



Advisory Committee on Academic Programs (ACAP)
Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2025

Attendees

Clemson University: Rob Essaf, Jeremy King

Coastal Carolina University: Gibbs Knotts, Teresa Burns

College of Charleston: Mark Del Mastro

Francis Marion University: Will Carswell, Allison Steadman

Greenville Technical College:

Lander University: Erin Paysinger; James Colbert, Jr.

Medical University of South Carolina: Suzanne Thomas

Midlands Technical College: Eric Goff, Donna Zeek

Piedmont Technical College:

SC Department of Education: Jessica McLees

SC State University: David Staten; George Johnson, Jr.

SC Technical College System: Rosline Sumpter

The Citadel:

Trident Community College: Laurie Boeding

University of South Carolina Aiken: Phil Bridgmon, Katie Smith

University of South Carolina Beaufort: Eric Skipper, Brian Mallory

University of South Carolina Columbia: Trena Houp, Jenelle Peoples, Orgul Ozturk

University of South Carolina Palmetto College: Walter Collins

University of South Carolina Upstate: Pam Steinke

Winthrop University: Tim Druke

York Technical College: Jamie Cooper

Commissioners

Edgar Dyer

Terrye Seckinger

Commission Staff

Jessica Berry

Melissa Price

Kenita Pitts

Darnell Holland

Kristin Brooks

Matthew Hartenstine

Endé Clark

Tracy Solet

Christopher Glenn

All attended 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 January 9, 2025 meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded. Dr. Berry called for a vote. **The motion passed unopposed.**

5. Transferability of South Carolina Technical College System's New Program Proposal

a. Midlands Technical College, A.A.S. in Integrated Information Technology

Dr. Berry explained the new program proposal, which was submitted as non-transferable, had previously been put to an electronic review by ACAP members to determine transferability, which resulted in a tie vote. Therefore, **Ms. Solet took a roll call vote, which resulted in 13 votes for program transferability and 3 votes for non-transferability.**

Discussion was had and Dr. Berry noted CHE staff would review the proposal and work toward placement on a subsequent ACAP agenda for program review.

6. New Program Proposals

a. University of South Carolina Columbia, D.N.P. in Nursing Education

The institution moved approval of the program, 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.**

b. South Carolina State University, B.S. in Computer Engineering

The institution moved approval of the program, which was seconded. The program was presented, and the floor opened to questions. Discussion was had regarding certification of REACH Act compliance, which both the institution and Dr. Berry confirmed is in the proposal. USC Columbia expressed support of the program. Hearing no further questions or comments, Dr. Berry called for a vote to recommend the program to CAAL for review. **The motion passed unopposed.**

c. South Carolina State University, M.S. in Cybersecurity

The institution moved approval of the program, 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.**

7. Program Modification Proposals

a. South Carolina State University, B.S. in Middle Level Education with concentration in English

b. South Carolina State University, B.S. in Middle Level Education with concentration in Mathematics

c. South Carolina State University, B.S. in Middle Level Education with concentration in Science

d. South Carolina State University, B.S. in Middle Level Education with concentration in Social Studies

The institution moved approval of the program modifications listed as agenda items 7.a. – 7.d., which was seconded. The program modifications were presented, and the floor opened to questions. USC Beaufort expressed appreciation for the institution's reduction in credit hours for the programs, which Winthrop agreed makes the programs more attractive. Further discussion was had regarding the REACH Act language used in the proposal. The institution agreed to make the suggested edits. With no further questions or comments, Dr. Berry called for a vote to approve the modifications presented as agenda items 7.a. - 7.d. **The motion passed unopposed.**

- e. Coastal Carolina University, Ph.D. in Education Sciences
The institution moved approval of the program modification, 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.**
- f. University of South Carolina Columbia, M.I.B in International Business
The institution moved approval of the program modification, 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.**
- g. University of South Carolina Columbia, M.A. in History
- h. University of South Carolina Columbia, Ph.D. in History
The institution moved approval of the program modifications listed as agenda items 7.g. and 7.h., which was seconded. The program modifications were presented, and the floor opened to questions. USC Beaufort expressed appreciation for the modifications, which make the programs more relevant and current. Hearing no further comments or questions, Dr. Berry called for a vote to approve the modifications presented as agenda items 7.g. and 7.h. **The motion passed unopposed.**

8. New Center

- a. University of South Carolina Columbia, Economic Policy and Innovation Center at USC (EPIC)
The institution explained the need to change the center name arose after the proposal had been submitted to CHE. The institution confirmed the name change to “South Carolina Economic Policy Center” will be submitted prior to the upcoming CAAL meeting, and moved approval of the center, which as seconded. The new center proposal was presented, and the floor opened to questions. Hearing none, Dr. Berry called for a vote to recommend the center to CAAL for review. **The motion passed unopposed.**

9. Other Business / Discussion

- a. **SC Data Days**
Dr. Berry reminded attendees of the upcoming event at the airport campus of Midlands Technical College on February 24-25, 2025. Dr. Brooks explained South Carolina Technical College System is working with CCA on this event and encouraged registration and to reach out with any questions.
- b. **CAAL Meeting – February 20, 2025**
Dr. Berry stated new program and new center proposals heard today, as well as those heard at the January 9, 2025 ACAP meeting will go to CAAL for review on February 20, 2025. Therefore, all requested edits to proposals should be submitted to CHE staff within the week.
- c. **Academic Insight Forum**
Dr. Berry reminded attendees of the upcoming forum on February 13, 2025 and encouraged attendees to RSVP, and to share the information with those at their institutions who may benefit from participating. Dr. Berry confirmed the link to join the virtual meeting will be sent out once the RSVP is closed.

10. Adjournment

Dr. Berry called for a motion to adjourn, which was made and seconded. With no further discussion, **the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.**