

**Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher  
Education Executive Committee Meeting  
January 27, 2020**

In Attendance:

**Executive Committee Members Present**

Mr. R. Wes Hayes, Chair  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair  
Mr. Charles Dalton  
Mr. Charles Munns

**Executive Committee Members Absent**

Mr. Paul Batson

**CHE Staff Present**

Dr. Rusty Monhollon, President & Executive  
Director  
Ms. Laura Belcher, Operations Director  
Ms. Monica Goodwin, Chief Information Officer  
Dr. John Lane, Director of Academic Affairs  
Mr. Andrew Roof, Administrative Coordinator  
Mr. Georges Tippens, Facilities Program Manager  
Ms. Bunnie Ward, Director of Governmental  
Affairs & Communications  
Mr. Bryce Wilson, Director of Fiscal Affairs  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Services

Chair Hayes called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

**1. Approval of Minutes (December 19, 2020)**

**Wes Hayes**

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee's meeting on December 19, 2019. Commissioner Munns motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Vice Chair Horne and carried unanimously, the minutes were approved as presented.

**2. Review of the January 9, 2020 CHE Draft Meeting Agenda**

**Wes Hayes**

Chair Hayes introduced discussion of the February 6 Commission meeting agenda. He announced that travel complications would prevent him from attending the tours of Florence-Darlington Technical College and Francis Marion University scheduled for February 5.

Dr. Monhollon briefly addressed the presentations on the agenda, which he noted would be given by various representatives of Francis Marion University. Dr. Monhollon asked Chair Hayes if he would report out to the full Commission the Executive Committee's discussion of the revised guidelines for the Council of Presidents. Chair Hayes confirmed he would. Dr. Monhollon stated he would report to the Commission developments regarding the upcoming South Carolina Higher Education Advisory Committee (SCHEAC) meeting.

Vice Chair Horne reintroduced discussion of accreditation and asked that Dr. Lane develop a presentation on the topic at the earliest convenient time. Dr. Monhollon asked the Committee to give him time to confer with Dr. Lane to develop the presentation. Dr. Lane voiced that the presentation should be framed as informational.

Commissioner Munns suggested Dr. Monhollon explain to the Commission that the SCHEAC meetings will result in recommendations for an operational plan for the 2017 Public Agenda.

Vice Chair Horne suggested Dr. Monhollon overview the organization of the Council of Presidents. Chair Hayes asked whether the proposed guidelines would be presented at the upcoming meeting for approval. Dr. Monhollon answered no. He stated the Executive Committee would endorse the proposed revisions, and then he would solicit the constituent

presidents' thoughts before the Commission votes on and incorporates into them into its bylaws. Dr. Monhollon estimated the guidelines would realistically be prepared in time for addition to the April Commission meeting agenda. Dr. Monhollon emphasized that the guidelines should be a collaborative effort with the presidents.

It was determined that the Council of Presidents guidelines would simply be discussed during the Report of the Executive Committee.

Commissioner Munns stated the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) would have no report to the full Commission. He stated he would like to convene a CAAL meeting the morning of February 6 before the Commission's meeting. He stated the purpose of the meeting would be to make the Committee more efficient and effective by adopting use of consent agendas.

Dr. Karen Woodfaulk stated the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services would have no report to the full Commission but would hold a meeting the morning of February 6.

Commissioner Dalton said the report of the Committee on Finance & Facilities would be brief. He stated the second quarter's financial statements would be provided. Commissioner Dalton relayed Commissioner Dyer's suggestion to draft legislation related to financial exigencies. Dr. Monhollon recalled a significant conversation regarding finances at technical colleges from the House Ways and Means Higher Education Subcommittee budget hearings the week prior. He expressed his belief that such a matter was presently more salient than that of financial exigencies and advised caution in initiating the drafting and introduction of legislation at this stage.

Vice Chair Horne discussed an email from Commissioner Seckinger wherein she recommended topics for the Commission's discussion. Vice Chair Horne suggested Commissioner Seckinger's recommendations be topics of discussion at the Commission's Strategic Planning Session, and she highlighted the importance for the Commission to discuss national trends. Chair Hayes said he would allocate these recommendations to the Committees most appropriate for their discussion.

### **3. Council of Presidents Revised Guidelines**

Dr. Monhollon announced he distributed a week to ten days ago the revised guidelines for the Council of Presidents.

Vice Chair Horne motioned that the Executive Committee endorse the proposed guidelines for the Council of Presidents. Seconded by Commissioner Dalton, the endorsement was approved unanimously.

### **4. Fort Gordon Cybersecurity Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

The Executive Committee discussed the role and authority of the agency's president and executive director in entering the Commission into agreements of understanding. Commissioner Munns suggested that Dr. Monhollon include in his report any Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) into which he had entered on behalf of CHE.

### **5. Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **6. Adjourn**

A **motion** was made and **seconded** for the Executive Committee to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.