



Meeting Minutes
Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL)
May 15, 2024

Members

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

Other Commissioners Present

Commissioner Hugh Mobley

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Jessica Berry
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Shardai Figgures
Dr. Corey Gheesling
Ms. Kenita Pitts

Dr. Melissa Price

Mrs. Kara Smith
Mr. Mark Swart
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk
Dr. Lishu Yin

Guests

Donna Arnett, University of South Carolina
Jennifer Black, SC Technical College System
Allison Burlyn, Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Will Carswell, Francis Marion University
Aimee Carter, SC Technical College System
Courtney Catledge, Lancaster University
Walter Collins, University of South Carolina, Palmetto College
Susan Elkins, University of South Carolina, Palmetto College
Marilyn Fore, Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Stephanie Haynes, Atlantic Collegiate Academy
Trena Houp, University of South Carolina
Candace Howell, Horry-Georgetown Technical College

Cynthia Johnston, Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Todd Lekan, University of South Carolina Lancaster
Mike Lorenz, Atlantic Collegiate Academy
Angel Malone, Limestone, Atlantic Collegiate Academy
Craig Parks, University of South Carolina
Pam Steinke, University of South Carolina Upstate
Rosline Sumpter, SC Technical College
Suzanne Thomas, Medical University of South Carolina
Macey Webb, SC House of Representatives
Jennifer Wilbanks, Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Hope Wofford, Horry-Georgetown Technical College

All Attended either In-Person or via Zoom

Welcome, Introductions, and Quorum

Chair Dyer convened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Smith confirmed the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and established a quorum.

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Discussion of Program Modification

Chair Dyer called on Dr. Berry to summarize the University of South Carolina Lancaster modification, item 2.A., Associate of Arts and Associate in Science in General Liberal Arts and Sciences. Chair Dyer asked Mr. Tippens whether the agency has authority to address the concern, to which he confirmed. Commissioner Dyer asked whether the agency has met FOIA requirements should the Committee decide to vote on the modification, to which Mr. Tippens confirmed.

Chair Dyer asked whether any Commissioners had any questions. Commissioner Seckinger said that the agency needs to develop a dual enrollment policy, to which Chair Dyer confirmed that the agency does have a policy in place. Commissioner Seckinger requested that Dr. Berry send her a copy of the policy. She expressed the importance of in-person course delivery for high school students taking dual enrollment courses. Chair Dyer called on the University of South Carolina Lancaster representative to address Commissioner Seckinger's concern, to which the representative explained that the University plans to offer the course onsite, with support present. Commissioner Seckinger asked for the number of students who graduated last year, to which the representative confirmed 207 students.

A representative from the Atlantic Collegiate Academy clarified that there is an agreement in place with Horry-Georgetown Technical College for 2023-24. Commissioner Fant suggested reviewing and revising the CHE 2004 Dual Enrollment policy. Ms. Houp mentioned that the CHE did have a dual enrollment advisory committee in 2021, which several recommendations were given to the Academic Affairs leadership, but due to leadership change, the recommendations were not implemented. Commissioner Seckinger recommended maintaining the existing agreement between Horry-Georgetown Technical College and Atlantic Collegiate Academy for this year, which will allow the CHE time to revise its policy and receive guidance from the General Assembly post agreement. Chair Dyer asked Dr. Berry to add review of the dual enrollment policy to the next CAAL meeting agenda. Commissioner Horne motioned to approve the University of South Carolina Lancaster to offer dual enrollment courses during the 2024-25 school year at Atlantic Collegiate Academy provided that Horry-Georgetown Technical College may also offer dual enrollment course at the Academy, to which Commissioner Bryson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Seckinger asked the number of students that graduate from Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC), to which HGTC confirmed 1,500 graduates annually. Commissioner Seckinger asked about the cost difference in enrolling in one of the sites, to which it was confirmed that there was a cost difference last year, but there would not be this year. Commissioner Seckinger requested a copy of the agreement between the Academy and HGTC and a full report from each school by December regarding the status of their students' grades and their path forward.

Dr. Berry requested that USC Lancaster sends a revised proposal to include details discussed, to which Ms. Houp confirmed. Ms. Houp clarified that the agreements would be separated by individual institution with the Atlantic Collegiate Academy.

Chair Dyer called for the vote on Commissioner Horne's motion, which was approved with Commissioner Snyder abstaining from the vote.

3. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 12:30 p.m.