



South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHE MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2016

The following information is intended to be a brief summary of Commission actions and should not be considered as any form of minutes for the referenced meeting. Blue underlined text is hyperlinked.

CHE approved the following items:

- **[Analysis of Potential New Financial Aid Program for Students at SC Technical Colleges](#)**

This study was conducted for submission to the General Assembly pursuant to Proviso 11.41 of the FY16 Appropriations Act. It examines costs and considerations relating to the viability of a financial aid program for students in our technical colleges to attend without paying tuition and fees.

Presented are three program scenarios that take into consideration the state's current robust financial aid opportunities for SC students. These scenarios do not represent a definitive program or exhaustive list of potential financial aid programs that could be implemented depending on state's desired goals. Instead, they are intended to assist in informing the conversation and in understanding potential costs and impacts of broadening financial aid programs at the state's technical colleges for state residents.

- **[Interim capital project for USC Columbia](#)** to begin Phase I to construct a new Football Operations Facility to be located at the west end of Gamecock Park adjacent to the Indoor Football Practice Facility.

CHE Staff Recognition: The Commission recognized and thanked recently retired staff member, Ms. Renea Eshleman, for 27 years of dedication and commitment to CHE and the state. Ms. Eshleman served in the Division of Academic Affairs coordinating licensing of non-public postsecondary institutions and also served in the recent past in the capacity of interim division director.

CHE Interim Executive Director Gary Glenn announced several staff changes. Among those, Dr. John Lane, who has been serving as the Interim Director of Academic Affairs, was announced as the Director of Academic Affairs. Mr. Glenn also welcomed Ms. Carrie Eberly, who joins CHE staff as the Compliance Scholarship Auditor.

CHE Executive Director Search: Commissioner Allison Dean Love, chair of CHE's special committee for the purposes of the Executive Director Search, updated members on the search, which is still in process. The Commission will be releasing a new RFP for purposes of retaining a search firm shortly and acted to change the title of the Executive Director for purposes of the RFP to reflect Executive Director and President of CHE. For information, **[Click Here](#)**.

Upcoming Commission Meeting: CHE's next regularly scheduled business meeting is on **February 4 at 10:30 a.m. in CHE's main conference room**. For meeting information and details to be posted, **[Click Here](#)**.

Other News:

College Goal SC 2016 – Throughout February, SC colleges and universities and high schools will host events to assist students and their families/guardians with the second step of the college application process, filling out the Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA). To learn more and for a schedule of events, see **<http://sccango.org/college-goal-event-info-and-sign-up/>**.



Pictured right to left: Mr. Gary Glenn, Ms. Renea Eshleman, CHE Chair Tim Hofferth

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