

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300

Columbia, SC 29201

1:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting **September 1, 2016**

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Tim Hofferth, Chair
Ms. Dianne Kuhl, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Batson
Mr. Devron Edwards
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne (phone)
Mr. Kenneth Kirkland
Ms. Allison Dean Love
Dr. Louis Lynn
Mr. Charles Munns
Ms. Terrye Seckinger
Dr. Jennifer Settlemeyer
Mr. Hood Temple

Commission Members Absent

Mr. Kim Phillips
Dr. Evans Whitaker

Staff Attending

Mr. Gary Glenn, Interim Executive Director
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Mr. Clay Barton
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Tony Brown
Ms. Sandra Carr
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Carrie Eberly
Mr. Kevin Glears
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Ms. Monica Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Anna Grubic
Mr. Gerrick Hampton
Ms. Sarah Hearn
Ms. Trena Houpp
Ms. Elizabeth Jablonski
Mr. Michael W. Jackson
Ms. Marian Jones
Mr. Rao Korrapati
Dr. John Lane
Mr. Frank Myers Jr.
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Ms. Trudy Norton
Ms. Vickie Pratt
Ms. Tanya Rogers
Ms. Laverne Sanders
Ms. Peggy Simons
Dr. Erica Von Nessen
Ms. Leslie Williams
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University
Mr. Butch Bowers, Attorney
Dr. Ralph Byington, Coastal Carolina University
Mr. Tim Drueke, Winthrop University
Ms. Lil Hayes, House Education & Public Works
Mr. Craig Hess, Midlands Technical College
Mr. Michael Hughes, Department of
Administration
Ms. Debbie Jackson, Clemson University
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges
and Universities
Dr. Jeff Priest, USC Aiken
Mr. Mike Proctor, Midlands Technical College
Mr. William Pruitt, USC Columbia
Ms. Debbie Walker, Midlands Technical College
Ms. Bessie Watson, Inspector General's Office

Chairman Hofferth convened the meeting at 1:03 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

Elizabeth Jablonski

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Tim Hofferth

A **motion** was made (Kuhl), **seconded** (Seckinger), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2016 CHE meeting.

3. Presentation

Karen Woodfaulk

Due to time constraints, the presentation was deferred to a later date.

4. Chairman's Report

Tim Hofferth

After Chairman Hofferth reiterated the importance of working for the families of South Carolina, a **motion** was made (Seckinger), **seconded** (Kuhl), and **carried** to move agenda item 8. Other Business, up for discussion.

8. Other Business

Discussion occurred regarding an August 26, 2016 Post and Courier article which centered around spending by certain members of the MUSC Board of Trustees. Commissioner Kuhl noted that the article was simply a report, not a confirmed truth, and then quoted the mission statement of the MUSC Foundation. Commissioner Temple stated the extreme importance of optics regarding the article and expressed his desire to call on appropriate individuals to look into the matter to either clear MUSC's name or to confirm the reports for the public's sake. Commissioner Kirkland questioned whether the article highlighted an isolated incident or a widespread occurrence.

Following the discussion noted above, a **motion** was made (Kuhl), **seconded** (Temple), and **carried** for the meeting to go into Executive Session for the purpose of addressing legal matters.

The meeting returned to regular session and a **motion** was made (Munns), **seconded** (Lynn), and unanimously **passed by acclamation** to ask the state Inspector General to determine and report to CHE the facts surrounding the allegations. Chairman Hofferth then moved the meeting back to the scheduled agenda.

5. Vice Chair's Report

Dianne Kuhl

Vice Chair Kuhl reviewed CHE's Communication Policy (**Attachment I**) and stated that CHE was in the process of developing a communication strategy. She noted that more press releases would be sent from CHE to the public as a part of revamping communications and that she had a meeting scheduled later in the day with Gary Glenn and a communications firm in Columbia. Commissioner Munns advocated for the continuance of CHE's monthly updates. Discussion on the updates occurred and came to a conclusion when Vice Chair Kuhl confirmed she would discuss monthly updates with the Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs.

6. Interim Executive Director's Report

Gary Glenn

Mr. Glenn informed the Commission that many people approached him after the Working Session to express their satisfaction with the current board's overall level of engagement. He then presented the current Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP) numbers and stated that the growth, the interest, and the level of work in Finance and Facilities was already in place, not forthcoming. Mr. Glenn emphasized his

statement by showing that staff-level vetting reduced the Fiscal Year 2016-17 CPIP Year 1 proposals by \$113 million. To finish his report, Mr. Glenn announced that Morgan O'Donnell, the Assistant Director of Fiscal Affairs, and his wife Robyn welcomed their first child the night prior to the meeting.

7. Committee Reports

7.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Tim Hofferth

The committee had no report. Chairman Hofferth gave Commissioner Love the floor to discuss the Special Ad Hoc Subcommittee for the Public Agenda. It was decided that the subcommittee would be included on all future agendas for committee reports. Commissioner Love informed the body that she had consulted with Dr. Tom Layzell and Dr. Rich Rhoda on the matter and they asked that the public agenda be completed before June 1, 2017. Commissioners Settlemyer, Munns, and Kirkland volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Commissioner Love ended the report by stating that she was waiting for approval to be able to further communicate regarding the creation of the public agenda which would come once Chairman Hofferth looked over the plan in full.

7.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Terrye Seckinger

The committee had no report.

7.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

Jennifer Settlemyer

The committee had no report.

7.04 Report of Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs

Dianne Kuhl

The committee had no report.

7.05 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

Hood Temple

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

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| 1. Medical University of South Carolina | - | Psych Institute Chiller #1 Replacement
Establish Construction Budget |
| 2. Florence-Darlington Technical College | - | Cosmetology Building and Land Acquisition
Final Building and Land Acquisition |
| 3. Midlands Technical College | - | Midlands Industrial Technology Building Expansion &
Welding Lab Upgrade
Establish Project |

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

1. Beginning Budget Report for FY 2016-17
2. ~~Tuition & Required Fees for AY 2016-17 (Based on Fall 2016)~~
3. List of Capital Projects and Leases Processed by Staff for August

Commissioner Temple stated that the three items on the consent agenda for Finance and Facilities (Attachments **II**, **III**, and **IV**, respectfully) did not need to be seconded due to the nature of their presentation to the full board from the committee. The items **passed** unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Temple introduced the draft version of the "dashboard list" (Attachment **V**), which he said Commissioner Kuhl would explain in detail. He then explained that the list would better serve institutions when submitting project requests. Commissioner Kuhl stated that the dashboard list was comprised of ten basic items that universities already had at hand or could easily obtain. She elaborated that the list would allow

comprehensive decisions to be made, and that once the information was provided, the universities did not have to provide it again. She also stated the importance of universities coming to Finance and Facilities meetings when they had an item on the agenda as it allowed questions to easily be answered and enabled the occurrence of helpful dialogue. The drafted dashboard list was then shown to the room and broken down item by item.

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Kuhl), and **passed unanimously** to endorse further investigation into the dashboard concept and to look into gathering the appropriate information from universities by the Committee on Finance and Facilities.

Agenda item 7.05.B.2. (Tuition and Required Fees for AY 2016-17) was redacted from the agenda and CHE's website due to the presence of incorrect data in the report. It was established that the information item would be corrected and placed on a future agenda.

8. Other Business (cont.)

Chairman Hofferth informed the board that a master calendar was in the works that would allow all scheduled CHE events to be viewed at once. He also emphasized the importance of working lunches prior to each CHE meeting and clarified that they are mandatory for the entire board. Chairman Hofferth then ended the business portion of the meeting by informing all in attendance that there would be a press release that afternoon (Attachment VI) regarding the motion passed after Executive Session.

9. End of Business Meeting

A **motion** was made (Seckinger), **seconded** (Kuhl), and **carried** to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah R. Hearn
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (VI)

**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.*