# Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Meeting July 23, 2019

#### In attendance:

## **Executive Committee Members Present**

Mr. R. Wes Hayes, Chair (phone) Mr. Paul Batson (phone)

Mr. Charles Dalton (phone)

Ms. Terrye Seckinger (phone)

## **Executive Committee Members Absent**

Mr. Charles Munns, Vice Chair

# **CHE Staff Present**

Dr. Rusty Monhollon, President & Executive

Director

Ms. Laura Belcher, Operations Director

Dr. John Lane, Director of Academic Affairs

Mr. Andrew Roof, Administrative Coordinator

Mr. Georges Tippens, Program Manager

Mr. Bryce Wilson, Director of Fiscal Affairs

Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Affairs

Chair Hayes convened the meeting at 10:01 a.m. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

## **1. Approval of Minutes** (April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, and May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

Wes Hayes

Commissioner Seckinger motioned to amend the minutes of the Executive Committee's May 28th meeting, correcting that Coastal Carolina University withdrew it religious studies program proposal and never sought a specially called meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing. Commissioner Dalton seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as amended.

As no quorum was present at the May 28<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting, Commissioner Dalton motioned, and Commissioner Seckinger seconded, to approve the minutes of the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## 2. Review of the August 1st, 2019, CHE Draft Meeting Agenda

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes welcomed Dr. Monhollon and introduced discussion of the proposed agenda for the upcoming Commission meeting on August 1st.

Commissioner Seckinger stated the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing would have no report.

Commissioner Batson stated the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Service's report would be presented by Vice Chair Munns, who presided over the Committee's previous meeting in his absence.

Commissioner Dalton stated the Committee on Finance & Facilities' report would be typical, and no project proposal was anticipated to generate lengthy discussion.

Chair Hayes asked which Committees would meet the morning of August 1st. Mr. Roof answered that the Committee on Finance and Facilities was the only Committee scheduled to meet that morning. Commissioner Dalton, adding that his Committee would need no more than an hour to meet, offered to begin his meeting at 11 a.m. Chair Hayes consented. Commissioner Batson mentioned that the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services needed to meet after the Commission meeting.

Chair Hayes asked Dr. Monhollon if he was aware of anything for discussion during the Commission meeting that would prove to be controversial. Dr. Monhollon replied that he anticipated nothing of the sort.

Chair Hayes transitioned the meeting to a discussion of the agenda for the strategic planning session, which was scheduled to begin the day before the Commission meeting on Wednesday, July 31st. Commissioner Batson proposed that dinner be set as the last event on Wednesday's program and for the session to resume business the following morning at 9 a.m. The other Commissioners agreed with his suggestion.

Chair Hayes requested Dr. Monhollon and other senior staff walk the Committee through the strategic planning session's agenda. Dr. Monhollon complied and especially emphasized the Commission's need to review the Public Agenda. Commissioner Seckinger agreed that the Public Agenda needs to be addressed, and she added that the Commission should also review the agency's Statistical Abstract. Chair Hayes asked Dr. Monhollon to incorporate a review of the Abstract into the agenda.

Lastly, Commissioner Seckinger suggested the Executive Committee welcome Gen. Robert Caslen (ret.) and congratulate him on becoming President of the University of South Carolina. Chair Hayes agreed and further suggested the full Commission welcome and congratulate Mr. Caslen.

#### 3. Other Business

There was no other business.

## 4. Adjournment

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.