

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300

Columbia, SC 29201

10:30 a.m.

Minutes of the Meeting

April 7, 2016

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Tim Hofferth, Chair
Ms. Allison Dean Love, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Batson
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne (phone)
Ms. Dianne Kuhl
Dr. Louis Lynn
Mr. Charles Munns
Mr. Clark Parker
Ms. Terrye Seckinger
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer
Mr. Hood Temple
Dr. Evans Whitaker (phone)

Commission Members Absent

Mr. Kim Phillips (excused)

Staff Attending

Mr. Gary Glenn, Interim Executive Director
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Mr. Clay Barton
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Saundra Carr
Ms. Elizabeth Caulder
Ms. Carrie Eberly
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Mr. Gerrick Hampton
Ms. Trena Houpp
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
Ms. Tanya Rogers
Ms. Laverne Sanders
Ms. Peggy Simons
Dr. Erica Von Nessen
Ms. Leslie Williams
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Dona Ayers, Capitol Information Affiliates
Dr. Connie Book, The Citadel
Dr. Ralph Byington, Coastal Carolina University
Mr. Tim Drueke, Winthrop University
Dr. Kris Finnigan, University of SC Columbia
Colonel Joseph Garcia, The Citadel
Mr. Walter Goldsmith, The Citadel
Dr. Sedat Gumus, University of Georgia
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University (phone)
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges &
Universities
Dr. Brian McGee, College of Charleston
Dr. Chris Nesmith, University of SC Columbia
Ms. Kimberly Witherspoon, The Citadel

Chairman Hofferth convened the meeting at 11:20 a.m. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Introductions

- Tanya Rogers

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

2. Approval of Minutes

- Tim Hofferth

A **motion** was made (Seckinger), **seconded** (Settlemyer), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016 CHE meeting. A **motion** was made (Seckinger), **seconded** (Kuhl), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2016 CHE meeting.

3. Presentation: Workforce Supply and Demand

Dr. Erica Von Nessen

CHE staff member, Dr. Erica Von Nessen, provided a PowerPoint presentation on a recently completed CHE study and report entitled, *Occupational Outlook for Various Programs of Study – Completion Trends in South Carolina Higher Education, 2009/10 – 2013/14*. Copies of the presentation and the report may be found in **Attachments I and II**, respectively. The report explored the topics of whether South Carolina is producing the right type of students for the jobs of the 21st century, whether students are getting jobs, and whether businesses are having trouble finding qualified people in certain areas. Concluding her remarks, Dr. Von Nessen stated that her report reveals potential areas of shortage, though with the existing systems there are significant challenges in getting to the desired degree detail. She stated further that additional data sharing and collaboration with partner agencies might allow for the development of more complete information with regard to college completion and workforce need projections.

Discussion following Dr. Von Nessen’s report emphasized the importance of sharing this information and using it as a starting point for further exploration and collaboration among education and workforce agencies, businesses, and others in identifying current and future SC needs.

4. Chairman’s Report

- Tim Hofferth

Chairman Hofferth called attention to the document, *SC Commission on Higher Education - Providing Clarity, Best Practice, and Sustainability*, a copy of which had been distributed to each Commissioner. He provided an overview of the document and its various components and explained the process by which it was developed in response to requests made by the House Higher Education and Public Works Committee. Chairman Hofferth referred to the document as a living reference document for CHE’s path forward.

Chairman Hofferth stated that the thorough statutory analysis that took place in the development of this document reveals that \$2.1 million in additional state funding is needed in order for CHE to fully carry out its required mandates. He reported that in CHE’s most recent presentation to the House Higher Education and Public Works Committee, three requests were expressed which help to better promote and enforce clarity of CHE’s work, best practices, and sustainability. Those requests were: 1) validation of CHE as the coordinating body for higher education in South Carolina; 2) \$2.1 million in additional state funding; and 3) regular meetings between CHE and members of the General Assembly to discuss deliverables and desired outcomes with regard to higher education. Chairman Hofferth stated this document will be distributed to members of the General Assembly and other key stakeholders and will also be posted on CHE’s website.

Chairman Hofferth projected two possible CHE scenarios: 1) CHE is granted the request for \$2.1 million in additional funding and will begin the process of executing the responsibilities it has been unable to address because of insufficient resources; and 2) CHE is not granted the requested \$2.1 million which will require that CHE continue its work to clearly identify its unfunded mandates and return those responsibilities to the General Assembly. Concluding his remarks, Chairman Hofferth expressed the significance and urgency of this situation. He strongly encouraged Commissioners to share this information with their respective constituencies.

Commissioners expressed thoughts and concerns in the discussion that followed. The majority of the discussion focused on the Commission moving forward on a collective and unified path with clarity of mission, trust, and confidence while accomplishing its work with excellence and integrity to the best of its capability.

5. Vice Chair's Report

- Allison Dean Love

Chairman Hofferth stated that further work should resume on the CHE public agenda and the CHE Executive Director Search, two key initiatives that fall within the Vice Chair's area of responsibility, once CHE receives more information about the path for its future. Vice Chair Love stated she would be sharing with Commissioners some interesting resources she gets from national higher education organizations. She reported that she and Mr. Gary Glenn would soon be attending the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) national conference in Washington, DC, about which she would also share information upon her return. Vice Chair Love thanked Dr. John Lane for his work to make the CHE Action Item List interactive and requested that Commissioners post and update regularly information about their respective responsibilities. She also provided highlights of some of the items on the Action Item List, a hard copy of which was distributed to Commissioners and may be found in **Attachment III**.

6. Update on Executive Director Search

- Allison Dean Love

Vice Chair Love reported that the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a professional search firm for use by state agencies is still under management review and that it would be between 45 and 60 days before additional information on the selection of a firm will be available.

With regard to Vice Chair Love's upcoming attendance at the national AGB Conference, Commissioner Munns requested updated information about where South Carolina stands with regard to national trends in student enrollment.

7. Interim Executive Director's Report

- Gary Glenn

Ms. Julie Carullo reported for Mr. Glenn who had to depart the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. At her request, Dr. Karen Woodfaulk introduced new CHE staff member, Ms. Elizabeth Jablonsky, who will be working as the External Operations Manager for the GEAR UP program. Ms. Carullo reported that CHE's annual report regarding staffing to the SC Human Affairs Commission had been submitted and notification of affirmative action compliance had been received. Ms. Carullo reported on activity related to a possible change in the state's current uniform grading scale, which is currently a 7-point scale, to a 10-point scale. She stated that this topic would be considered by the SC State Board of Education at its meeting on April 12. She provided information about issues that would arise from this change related to the state's scholarship programs, after which discussion about the impact of this change followed. If the change is implemented, Ms. Carullo stated that grades would begin to be calculated on the 10-point scale in the upcoming academic year. She referenced a fiscal impact

conducted by CHE staff. Based on this impact, implementation of the 10-point scale would cause an anticipated increase in the number of state scholarship awards by approximately 6,000, the state cost of which would be approximately \$14.5 million the first year and an ongoing state cost estimate of approximately \$50 million.

8. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo provided information about upcoming meetings in the House which included the House Education and Public Works Higher Education Subcommittee consideration of (1) H.4833, the higher education governance act bill, on April 14 and (2) H.4795, which would allow high school graduates to defer acceptance of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship for one year. Ms. Carullo also reported that H.4145, which provides for the creation of a coordination council for workforce development, had been referred to the Senate Education Committee. Ms. Carullo reported that the FY 2016-17 budget is expected to be considered by the full Senate Finance Committee during the week of April 11.

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

There was no report from the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing.

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

A. Information Items, No Action Required

1. SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT) FY 2015-16 First Quarter Report

2. 2016-17 Guidelines for Appeal: SC HOPE, LIFE, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Programs

3. College Application Month 2015: Overview and Data Report

4. Notification: Using the Past SAT and the Redesigned (New) SAT for State Scholarship Eligibility

Commissioner Settlemyer reported that the items listed under **Agenda Item 9.03A** were provided for information only. She commented briefly on each of these items, details about which may be found in **Attachment IV**.

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 referred to the list of the key points (organized by topics) found in the Executive Summary portion of the document, *SC Commission on Higher Education - Providing Clarity, Best Practice, and Sustainability*. She distributed to Commissioners the same list organized as talking points for public speaking purposes, a copy of which may be found in **Attachment V**. Commissioner Kuhl reported that work on CHE policy development and CHE division mission statements had been paused

temporarily but would continue when CHE's path forward has been more clearly determined. Commissioner Kuhl also urged Commissioners to take advantage of the news summaries that are emailed to them daily by CHE receptionist, Renee' Lett.

9.05 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

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| 1. Central Carolina Technical College - | CCTC Industrial Technology Building Renovation |
| 2. The Citadel - | Bastin Hall |
| 3. Coastal Carolina University - | Brooks Stadium Addition |

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

1. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for March, 2016
2. FY 2015-16 CHE Quarterly Budget Report

Commissioner Temple stated that **Agenda Items 9.05A 1&2** were presented as a **motion** from the Committee to the full Commission for approval by Consent Agenda. He reported that **Agenda Item 9.05A3** had been removed from the Consent Agenda and tabled at the meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee earlier in the morning. Commissioner Temple provided brief comments about **Agenda Items 9.05A 1&2**, details about which may be found in **Attachment VI**.

The **motion** was then voted on and the motion **unanimously carried**.

Commissioner Temple stated that **Agenda Item 9.05B**, details about which may also be found in **Attachment VI**, was provided for information only.

10. 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

C. Schedule of Commission Meetings

Dianne Kuhl

There was no need for the meeting to go into Executive Session.

Commissioner Batson commented on the recent news that Dr. Jimmie Williamson, President of the SC Technical College System, would be departing South Carolina to become the President for the North Carolina Community College System effective July 1, 2016. Commissioner Batson commented on Dr. Williamson's dynamic leadership in the South Carolina Technical College System. He expressed words of gratitude for Dr. Williamson's outstanding service to the state and urged Commissioners to also express to Dr. Williamson their thanks and appreciation.

On behalf of the Executive Committee and at the request of Chairman Hofferth, Commissioner Kuhl initiated conversation about the topic of changing the schedule and timing of the meetings that typically take place on the day of the CHE meeting. She presented the possibility of changing the order of the day

to provide for a working lunch for Commissioners at 12:00 noon followed by the Commission meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. She stated that the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting would continue to meet in the morning prior to the Commission meeting because it is the only committee allowed to advance items directly to the Commission without a waiting period due to the time sensitivity of the projects it considers. Commissioner Kuhl also stated that this adjustment may require some changes to the scheduling of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing and Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services meetings.

Following brief discussion about possible changes to the order CHE meeting agenda, Chairman Hofferth stated that this timing change would begin with the May 5 CHE meeting. He advised Commissioners to be on the lookout for information about the schedule for the next CHE committee meetings which will be sent to them when it has been determined.

11. Update on Commission Action Items

- Allison Dean Love

At the request of Vice Chair Love, Dr. Lane enumerated several updates, which surfaced during the course of this Commission meeting, to be added to the Commission Action Item List.

Chairman Hofferth then requested that hard copies of the document, *SC Commission on Higher Education - Providing Clarity, Best Practice, and Sustainability*, be distributed to key leaders in the General Assembly and other stakeholders as soon as possible.

12. Adjournment of Business Meeting

As there was no other business to consider, a **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Seckinger), and **carried** to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
Beth B. Rogers
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.