

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300

Columbia, SC 29201

12:00 p.m.

***Minutes of the Meeting***  
**February 2, 2017**

**Commissioners Attending**

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

**Commission Members Absent**

Dr. Evans Whitaker

**Commission Staff Present**

Mr. Gary Glenn, Interim Executive Director  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Mr. Clay Barton  
Ms. Laura Belcher  
Ms. Sandra Carr  
Ms. Carrie Eberly  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Ms. Monica Goodwin  
Ms. Anna Grubic  
Mr. Gerrick Hampton  
Ms. Sarah Hearn  
Ms. Trena Houpp  
Ms. Elizabeth Jablonski  
Mr. Michael Jackson  
Ms. Carrie Johnston  
Mr. Rao Korrapati  
Dr. John Lane  
Mr. Rick Moul  
Ms. Yolanda Myers  
Mr. Edward Patrick  
Ms. Vickie Pratt  
Ms. Tanya Rogers  
Ms. Laverne Sanders  
Ms. Peggy Simons  
Dr. Kimberly Walker  
Ms. Leslie Williams  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests Attending**

Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University  
Dr. Tena Crews, USC Columbia  
Mr. Tim Druke, Winthrop University  
Dr. Frederick Evans, SC State University  
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia  
Dr. Cliff Flynn, USC Upstate  
Dr. Ron Gimbal, Clemson University  
Ms. Kayleigh Hall, USC Columbia  
Dr. Chris Kennedy, Francis Marion University  
Dr. Peter King, Francis Marion University  
Dr. Jeremy King, Clemson University  
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges & Universities  
Dr. Jeff Priest, USC Aiken  
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System  
Dr. Jennifer Settlemeyer  
Dr. Darlene Shaw, MUSC  
Dr. Suzanne Thomas, MUSC

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.

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

At 1:18 p.m., the meeting returned to regular business.

## 1. Introductions

**Elizabeth Jablonski**

Ms. Jablonski announced the names of the guests in attendance.

Chairman Hofferth began the meeting with special recognitions. He congratulated President Clements, Coach Swinney, and the Clemson University football team for their National Championship win over The University of Alabama in January. The Citadel Band and Summerall Guards were recognized for their participation in the Presidential Inauguration and Commissioner Love noted that the First Lady's escort was a 2009 Alpha Company graduate.

Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer, who resigned her seat on the Commission effective January 31, 2017 due to the need to focus more time on leading her unit within the South Carolina National Guard was recognized. Chairman Hofferth noted the loss of her insight and background. He then acknowledged that Dr. Settlemyer's devotion to the greater good of South Carolina's higher education system, students, and families would be greatly missed. Dr. Settlemyer took a moment to share kind words with the Commissioners, staff, and guests in attendance regarding her time with the Commission and her plans to resume working with higher education in the future. She stated that she would continue to provide assistance for the NGCAP program and would be around CHE from time-to-time. All in attendance stood to provide a round of applause to celebrate the contributions Dr. Settlemyer made to higher education and her dedication to serving her country.

Dr. Kris Finnigan was then recognized for her many years of service to the state prior to her retirement from the University of South Carolina—Columbia. Commissioner Seckinger thanked Dr. Finnigan for her leadership and guidance, which she manifested in her uniquely kind manner. Dr. Finnigan received flowers from Commissioner Seckinger and a round of applause from all in attendance.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

**Tim Hofferth**

A **motion** was made (Seckinger), **seconded** (Kirkland), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2016 and January 5, 2017 CHE meetings.

## 3. Presentation

**Ed Patrick, CFO**

Mr. Patrick gave a presentation (**Attachment I**) on six of the thirteen indicators of the Financial Indicator Matrix. Specifically, items 1, 3 through 5, 8, and 10, for the purpose of further familiarizing Commissioners with the indicators' meanings, how they could be used to assess trends, and to inform the commissioners on the financial health of an institution.

## 4. Chairman's Report

**Tim Hofferth**

Chairman Hofferth referenced his latest Opinion-Editorial in The State Newspaper (**Attachment II**) and stated that the editorial encompassed all he needed to say in his report.

## 5. Vice Chair's Report

**Dianne Kuhl**

Vice Chair Kuhl discussed bylaw revision suggestions, which were mentioned toward the end of 2016, and stated that although there were no major recommendations made by Commissioners, an in-depth review needed to be conducted in order to ensure all bylaws were up-to-date with current practices. Chairman Hofferth asked Commissioners Kuhl, Seckinger, and Munns to review the bylaws and report proposed changes to the Commission at next month's meeting. When Vice Chair Kuhl opened the floor for any questions regarding the potential changes, Commissioner Batson asked if the bylaws were easily accessible. It was established that the bylaws were on the CHE website and that they would be given to Commissioners again for review.

## 6. Interim Executive Director's Report

**Gary Glenn**

Mr. Glenn deferred to Dr. John Lane for the introduction of CHE's newest staff member, Dr. Regine Rucker, whose experience teaching at the University of Illinois and working in the Chicago Public School District would

serve as an asset to statewide and other P-20 initiatives. Mr. Glenn then announced that Ms. Carrie Eberly had been promoted to Program Manager in the Fiscal Affairs Division, where she would be working with Mr. Ed Patrick and Mr. Morgan O'Donnell on facilities and the Financial Matrix. The position Ms. Eberly formerly held as Scholarship Auditor had been posted. He noted that and the new employee would be reporting to Ms. Eberly to ensure consistency with audit programs along with a smooth transition in positions. Mr. Glenn then announced that, with Dr. Paula Gregg's upcoming retirement, the Program Manager position in Academic Affairs in focusing on Teacher Education and K-12 Coordination had also been posted.

Mr. Glenn informed Commissioners that CHE's second presentation to the House Ways and Means Higher Education Subcommittee was scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, for the purpose of discussing responses to questions the subcommittee posed after the first presentation on January 10. He also informed the commissioners that CHE's presentation to the Senate Finance Committee was scheduled for March 7, at which time the Commission would be allotted twenty minutes to present our FY 2017-18 budget request.

Mr. Glenn stated that he and Dr. Lane would be attending SHEEO's Project Pipeline Summit in Boulder, Colorado February 13 through 15. He noted that South Carolina was one of five states invited to participate and that CHE would be working with Claflin University to identify and support young African-American males who would agree to become teachers in K-12 education.

Mr. Glenn concluded his remarks by sharing that the second meeting of the Coordinating Council for Workforce Development had taken place the morning of the CHE meeting. He stated that he, Ms. Camille Brown, Ms. Erica Von Nessen, and Commissioner Love were present. Mr. Glenn reported that he was excited about the conversation that had been started by the council regarding the sharing of data with other entities within the state through the council.

## **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. Clemson University, Center, Product Lifecycle Management
2. Clemson University, M.S., Biomedical Data Science and Informatics
3. Clemson University, Ph.D., Biomedical Data Science and Informatics (Joint with MUSC) Medical University of South Carolina Ph.D., Biomedical Data Science and Informatics (Joint with Clemson)
4. University of South Carolina Upstate, Bachelor of Applied Science, Advanced Manufacturing Management
5. University of South Carolina Upstate, B.A., Urban and Regional Studies
6. Winthrop University, B.S., Human Development and Family Studies
7. Winthrop University, B.S., Special Education, Multi-Categorical with Severe Disabilities

### **B. Revised Annual Report on Admissions Standards for First-Time Entering Freshmen, Fall 2014**

### **C. Revised Mission Statement for Francis Marion University**

**D. Other Business** *(For Information, No Action Required)*

1. *Annual Report on Academic Common Market, 2016*
2. *Report on Program Modifications, August 31-December 15, 2016*

Commissioner Seckinger described the program proposals brought forward to the Commission noting that the seven proposals were approved through thorough vetting by CHE staff, ACAP, , and CAAL. She encouraged Commissioners to read agenda item 7.02.B, the Revised *Annual Report on Admissions Standards for First-Time Entering Freshmen, Fall 2014 (Attachment III)*. For agenda item 7.02C, the Revised Mission Statement for Francis Marion University, the Commission discussed the motion, an amendment, and a proposed revision. The amendment, “to offer professional degrees at the baccalaureate, master’s and specialist levels, and the professional doctorate in nursing practice, contingent upon approval by the General Assembly, in accordance with 59-103-45(6),” was revised to read, “to offer professional degrees at the baccalaureate, master’s and specialist levels, and a professional doctorate, contingent upon approval by the General Assembly, in accordance with 59-103-45(6).” Commissioner Seckinger, CAAL Chair, noted this substantive change ensures that Commission consideration is required for any potential new programs. The consent agenda, which was brought before the Commission as a motion, passed unanimously.

As information, Commissioner Seckinger stated that there had been discussion regarding dates for the May CAAL meetings for 2017, 2018, and 2019, given that CHE meetings in May had been pushed back to the second Thursday of the month in order to accommodate commencement ceremonies around the state. Through the discussion within CAAL, it was determined that, due to other components and consequences of rescheduling the meetings, the meetings would stay on the same date as previously announced for the next three years.

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

**Paul Batson**

The committee had no report. Chairman Hofferth asked that Mr. Batson, as Vice Chair of the committee, coordinate a vote for the new Chair of the committee at its next meeting. He also reminded Commissioners that whomever becomes the new Chair would become a member of the Executive Committee.

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

**Dianne Kuhl**

Commissioner Kuhl stated that the committee had originally planned to have a meeting the morning of the CHE meeting, but decided to roll the information items to the March agenda due to the absence of consent agenda items. In an effort to be equally as transparent as the Commission expects of other entities, Commissioner Kuhl indicated that one of the items that will be brought forward in March would be a board expense list.. She added that the she and Commissioner Kirkland had met with the Finance Division staff prior to the CHE meeting. Commissioner Kuhl encouraged other committees to do the same with their corresponding divisions on a quarterly basis because it was a positive level of communication beyond the board level.

Commissioner Kuhl concluded by commenting on the transition to the new Financial Evaluation procedure, stating that the committee would be working backwards on a timeline to set deadlines regarding submittal of projects to staff in order to ensure the institutions are aware well in advance. She added that the timelines would be published on the website and would encompass two key components. The first component was Finance material packets that would be sent to Commissioners two weeks prior to the Finance meetings. This would ensure proper vetting ahead of meeting days by Commissioners. The second component was that minutes would be sent to Commissioners within one week of the Finance meeting. This would keep action items on track. Commissioner Kuhl concluded her report by thanking the Finance Division staff for their hard work and late nights they had put in behind the scenes.

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

**Ken Kirkland**

Commissioner Kirkland reported that he had compiled an excellent group consisting of presidents, boards of trustees members, business leaders, and Commissioners, and he asked that each person respond with their availability to serve on the subcommittee. He hoped to have the subcommittee in place by next Friday and to set a firm meeting date and time within the next two weeks. He stated that although there are thirty-three

institutions, he believed the subcommittee would have the opportunity to present institutions with practices that are expected, accepted, and could be implemented. He intended to bring a strong plan of action before the Commission at the March meeting.

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

**Allison Dean Love**

Commissioner Love reported that she, along with Dr. John Lane and Dr. Tina Anderson, met with Rep. Rita Allison and Rep. Bill Taylor on January 11 to brief them on the public agenda.

She had also spoken to Stephen Cox, Education & Workforce Development Committee Chairman of the SC Chamber of Commerce, about the committee's 2025 higher education goals. Two of their goals are to have a 10% yearly increase in Technical College issued certificates and credentials in areas that support SC's workforce sector strategies, and for SC to exceed the national average for awarding 2 and 4 college degrees in disciplines that support SC's workforce sector strategies. The Chamber of Commerce welcomed CHE's comments regarding their goals and Commissioner Love looked forward to keeping the lines of communication open with the Chamber and the business community.

She added that she had attended the Coordinating Council for Workforce Development (CCWD) meeting prior to the CHE meeting. During that meeting, the importance of workforce to economic development, data sharing, and workforce cataloging were discussed and that the next CCWD meeting would be in May.

Commissioner Love reported that Dr. Tom Layzell and Dr. Rich Rhoda were continuing their work on the public agenda. A future meeting was anticipated to be built around the SC Department of Employment and Workforce, SC Department of Education, SC Chamber of Commerce, and others to provide comments on the higher education agenda.

## **8. Other Business**

For other business, Commissioner Love reported that Lander University's freshman enrollment was expected to increase to one thousand incoming freshmen in Fall of 2017. She also stated that the College of Charleston was set to debut a new residential bridge program in conjunction with Trident Technical College beginning Fall 2017, and that CofC had seen record enrollment for minority students.

The Commission recognized the achievement of Gen. John Rosa, President of the Citadel, for being selected to receive the Chief Executive Leader award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), which would be presented to him at a ceremony in Nashville, Tennessee on February 7.

Commissioner Lynn asked Dr. Lane to convey thanks on his behalf to the Commission for its support during his family's bereavement. Dr. Lane attended the celebration of Commissioner Lynn's father and stated that it was a wonderful service.

## **9. End of Business Meeting**

A **motion** was made (Phillips), **seconded** (Kirkland), and **carried** to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sarah R. Hearn*  
Sarah R. Hearn  
Recording Secretary

## **Attachments (III)**

*\*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.*