

South Carolina Higher Education Advisory Committee**Meeting One: *Preparing Students for Postsecondary Success***

Thursday, October 24, 2019 | Bank of America Conference Room, SCETV | Columbia, South Carolina

INTRODUCTION | *South Carolina Higher Education Advisory Committee*

The Committee Chair will give brief opening remarks and ask all members to state their names and organizations before Dr. Rusty Monhollon, President and Executive Director of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE), presents on the current state of higher education in South Carolina and the 2017 CHE Public Agenda.

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM Welcome Remarks and Member Introductions

- The Honorable Jim Hodges, Chair, South Carolina Higher Education Advisory Committee; former Governor of South Carolina (1999-2003)

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM The State of Higher Education in South Carolina and the 2017 CHE Public Agenda

- Dr. Rusty Monhollon, President and Executive Director, CHE

SESSION ONE | *Expanding Dual Enrollment Programs for All Students*

This session will feature discussion of innovative best practices that states have used to successfully scale dual enrollment opportunities. There will be a special focus on ensuring that underserved students (such as first-generation college students) are able to access such opportunities, and that they receive the support they need to translate such opportunities into success in college and career.

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM Opening Session Remarks

Staff members from The Hunt Institute and CHE will give an overview of the dual enrollment policy landscape both nationwide and in South Carolina.

- Patrick Sims, Director of Policy & Research, The Hunt Institute
- Dr. John Lane, Director of Academic Affairs, CHE

11:00 AM – 11:40 AM Breakout Sessions

Advisory Committee members will break into small groups to brainstorm specific strategies that can be used to expand access to dual enrollment opportunities for all student populations. At the end of the breakout, each group should be prepared to identify two to three policy priorities.

11:40 AM – 11:50 AM Report Out

One member of each group will use chart paper to report out on their discussion, including identifying two to three policy priorities related to dual enrollment programs.

11:50 AM – 12:20 PM Full Group Discussion

This conversation will include a discussion of the common features of policy priorities identified in the small groups and will give Committee members an opportunity to provide additional feedback and context.

12:20 PM – 12:30 PM Session One Wrap Up and Transition to Lunch



SESSION TWO | *Helping Students and Families Understand and Cover the Cost of Higher Education*

This session will highlight strategies that can be used to help students and their families, especially low-income and first-generation students, understand the cost of pursuing higher education and determine which resources are available to them. Specific topics will include best practices for encouraging completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the importance of need-based student aid programs – both at the state and federal level.

12:30 – 1:15 PM

Lunch and Opening Session Remarks

During the last 15 minutes of lunch, staff members from The Hunt Institute and CHE will give an overview of the college affordability policy landscape both nationwide and in South Carolina.

- Patrick Sims, Director of Policy & Research, The Hunt Institute
- Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Affairs, CHE

1:15 – 2:00 PM

Breakout Sessions

Advisory Committee members will break into small groups to brainstorm specific strategies that can be used to inform students and families about how they can pay for the cost of higher education. At the end of the breakout, each group should be prepared to identify two to three policy priorities.

2:00 – 2:10 PM

Report Out

One member of each group will use chart paper to report out on their discussion, including identifying two to three policy priorities related to paying for higher education.

2:10 – 2:40 PM

Full Group Discussion

This conversation will include a discussion of the common features of policy priorities identified in the small groups and will give Committee members an opportunity to provide additional feedback and context.

2:40 – 2:45 PM

Session Two Wrap Up

2:45 – 3:00 PM

Closing Remarks

- Dr. Rusty Monhollon, President and Executive Director, CHE
- The Honorable Jim Hodges, Chair, South Carolina Higher Education Advisory Committee; former Governor of South Carolina (1999-2003)