



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education
Executive Committee Meeting
July 26, 2022
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Executive Committee Members Present

Mr. R. Wes Hayes, Chair
Mr. Ben Satcher, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Batson
Mr. Charles Dalton
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne

CHE Staff Present

Dr. Rusty Monhollon, President & Executive Director
Ms. Laura Belcher, Operations Manager
Dr. Mariam Dittmann, Director of Academic Affairs
and Licensing
Ms. Monica Goodwin, Director of Data-Research &
IT
Ms. Shakara Smith, Executive Assistant
Mr. Georges Tippens, Deputy Director & General
Counsel
Ms. Bunnie Ward, Director of Governmental Affairs
& Communications
Mr. Bryce Wilson, Director of Fiscal Affairs
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Affairs

Chair Hayes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Approval of Minutes May 24, 2022

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2022, Executive Committee meeting. Commissioner Horne motioned and Commissioner Satcher seconded to approve the minutes. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Updated REACH Act Compliance Process

Chair Hayes called on Dr. Dittmann to provide an update on the new REACH Act Compliance Process. Dr. Dittmann reported that in collaboration with institutions of higher education a more efficient process for collecting syllabi relevant to the REACH Act mandate has been created. She explained that under the new process, institutions have been tasked with developing their own internal process by which they will comply with REACH Act requirements, as well as certify that their course syllabi are compliant. Dr. Dittmann said that the identified process would then be submitted to the CHE and that each institution would also submit a letter of compliance each June to include a list of compliant courses. She said that the CHE will review 10 percent of the courses submitted from each institution to determine whether REACH Act requirements had been met. Dr. Dittmann said that if there are any noncompliant courses found, the CHE



will work with the institution to identify a plan to address the discrepancy and require the institution to submit all of their syllabi from the prior academic year. She continued that once compliance is met, the institution would return to the normal audit process. Dr. Dittmann stated that all new faculty would be required to submit all of their course syllabi from the prior academic year. Commissioner Horne motioned to accept the updated REACH Act process as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Batson. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the policy was approved unanimously.

3. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Taiwan Update

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to provide an update on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Taiwan. President Monhollon explained that Taiwan would like to establish a MOU with the CHE to collaborate in initiatives related to higher education. He said that both houses of the General Assembly passed a resolution supporting Taiwan and encouraged a closer connection with the nation. President Monhollon said that South Carolina has supported Taiwan through a Sister State agreement, and Taiwan has also collaborated similarly with other states. President Monhollon explained that the MOU is mostly a symbolic gesture and does not obligate the CHE to any specific action. Commissioner Satcher motioned, and Commissioner Horne seconded, to authorize President Monhollon to enter into an agreement with the Taiwanese government. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Consideration of SC Institutes of Innovation and Information Articles of Incorporation (SCIII)

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to provide an update on the SC Institutes of Innovation and Information Articles of Incorporation. President Monhollon explained that the SCIII is a consortium of historically black colleges and universities. He reported that each of the seven institutions have established an Institute of Innovation on their campus and the General Assembly in FY 2022 appropriated \$18 million for the development of SCIII, with additional funds provided for FY 2023. President Monhollon said that the CHE has been mandated by Proviso 11.21 to provide administrative services, oversight, consulting, technical assistance, and other services in support of SCIII, as well as, to establish a unique foundation to receive private donations on behalf of the program. He said that \$700,000 was appropriated to the CHE for the mentioned services. Each Institute would be required to submit a report yearly in March to the CHE detailing final expenditures, remaining funds, goals, and measures that demonstrate success in meeting goals, explained President Monhollon.

President Monhollon recommended that the CHE establish a relationship similar to that of PASCAL and described the process; incorporate the SCIII as an entity, separate in governance from the CHE; select an advisory committee, which will select an executive director to manage the work of SCIII; and the CHE will sign a MOU detailing the CHE's responsibilities, compensation, and other administrative factors. President Monhollon said that he plans to establish a position within the CHE that will serve as the liaison to SCIII, as well as provide support. Commissioner Satcher motioned to authorize President Monhollon to establish a formal governing structure that would allow the CHE to provide accountability and administrative support to SCIII, which Commissioner Horne seconded. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the motion was passed unanimously.

5. Review of the August 5, 2022, CHE Draft Meeting Agenda

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to summarize his upcoming President's report. President Monhollon stated that his report will be brief and would be based on response received from the SC Department of Administration regarding administrative matters.

Chair Hayes called on Ms. Ward to summarize her report. Ms. Ward stated that her report will include an update on the upcoming legislative agenda. She described plans to meet with other governmental relations colleagues at other institutions to establish preliminary items that CHE would like to include in the budget, regulations, or legislation for the upcoming two-year session.

Ms. Ward said that she and Dr. Woodfaulk are working on a few items related to the National Guard to move from proviso to statute. She said that CHE will also have a few budget requests; staff support for the implementation of the Educator Preparation Report Card. Ms. Ward will also provide an update on the nursing initiative.

The Committee Chairs reviewed their committee reports for the CHE meeting.

Chair Hayes said that there would be three items for action during the report from the Executive Committee.

FOR ACTION

- A. Updated REACH Act Compliance Process
- B. SC Institutes of Innovation and Information Articles of Incorporation
- C. Memorandum of Understanding with Taiwan

Commissioner Horne reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing would not have a report.

Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services would have one item for action, and two items for information only.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers
 - a. Quarterly Report
 - b. SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT) FY 2022-23 EIA Allocation

FOR INFORMATION

- B. SC State Approving Agency Annual Report (For information, no action)
- C. Tucker Hipps Report (For information, no action)

Commissioner Dalton reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities will meet prior to the CHE Business meeting to consider seven permanent improvements projects, with one project removed by College of Charleston and two items for information.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals
 - 1. The Citadel
 - a. Fire Pump and Water Tank Replacement – Establish Project – CPIP (Phase I)
 - 2. Clemson University
 - a. Chiller Plants Expansions and Upgrades – Establish Project – CPIP (Phase I)
 - b. Green Tiger I Guaranteed Energy Savings Project – Increase Budget (Phase II)
 - 3. College of Charleston
 - a. Silcox PE and Health Center Envelope Repair and First Floor Renovation – Increase Budget (Phase II)
 - 4. Horry-Georgetown Technical College
 - a. Renovation/Expansion of Grand Strand Building 100

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Establish Project – CPIP (Phase I) 5. Medical University of South Carolina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Basic Science Building Air Handler Unit #3 Replacement <p>CONSENT AGENDA CONTINUED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Revise Scope, Change Project Name (Phase II) 6. University of South Carolina - Columbia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1114 Pickens Street Land & Building Acquisition
<p>FOR INFORMATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals during June and July C. CHE Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Report

Ms. Belcher reported that the SC Ethics Commission will provide a presentation overviewing the yearly economic report that Commissioners complete as well as answer any questions.

6. Other Business

President Monhollon announced three items to be addressed during the September CHE Meeting: 2023 Committee reassignments; election of a vice chair of the CHE; and the annual review of the CHE Bylaws. President Monhollon requested that Chair Hayes mention these three items during the August meeting and authorize someone from the Executive Committee to review the Bylaws.

President Monhollon provided an update on two meetings with a small group of presidents related to Need-based Grants. He said that the group discussed several options revising the allocation formula to include changing the calculation for part-time recipients from one-third to one-half and considered using a straight percentage of Pell grant recipients for new funding above \$60 million, but this was not a viable option. President Monhollon said that he will provide a report to the Committee on Access & Equity including recommendations for consideration.

7. Executive Session

Commissioner Batson motioned, and Commissioner Horne seconded, for the Executive Committee to go in Executive Session to discuss administrative issues. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the Executive Committee went into executive session. Chair Hayes said that no action was taken in executive session once Commissioners returned.

8. Adjourn

The Executive Committee adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.