

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300
Columbia, SC 29201
10:30 a.m.

Minutes of the Meeting
February 5, 2015

Commission Members Attending

General John Finan, Chair
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice-Chair
Ms. Natasha Hanna
Ms. Dianne Kuhl
Ms. Leah Moody
Admiral Charles Munns
Mr. Kim Phillips (phone)
Ms. Terrye Seckinger
Mr. Hood Temple

Commission Members Absent

Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer

Staff Attending

Dr. Richard Sutton, Executive Director
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Mr. Clay Barton
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Camille Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Saundra Carr
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Ms. Trena Houpp
Dr. Paula Gregg
Dr. MaryAnn Janosik
Dr. John Lane
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Ms. Beth Rogers
Ms. Edna Strange
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University
Dr. Richard Chapman, Francis Marion
University
Dr. Caughman Taylor, University of SC
Columbia
Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus, University of SC
Columbia
Mr. Tim Drueke, Winthrop University
Ms. Joelle Forgeng, Florence, SC
Dr. Reginald Greene, Southeastern Institute
The Honorable James H. Hodges
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges
& Universities
Dr. Kenneth Lewis, SC State University
Dr. Alfred Moore, University of SC Columbia
Dr. Martha Moriarty, University of SC Beaufort
Dr. Jeff Priest, University of SC Aiken
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System
Dr. Lugenia Rochelle, Voorhees College
Dr. Randy Rowen, University of SC Columbia
Dr. Darlene Shaw, Medical University of SC
Dr. Joshua Thornhill, University of SC Columbia
Dr. Toni Torres-McGehee, University of SC
Columbia
Dr. Sonny White, Midlands Technical College

1. Introductions

- Argentini Anderson

Dr. Anderson recorded and announced the names of all those in attendance as listed above. She also stated that the meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. Approval of Minutes

- John Finan

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Munns), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2015 CHE meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

- John Finan

Chairman Finan provided information about the CHE FY 2015-16 budget presentation to the House Ways & Means Higher Education and Technical College Budget Subcommittee on January 28, noting the interest that subcommittee members expressed in higher education policy as well as in assisting the CHE in accomplishing its goals and missions. He also reported on his most recent board meeting with the SC Research Authority (SCRA) and commented on the collaborative work taking place between the SCRA and the state's research universities.

Chairman Finan announced that 2015 marked the 30th year that CHE staff members, Ms. Sandra Carr in the Division of Academic Affairs and Ms. Yolanda Myers in the Division of Fiscal Affairs, had been employed by the CHE. He invited them to stand and be recognized after which they were applauded for their dedicated service to the agency.

4. Recognition of Dr. Marshall "Sonny" White, Jr. President, Midlands Technical College

- John Finan

Chairman Finan recognized and thanked Dr. Sonny White for his nine years of outstanding service as President of Midlands Technical College. He presented Dr. White with a framed resolution, highlighting his many accomplishments. Dr. White then provided remarks about the value of higher education and his experience while at Midlands Technical College. He also expressed his appreciation to the Commission and thanked them for their leadership.

5. Update on *Competing Through Knowledge*

- The Honorable James H. Hodges

Commissioner Temple provided introductory remarks about Governor Hodges noting his many accomplishments on behalf of education during his tenure as Governor of South Carolina which included emphasis on the relationship between a more educated population and economic development. Dr. White also thanked Governor Hodges for his continued efforts to establish links between education and business in the state, after which those in attendance expressed their appreciation with applause.

Governor Hodges then reported on the status of the Competing Through Knowledge (CTK) efforts noting that the draft report on this initiative had been completed and would soon be published. After providing background details about the development of CTK, he stated that a taskforce of business leaders in the state, with the involvement of representatives from two-year and four-year colleges and universities, had determined that the state's workforce needs between now and 2030 would require an increase of 110,000 college graduates. Governor Hodges then summarized the results of a poll of the attitudes of South Carolinians about higher education that was conducted in November of 2014. He reported that the majority of the people polled appreciate the value of higher education with regard to their economic success, though they expressed serious concerns about the cost of acquiring a college degree.

Governor Hodges concluded his remarks by reporting that the CTK taskforce would be developing a series of recommendations and initiatives which will help provoke more discussion about the quality and accessibility of higher education, assist in providing a framework for higher education funding in upcoming years, and help successfully prepare for the state's future workforce needs.

Discussion among Commissioners followed about the future path of the CTK initiative. The importance of continued communication and coordination between the state's institutions and larger business groups in the development of a statewide higher education agenda was noted as was the identification of CHE's role in this process.

Before proceeding to the report of the Executive Director, Chairman Finan pointed out to Commissioners that a flash drive with a number of informative items about the CHE had been provided at each of their places at the table and that it was intended for their use as a reference and/or as a tool in the delivering of presentations to their respective constituencies.

6. Report of the Executive Director

- Richard Sutton

Dr. Sutton provided information about activities which had transpired since the January 8, 2015, CHE meeting. Those activities included, but were not limited to: presenting the CHE's FY 2015-16 budget request (**Attachment I**) to the House Ways & Means Budget Subcommittee on Higher Education and Technical Colleges on January 28; meetings with several legislators as well as with the Governor's new Chief of Staff; a meeting of the Council of Public University Presidents tentatively scheduled for early March; conducting the second meeting of the Council of P-20 Agency Heads; and scheduling the April 2 meeting of the Commission on the campus of SC State University. The details of Dr. Sutton's report may be found in **Attachment II**.

7. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported that House Ways & Means budget subcommittees were continuing with their hearings with the expectation that their recommendations will reach the full House by mid-March. She also stated that the Senate Finance higher education budget hearings should begin in early March. She referenced her recent weekly reports to Commissioners and also provided a brief review of upcoming bills in the House and Senate. Ms. Carullo reported that new appointments to CHE had been announced and were expected to be screened by the Senate Education Committee in upcoming weeks after which they will go to the full Senate for confirmation.

Chairman Finan then commented on and asked Commissioners' support of a proposed bill which will bring South Carolina into compliance with federal regulations and allow for in-state tuition for recently discharged service personnel prior to earning state residency through traditional residency criteria.

Ms. Carullo provided details about the presentations and documents on the flash drives distributed to Commissioners as referenced by Chairman Finan earlier in the meeting.

8. Committee Reports

8.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- John Finan

Chairman Finan reported that the Executive Committee had met on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, for the purpose of reviewing the agenda for this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Program Proposals

1. University of South Carolina Columbia, M.S., Advanced Athletic Training
2. University of South Carolina Columbia, B.S., Pharmaceutical Sciences
3. University of South Carolina Beaufort, B.S., Mathematics, with Tracks in Mathematical Sciences and Secondary Teacher Education
4. University of South Carolina Aiken, B.S., Industrial Process Engineering
5. Coastal Carolina University, M.S., Sport Management

B. Program Modifications

1. University of South Carolina Columbia, M.D., add clinical site in Florence, SC
2. South Carolina State University, B.S. Industrial Engineering Technology, Develop into B.S., Industrial Engineering

C. LIFE/Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement Program Review Process

D. Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs, FY 2012-13

E. New Federal Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Awards, FY 2015-16
(For Information, No Action Required)

F. Report on Program Modifications, August 1 – December 31, 2014
(For Information, No Action Required)

G. Revised Mission Statement for Coastal Carolina University
(For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Horne reported that **Agenda Items A – D**, the details of which may be found in **Attachment IV**, were provided by the Committee on Academic Affairs & Licensing (CAAL) to the full Commission by consent agenda.

In response to Commission Kuhl's questions about how the students would be selected for the USC clinical site in Florence, SC, as referenced in **Agenda Item 8.02, B1**, Dr. Joshua Thornhill of USC Columbia responded that they hoped to have 10-12 students from the Pee Dee area volunteer for those slots, that the faculty at that site would be part-time and would serve as mentor physicians to the students who will be working at the physicians' practices, and that it was not anticipated that the cost of the program in Columbia would be reduced as a result of the students being placed at the Florence site.

In response to Commissioner Seckinger's question, Dr. Thornhill replied that the mentor physicians would be paid a small sum for the time they serve in this mentoring capacity.

Commissioner Seckinger thanked USC Beaufort for establishing the mathematics program as referenced in **Agenda Item 8.03, A3**, stating that she hoped the program would especially focus on mathematics competency.

The **consent agenda** was then brought to the table, **voted on, and carried.**

Commissioner Horne reported that **Agenda Items 8.02 E, F, and G**, also described in **Attachment III**, were provided for information only.

Commissioner Hanna commented on the revised mission for Coastal Carolina University, as referenced in **Agenda Item 8.02 G**, stating that this mission change encompasses all program changes and modifications that have occurred there in recent years. As a representative of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, Commissioner Munns added that the recent changes to this mission statement were found by the committee not to warrant consideration and vote of the full Commission.

8.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services - Hood Temple

The Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services did not have a report.

9.04 Report of Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs - C. L. Munns

A. Committee Information Report

Commissioner Munns provided information on the following recommendations and responsibilities resulting from the meeting of the Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs (GAAC) on Monday, February 2, 2015: 1) recommendation that the Commissioner Update documents that are regularly sent to Commissioners should continue to be disseminated by Commissioners to their respective constituencies as opposed to being disseminated by CHE staff; 2) there were no recommendations for additions to the legislative advocacy items as developed at the Commission's September 2014 retreat and work will continue to develop future legislative agendas for the Commission; 3) the committee will develop a plan to outline Commission meetings to be held with the Presidents for the upcoming year; 4) an overarching proposal for the Commission with respect to governance policy will be developed as will a draft confidentiality statement; and 5) GAAC will coordinate with CAAL in developing policies regarding Commission responsibilities in the area of licensing and non-compliance for consideration of the Commission.

Commissioner Seckinger then presented information related to the Carver Model of Non-profit Governance, details about which may be found in the handout she had provided for each Commissioner (**Attachment IV**). She reported that GAAC had discussed the hiring of a consultant to review CHE's current policies, train the committee members in the Carver Model of Governance, and assist them in revising and strengthening the policies, after which the final product would be brought to the full Commission for consideration. Commissioner Seckinger stated further that this process could be accomplished in a day-long retreat.

9.05 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Hood Temple

A. FY 2014-15 Tuition & Required Fees Summary with Spring Increases

(For Information, No Action Required)

B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for January 2015

(For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Temple reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had met earlier in the morning to consider and discuss **Agenda Items 9.05 A & B**, details about which may be found in **Attachment V**. He provided a brief summary of that discussion.

Mr. Glenn noted that the copies of the 2014 Statistical Abstracts had been placed at each of the Commissioners places, and he thanked CHE staffers Camille Brown and Mim Amour for their hard work compiling that publication. He also announced that CHE staff member, Courtney Blake, had welcomed her second child on Friday, January 30.

10. Other Business

Following very positive comments offered by Commissioner Seckinger about the middle College Academy on the campus of Midlands Technical College as well as about the successes of the College Application Month initiative, brief discussion took place about the importance of continued efforts to encourage and help to facilitate college accessibility.

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded**, and **carried** for the meeting to go into Executive Session at 12:15 p.m. for the purpose of considering a matter of protocol.

10. Adjournment of Business Meeting

The meeting returned to regular session at approximately 12:44 p.m. after which it immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I -V)

*Attachments are not included in this mailing, but will be filed with the permanent record of these minutes and are available for review upon request.