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Meeting Minutes
Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL)
July 18, 2024

Members Present

Commissioner Eddie Dyer, Chair
Commissioner Terrye Seckinger, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bettie Rose Horne
Commissioner Doug Snyder
Commissioner Gene Fant

Members Excused

Commissioner Jenni Bryson

Commission Staff Present

Dr. L. Jeffrey Perez
Dr. Jessica Berry
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Dr. Melissa Price
Ms. Diane McCree
Mr. Darnell Holland
Mr. Matthew Hartenstein
Ms. Endé Clark
Mrs. Shakara Smith
Ms. Tracy Solet
Mr. Christopher Glenn

Guests

Michael Nichols, Bluefield University
William Craver, Charleston School of Law
Larry Cunningham, Charleston School of Law
Catherine Scott, Coastal Carolina University
Mark Mitchell, Coastal Carolina University
Teresa Burns, Coastal Carolina University
Rob Salvino, Coastal Carolina University
Erika Small, Coastal Carolina University
Gibbs Knotts, Coastal Carolina University
Mark del Mastro, College of Charleston
Bert Schewel, College of Charleston
Brooke Whitworth, Clemson University
Dr. Jody Nicholson, Clemson University
C.C. Bates, Clemson University
Rob Essaf, Clemson University
Jeremy King, Clemson University
David Peyton, Clemson University
Will Carswell, Francis Marion University
Dillon Tatum, Francis Marion University
Allison Steadman, Francis Marion University
Jessica Doucet, Francis Marion University
Suzanne Thomas, MUSC
Jacki Walsh, SC Department of Education
Rosline Sumpter, SC Technical College System
Kim Burkett, SC Technical College System
Deana Hopper, South University
Steve Yoho, South University
Joelle Neulander, The Citadel
Sally Selden, The Citadel
Brian Jones, The Citadel
Karin Roof, The Citadel
Trena Houpp, University of South Carolina
Phil Bridgmon, USC Aiken
Brian Mallory, USC Beaufort
Eric Skipper, USC Beaufort
Walter Collins, USC Palmetto College
Amanda Karls, USC Upstate
Bettie Parsons Barger, Winthrop University
P.N. Saksena, Winthrop University
Adriana Cordis, Winthrop University
Tracy Patterson, Winthrop University
Sebastian van Delden, Winthrop University

All attended either in-person or via Zoom

1. Welcome, Introduction, Quorum

Chair Dyer convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Mrs. Smith confirmed the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and established a quorum.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair Dyer asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Seckinger motioned and Commissioner Horne seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chair Dyer called for a motion to approve the May 9 and May 15, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Horne motioned and Commissioner Seckinger seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed.

4. Welcome of Dr. L. Jeffery Perez

Chair Dyer extended a welcome to Dr. Perez.

5. Motion to Amend Agenda

Chair Dyer made a motion to amend the agenda to allow item 5.a. forward. Commissioner Horne seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed.

6. New License Proposal

A. Charleston School of Law, Charleston, Consideration of Request for Initial Application (Change of Ownership)

Chair Dyer called on a representative from the institution to summarize item 5.a. Commissioner Seckinger asked, and the institution confirmed, it is a name change only and the program will not change. Due to the change in ownership, a new license is required. Commissioner Horne asked if there is room for growth, to which the institution explained enrollment is limited. Commissioner Seckinger inquired how many students have graduated and if there is any data on how many remain in the state after graduation, to which the institution responded seventy-six percent of the graduates are from outside of the state and approximately fifty to sixty percent of the graduates remain in South Carolina. Commissioner Seckinger motioned the program be approved by CAAL and Commissioner Horne seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

7. New Program Proposals

A. Clemson University, Ed.S. Teaching and Learning

Chair Dyer called on a representative from the institution to summarize item 4.a. Commissioners Horne and Fant expressed support for the program. Commissioner Seckinger expressed concern regarding a specific course regarding equity and identity, to which the institution explained these are requirements for accreditation and for national board certification. Commissioner Horne motioned the program be approved by CAAL and Commissioner Seckinger seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Clemson University, M.S. Sports Business Analytics
Chair Dyer called on a representative from the institution to summarize item 4.b. Commissioners Horne and Seckinger expressed support of the program. Commissioner Seckinger motioned the program be approved by CAAL and Commissioner Horne seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- C. Clemson University, Ph.D. Health Psychology
Chair Dyer called on a representative from the institution to summarize item 4.c. Chair Dyer asked if the degree will lead to licensure and the institution explained it will not lead to licensure as the graduates will not be counselors but will be research scientists. Chair Dyer asked if a portion of the program will focus on underserved populations, to which the institution explained there will be a focus on health disparities and rural health. Commissioners Horne and Seckinger expressed support of the program. Commissioner Seckinger asked for and received information on the marketing of the program. Commissioner Horne motioned the program be approved by CAAL and Commissioner Seckinger seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- D. Coastal Carolina University, M.Ed. Counseling
Chair Dyer called on a representative from the institution to summarize item 4.d. Commissioner Seckinger inquired if the program was specific to K-12 schools, to which the institution explained the two tracks: K-12 and private settings. Commissioner Seckinger indicated the program may want to consider college institutions as well. Commissioner Horne motioned the program be approved by CAAL and Commissioner Seckinger seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- E. Coastal Carolina University, B.S.B.A. Commercial and Investment Real Estate
Chair Dyer called on a representative from the institution to summarize item 4.e. Commissioner Seckinger inquired if the degree will include a Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) designation or if it will be an additional cost for the student. The institution explained it currently has a minor and a MBA concentration in commercial investment real estate and it offers two of the four courses required for a CCIM through its MBA program. Commissioner Seckinger suggested offering three of the courses and the fourth, which is only offered by CCIM, at a discounted rate. The institution agreed to look into it further. Commissioner Horne motioned the program be approved by CAAL and Commissioner Seckinger seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- F. Francis Marion University, B.S./B.A. Criminal Justice with tracks: (1) Crime and Criminal Behavior, (2) Criminal Justice Administration, and (3) Law, Justice, and Institutions
Chair Dyer called on a representative from the institution to summarize item 4.f. Chair Dyer asked if this program was driven by the local police department, to which the institution responded yes, as well as by county and local municipalities. Commissioner Seckinger suggested offering a psychology course to help students understand the underlying issues at play, and to have students visit the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. The institution indicated it will apprise the psychology department of the suggestions. Commissioners Seckinger and Horne expressed support of the

program. Commissioner Horne motioned the program be approved by CAAL and Commissioner Seckinger seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

G. The Citadel, M.A. Applied History

Chair Dyer called on a representative from the institution to summarize item 4.g. Commissioners Seckinger, Horne, and Snyder, as well as Chair Dyer, expressed support for the program. Commissioner Seckinger motioned the program be approved by CAAL and Commissioner Horne seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

H. Winthrop University, M.A. Educational Studies

Chair Dyer called on a representative from the institution to summarize item 4.h. Commissioner Horne expressed support of the program. Commissioner Seckinger inquired if this will help teachers increase their salaries, which the institution confirmed. Commissioner Horne motioned the program be approved by CAAL and Commissioner Seckinger seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

I. Winthrop University, M.S. Accounting and Analytics

Chair Dyer called on a representative from the institution to summarize item 4.i. Commissioner Seckinger asked about the market for the program, to which the institution explained the STEM designation allows international students to qualify for three years of optional practical training (OPT) versus one year. Commissioner Horne expressed support of the program. Commissioner Snyder expressed support as well as concern that the STEM portion of this program is not fully rounded. Commissioner Horne motioned the program be approved by CAAL and Commissioner Seckinger seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

J. Winthrop University, B.F.A. Art Education

Chair Dyer called on a representative from the institution to summarize item 4.j. Commissioners Seckinger and Horne expressed support of the program. Commissioner Snyder inquired, and the institution confirmed, the BFA program is replacing its BA program. Commissioner Horne motioned the program be approved by CAAL and Commissioner Seckinger seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

8. New License Proposals

A. South University, Columbia, Consideration of Request for Initial Licensure (Change of Ownership)

Chair Dyer called on a representative from the institution to summarize item 5.b. Commissioner Seckinger motioned the license be approved by CAAL and Commissioner Horne seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Bluefield University, Spartanburg, Consideration of Request for Initial Licensure

Chair Dyer called on a representative from the institution to summarize item 5.c. Chair Dyer inquired if the institution's market research confirmed the need for the program, which the institution confirmed, and asked who the accrediting body is for the

program, which the institution explained is the Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Education Programs. Commissioner Seckinger asked if this will be the institution's only location in South Carolina, which was confirmed. Commissioner Seckinger motioned the license be approved by CAAL and Commissioner Horne seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

- C. Southern Evangelical Seminary, Rock Hill, Consideration of Request for Initial Licensure
Chair Dyer called on a representative from the institution to summarize item 5.d. Commissioner Seckinger asked how long the institution has been in existence, to which the institution responded thirty-two years. Chair Dyer asked if the degree will lead to ordination, to which the institution responded it is nondenominational and leaves the decision up to the student. Commissioner Horne inquired if any women are in leadership at the institution and as to the division of the student population between men and women, to which the institution explained the Chief Operating Officer and two adjunct professors are women, but there are no women on faculty. Further, the majority of students are men, but women are represented. Commissioner Seckinger motioned the license be approved by CAAL and Commissioner Horne seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Other Business / Discussion

- A. Notification Summary
Chair Dyer called on Dr. Berry to summarize item 6.a. Dr. Berry explained the summary was for informational purposes and asked if there were any questions. There were none.
- B. Initial General Discussion of Updating the 2004 Commission Policy on Dual Enrollment
Chair Dyer stated regarding item 6.b., CAAL needs to begin the work of updating the policy. Chair Dyer indicated he will ask the Commission at its August 8, 2024 meeting if it wants to move forward with a committee on this and if so, for direction on either reviewing and revising the existing policy or rewriting the policy.
- C. Chair Dyer asked if there was any other business to discuss. There was none.

10. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 12:15 p.m.