



HIGHLIGHTS OF CHE MEETING MAY 7, 2015

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2015 Service Learning Awards

Service learning is a meaningful opportunity for students to apply acquired knowledge and skills in solving real-world problems in their communities. Each year since 2001, CHE has recognized the extensive contributions made by the service learning efforts of our colleges and universities and their students. The criteria used to select the award winners from among the nominated projects include the ability to resolve community concerns or address community issues, the degree to which the project enhances students' learning, the impact of the project on campus, and the integration of the project's activities into academics. Three programs are recognized including one from SC senior public colleges and universities, one from SC public two-year colleges, and one from SC independent colleges. **The 2015 project winners are**

- **MUSC's Community Aid, Relief, Education, and Support (CARES) Therapy Clinic** project directed by Dr. Sara Kraft. In the CARES Therapy Clinic, students from the occupational therapy, physical therapy, and health administration programs work with third year medical students to learn from each other while serving the community.
- **Piedmont Technical College's Renovation at Star Fort Historical Site** project directed by Robert Roche. For this service learning project, students enrolled in the Building Construction Technology program used the skills and knowledge gained from the program while renovating a historical cabin in collaboration with the National Park Service.
- **Columbia College's Sophomore Seminar on Diversity, Gender, and Social Justice with Service Learning at Ebenezer Lutheran/Community CME TASC After School Program** directed by Helen Rapoport. For this service learning project, college students learn about some of the central themes, debates, and issues that impact social justice, diversity, and gender while teaching the Healing Species Violence Prevention and Compassion Education program to elementary and middle school students at The Community CME/Ebenezer Lutheran Teen After School Program.

For more information, [Click Here](#).

CHE approved the following new academic programs:

- Clemson University: [M.S., Athletic Leadership](#)
- MUSC: [M.P.H., Biostatistics](#); [M.P.H., Epidemiology](#); and [M.P.H., Health Behavior and Health Promotion](#)
- The Citadel: [M.A., International Politics and Military Affairs](#)
- Coastal Carolina University: [B.A., Digital Culture and Design](#); [B.S. Engineering Science](#); and [Ed.S., Instructional Technology](#)
- Greenville Technical College: [A.A.S., Auto Body Repair](#)
- Horry-Georgetown Technical College: [A.A.S., Brewmaster and Brewery Operations](#)

CHE approved the following academic program modifications:

- MUSC: [M.D., Expand Clinical Training for 3rd & 4th year medical students to AnMed Health, Anderson, SC](#)
- SC State University: [B.S., Industrial Education, Add a Concentration in Industrial Technology](#)

A report on other program modifications approved from January 1 - March 31 was also presented for information: [Click Here](#) for a listing of programs.

- CHE approved revisions to the **South Carolina College Course Prerequisite Requirements**. The revisions are effective with the 2019-20 Academic Year for entering college freshman: For information, [Click Here](#)
- CHE approved **FY 2016-17 Guidelines for EIA Centers of (Teacher Education) Excellence Competitive Grants**. The Centers of Excellence program was established with the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984. Under the program, a competitive grants competition identifies Centers to strengthen identified areas of need related to teacher education. State EIA-funds are provided for up to five years with the goal of establishing on-going statewide resource centers that address the needs of high need schools and districts. Presently, 14 active Centers of Excellence are in operation, of which five are receiving funding through the program. CHE also received for information [a report on the program and FY 2015-16 Center of Excellence Program awards](#).
- Since 1998, CHE has administered a federally-funded Title II competitive grant program for higher education focused on teacher professional development. The purpose of the program which is known as Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) is to increase academic achievement of all students by helping school districts improve teacher and principal quality and ensure that all teachers are highly qualified in the content areas they teach. CHE approved the **Project Year 2016-17 Guidelines for the federal ITQ Competitive Grants Program**.
- CHE consider a staff agreement with the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education to expedite further through a concurrent approval process the approval of selected Associate of Applied Science Degree programs. A copy of the agreement which was approved with minor amendments and contingent upon further review by legal counsel is available [HERE](#).

CHE approved the establishment of Interim Capital Projects including:

- Coastal Carolina University: [Smith Science Building Renovation](#)
- Florence Darlington Technical College: [Automotive & HVAC Technology Center, Phase II](#)
- Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College: [Re-Roofing Project, Buildings A-J & Connecting Corridors](#)

A listing of other capital projects and leases processed by staff for April 2015 was presented for information: [Click Here](#)

CHE received several other information reports and updates of interest:

- [CHE Quarterly Budget Report](#)
- [Developing More Robust Metrics to Monitor Academic Degree Programs](#). This report provides information presented at a recent meeting of Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing relating to an on-going initiative to review and develop revised metrics and criteria for use with academic program evaluation.
- [Non-Public Postsecondary Institution Licensing Criteria Revision Update](#). This report provides information presented at a recent meeting Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing relating to a review that has been initiated recently of state law and CHE regulation for licensing of nonpublic postsecondary institutions. CHE anticipates bringing recommendations forward for consideration in the upcoming 2016 Session.
- Commissioners were briefed on recent legislative activities and referred to weekly staff updates relating to higher education which are available [here](#).

Staff Notes: Dr. MaryAnn Janosik, CHE Director of Academic Affairs, has accepted a position with Stanford University and will be leaving the Commission as of May 17. Commissioners recognized and thanked Dr. Janosik for her contributions during her time at CHE and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Upcoming Commission Meetings: CHE meets next on June 4 at 10:30 a.m.

ABOUT CHE: CHE serves as the coordinating board for the state's thirty-three public institutions of higher education. Our mission is to promote quality and efficiency in the state system of higher education with a goal of fostering economic growth and human development in South Carolina. For more information about CHE, please visit our website: www.che.sc.gov. CHE meets regularly during the year, typically on the first Thursday of the month. For the schedule and additional details, [Click Here](#).