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TO: Admiral Charles L. Munns, Chair, and Members, Ms. Elizabeth Jackson and Ms. Dianne Kuhl, Committee on Governmental & Administrative Affairs

FROM: Julie Carullo, Deputy Executive Director for Administration/
Director of External Affairs

DATE: May 30, 2014

RE: Meeting of the Committee on Governmental & Administrative Affairs,
June 5, 2014

The Committee on Governmental & Administrative Affairs is scheduled to meet on Thursday, June 5, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. following the Commission meeting that same day. The Committee will meet in the main conference room on the 3rd floor. If the Commission meeting is not adjourned by 1:00 p.m., the Committee will meet thirty minutes following the Commission meeting.

An agenda and materials are attached.

If you have questions, please contact me at (803) 737-2292.

Enclosures

*cc: Chairman John Finan and Members of the Commission
Dr. Richard Sutton, Executive Director*

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

3rd Floor Main Conference Room

1122 Lady Street, Columbia, SC 29201

1:00 p.m.

June 5, 2014

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2014***
- 3. Discussion, Stakeholder Communications: CHE Meeting Updates**
- 4. Discussion, CHE Bylaws Review**
- 5. Discussion, CHE Legislative Agenda**
 - a) Update on end of 2014 Session**
 - b) CHE Statutory and Regulatory Review Items**
 - c) Federal issues and prioritization**
 - d) CHE retreat planning for a session on CHE legislative agenda**
- 6. Next Meeting**

October 2, 1:00 pm
- 7. Other Business**
- 8. Adjournment**

**Attachment*

**S.C. Commission on Higher Education
Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs
Minutes of the Meeting
May 1, 2014**

Committee Members in Attendance::

Admiral Charles Munns, Chair
Ms. Diane Kuhl
Ms. Elizabeth Jackson

CHE Staff:

Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Tanya Rogers
Dr. Richard Sutton

Committee Members Absent:

None

Guests:

Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University

Committee Chairman Admiral Charles Munns convened the meeting at approximately 12:00 pm.

1. Introductions

Ms. Tanya Rogers recorded and announced those present.

2. Opening remarks:

Chairman Munns welcomed committee members, Commissioner Kuhl and Commissioner Jackson, and those present. He discussed with members the purpose of this committee, noting that its establishment resulted from discussions of the Commission at its retreat last fall and interest in enhancing advocacy and strategic planning and providing a forum for consideration of administrative policies such as proposing amendments to the Commission's by-laws. He further explained that the Committee will function to provide guidance and recommendations to staff and the Commission.

3. Discussion of Committee Organization and Meeting Schedule

The Committee decided to meet three times during the year in coordination with Commission meetings in June, October, and January. The schedule for the upcoming meetings was set as follows: June 5th at 1:00 pm, October 2nd at 1:00 pm, and January (TBD).

4. Discussion of Possible Agenda Topics

Committee members discussed the following topics as possible items for consideration for action of the committee and its work plan going forward.

- a. **Commissioner Communications:** Chairman Munns discussed with Commissioners Kuhl and Jackson ideas to improve the linkage to stakeholders. He suggested the preparation of summaries after each meeting so that members could use the information to communicate with their respective constituencies. It was decided that the idea should be advanced and brought back to the June meeting.
- b. **Legislative agenda:** Chairman Munns expressed that the Committee should identify the issues that are particular to the Commission and assist in determining suggested action such as taking formal positions or providing guidance to staff. A brief discussion ensued of ways to advance proposals and identifying whether formal positions were needed. Commissioner Kuhl expressed the importance of sharing information in facilitating exchanges with the General Assembly and stakeholders and how doing so might identify future issues for consideration.

- c. **CHE By-laws:** Chairman Munns informed the Committee that one Committee task identified is the review and amendment of the Commission's by-laws. Ms. Carullo described work initiated, but not completed, of an ad hoc committee led by former Commissioner Lewis Vaughn and assisted by Commissioners Hanna and Philips. She said that she would share the previous work for consideration. The Committee decided that it would begin work anew and include this topic as an action item for its June meeting with the goal of having a final marked-up copy for consideration of the Committee in October and Commission in November.

- d. **Higher Education Forums:** Chairman Munns commented on a suggested possibility of gubernatorial debates focused on higher education. Ms. Carullo reported that she had spoken with Mr. Craig Garner, President of S.C. Higher Education Foundation, regarding whether the Foundation might be pursuing this idea through its "Competing Through Knowledge" initiative. It was not known whether they might do so, and additional information could be provided by June. Chairman Munns suggested that if the Foundation proceeds with a debate the Commission could offer assistance. Ms. Kuhl asked the Committee to consider the potential political risk of the Commission's involvement in such activities, particularly if it appeared that any candidate was being endorsed though that would not be the intention. The Committee further discussed the purpose of such an event to provide a focus on higher education issues and an appropriate role for the Commission. It was determined that further discussion on this topic should be on the June agenda.

- e. **Trustee Communications:** Chairman Munns explained his interest in this area and raised questions for consideration about whether the Commission has a responsibility or role in bringing trustees together in an education forum, whether we should seek their opinions, whether it was a needed activity, and whether facilitating communications would have a positive outcome. Ms. Carullo informed the Committee about past activity by the Commission to hold annual conferences that brought together trustees and administrators to provide professional development and statewide discussion on higher education. Chairman Munns suggested taking a national topic as a focus of discussion at such an event. Ms. Jackson inquired as to the intended benefit. Chairman Munns responded that one benefit would be a discussion focused more broadly on South Carolina and not just on their respective individual institutions. Commissioner Kuhl stated that she believes it is a great idea given information she has learned about the Commission concerning its authority and that building relationships with the trustees can be beneficial and may assist in building collaboration and lessening competition among institutions. It was determined that continued discussion on this topic should be pursued.

5. Other Business:

Commissioner Jackson asked whether the Committee would be the committee that would address the accountability-based funding topic if advanced. Chairman Munns commented that it may or may not be this committee, and discussion followed. Commissioner Kuhl suggested it would be beneficial to review the Commission's enabling legislation for additional guidance. Dr. Sutton, who had joined the meeting as this discussion began, commented on the Committee's functions. He noted that the Committee may be a clearinghouse in some sense but items would go through the other standing committees as appropriate. He further expressed that the committee should not function or be thought of as a super-committee that oversees the other standing committee but rather one that assists in coordination and with policy direction and priorities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 pm.