

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300
Columbia, SC 29201
1:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting
June 2, 2016

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Tim Hofferth, Chair
Ms. Allison Dean Love, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Batson
Mr. Devron Edwards
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Ms. Dianne Kuhl
Mr. Charles Munns (phone)
Mr. Kim Phillips (phone)
Ms. Terrye Seckinger (phone)
Dr. Jennifer Settemyer
Mr. Hood Temple

Commission Members Absent

Dr. Louis Lynn (excused)
Mr. Clark Parker (excused)
Dr. Evans Whitaker

Staff Attending

Mr. Gary Glenn, Interim Executive Director
Mr. Clay Barton
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Camille Brown
Ms. Saundra Carr
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Carrie Eberly
Mr. Kevin Gears
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Anna Grubic
Mr. Gerrick Hampton
Ms. Trena Houp
Ms. Elizabeth Jablonski
Dr. John Lane
Ms. Tanya Martin
Mr. Frank Myers
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Mr. Morgan O'Donnell
Ms. Vickie Pratt
Ms. Beth Rogers
Dr. Erica Von Nessen
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University
Dr. Connie Book, The Citadel (phone)
Mr. Tim Drueke, Winthrop University
Ms. Anne Harvin-Gavin, SC Student Loan
Corporation
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University (phone)
Mr. Rick Kelly, USC Columbia
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges &
Universities
Dr. Michael McGee, Lenoir Rhyne University
Mr. Tom Nelson, Lander University (phone)
Dr. Toni Oakes, Lenoir Rhyne University
Dr. Jeff Priest, USC Aiken
Dr. Darlene Shaw, Medical University of SC (phone)
Dr. Charlie Spell, SC State University

Chairman Hofferth convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Introductions

- Lane Goodwin

Ms. Goodwin announced the names of the guests in attendance as listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Tim Hofferth

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Settemyer), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2016 CHE meeting.

3. Update on April Association of Governing Boards (AGB) Meeting - Allison Dean Love

Vice Chair Love made reference to an AGB draft report which is a summary of their April 16 – 29, 2016 National Conference on Trusteeship, a copy of which may be found in **Attachment I**, which she and Mr. Glenn had attended. She reported that the resounding themes of the conference were related to financial trends, student debt, fiscal accountability, increased costs of higher education, and national and global trends in higher education. She provided highlights of some of the conference sessions, topics of which included: 1) the role of governance; 2) enhancing value in the global education market place; 3) issues to be shaped by the 2016 elections; 4) making sense of the global economy; 5) the next generation of college trustees and boards; 6) an idea exchange on system management; 7) lessons in effective governance; 8) diversity and inclusion on campuses; and 9) current trends in athletics. Vice Chair Love also noted some of key financial metrics discussed at the conference, stating that emphasis was placed on thinking macro and long-term with regard to overlapping strategic plans with long-term financial plans. After Mr. Glenn also provided brief comments about the conference, Vice Chair Love encouraged all commissioners to review the AGB summary document. She also noted the importance of staying continually aware of national trends in higher education while making sure that South Carolina is involved in those trends.

4. Chairman's Report

- Tim Hofferth

Chairman Hofferth reported that he had made some adjustments to the Commission's committee assignments which will become effective in July. He stated that a new ad hoc committee would be formed for the purpose of developing a CHE public agenda, that Vice Chair Love would be acting as chair of that committee, and that he anticipated the length of the committee's work would be approximately two years.

With regard to D & O insurance, Chairman Hofferth clarified that, as a result of conversation with Attorney Butch Bowers, he had been able to determine that the premiums for this purpose should be significantly lower than originally anticipated. He stated further that more specific information on that topic would be forthcoming. Chairman Hofferth also reported that Attorney Amy Hill would be assisting with reorganizing the structure of the SC Higher Education Foundation.

Chairman Hofferth commented on the importance and responsibility of leadership. He stated that the Commission's primary responsibility lies with the families and students of the state to continue to provide opportunities for them to be able to afford an education, and secondly to the taxpayers of SC to make sure that the investment of state money in higher education is done responsibly and with proper vetting.

Chairman Hofferth provided a recap of CHE's work to analyze its unfunded mandates as well as the status of the 2016-17 Budget as it has been developed to date. He also commented on the proviso

regarding the Coastal Carolina University (CCU) Brooks Stadium project which was developed after the project was not approved by the Commission at its May 5, 2016 meeting.

Following the Chairman's comments, Commissioners individually expressed their thoughts. A collective summary of those thoughts is, though both the anticipated 2017 CHE Budget and CCU Brooks Stadium project proviso were a disappointment, CHE should proceed, to the very best of its ability, to advocate for the students and families of South Carolina.

5. Vice Chair's Report

- Allison Dean Love

Vice Chair Love called attention to the CHE Action Item List, a copy of which may be found in **Attachment II**, requesting that Commissioners review it and provide her with any feedback they might have. She expressed her appreciation for having been appointed to work with the CHE Public Agenda ad hoc committee.

Vice Chair Love noted that the deadline to reply to the RFP distributed by the SC Division of Human Resources for search firms to help state agencies was at 11:00 a.m. today and that more information would be forthcoming about this once the firms have been selected and the Executive Director Search Committee can resume its work. In light of the fact that she acts as Chair of that committee, and now also the CHE Public Agenda Ad Hoc Committee, Vice Chair Love made a **motion** to nominate Commissioner Dianne Kuhl to take her place as Vice Chair of the Commission. Her nomination was **seconded** by Commissioner Temple. After Chairman Hofferth expressed his sincere thanks for the exemplary and dedicated work Vice Chair Love, the **motion carried unanimously**.

6. Update on Executive Director Search

- Allison Dean Love

Vice Chair Love expressed thoughts that continued clarity was needed on the mission of the Executive Director Search Committee. Chairman Hofferth stated that clearer direction on this process should become more apparent pending the final outcome of 2016-17 Budget and that continued discussion about this topic will take place.

7. Interim Executive Director's Report

- Gary Glenn

Mr. Glenn combined his Interim Executive Director's report with the Legislative Report. He provided a brief review and highlights of CHE's Agreed-upon Procedures Audit for the period ending June 30, 2015 which may be found at **Attachment III**. Mr. Glenn made reference to and provided highlights about the CHE 2016-17 Budget Priorities document which had been distributed to Commissioners. A copy of this document, which includes budget recommendations from the House, the Senate, and the concluding results from the Conference Committee (as of May 28, 2016) may be found in **Attachment IV**. Mr. Glenn also noted that a copy of the proviso concerning the Coastal Carolina University Brooks Stadium Expansion project was included on the 4th and final page of **Attachment IV**.

In response to Commissioner Love's question about how South Carolina's total higher education budget compares to other neighboring states, Mr. Glenn stated that South Carolina is well below the national average and fairly far down in a per student appropriation perspective compared to the other Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) states. Commissioner Love requested that this kind of data be reviewed and analyzed at the Commission's Strategic Planning Retreat scheduled for August 17-18, 2016.

At the conclusion of his report, Mr. Glenn expressed his appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the CHE staff, many of whom are performing tasks far beyond their call of duty.

8. Legislative Report

- Gary Glenn

As Ms. Carullo was unable to be present for this meeting, Mr. Glenn presented information related to the legislative report as stated earlier in these minutes.

9. Committee Reports

9.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Tim Hofferth

Chairman Hofferth stated there was no report from the Executive Committee.

9.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

- Terrye Seckinger

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consideration of Request for Amendment to License to offer a program Leading to the:

M.S. Occupational Therapy, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, NC, at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and Center for Graduate Studies, Columbia, SC

B. Revised Mission Statement for Lander University

C. Program Modifications for Compliance with the *Read to Succeed Act*

1. South Carolina State University

B.A., Dramatic Arts (Secondary Education)
B.A., English (Secondary Education)
B.A., Social Studies Education
B.S., Art Education K-12
B.S., Business Education
B.S., Biology (Secondary Education)
B.S., Chemistry (Secondary Education)
B.S., Early Childhood Education
B.S., Elementary Education
B.S., Industrial Education (Industrial Technology)
B.S., Mathematics (Secondary Education)
B.S., Middle Level Education (Mathematics/Science, Mathematics/Social Studies)
Mathematics/English, Science/Social Studies, Science/English, Social Studies/English)
B.S., Music Education (Choral/Voice, Choral/Piano, Instrumental)
B.S., Physical Education
B.S., Special Education (LD, EMD, ED)

2. South Carolina State University

M.A.T., Early Childhood Education
M.A.T., Elementary Education
M.A.T., Secondary Education and Teaching (English, Biology, Mathematics)
M.Ed., Counselor Education

D. Revised Policies and Procedures for Academic Degree Program Productivity

Commissioner Seckinger reported that **Agenda Item 9.03A** was presented by the Committee to the full Commission for approval via consent agenda. She provided brief comments about the graduation rates and student debt related to this item, details about which may be found in **Attachment V**. She also commented briefly about **Agenda Items 9.03B, C, and D**, details about which may also be found in **Attachment V**. In response to Commissioner Batson's question about whether it was

anticipated that any of the academic programs would be changing at Lander University in light of their new mission statement, Commissioner Seckinger stated that there were none anticipated. Commissioner Horne also noted that there is a procedure for dealing with those types of potential program changes individually should they come forward.

The **motion** was brought to the table and **carried**.

9.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services - Jennifer Settemyer

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consideration of SC Student Loan Corporation FY 2016-17 Administrative Budget Request: SC Teachers Loan Program

B. SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT) Quarterly Report (For Information, No Action Required)

C. Coordination Between the SC Commission on Higher Education State Approving Agency and Apprenticeship Carolina for Registered Apprenticeship (For Information, No Action Required)

D. An Overview and Data Report on College Goal South Carolina (For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Settemyer reported that **Agenda Item 9.03A** was presented by the Committee to full the Commission for approval via consent agenda. Details about this item as well as about Agenda Items. 9.03 B, C, and D, which were provided for information only, may be found in **Attachment VI**.

The **motion** was brought to the table and **carried**.

Commissioner Settemyer provided brief and very positive comments about all of these agenda items which had been considered at the Committee's meeting on May 5, 2016.

9.04 Report of Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs - Dianne Kuhl

There was no report from the Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs. Commissioner Kuhl stated she anticipated that the committee would next meet during the month of August, 2016.

9.05 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities -Hood Temple

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

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| 1. The Citadel | - | Boat Center Redevelopment |
| 2. Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College | - | Duckett Hall HAC Replacement |
| 3. York Technical College | - | Re-roofing Project, Buildings A-J
and Connecting Corridors |
| | | Library Expansion and Learning
Commons Connection |

B. Other Business (For Information, No Action Required)

1. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for May, 2016

Commissioner Temple stated that Agenda Items **9.05A1, 2 & 3** were presented by the Committee to the full Commission for approval via consent agenda. Details about these items may be found in **Attachment VII**. He stated that one item, The Citadel's Boat Center Redevelopment Project, had been removed from this agenda during the Committee's meeting earlier in the day.

The **motion carried**.

Commissioner Temple reported that the Committee had continued their consideration of the Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP) which was initially reviewed at the Committee's meeting on May 5. He stated that the committee had unanimously requested that the normal 48 hour waiting period be waived to allow the committee to bring the CPIP items forward to the full Commission for consideration at today's meeting.

Commissioner Temple provided a brief review of the CPIP process as well as the Interim Capital Project process for the benefit of those who were not familiar with it. He then requested that the full Commission vote on the Committee's request to waive the 48 hour waiting period rule. This request was then voted on and unanimously **carried**.

Commissioner Temple then reviewed the CPIP projects, details about which may be found in **Attachment VIII**.

On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** was made (Temple) to approve the CPIP items identified under new construction and renovation with the exception of the two items that had been removed. The **motion carried**.

Commissioner Kuhl noted that almost all of the items in the renovation category had something to do with health and safety issues. She commended the institutions for choosing the CPIP process for the items that are most urgent, and the Interim Capital Project process for the items that did not need to be completed as quickly. Mr. Glenn commented that, as a result of cooperative work between CHE and the institutions, 26 new projects, totaling \$143 million had been reduced to 15 new projects totaling \$56.1 million.

Following the completion of the Finance & Facilities agenda items, a **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Settemyer), and **carried** to switch the order of the agenda to consider the Update on Commission Action Items prior to Other Business.

10. Update on Commission Action Items

Dr. Lane enumerated several updates that surfaced during the course of this Commission meeting which will be added to the Commission Action Item List.

Chairman Hofferth then stated that there was no Commission meeting currently scheduled for July. He asked, however, that Commissioners hold July 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. open on their calendars for a phone call meeting should it be determined that a July CHE meeting is needed.

11. Other Business

- A. Executive Session, if needed, to Receive Legal Advice on Active Litigation and/or to Discuss Personnel and/or Contractual Matters**
- B. Public Session: Action on Executive Session Matters, if needed**

A motion was made (Temple), **seconded** (Seckinger), and **carried** for the meeting to go into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice at approximately 3:45 pm.

12. Adjournment of Business Meeting

At approximately 5:10 p.m., a **motion** was made (Batson), **seconded** (Love), and **carried** for the meeting to return to regular session. Immediately following, a **motion** was made (Kuhl), **seconded** (Settemyer), and **carried** to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (VIII)

*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.