technical College. The partnerships that developed led to exchange programs between USC Upstate, the Greenville Hospital System and Ternopil State Medical University and ultimately resulted in the creation of the first American-style nursing school in Ukraine, the only foreign medical education program in the country to be both approved and accredited by the Ukrainian government. Commissioner Kuhl reported that for the profound impact of his work in medical education, USC Upstate awarded Dr. Kovalchuk the Doctor of Public Service Award in 2008.

Commissioner Kuhl then recalled the discussion about economic relevance in education which took place at the Commission’s recent September 4th retreat. She requested that the Commission allow her to form an ad hoc committee consisting of herself and Commissioner Phillips, the purpose of which will be to identify partnerships that may help ensure higher education meets the future needs of South Carolina’s business community. She stated that the ad hoc committee will report back to the Commission with its findings and develop proposals for building stronger local and statewide

connections between business and higher education. There was a consensus of agreement among the Commissioners that she and Commissioner Phillips move forward with this initiative.

Commissioner Temple noted a recent email message Commissioners had received regarding former Commissioner, Jim Sanders, who is currently dealing with a serious health situation. Commissioner Phillips explained that the message was an invitation to send written remarks about interactions and experiences with Commissioner Sanders in order that his family might compile and share those remarks with him.

With regard to Commissioner Kuhl's ad hoc committee proposal as referenced previously in these minutes, Commissioner Munns recommended that from an administrative perspective, that the committee's purpose and scope be clearly defined and that a timeline for the committee's work be established. Chairman Finan stated that this ad hoc committee would report to and be overseen by the Commission's Executive Committee.

7. Executive Session

S.C. Code of Laws Section 30-4-70 (a)(2) – “. . . the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege . . .”

At approximately 11:50 a.m. the Commission went into Executive Session for the above-referenced purpose. Dr. Sutton and Ms. Carullo were asked to remain for the Executive Session.

9. Adjournment of Business Meeting

The meeting returned to regular session at 12:35 p.m. and was immediately adjourned.

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

Attachments (I - 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.