

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300

Columbia, SC 29201

1:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting

May 5, 2016

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Tim Hofferth, Chair

Ms. Allison Dean Love, Vice Chair

Mr. Paul Batson (phone)

Mr. Devron Edwards

Dr. Bettie Rose Horne

Ms. Dianne Kuhl

Dr. Louis Lynn

Mr. Charles Munns

Mr. Clark Parker

Mr. Kim Phillips

Ms. Terrye Seckinger

Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer

Mr. Hood Temple

Dr. Evans Whitaker (phone)

Commission Members Absent

none

Staff Attending

Mr. Gary Glenn, Interim Executive Director

Dr. Argentini Anderson

Mr. Clay Barton

Ms. Laura Belcher

Ms. Julie Carullo

Ms. Carrie Eberly

Mr. Kevin Glears

Ms. Lane Goodwin

Dr. Paula Gregg

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

Ms. Laverne Sanders

Ms. Peggy Simons

Dr. Erica Von Nessen

Ms. Leslie Williams

Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Dr. Amy Allen, University of SC Columbia

Ms. Dona Ayers, Capitol Information Affiliates

Ms. Hope Bass, LaFrance Elementary School

Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University

Dr. Connie Book, The Citadel

Ms. Stacie Bowie, Coastal Carolina University

Dr. Ralph Byington, Coastal Carolina University

Dr. Nancy Carson, Medical University of SC

Dr. David DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University

Ms. Sharon Dublin, Benedict College

Mr. Charlie FitzSimons, University of SC

Columbia

Dr. Kris Finnigan, University of SC Columbia

Dr. Cynthia Gardner, Lander University

Ms. Kenntail Grooms, Benedict College

Ms. Laura Hester, Lander University

Mr. Matt Hogue, Coastal Carolina University

(phone)

Mr. Michael Hughes, Executive Budget Office

Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University (phone)

Ms. Tondaleya Jackson, Benedict College

Dr. Edward Jadallah, Coastal Carolina

University

Dr. Amelia Joseph, The Citadel (phone)

Mr. Mark Kelley, Coastal Carolina University

Dr. Jeremy King, Clemson University

Mr. Tom Lawrence, Tri-County Technical

College

Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges &

Universities

Dr. Lee Lindner, College of Charleston

Dr. Learie Luke, SC State University

Ms. Meredith McClure, Tri-County Technical

College

Ms. Jackye Murphy, Tri-County Technical

College

Mr. Tom Nelson, Lander University

Dr. Chris Nesmith, University of SC Columbia

Ms. Jessie Outen, Benedict College

Ms. Katrina Pitts, Benedict College

Mr. Gary Pope, Coastal Carolina University

Dr. Jeff Priest, University of SC Aiken

Mr. David Roper, Coastal Carolina University

Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System

Dr. Rick Segal, Medical University of SC

Dr. Darlene Shaw, Medical University of SC

Ms. Tiquila Shine, Benedict College

Dr. David Slimmer, Lander University

Ms. Cameron Smothers, Benedict College

Dr. Bonnie Springer, College of Charleston

Ms. Boudre Thomas, Benedict College

Dr. Laura Turner, College of Charleston

Ms. Sonia Vaughn, Benedict College

Dr. Brandi White, Medical University of SC

Ms. Angela Woodard, Benedict College

Dr. Lok Lew Van Yoon, The Citadel (phone)

Mr. Ryan Young, Myrtle Beach Sun News

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

-Argentini Anderson

Dr. Anderson announced the names of the guests in attendance as listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Tim Hofferth

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Love), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2016 CHE meeting.

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Seckinger), and **carried** to amend the meeting's agenda to withdraw **Agenda Item 9.05A** from the Finance and Facilities consent agenda and consider it immediately after the presentation of the Service Learning Awards in order to accommodate the schedule of President David DeCenzo and other representatives of Coastal Carolina University.

3. Presentation of Service Learning Awards

- Dianne Kuhl

Commissioner Kuhl provided a history and overview of CHE's Service Learning Award initiative which recognizes exemplary contributions to service learning efforts of South Carolina colleges and universities and their students. She stated that 14 programs had been nominated this year. The committee's charge was to select 3 for the award: 1 from the public four-year institutions, 1 from the public two-year institutions, and 1 from the independent institutions. She then recognized the individuals who served with her on the panel to select the Service Learning Award winners who were: Mr. Eric Brown, in the Academic Affairs Division of the SC Technical Colleges System; Ms. Dana Yow, Director of Communications and Community Involvement, Education Oversight Committee; Mr. Mike LeFever with the SC Independent Colleges and Universities; Mr. Gerrick Hampton, Student Affairs Division, CHE; and Ms. Trena Houp, Academic Affairs Division, CHE.

After describing each of the winning programs, Commissioner Kuhl congratulated the award winners who were:

1) The College of Charleston: Unified Theatre, a Special Needs Theatre in Partnership with City of Charleston Therapeutic Recreational Services – Dr. Laura Turner, Director; 2) Tri-County Technical College: MENTOR (Meeting Early Needs through Oral Reading) – Ms. Meredith McClure, Director; and 3) Benedict College: B.C. Cares Flood Relief Project – Ms. Tondaleya Jackson, Director. Joining these Directors as they were recognized by the Commission were: Dr. Brian McGee from The College of Charleston; Mr. Tom Lawrence, Ms. Jackie Murphy, and Ms. Hope Bass (LaFrance Elementary School Principal) from Tri-County Technical College; and Ms. Sharon Dublin, Ms. Kenntail Grooms, Ms. Jessie Outen, Ms. Katrina Pitts, Ms. Tiquila Shine, Ms. Boudre Thomas, Ms. Sonia Vaughn, and Ms. Angela Woodward from Benedict College.

Chairman Hofferth then welcomed and recognized new Commissioner, Devron Edwards, and thanked him for his willingness to serve in the Commission's efforts to advocate for and help enhance higher education in South Carolina.

The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of **Agenda Item 9.05A**, the Brooks Stadium Addition project at Coastal Carolina University, details about which may be found in **Attachment I**.

Commissioner Temple began by expressing thanks to President David DeCenzo and the other representatives of Coastal Carolina University for their presence at this meeting. He then provided a review of what had transpired with regard to this project from October of 2015 to the present date. He stated that the project had been on the Finance and Facilities meeting agenda earlier in the day and that the committee had voted to elevate consideration of the project to the Commissioners to give the full Commission the opportunity to hear the responses of Coastal Carolina University's representatives to the concerns that have been raised.

Chairman Hofferth opened the discussion by stating that one of CHE's major responsibilities is acting as the fiduciary agent of state's higher education resources. He thanked Commissioner Temple and all the members of the Committee on Finance and Facilities for their dedicated and conscientious efforts in this regard.

President DeCenzo provided a broad overview of the Brooks Stadium Addition project which is summarized in the following two paragraphs.

President DeCenzo stated that the \$38 million cost of the project had been reduced by eliminating all parts of the stadium expansion that were not absolutely critical for meeting their obligations to state building codes, the NCAA, or the Sunbelt Conference. He reported that the items cut from the project were: the plazas; a reduction in the number of seats to 19,000 from the original 22,000; the boardwalk; the enhanced sound system; the deck slab at the club level, and all kitchen equipment. This reduced the project cost to an amount not to exceed \$29.9 million, a 21% reduction in the total request. President DeCenzo stated that, of that amount, Coastal Carolina was asking to bond no more than \$27.9 million.

President DeCenzo reported that the Coastal Educational Foundation had agreed to back up funding for this project should there be a shortfall in funding from the Coastal Athletic Foundation. He also stated that the Coastal Board voted that morning to authorize the use a portion of Coastal's Institutional Capital Project Funds (ICPF) which currently has approximately \$11 million in unobligated funds. President DeCenzo stated that the plan was to use \$5 million of the excess ICPF money to further reduce the amount of money they would bond.

A lengthy and comprehensive conversation followed during which many detailed questions were asked by Commissioners and financial and project information was provided by Coastal Carolina University officials. During the course of that discussion, several Commissioners expressed concern about the project's costs, the level of detail in Coastal Carolina's answers to their questions, and the amount of private funding and/or the commitment of private funding for this project.

At the conclusion of the discussion, a **motion** was made (Kuhl) and **seconded** (Temple) to deny the Coastal Carolina University Brooks Stadium Addition project at this time.

Following additional discussion, that **motion** was **withdrawn** and a **revised motion** was made (Lynn) and **seconded** (Parker) to approve the Coastal Carolina University Brooks Stadium Addition project as presented.

The **motion** was **denied** with a vote of **nine Commissioners voting in the negative** (Batson, Edwards, Hofferth, Kuhl, Love, Phillips, Seckinger, Settlemeyer, and Temple) and **four Commissioners voting in the affirmative** (Horne, Lynn, Munns, Parker). (Commissioner Whitaker did not vote as he is a non-voting member of the Commission representing the SC independent colleges & universities.)

Chairman Hofferth stated that, upon receipt of new information from Coastal Carolina University, the project could return to CHE for consideration through the normal process.

President DeCenzo requested that CHE provide very specific direction as to the information Commissioners will require for the project to be re-considered. Chairman Hofferth acknowledged that his request was duly noted.

4. Chairman's Report

- Tim Hofferth

Chairman Hofferth reported that, from a funding standpoint, the Senate's version of the budget had provided for an additional \$1.15 million for CHE. He stated that the budget would return to the House for possible revisions during the week of May 16, after which it will proceed to conference committee. Chairman Hofferth also reported that at the June 2, 2016 CHE meeting, he would announce some reassignments to the CHE Committees which will become effective on July 1.

5. Vice Chair's Report

- Allison Dean Love

Commissioner Love reviewed the most recent version of the CHE Action Item List, a copy of which may be found in **Attachment II**. In the interest of time, she deferred until the June CHE meeting her comments about the Association of Governing Board conference she and Mr. Glenn had recently attended in Washington, DC. Commissioner Love stated that work continues on preparation for the Commission's August 17-18 Strategic Planning Retreat as well as on the CHE Master Calendar.

Commissioner Love requested, in the future, the May CHE meeting not occur on the first Thursday of the month due to the number of commencement activities that typically take place around that time at the state's colleges and universities. She also complimented Chairman Hofferth on his comments which appeared recent article in The State newspaper, a copy of which may be found in **Attachment III**.

6. Update on Executive Director Search

- Allison Dean Love

Vice Chair Love reported that she had received word that the Request for Proposal (RFP) is underway for the purpose of enlisting the support of professional search firms for use by state agencies. She stated she would report further on this topic when access to a search firm for the purpose of CHE's Executive Director process becomes available.

7. Interim Executive Director's Report

- Gary Glenn

At Mr. Glenn's request, Dr. John Lane welcomed and introduced CHE's newest staff member, Ms. Anna Grubic, who is working in the licensing area of CHE's Division of Academic Affairs and Licensing. Commissioner Temple then welcomed and introduced Attorney Butch Bowers who has been advising CHE on matters that require legal insight and expertise. Mr. Glenn also welcomed Ms. Grubic, and expressed appreciation for a recent email from Commissioner Seckinger endorsing the hard work and value of the CHE staff.

8. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported that there were four weeks until the end of the legislative session. She referred to a document she had distributed which contained information about CHE's FY 2016-17 budget priorities, details about which may be found in **Attachment IV**. Ms. Carullo briefly reviewed the budget process, stating that the House would receive and consider the Senate's version of the budget during the week of May 16 and that it will likely to go to conference committee shortly thereafter, with an anticipated date of completion of June 2. She invited Commissioners to contact her with any questions they might have with regard to the updates on legislation in process that she regularly distributes to them.

Chairman Hofferth stated that if the \$1.15 million in additional funding for CHE in the Senate's version of the budget is included in the final version, formerly unfunded CHE mandates will be examined and prioritized in an effort to determine how those resources will be appropriated. In response to Commissioner Lynn's request for an update on H. 4833, the Higher Education Governance Act, Ms. Carullo reported that the House Committee on Higher Education and Public Works Higher Education Subcommittee had voted to adjourn debate on the bill. She stated further that, should future consideration of the bill be requested, it would have to be reintroduced in the 2016-17 Legislative Session.

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. Program Proposals

1. The Citadel, B.S., Nursing
2. Coastal Carolina University, M.Ed., Instructional Technology
3. College of Charleston, B.A., A.B., Meteorology
4. Lander University, B.S., Chemistry, with Secondary Education
5. Lander University, B.S., Mass Communications and Media Studies
6. Medical University of South Carolina, B.S., Healthcare Studies
7. University of South Carolina Columbia, M.S., Physician Assistant Studies

B. Program Modifications

1. College of Charleston, B.S., A.B., Physics, Add concentration in Atmospheric Physics
2. College of Charleston, M.Ed., Teaching, Learning and Advocacy, Add four concentrations in Diverse Learners; New Literacies; Science and Mathematics; and Curriculum and Instruction
3. South Carolina State University, M.B.A., Add Healthcare Management concentration at the Lowcountry Graduate Center

C. Center Proposal

- The Citadel, Center for Cyber, Intelligence and Security Studies

D. Role of The Citadel's Board of Visitors in the Program Approval Process

E. Adoption of TransformSC's *Profile of the South Carolina Graduate*

F. Revised *Policies on Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Credit Awards*

G. Revised Guidelines for Teacher Education Competitive Grants:

1. *EIA Centers of (Teacher Education) Excellence* FY 2017-2018
2. *Improving Teacher Quality*, FY 2016-2017

H. Revisions to the *Policies and Procedures for New Academic Programs, Program Modifications, Program Notifications, Program Terminations, and New Centers for SC Public Colleges and Universities Regarding the Approval of Programs Offered by the Technical Colleges*

I. Awards for EIA Centers of (Teacher Education) Excellence Competitive Grants Program, FY 2016-17 (For Information, No Action Required)

J. Report on Program Modifications October 1, 2015 – March 30, 2016 (For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Seckinger stated that **Agenda Items 9.02 A – H** were presented as a **motion** from the Committee to the full Commission for approval via consent agenda. She noted that the program proposal from Coastal Carolina University in Instructional Technology and the program proposal from Lander University in Mass Communications and Media Studies were both results of a deletion of one program and the adding of another. She thanked Dr. John Lane and the staff of Academic Affairs for their hard work in the preparation of these items.

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

Agenda Items 9.02 I and J were presented for information only. In response to Dr. John Lane’s request, Dr. Paula Gregg provided brief comments about **Agenda Item 9.02 I**. Details about **Agenda Items 9.02 A – J** may be found in **Attachment V**.

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

There was no report from the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services.

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

There was no report from the Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs

9.05 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities -Hood Temple

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

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| 1. College of Charleston | - | Avery Envelope Renovation and Mechanical System Replacement |
| 2. Greenville Technical College | - | Greenville – Demolition of Building 602 |
| 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 April, 2016

Commissioner Temple stated that **Agenda Items 9.05A 1&2** were presented as a **motion** from the Committee to the full Commission for approval via consent agenda. He noted that **Agenda Item 9.05A3** had been removed from the consent agenda and considered by the Commission earlier in this meeting. Details about **Agenda Items 9.05 A and Agenda Item B**, which was provided for information, may be found in **Attachment VI**.

The **motion** to approve **Agenda Items 9.05 A1 and A2** was then voted on and **unanimously carried**.

Commissioner Temple commented that the Committee on Finance and Facilities will be carefully reviewing the Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP) for first year items in preparation of considering them when the committee next meets on June 2.

Commissioner Kuhl then commended Ms. Trena Houpp, member of the CHE staff in the Division of Academic Affairs and Licensing, for her excellent leadership and work with the Service Learning Committee.

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

Commissioner Love reported that she had been in touch with and had requested information from educational consultant, Dr. Rich Rhoda, regarding key indicators of financial health of higher education institutions.

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

A motion was made (Temple), **seconded** (Seckinger), and **carried** for the meeting to go into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice on active litigation and/or to discuss personnel or contractual matters.

11. Adjournment of Business Meeting

The meeting returned to regular session, after which it was immediately adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
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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.