



# South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

## COMMISSIONER UPDATES

### HIGHLIGHTS OF CHE MEETING MAY 5, 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 announced the 2016 Service Learning Awards**

Presented since 2001, the awards recognize the exemplary contributions made by the service learning efforts of our colleges and universities and their students. Recognized projects, which provide the opportunity for students to apply acquired knowledge and skills in solving real-world problems in their communities, include: for public four-year institutions, **the College of Charleston's Unified Theatre, a Special Needs Theatre in Partnership with City of Charleston Therapeutic Recreational Services** directed by Laura Turner; for public two-year institutions, **Tri-County Technical College's MENTOR (Meeting Early Needs through Oral Reading) Program** directed by Meredith McClure; and for independent institutions, **Benedict College's B.C. Cares Flood Relief Project** directed by Tondaleya Jackson. To learn more, [Click Here](#).

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#### **Chair Tim Hofferth recognized new Commissioner, Mr. Devron Edwards**

**Mr. Edwards** was recently appointed and confirmed to a vacant at large seat on the Commission. [Click Here](#) to access information about Mr. Edwards and CHE members.

#### **CHE approved the following items**

##### Interim capital project requests for

- College of Charleston [Avery Envelope Renovation and Mechanical System Replacement](#)
- Greenville Technical College [Demolition of Building 602](#)

##### Academic Program Proposals

- [The Citadel, B.S., Nursing](#)
- [Coastal Carolina University, M.Ed., Instructional Technology](#)
- [College of Charleston, B.A., A.B., Meteorology](#)
- [Lander University, B.S., Chemistry, with Secondary Education](#)
- [Lander University, B.S., Mass Communications and Media Studies](#)
- [Medical University of South Carolina, B.S., Healthcare Studies](#)
- [University of South Carolina Columbia, M.S., Physician Assistant Studies](#)

##### Modifications to Existing Academic Programs

- [College of Charleston, B.S., A.B., Physics, Add concentration in Atmospheric Physics](#)
- [College of Charleston, M.Ed., Teaching, Learning and Advocacy, Add four concentrations in Diverse Learners; New Literacies; Science and Mathematics; and Curriculum and Instruction](#)
- [South Carolina State University, M.B.A., Add Healthcare Management concentration to the Lowcountry Graduate Center](#)

The Citadel's [Center for Cyber, Intelligence and Security Studies](#) was also approved as were several academic policy related items including:

- [Adoption of TransformSC's Profile of the South Carolina Graduate](#)
- [Revised Policies on Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Credit Awards](#)
- [Role of The Citadel's Board of Visitors in the Program Approval Process](#)
- Revisions [Regarding the Approval of Programs Offered by the Technical Colleges](#) to CHE *Policies and Procedures for New Academic Programs, Program Modifications, Program Notifications, Program Terminations, and New Centers for SC Public Colleges and Universities*

**CHE did not approve the following agenda item**

At the request of the Committee on Finance & Facilities Chair Hood Temple, the [Coastal Carolina Brooks Stadium Expansion Project](#) was removed from CHE's consent agenda as the committee had deferred the proposal to the full Commission for consideration without a recommendation. After 3½ hours of discussion among Commissioners and university representatives, the proposal was not approved by a vote of 9 - 4. The following statement on the project was issued following the meeting: "The Commission supports Coastal Carolina University's desire to move to the Sunbelt Conference. However, the Commission continues to have concerns regarding the most recently proposed funding model and its long-term potential to significantly impact student costs and to negatively affect the general academic operations of the university. The lack of private donations for this non-academic capital initiative and failure to provide convincing cost and revenue projections were key among the concerns raised by Commissioners."

**CHE received several information reports including**

- [Awards for EIA Centers of \(Teacher Education\) Excellence Competitive Grants Program, FY 2016-17](#)
- [Report on Academic Program Modifications October 1, 2015 – March 30, 2016](#)
- [List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff April, 2016](#)
- Legislative update including a report on the FY2016-17 budget and comparison of House and Senate budget recommendations for CHE budget priorities as of the Senate's passage of the budget bills on May 4. ([available Here, see page 2-3](#))

**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. She announced that the State Division of Human Resources now has an RFP underway to identify search firm services for agencies, including higher education, which CHE will be able to draw from in moving forward.

**Upcoming Commission Meeting**

CHE's next regularly scheduled business meeting is on **June 2 in CHE's main conference room at 1:00 pm.**

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