



Advisory Committee on Academic Programs (ACAP) Meeting Minutes April 17, 2025

Attendees

Clemson University: Rob Essaf, Jeremy King, Christopher McMahan, Briana Peele
Coastal Carolina University: Teresa Burns, Michael Murphy, Crystal Cox
College of Charleston: Mark Del Mastro
Francis Marion University: Will Carswell, Allison Steadman
Lander University: James Colbert, Erin Paysinger, Lloyd Willis
Medical University of South Carolina: Suzanne Thomas
Piedmont Technical College: Keli Fewox
SC State University: David Staten
SC Technical College System: Rosline Sumpter, Aimeé Carter
The Citadel: Karin Roof
Trident Technical College: Laurie Boeding
University of South Carolina Aiken: Phil Bridgmon
University of South Carolina Beaufort: Eric Skipper, Brian Mallory
University of South Carolina Columbia: Trena Houpp, Jeremy Polley, Mazen Aziz, Jennifer Deckert, Paul Bliese, Karen Edwards, Hassan Anderson
University of South Carolina Palmetto College: Walter Collins
University of South Carolina Sumter: Damien Picariello, Ray McManus
University of South Carolina Upstate: Amanda Karls
Winthrop University: Tim Drueke, Jason Tselentis, Karen Oremus, Beth Costner, Bettie Parsons Barger
York Technical College:

Commissioners

Edgar Dyer

Commission Staff

Jessica Berry
Melissa Price
Darnell Holland

Shardai Figgures
Tracy Solet
Christopher Glenn

All attended In-Person or via Zoom

1. Welcome

Dr. Berry welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

2. Introductions, Quorum, and Freedom of Information Act

Ms. Solet announced attendance, established quorum, and confirmed the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

3. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Berry called for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. A motion was made and seconded. Dr. Berry called for a vote. **The motion passed unopposed.**

4. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Berry called for a motion to approve the March 20, 2025 meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded. Dr. Berry called for a vote. **The motion passed unopposed.**

Due to the length of the agenda, Dr. Berry requested institutions with multiple proposals which are related or are similar in nature be motioned and presented together.

5. New Program Proposals

a. Lander University, B.S. in Management

b. Lander University, B.S. in Marketing

The institution moved approval of agenda items 5.a. and b., which was seconded. The programs were presented, and the floor opened to questions. Hearing none, Dr. Berry called for a vote to recommend the programs to CAAL for review. **The motion passed unopposed.**

c. Clemson University, M.S. in Statistics and Data Science

d. Clemson University, Ph.D. in Statistics and Data Science

The institution moved approval of agenda items 5.c. and d., which was seconded. The programs were presented, and the floor opened to questions. Hearing none, Dr. Berry called for a vote to recommend the programs to CAAL for review. **The motion passed unopposed.**

e. Winthrop University, B.A. in Game Design

The institution moved approval of agenda item 5.e., which was seconded. The program was presented, and the floor opened to questions. Dr. Berry asked how this program aligns with the existing gaming area at the institution. The institution explained the thriving Esports team and athletic department which draw students, but also explained the program could apply to club Esports, broadcasting or marketing of Esports. Hearing no further questions or comments, Dr. Berry called for a vote to recommend the program to CAAL for review. **The motion passed unopposed.**

f. Winthrop University, B.S. in Applied Software Engineering

The institution moved approval of agenda item 5.f., which was seconded. The program was presented, and the floor opened to questions. Hearing none, Dr. Berry called for a vote to recommend the program to CAAL for review. **The motion passed unopposed.**

6. Program Modification Proposals

a. Winthrop University, B.S. in Educational Studies

The institution moved approval of agenda item 6.a., which was seconded. The program modification was presented, and the floor opened to questions. Hearing none, Dr. Berry called for a vote to approve the modification. **The motion passed unopposed.**

b. Coastal Carolina University, M.S. in Information Systems Technology

The institution moved approval of agenda item 6.b., which was seconded. The program modification was presented, and the floor opened to questions. Hearing none, Dr. Berry called for a vote to approve the modification. **The motion passed unopposed.**

c. Medical University of South Carolina, M.S. in Nursing

d. Medical University of South Carolina, Doctor of Nursing Practice

The institution moved approval of agenda items 6.c. and d., which was seconded. The program modifications were presented, and the floor opened to questions. University of South Carolina Columbia expressed support for the program modifications. Hearing no further question or comment, Dr. Berry called for a vote to approve the modifications. **The motion passed unopposed.**

- e. University of South Carolina, B.A. in Dance
- g. University of South Carolina Columbia, B.F.A. in Art Studio
- k. University of South Carolina Columbia, B.S. in Retailing
- m. University of South Carolina Columbia, M.S. in Environmental Health Sciences
- n. University of South Carolina Columbia, Ph.D. in Environmental Health Sciences
The institution moved approval of agenda items: 6.e., g., k., m., and n., which was seconded. The program modifications were presented, and the floor opened to questions. Hearing none, Dr. Berry called for a vote to approve the modifications. **The motion passed unopposed.**

- f. University of South Carolina Columbia, B.A. in English
- h. University of South Carolina Columbia, B.M. in Music
- i. University of South Carolina Columbia, B.S. in Environmental Science
- j. University of South Carolina Columbia, B.S. in Music Industry Studies
- l. University of South Carolina Columbia, B.S.B.A. in Management
- o. University of South Carolina Columbia, Ph.D. in Health Services Policy and Management
The institution moved approval of agenda items: 6.f., h., i., j., l., and o., which was seconded. The program modifications were presented, and the floor opened to questions. Regarding item 6.j., Winthrop University asked how long the institution has had an on-campus record label, which the institution explained is in its second semester of operation. Hearing no further comments or questions, Dr. Berry called for a vote to approve the modifications. **The motion passed unopposed.**

- p. University of South Carolina Sumter, A.A./A.S. in General Liberal Arts and Sciences
 - 1. Dual Enrollment - Hammond School in Columbia
 - 2. Dual Enrollment - Lee Academy in Bishopville
 - 3. Dual Enrollment - Wilson Hall in Sumter
The institution moved approval of agenda items: 6.p.1., 2., and 3., which was seconded. The program modifications were presented, and the floor opened to questions. Hearing none, Dr. Berry called for a vote to approve the modifications. **The motion passed unopposed.**

7. Other Business / Discussion

- a. Executive Summaries with New Program Proposals
Dr. Berry stated the institutions will now be asked to submit executive summaries with all new program proposals, beginning with the June ACAP meeting, as detailed in a recent email to Chief Academic Officers. Francis Marion University expressed support for the change. Discussion was had regarding access to the Coordinating Council for Workforce Development (CCWD) list of priority occupations and how often the list is updated. Dr. Berry said she will ask for the list to be linked under the Academic Affairs section of the CHE website and will ask Dr. Gheesling to follow up regarding how often the list is updated.
- b. Meeting Dates
Dr. Berry reminded attendees of the CAAL meeting being held today at 1:00 p.m. and stated the next ACAP meeting will be June 12. Dr. Berry noted the meeting dates on the agenda with asterisks are tentative and will be discussed at the CAAL meeting today.

8. Adjournment

With no further discussion, Dr. Berry called for a motion to adjourn, which was made and seconded. Hearing no comment, **the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.**