

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

Finance and Facilities Committee Board Meeting

December 2, 2021

DRAFT MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & FACILITIES
NOVEMBER 4, 2021
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Committee Members

Ms. Linda Dolny, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Batson
Mr. Edgar Dyer
Mr. Patrick White

Staff

Dr. Rusty Monhollon
Mr. Georges Tippens
Mr. James Vant
Mr. Bryce Wilson

Excused Absence

Mr. Charles Dalton, Chair

Guests

Glenn Easterby
Carol Routh
Beth Bell
David Watson
Michael Turner
Paul Patrick
Cam Reagin
James Grigg
Justin Oates
Michael Hughes

The Citadel
Clemson University
Clemson University
Clemson University
College of Charleston
College of Charleston
University of South Carolina Aiken
Winthrop University
Winthrop University
Department of Administration

For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the public as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Dolny, who was filling in for Chair Dalton, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and noted the establishment of a quorum of committee members.

2. Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Dolny called for the approval of the minutes from the September 2nd meeting, which was moved, seconded, and approved.

3. Chair's Report

Vice Chair Dolny welcomed everyone in attendance and reminded everyone that while this meeting is light, the December meeting would have over 13 projects. She then proceeded to go into the projects to be presented.

4. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals

The following projects were presented for consideration:

- A. College of Charleston
 - i. Craig Residence Hall 2022 Renovation
 - Establish Project (Phase I)

The College of Charleston sought a recommendation from the Committee on Finance and Facilities to begin the Phase I design stage of a project that will renovate the exterior and interior of Craig Hall. According to the college, the project would help keep affordable housing for students because the renovations would allow Craig Hall to function as a tier 1 hall. The college stated that the housing revenue will fully fund this project and will not require any debt. Commissioners wanted to know about any displaced students. College of Charleston staff stated that they will be working to identify off-campus housing alternatives.

Commissioner Batson – Moved to Approve
Commissioner White – Seconded

- B. Winthrop University
 - i. Demolition for Richardson Hall
 - Establish Project (Phase I)

Winthrop University sought a recommendation from the Committee on Finance and Facilities to begin Phase I of a project to demolish Richardson Hall. Winthrop stated that this project is a part of the institution's master planning process. Commissioners asked about the displaced students that this project would affect. The university responded that the university's enrollment is currently down, therefore they will be able to accommodate students in other residence halls on campus. The university stated that if capacity becomes an issue then the school will suspend its sophomore on-campus living requirement.

Commissioner White – Moved to Approve
Commissioner Dyer – Seconded

5. Other Business

- A. Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals
James Vant gave an overview of the projects staff approved by staff during September and October of 2021 as an informational item.
- B. Mr. Tippens explained that Proviso 117.153 of the 2021-22 Appropriations Act raised the definitional threshold of permanent improvement projects by public higher education institutions. He explained that the threshold was increased from \$1 million to \$5 million for research institutions and from \$1 million to \$2 million for teaching and technical institutions. Mr. Tippens presented projects submitted by institutions that were above the previous threshold but below the new thresholds(s) as required by Proviso 117.153 of the 2021-22 Appropriations Act.

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- C. Mr. Wilson provided an update on the Commission's budget progress through the first quarter of fiscal year 2022.
- D. Other Business
Commissioner Dyer asked Mr. Tippens for a summary of the Tuition Task Force's initial meeting held earlier in the week. Mr. Tippens explained how the universities are working together to develop a centralized and uniform document for institutions to use to properly breakdown how tuition is distributed throughout and what is used for expenses by institutions. Commissioner Batson added that the task force discussed broadening the scope of revenue to include all revenue not just tuition revenue.

Adjournment

Being no other business before the Committee, Vice Chair Dolny adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

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