

**Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher
Education Executive Committee Meeting
February 24, 2020**

In Attendance:

Executive Committee Members Present

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

Executive Committee Members Absent

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 9:33 a.m. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Approval of Minutes (January 27, 2020)

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee's meeting on January 27, 2020. Commissioner Batson motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Munns and carried unanimously, the minutes were approved as presented.

2. Review of the March 5, 2020 CHE Draft Meeting Agenda

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes asked Dr. Monhollon if anything atypical should be expected from the upcoming president and executive director's report. Dr. Monhollon stated he would update the Commission on the February 25 meeting of the South Carolina Higher Education Advisory Committee (SCHEAC). Dr. Monhollon also stated he would report a timeline for finalizing recommendations pertaining to the Council of Presidents guidelines. Dr. Monhollon reiterated the intention for those guidelines to be incorporated into the Commission's bylaws. Ms. Laura Belcher clarified the process by which the Commission revises its bylaws. Dr. Monhollon stated such a vote would be requested at the Commission's April meeting. He assured that proposed revisions to the guidelines would be distributed to Commissioners fifteen days in advance of the vote. Dr. Monhollon stated he would inform the Commission of any updates regarding the agency's building lease.

Ms. Bunnie Ward summarized the legislative report she would give at the upcoming Commission meeting.

Commissioner Munns summarized the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing's upcoming report to the Commission. He noted that all program proposals, excepting 3 from Coastal Carolina University, were unanimously recommended for approval.

Commissioner Batson overviewed the few items recommended by the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services for approval by the Commission.

Commissioner Dalton stated the Committee on Finance & Facilities would meet in the morning on Thursday, March 5, prior to the Commission's meeting. He stated the Committee's consent agenda was straight forward, but added that Mr.

George Tippens had scheduled before the prospective Committee meeting a convening of institutions' chief financial officers, so they could discuss a standard definition of deferred maintenance. Lastly, Commissioner Dalton stated the Committee on Finance and Facilities would bring an additional item before the Commission for approval. He described the item as a Committee policy revision that would permit staff approval for capital projects fully funded through legislative appropriation.

The Executive Committee discussed the potential transfer of ownership of the Charleston School of Law, currently a for-profit institution, to the College of Charleston. Dr. Monhollon asked Commissioner Munns if CAAL should preemptively consider whether there is sufficient demand and need for a juris doctorate program offered by the College of Charleston. Commissioner Munns agreed but deferred to Dr. John Lane's recommendation. Commissioner Munns asked Dr. Lane to confer with Dr. Monhollon to develop a timeline for recommendations.

3. Review of Commission By-laws for Placement on April CHE Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Horne motioned that the Executive Committee endorse the incorporation of the Council of Presidents guidelines into the Commission's bylaws, with the intent of discussing and voting on approval of said incorporation at the Commission's April meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Munns, the motion was carried unanimously.

4. Date Change for August CHE Meeting & Discussion of Strategic Planning Session Dates

Dr. Monhollon requested the Commission change the dates of its strategic planning session, and he provided two separate suggestions of two consecutive days in late July: Wednesday, July 29 through Thursday, July 30; and Thursday, July 30 through Friday, July 31. Chair Hayes asked if Executive Committee members had a preference. As none had a preference, Chair Hayes authorized Dr. Monhollon to select the date.

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 10:27 a.m.