



## HIGHLIGHTS OF CHE MEETING APRIL 7, 2016

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### Special Presentation

Dr. Erica Von Nessen presented a recent CHE study exploring the match of college degree completions, from the state's public and independent colleges and universities, with workforce job openings forecasted by the Department of Employment and Workforce. Potential shortages in STEM and several healthcare-related occupations are illustrated, and challenges inherent in projecting workforce needs are highlighted. Because of limitations of the crosswalk between academic programs and occupations as well as rapid changes in the job market that may not be fully captured in available employment projections, the study's findings should be viewed as a starting point for further exploration and collaboration among the state's education and workforce agencies, the business community, and others in identifying current and future SC needs.

A copy of the full report, ***Occupational Outlook for Various Programs of Study: Completion Trends in SC Higher Education, 2009/10 – 2013/14***, is available [HERE](#). The summary PowerPoint presentation to CHE is available [HERE](#).

This report is the second in a series of CHE studies reviewing trends in SC higher education. A prior report on higher education enrollment projections from 2015-2023 is available [HERE](#).

### Chairman's Report

Chair Hofferth outlined and discussed with members the vision for the new CHE, the responsibilities assigned to CHE, and importance of a statewide entity like CHE that is appropriately supported and resourced to carry out its mission.

He reviewed a document produced to provide a compilation of the body of CHE's work in response to the [House ad hoc Higher Education Governance Committee](#) and in developing for CHE a sustainability plan and best practices. House Bill [4833](#), which is under consideration by the House Education and Public Works Higher Education Subcommittee, provides for clarification of CHE's responsibilities.

The CHE document ([HERE](#)) includes: 1) an executive summary; 2) key points about CHE, the SC higher education system, and need for an appropriately supported and resourced statewide oversight entity for higher education; and 3) information outlining CHE legislative mandates, agency resources for carrying out these mandates, and the need for increased agency funding totaling \$2.1 million to most effectively carry out the legislated mission.

### CHE approved the following items:

- Interim capital project requests for
  - 1) Central Carolina Technical College** for an increase in budget and change in source of funds for [renovations to the Industrial Technology Building](#).
  - 2) The Citadel** for an increase in project budget to [construct a new facility, Bastin Hall](#), to house the School of Business.

**CHE received the following information reports:**

- [Summary Quarterly Report on CHE's FY 2015-16 Budget and Expenditures](#)
- [Overview and Data Report on College Application Month 2015](#) – College Application Month is a statewide, collaborative effort during the fall months seeking to encourage and assist high school seniors in applying to college. CHE has worked each year with our high schools, colleges, and other stakeholders in growing this initiative from just a few participating high schools in 2009 to over 200 this past fall.
- [Notification: Using the Past SAT and the Redesigned \(new\) SAT for State Scholarship Eligibility](#) – The College Board recently implemented a re-designed SAT format. The notification report provides information for parents and students relating to state scholarship programs and the ability to continue using “super scoring” this year as the College Board establishes a concordance table across old and new versions of the SAT.
- [FY 2015-16 First Quarter Report on the SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers \(SC-PRRMT\)](#)
- Updated [2016-17 Guidelines for SC HOPE, LIFE, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Appeals](#)
- [List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for March, 2016](#)
- [The State Department of Education \(SDE\) proposal to change the Uniform Grading Policy](#) – Staff discussed with Commissioners a revision to SC’s Uniform Grading Policy (UGP) that is under discussion by SDE. SDE is proposing to change the current 7-point grading scale to a 10-point grading scale beginning in fall 2016. The change has implications for state-supported scholarship programs (Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, and HOPE) for which eligibility criteria are set in law and include criteria based on a student’s UGP grade point average. With a change to a 10-point scale, more students would be anticipated to qualify for awards. The fiscal impact to the scholarship programs is anticipated to be significant without changes to scholarship eligibility criteria or other changes to the UGP. Also discussed were issues related to the sustainability of awards and potential impact to students with regard to scholarship retention. SDE has indicated that they are supportive of consideration of a revenue neutral impact that would require a change in law to eligibility requirements, and to study required to bring such recommendations forward. *(On April 12, the State Board of Education approved the implementation of the 10-point grading scale for grades 9–12 beginning with the 2016-17 school year.)*

**CHE Executive Director Search**

Commissioner Love, chair of CHE’s [special committee for the Executive Director Search](#), updated members on the search which continues to be temporarily suspended as the State Division of Human Resources works on an RFP relating to search firm services for agencies.

**Upcoming Commission Meeting**

CHE’s next regularly scheduled business meeting is on **May 5 in CHE’s main conference room**. Beginning with the May meeting, the meeting start time will be **1:00 pm**. Committee meetings will be held in the morning prior to the CHE meeting – Finance & Facilities is anticipated to meet at 9:30 am, and Access & Equity and Student Services at 11:00 am.

To access information and details about CHE and Committee meetings, [Click Here](#).