



Meeting Minutes
Advisory Committee on Academic Programs
November 10, 2022

Attendees

Ms. Trena Houpp, University of South Carolina
Dr. Karin Roof, The Citadel
Dr. Martha Moriarty, University of South Carolina Beaufort
Dr. Darren Timmons, University of South Carolina Aiken
Ms. Allison Steadman, Francis Marion University
Dr. William Carswell, Francis Marion University
Dr. Courtney Clayton, Francis Marion University
Dr. Peter Judge, Winthrop University
Dr. Sally Selden, The Citadel
Dr. Pam Steinke, University of South Carolina Upstate
Dr. Jacketta Cobbs, Medical University of South Carolina
Dr. Jeremy King, Clemson University
Dr. Suzanne Thomas, Medical University of South Carolina
Ms. Tanya Boone, University of South Carolina Upstate
Dr. Peter King, Francis Marion University
Mr. Clay Barton, South Carolina Department of Education
Mr. James Ritter, South Carolina Department of Education
Dr. Rosline Sumpter, SC Technical College
Ms. Suzanne McGurk, College Board
Dr. Eric Skipper, University of South Carolina Beaufort
Dr. Teresa Burns, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. James Colbert, Lander University
Dr. Mark Del Mastro, College of Charleston
Dr. Rob Essaf, Clemson University
Ms. Mary Hipp, South Carolina Department of Education
Mr. David Donaldson, National Center for Grow Your Own

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Mariam Dittmann	Ms. Kenita Pitts-Howard
Dr. Corey Gheesling	Ms. Leslie Williams
Dr. Lishu Yin	Mr. Rick Moul, PASCAL

All Attended either In-Person or via Zoom

1. **Welcome**

Dr. Mariam Dittmann took attendance and established that a quorum was present.

2. **Presentations**

a. **PASCAL**

Mr. Rick Moul, Executive Director for PASCAL provided a presentation entitled Building a Partnership for Affordable Learning.

b. **College Board Presentation**

Ms. Suzanne McGurk from College Board discussed two new AP course experiences. These two new courses are AP Pre-Calculus (beginning in school year 2023-24) and AP African American Studies (currently being piloted across the country and in one high school in South Carolina, Ridgeview High School in Richland 2).

c. **Grow Your Own Grant Program**

Ms. Mary Hipp with the South Carolina Department of Education introduced David Donaldson with the National Center for Grow Your Own regarding the Departments decision to partner with the program.

Mr. David Donaldson presented on the National Center for Grow Your Own, which is a grant opportunity for teachers, that works to eliminate financial barriers and allows districts to use descretion to select candidates to be able to earn their degree in certification areas that meet vacancy needs of the district while working with institutions of higher education to support those candidates.

3. **Professional Doctorate University Status Update**

Dr. Dittmann noted that there were two changes to approve: the formatting for policy and one change proposed to the policy. Discussion was had by the group. Hearing no questions, Dr. Dittmann asked for a vote. **Item passed with no objection.**

4. **New Program Proposals**

Francis Marion University presented four new program proposals: M.Ed., Montessori Elementary Education; MAT, Elementary Education with Add-On in Montessori; M.Ed., Montessori Early Childhood Education; and MAT, Early Childhood with Add-On in Monessori. Discussion was had by the group regarding the new program proposals. Hearing no questions, Dr. Dittmann asked for a vote. **Item passed with no objection.**

Lander University presented one new program proposal: B.S., Fitness and Wellness. Discussion was had by the group regarding the new program proposal. Hearing no questions, Dr. Dittmann asked for a vote. **Item passed with no objection.**

The Medical University of South Carolina presented one new program proposal: M.P.H. Generalist. Discussion was had by the group regarding the new program proposals. Hearing no questions, Dr. Dittmann asked for a vote. **Item passed with no objection.**

5. **New Center Proposal**

The University of South Carolina Upstate presented the proposal for the Center for Justice and Society. Hearing no questions, Dr. Dittmann asked for a vote. **Item passed with no objection.**

6. Program Modification

Lander University presented one program modification: B.A., English, Creative Writing. Hearing no questions, Dr. Dittmann asked for a vote. **Item passed with no objection.**

University of South Carolina Columbia presented three program modifications for adding concentrations. Hearing no questions, Dr. Dittmann asked for a vote. **Item passed with no objection.**

University of South Carolina, School of Medicine Greenville presented three program modifications. Hearing no questions, Dr. Dittmann asked for a vote. **Item passed with no objection.**

7. Consideration of Professional Doctorate Univeristy

The Coastal Carolina University requests to reclassify to be a Professional Doctorate University. Discussion was had by the group noting that we are approving this contingent upon approval of the policy. Hearing no questions, Dr. Dittmann asked for a vote. **Item passed with no objection.**

8. Other Business

Our next ACAP meeting is March 23, 2023. Dr. Dittmann noted that we need to look at the meeting cycle schedule and see what we can do to shift things.

Coastal Carolina asked a question regarding the REACH Act policies and procedures. Dr. Dittmann will send out the official REACH Act policy that has been reviewed and approved by CAAL, and will go to the Commission to be formally approved. The report from the CHE's findings will then be submitted to the Legislature.

The Medical University of South Carolina inquired about new program proposal process. Dr. Dittmann noted that CHE will be looking at the approval process overall and hoping to streamline the process.

9. Adjournment

Dr. Dittmann asked for a motion to adjourne, motioned second. Meeting adjourned.