



Meeting Minutes
Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL)
May 9, 2024

Members

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

Members Excused

Commissioner Gene Fant

Other Commissioners Present

Commissioner Hugh Mobley

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Jessica Berry
Dr. Argentini Anderson

Dr. Melissa Price
Mrs. Kara Smith

Guests

Donna Arnett, University of South Carolina
C.C. Bates, Clemson University
Judy Beck, University of South Carolina
Aiken
Amanda Bennett, Clemson University
Kim Burkett, SC Technical College System
Claudia Bornhodt, Coastal Carolina
University
Kim Burkett, SC Technical College System
Teresa Burns, Coastal Carolina University
Ryan Carlson, University of South Carolina
Will Carswell, Francis Marion University
Aimee Carter, SC Technical College System
James Colbert, Lander University
Walter Collins, University of South Carolina,
Palmetto College
Steve Dannelly, Winthrop University
Rob Dedmon, University of South Carolina
Mark Del Mastro, College of Charleston
Tim Drueke, Winthrop University
Susan Elkins, University of South Carolina,
Palmetto College
Jeannie French, Coastal Carolina University

Stephanie Haynes, Atlantic Collegiate
Academy
Kyle Holody, Coastal Carolina University
Sarah Hottinger, Coastal Carolina University
Crystal Hill-Chapman, Francis Marion
University
Trena Houpp, University of South Carolina
Candace Howell, Horry-Georgetown
Technical College
Jeremy King, Clemson University
Terry Laken, University of South Carolina
Lancaster
Mike Lorenz, Atlantic Collegiate Academy
Jed Lyons, University of South Carolina
Brian Mallory, University of South Carolina
Beaufort
Thayer McGahee, University of South
Carolina Aiken
Lucas McMilan, Lander University
Eva Monsma, University of South Carolina
Joe Oestreich, Coastal Carolina University
Craig Parks, University of South Carolina
Jeffrey Ranta, Coastal Carolina University

Jamia Richmond-Spadoni, Coastal Carolina University
Karin Roof, The Citadel
Eric Skipper, University of South Carolina
Jon Smith, Coastal Carolina University
Pam Steinke, University of South Carolina
Upstate

Rosline Sumpter, SC Technical College
Takita Sumter, Winthrop University
Suzanne Thomas, Medical University of South Carolina
Brad Tripp, Winthrop University

All Attended either In-Person or via Zoom

Welcome, Introductions, and Quorum

Chair Dyer convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Smith confirmed the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and established a quorum.

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Approval of the Minutes

Chair Dyer asked for a motion to approve the February 8, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Bryson motioned and Commissioner Seckinger seconded. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed.

3. Acting Director's Report

Dr. Berry provided an update on office activities. She reported that Ms. Pitts, Academic Common Market Coordinator, presented at a Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) conference. Dr. Berry highlighted work of the Licensing team and summarized one of the office's new processes. She reminded everyone of the program proposal submission timeline and process. Dr. Berry announced that the office is working to fill vacant Academic Affairs positions.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Dyer said that he does not have any items to report. He thanked the Academic Affairs team for their continued hardwork.

5. New Program Proposals

Chair Dyer called on a representative from the University of South Carolina to summarize item 5.a., Bachelor of Arts in Sports Media. Commissioner Seckinger requested a copy of five course syllabi for the program as she has some concerns. Commissioner Horne motioned and Commissioner Snyder seconded to approve the program. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the program passed, with Commissioner Seckinger opposing and Commissioner Bryson abstaining from the vote. Ms. Houpp confirmed that she will send the course syllabi to Dr. Berry for distribution to the Committee.

Chair Dyer called on a representative from the University of South Carolina to summarize item 5.b., Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering. Commissioner Seckinger asked for the graduation rates between the last five to seven years among similar programs across the state to determine the program's success rate. She asked that Dr. Berry conduct this study. Commissioner Seckinger requested a copy of multiple syllabi ahead of the next business meeting, to which Ms. Houpp confirmed that she will provide a list of the courses along with their descriptions. Chair Dyer recommended that the Committee has a continued discussion

regarding evaluating institutions core curricula either during the next Committee meeting or during the CHE retreat. Commissioner Bryson motioned and Commissioner Snyder seconded to approve the program. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the program passed.

Chair Dyer called on a representative from the University of South Carolina to summarize item 5.c., Bachelor of Science in Applied Sport Psychology and Counseling. Commissioner Seckinger requested a copy of multiple syllabi ahead of the next business meeting, to which Ms. Houp confirmed that she will provide. Commissioner Snyder motioned and Commissioner Bryson seconded to approve the program. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the program passed, with Commissioner Seckinger voting in opposition.

Chair Dyer called on a representative from the University of South Carolina Aiken to summarize item 5.d., Master of Education in Educator Leadership: Concentration in Principalship and Supervision. Commissioner Seckinger expressed concern with the program. Commissioner Bryson motioned and Commissioner Horne seconded to approve the program. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the program passed, with Commissioner Seckinger abstaining from the vote.

Chair Dyer called on a representative from Coastal Carolina University to summarize item 5.e., Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations. Commissioner Horne thanked staff for answering her questions prior to the meeting. Commissioner Bryson motioned and Commissioner Horne seconded to approve the program. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the program passed.

Chair Dyer called on a representative from Coastal Carolina University to summarize item 5.f., Bachelor of Arts in Cyber Threat Intelligence. Commissioner Seckinger asked whether the University considered offering a certificate program, to which the representative confirmed that is being considered. Commissioner Seckinger motioned and Commissioner Bryson seconded to approve the program. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the program passed.

Chair Dyer called on a representative from Coastal Carolina University to summarize item 5.g., Master of Education in Stem Education. Commissioner Seckinger motioned and Commissioner Bryson seconded to approve the program. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the program passed.

Chair Dyer called on a representative from Lander University to summarize item 5.h., Masters in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Commissioner Bryson motioned and Commissioner Seckinger seconded to approve the program. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the program passed.

Chair Dyer called on a representative from Clemson University to summarize item 5.i., Master of Education in Learning Sciences. Commissioner Seckinger asked what is the anticipated participation rate, to which the representative confirmed a significant need for the program. Commissioner Seckinger asked whether the University considered offering a certificate program, to which the representative confirmed that the University does have a certificate program. Commissioner Seckinger motioned and Commissioner Bryson seconded to approve the program. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the program passed.

Chair Dyer called on a representative from Winthrop University to summarize item 5.j., Bachelor of Science in Web Development. Commissioner Seckinger asked whether this program was initially a certificate program, which staff said that it was not. Commissioner

Horne motioned and Commissioner Seckinger seconded to approve the program. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the program passed.

Chair Dyer called on a representative from Winthrop University to summarize item 5.k., Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice with two concentrations, General and Cyber and Corporate Crime. Commissioner Horne motioned and Commissioner Bryson seconded to approve the program. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the program passed.

6. Program Modifications

Chair Dyer called on Dr. Berry and a representative from the University of South Carolina Lancaster to summarize item 6.A., Associate of Arts and Associate in Science in General Liberal Arts and Sciences. Commissioners and representatives engaged in extensive conversation regarding the modification. Commissioner Seckinger motioned and Commissioner Bryson seconded to table the modification and have a special-called CAAL meeting for further consideration. Chair Dyer called for a roll call vote, and the motion passed with a three to one vote. Chair Dyer asked to have the meeting next week to continue the discussion with representatives from each entity and CHE staff.

7. Consideration of 2024-25 CAAL Meeting Dates and Cycle

Dr. Berry presented the 2024-25 CAAL Meeting dates and cycle and asked whether there were any comments. Commissioner Bryson motioned and Commissioner Snyder seconded to approve the timeline. Chair Dyer called for the vote and the motion passed.

8. Information/Discussion

Dr. Berry presented the Notification Approval Summary and Transfer for Information.

9. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 12:30 p.m.