

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300

Columbia, SC 29201

12:00 p.m.

***Minutes of the Meeting***

**May 11, 2017**

**Commissioners Attending**

Mr. Tim Hofferth, Chair  
Ms. Dianne Kuhl, Vice Chair  
Mr. Paul Batson  
Mr. Devron Edwards  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne  
Mr. Kenneth Kirkland  
Ms. Allison Dean Love  
Mr. Kim Phillips  
Ms. Terrye Seckinger  
Dr. Evans Whitaker (phone)

**Commission Members Absent**

Dr. Louis Lynn (excused)  
Mr. Charleston Munns (excused)

**Commission Staff Present**

Mr. Jeff Schilz  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Mr. Clay Barton  
Ms. Laura Belcher  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Ms. Carrie Bundrick  
Ms. Sandra Carr  
Ms. Lorinda Copeland  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Ms. Monica Goodwin  
Mr. Gerrick Hampton  
Dr. Falcia Harvey  
Ms. Sarah Hearn  
Ms. Devon Hollimon  
Ms. Trena Houp  
Mr. Michael Jackson  
Dr. John Lane  
Mr. Frank Myers Jr.  
Mr. Edward Patrick  
Ms. Vickie Pratt  
Ms. Laverne Sanders  
Ms. Peggy Simons  
Dr. Kimberly Walker  
Ms. Tanya Weigold  
Ms. Leslie Williams  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests Attending**

Dr. Lynn Cherry, College of Charleston  
Ms. Tracy Cook, Midlands Technical College  
Ms. Katherine Haltiwanger, MUSC  
Ms. Cayce Hendrix, Midlands Technical College  
Mr. Eddie Jackson, Midlands Technical College  
Mr. Rick Kelly, USC Columbia  
Mr. Jay Kispert, Franciscan Marion University  
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges & Universities  
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System  
Ms. Carol Routh, Clemson University  
Dr. Alan Shao, College of Charleston  
Dr. Weishen Wang, College of Charleston  
Dr. Elaine Worzala, College of Charleston  
Ms. Helen Zeigler, USC Columbia

Chairman Hofferth convened the meeting at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

## **1. Introductions**

**Vickie Pratt**

Ms. Pratt introduced the guests in attendance.

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

**Tim Hofferth**

A **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Seckinger), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2017 CHE meeting.

A **motion** was made (Kirkland), **seconded** (Love), and **carried** to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters. No motion resulted from Executive Session.

At 1:00 p.m., the meeting returned to regular business.

## **3. Presentation**

**Service Learning Awards**

The 2017 Service Learning Award was presented to *Camp Catch Your Breath of the Midlands*. Representatives from Midland's Technical College were present to accept the award and provided the Board with a description of the camp, along with their gratitude for receiving the CHE's support and recognition.

## **4. Chairman's Report**

**Tim Hofferth**

Chairman Hofferth acknowledged Commissioners for working tirelessly since the April 6 meeting in a number of different capacities.

## **5. Vice Chair's Report**

**Dianne Kuhl**

The Two-Day Working Session dates were set for August 15-16, 2017 at a location to be determined. Vice Chair Kuhl reminded Commissioners that there would be no CHE meeting in July.

## **6. Interim President and Executive Director's Report**

**Jeff Schilz**

The CHE staff was recognized for the quantity of workers who care about the state and the role they play within the agency. Presidents of all 33 public institutions had received a letter indicating Mr. Schilz' desire to meet with them face-to-face to discuss ways in which the agency can be more responsive to their institutions' needs and to collect dates that would be best to hold a Council of Presidents meeting at the CHE office in mid to late June. Mr. Schilz reported that he had a positive meeting with Chairman White of the House Ways and Means Committee, and that the Chairman conveyed his want for the CHE to focus on academic coordination throughout schools. The topic of academic coordination would be a focus as Mr. Schilz meets with Presidents. Coordination with other state agencies was a key focus for the month of April and will continue to be a main priority throughout the near future. Staff evaluations were in the process of being implemented. Mr. Schilz deferred to Dr. John Lane and Mr. Ed Patrick to recognize the new employees in each of their departments, Dr. Falicia Harvey and Ms. Lisa Collins, respectively. The state budget was mentioned, and it was established that once the operating budget for the CHE was determined, the agency would be able to move forward on numerous fronts.

## **7. Committee Reports**

### **7.01 Report of the Executive Committee**

**Tim Hofferth**

The committee had no report.

### **7.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing**

**Terrye Seckinger**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Program Proposals**

1. College of Charleston, B.S., A.B., Commercial Real Estate Finance
  - a. Executive Summary, Revised Proposal, and Support Documentation
  - b. Responses to Additional Committee Inquiry

Provost McGee and representatives from the College of Charleston were recognized for their work in developing the Commercial Real Estate Finance program, and especially for adding that the program would cover the cost for economically challenged students to take a certification test.

An article regarding African-American students graduating at a higher rate than Caucasian students at three South Carolina institutions was discussed, and USC Aiken, Francis Marion University, and Winthrop University were congratulated for the nationally touted achievement, as their graduation rates were much higher than the national trend (**Attachment I**).

Dr. Lane reviewed the annual CERRA report regarding teacher retention (**Attachment II**). Commissioner Horne expressed the CHE's willingness to help assist with the support of teacher candidates in classrooms at the state's institutions.

The consent agenda, which was brought forward as a motion from the committee and therefore did not require a second, **passed** unanimously.

### **7.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services**

**Paul Batson**

The committee's meeting and informational workshop regarding the SC UGP would both be held on May 23 in the CHE's Main Conference Room. Dr. Woodfaulk would be presenting on changes from the seven point to 10 point grading scale and how the change would affect scholarships and grants going forward. A condensed version of the information covered in the meeting would be presented at the June 1 CHE meeting.

### **7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities**

**Dianne Kuhl**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Interim Capital Projects**

1. Clemson University – Tennis Center Construction  
*Increase Construction Budget*
2. Francis Marion University – Old Post Office  
*Final Land Acquisition*
3. University of South Carolina - Columbia – Classroom/Laboratory Redevelopment (Old Law School Renovation)  
*Increase Construction Budget*
4. University of South Carolina - Columbia – 1800 Gervais Street Property Acquisition  
*Increase Budget*

The committee was nearly completed with the transition into its new model of vetting for capital improvement projects, which required a heavy amount of work in the Division of Finance and Facilities at the CHE. Staff was recognized for their work throughout the transition process.

Consent agenda item 7.04.A.1. was removed, as the committee did not advance the project in its meeting prior to the start of the CHE meeting. Items 7.04.A.2. through 7.04.A.4., which were brought before the Board as a **motion** from the committee and therefore did not require a second, **passed** unanimously.

For staff approvals, it was determined that although the College of Charleston requested permission to increase its budget on a Phase I project, the school had solid justifications for doing so and the overall budget of the project was not altered, therefore the staff approval of the increase was allowed.

#### **7.05 Report of Special Ad Hoc Subcommittee—Boards of Trustees Code of Conduct** **Ken Kirkland**

The subcommittee's meeting was delayed one month due to institutions' commencement ceremonies and scheduling problems that would have arisen with committee members during that period of time. Commissioner Kirkland planned to schedule the meeting within the next month.

#### **7.06 Report of Special Ad Hoc Subcommittee—Public Agenda** **Allison Dean Love**

Commissioner Love explained that although she had informed institutions' presidents that a meeting would be held for them to provide input on the public agenda by late February or early March, there was a worthy reason as to why the meeting had not been scheduled yet. Drs. Layzell and Rhoda are scheduled to visit July 6 and 7, and publication of the Coordinating Council for Workforce Development report was necessary before moving forward. Mr. Schilz asked the subcommittee to allow the CHE's in-house data to be revisited, as well, before moving forward. July was established as the date for a more productive conversation regarding the current standing of the public agenda.

### **8. Other Business**

In the Executive Committee meeting, it was expressed that the Board hoped institutions would provide the CHE with positive information to share at its meetings, instead of expecting Commissioners to contact each school individually.

Commissioner Seckinger reported that she had attended the SmartState Conference in Charleston and that the conference was highly successful and collaborative, and would only prove beneficial to the state. Dr. John Lane, Dr. Argentini Anderson, and Ms. Tanya Rogers were thanked for their hard work in planning the event.

### **9. Public Comment**

There was no public comment provided.

### **10. End of Business Meeting**

A **motion** was made (Kirkland) **seconded** (Kuhl), and **carried** to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sarah R. Hearn*  
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Recording Secretary

### **Attachments (II)**

*\*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.*