

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
South Carolina State University
Boardroom, Lowman Hall, Room 304
300 College Street, NE
Orangeburg, SC 29117

Minutes of the Meeting
November 5, 2015
10:30 a.m.

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Tim Hofferth, Chair
Ms. Allison Dean Love, Vice Chair
Ms. Dianne Kuhl
Dr. Louis Lynn
Mr. Charles Munns
Mr. Kim Phillips (phone)
Ms. Terrye Seckinger
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer (phone)
Mr. Hood Temple

Commission Members Absent

Mr. Paul Batson
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Mr. Clark Parker
Dr. Evans Whitaker

Staff Attending

Dr. Argentini Anderson
Mr. Clay Barton
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Saundra Carr
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Dr. John Lane
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Ms. Beth Rogers
Ms. Tanya Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Shondra Abraham, SC State University
Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University
Ms. Sonya Bennett-Bellamy, SC State University
Ms. Betty Boatwright, SC State University
Dr. Connie Book, The Citadel
Dr. Marie Britz, Clemson University (phone)
Mr. Paul Bryant, SC State University
Mr. Craig Burgess, SC State University
Dr. Ralph Byington, Coastal Carolina University
Mr. Tim Drueke, Winthrop University
Dr. W. Franklin Evans, SC State University
Mr. Delbert Foster, SC State University
Dr. Stephanie Frazier, State Technical College
System (phone)
Ms. Amy Hill, Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC
Dr. Tara Horner, The Citadel
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University (phone)
Dr. Tamara Jeffries Jackson, SC State University
Dr. Carl Jensen, The Citadel
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges &
Universities (phone)
Dr. Wayne Lord, Augusta University
Dr. Catherine Mobley, Clemson University (phone)
Dr. Carol Osborne, Coastal Carolina University
Mr. Edward Patrick, SC State University
Mr. Easton Selby, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. Rita Teal, SC State University

It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Introductions

Tanya Rogers

Ms. Tanya Rogers announced the names of those in attendance as listed above.

Chairman Hofferth thanked Dr. W. Franklin Evans, President, and the staff of SC State University for their gracious hospitality in hosting the meeting. At the Chairman's invitation, Dr. Evans welcomed all in attendance, expressing enthusiastic appreciation for having CHE on the campus, and thanking CHE for its work to support SC State University.

2. Approval of Minutes

Tim Hofferth

A. Minutes of October 1, 2015 CHE Meeting

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Love), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2015 CHE meeting.

B. Minutes of October 9, 2015 CHE Meeting

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Love), and **carried** to approved the minutes of the October 9, 2015 CHE meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

Tim Hofferth

Expressing his sympathy, Chairman Hofferth reported that a family funeral had prevented Commissioner Batson from being present for the meeting. He also stated that illness and recovery from surgery, respectively, had prevented Commissioners Horne and Parker from being able to attend.

Chairman Hofferth welcomed Mr. Gary Glenn back to the CHE after his recent experience with a major health issue. He stated that retired staff member, Ms. Edna Strange, would be recognized for her 40 years of invaluable service to CHE at the December 3, 2015 CHE meeting. He also stated that the CHE committees had recently been reelected and that the committees were in the process of electing chairs and vice chairs.

Chairman Hofferth then commented on the work in progress to clarify CHE's vision and focus, establish consistencies with regard to its policies and procedures, and re-establish CHE's foundation and commitment to sustainability.

As an introduction to Ms. Hill's update on her CHE statutory review, Chairman Hofferth provided information about the projected framework for the work to take place as a result of this review. The review will consist of categorizing, prioritizing, and analyzing the statutes followed by a determination of their relevancy and the resources needed to carry out the work they require.

A. Update on CHE Statutory Authority Review

Amy Hill

Ms. Amy Hill provided a briefing on her vetting of the statutes pertaining to CHE, during which she described the process by which statutes are developed, and defined the meaning of related provisos and regulations. She reported that her work resulted in the classification of the CHE statutes into three categories: 1) commentary authority; 2) coordinating authority; and 3) financial authority, noting that some of the statutes fell within more than one of these categories.

Discussion followed during which Ms. Hill reported that next steps would include a CHE staff report which will list the CHE statutes, their related regulations, and what is currently being done to carry out the directives defined in each of them.

With regard to the process by which the existing regulations may be updated, if necessary, Ms. Hill confirmed that suggested updates may be submitted by the Commission to the General Assembly in accordance with the procedure as defined in the S.C. Administrative Procedures Act.

Additional brief discussion took place about the importance of the Commission's continued interpretation of its statutes with the focus of staying steadfast to clarification of its mission and goals.

B. Brief Overview of CHE Historical Perspective

Julie Carullo

Ms. Julie Carullo delivered a summary overview some of the legislation, study committees, task forces, and reports which have shaped and defined the work of CHE beginning in 1995 to the present. A timeline provided for the purposes of her report may be found in **Attachment I**.

Discussion followed during which Ms. Carullo answered questions about some of the details of her report. During the course of that discussion, it was requested that Ms. Carullo include on her timeline the names of those persons who were in the CHE Executive Director position for each of the designated fiscal years. Comments were then shared about the relevance of this timeline in terms of emphasizing the need for CHE to clarify its function and role. Also commented on was the excellent quality of Ms. Carullo's work in developing this document, which will not only help guide current commissioners in their work but will also be a valuable reference to future members of the CHE board. The importance of having this document posted on the CHE website so that it might reach a larger audience was also emphasized. In conclusion of this discussion, Chairman Hofferth stated that CHE needs to be the catalyst in providing a coordinated system of higher education and setting the public agenda for higher education in South Carolina.

C. Executive Session, if needed, to receive legal advice or to discuss personnel and/or contractual matters

At approximately 12:05 p.m., a **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Seckinger), and **carried** for the meeting to go into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice and to discuss personnel and/or contractual matters.

D. Public Session: Action on Executive Session matters, if needed

The meeting returned to public session at 1:30 p.m. A **motion** was made (Love), **seconded**, (Temple), and **carried** that the SC Commission on Higher Education engage the Association of Governing Boards for consulting for the upcoming legislative report.

4. Update on Executive Director Search

Allison Love

Commissioner Love reported that the Executive Director search was still in process, and the next meeting of the committee would take place on Tuesday, November 10, 2015. She stated that a professional search firm had been selected or identified and that the Executive Director Search Committee would continue to work on a parallel path with the professional search firm on this recruitment. She reported that there have been the total of 102 applications for this position to date.

5. Interim Executive Director's Report

Gary Glenn

Mr. Glenn began his report with thanks to all Commissioners for their care and concern during his recent health issue and recovery. He reported he would be representing the Commission at a meeting of the House Democratic Caucus in Greenville, SC on Friday, November 6, at which time he would be delivering a brief speech about the CHE agenda, the focus of which will be on passion, commitment, and respect.

At Mr. Glenn's request, Dr. John Lane shared information about a recent meeting of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) he had attended on Mr. Glenn's behalf. The topic of this meeting was a *25 by 25 Action Plan*, the intent of which is to help 25% more young adults in each state to acquire postsecondary credentials and begin meaningful careers by age 25. He stated that a statewide coordinating council would be

created for this purpose with its mission of coordinating intergovernmental policies and practices in South Carolina and to ensure that all students are college, career, and citizenship ready. The council, which will convene educators, business, and government leaders will hold its first meeting in January 2016.

Also at Mr. Glenn's request, Dr. Karen Woodfaulk provided an update on College Application Month. Dr. Woodfaulk reported that, as a result of the College Application Month activities thus far, 225 sites had been registered, with 199 of those sites having already completed their college application events. She also reported that 28,834 students have participated in the event to date.

6. Legislative Report

Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported that the Board of Economic Advisors (BEA) is projecting strong growth in state revenue with the initial forecast for FY 2017 expected to be released in approximately one week. She stated that she and Mr. Glenn had met with members of the Governor's staff the previous week to discuss CHE's budget request. Ms. Carullo reported on dates announced thus far for the pre-filing of legislation in the General Assembly and also provided information about various other upcoming committee meetings in the House and Senate. She stated that the Joint Capital Bond Study Committee would be meeting on November 9 and that the House Education and Public Works Ad Hoc Committee on Higher Education Governance would hold its next meeting on November 13 at which the presidents of the state's research universities and comprehensive colleges will be present.

7. Committee Reports

7.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Tim Hofferth

Chairman Hofferth reported that the Executive Committee had met in advance of this meeting for the purpose of preparing the meeting's agenda.

7.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Louis Lynn

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Program Proposals

1. The Citadel, M.A., Intelligence and Security Studies
2. The Citadel, M.S., Civil Engineering
3. The Citadel, M.S., Electrical Engineering
4. The Citadel, M.S., Mechanical Engineering
5. Clemson University, B.A., B.S., Justice Studies
6. Coastal Carolina University, B.A., Art History
7. Winthrop University, Ed.S., Educational Leadership

B. Application for Initial License: M.Ed., Curriculum and Instruction, Augusta University, Augusta, GA, branch in Aiken, SC

C. Annual Report on Licensing Activities, FY 2014-15
(For Information, No Action Required)

D. Report on Program Modifications
(For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Lynn, Vice Chair of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL), reported for Commissioner Horne, the committee's Chair, who was unable to be present as referenced earlier in these minutes.

At Commissioner Lynn's request, Dr. Lane reported that **Agenda Items 7.02 A & B** were brought to the full Commission as a motion from CAAL by consent agenda, and that **Agenda Items 7.02 C & D** were provided for information only. Details about all of these agenda items may be found in **Attachment II**.

Commissioner Seckinger requested that **Agenda Item 7.02 B** be removed from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Kuhl raised a point of concern about **Agenda Item 7.02 A6** explaining that her concern was that the employability of the graduates of this program may be overstated. Commissioner Munns stated that this topic had been discussed at length at the CAAL meeting where this program was considered and that the committee's concerns about this were satisfied by the specific information about projected employability included on page seven of **Agenda Item 7.02 A6 (see Attachment II)**. Representing Coastal Carolina University, Dr. Ralph Byington, explained that the studio component of this degree gives it practical application and experiential learning opportunities, unlike other similar programs in the state. Dr. Byington also reported that the graduates of this program will be tracked in an effort to determine whether they have been adequately prepared for entry-level positions in related fields.

Commissioner Temple then called for the question on **Agenda Items 7.02 A 1-7**, after which the items were voted on and the **motion carried**.

Commissioner Seckinger stated that her concerns about **Agenda Item 7.02 B** were that the students in this program would be instructed in accordance with Georgia standards which adhere to Common Core curriculum and instruction as opposed to South Carolina standards which do not. Following brief discussion, Dr. Wayne Lord, representing Augusta University, stated that this program was not mapped toward the Georgia Common Core curriculum and that Augusta University's programs were driven towards practitioners' concerns and are adapted based on the context of their location, which is in this case is Aiken County, South Carolina. Additional discussion took place during which Dr. Lord stated that the reason for locating this program in South Carolina was to respond to the needs of the teachers in Aiken County and to make the program most relevant to the challenges they face in their respective schools. Also during the course of that discussion, Dr. Lord stated that this Master's degree is based on a set of broader standards around the area of curriculum and instruction, not on a particular set of instructional standards that would be unique to a specific state.

A **motion** was made (Munns) and **seconded** (Lynn) to approve **Agenda Item 7.02B** as recommend by CAAL. The motion carried with eight votes in favor and one vote opposed (Seckinger).

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

There was no report from the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services. Commissioner Temple stated that the committee, which had been scheduled to meet earlier in the morning but was unable to do so due to the lack of a quorum, would hold a meeting by teleconference on November 10, at which time the committee's new chair and vice chair would be elected.

7.04 Report of Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs Charles Munns

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consideration of proposed 2016 CHE Meeting Calendar

Commissioner Munns reported that the committee presented as a **motion** for approval by consent agenda the 2016 CHE meeting calendar, details about which may be found in **Attachment III**. The proposed 2016 CHE meeting calendar includes a CHE meeting every month of the year with the possible exceptions of July and August, and that two of the CHE meetings would take place at an offsite location. The **motion** was then voted on and **carried**.

CONSENT AGENDA**A. Interim Capital Projects**

1. Horry-Georgetown Technical College - Acquisition of SCDEW Land

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

(For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Temple reported that he had been elected to continue as chair of the Committee on Finance and Facilities at its meeting earlier in the morning, and that Commissioner Kuhl had been elected as the committee's vice chair.

Commissioner Temple stated that **Agenda Item 7.05 A**, details about which may be found in **Attachment IV**, was presented to the full Commission as a **motion** for approval by the consent agenda. The **motion** was then voted on and **carried**.

Commissioner Temple reported that **Agenda Item 7.05 B** was presented for information only. He noted and commended Mr. Glenn for the very comprehensive report he had presented on institutional capital maintenance at the earlier Finance and Facilities committee meeting, requesting that a summary of his remarks be provided to each commissioner for use as a reference.

8. Other Business

Chairman Hofferth stated that the next meeting of the Commission would take place on December 3, 2015, in the Commission's main conference room in Columbia. It was confirmed that the next meeting of the House Education and Public Works Ad Hoc Committee on Higher Education Governance would take place on December 4 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Glenn reminded all that a tour of the SC State University campus would take place immediately following the adjournment of this Commission meeting. Also noted was the November 18 deadline for the Commission's continued work on the analysis of its statutes.

9. Adjournment of Business Meeting

There being no other business to consider, a **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Kuhl), and **carried** to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
 Beth B Rogers
 Recording Secretary

Attachments (I – IV)