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MEETING OF THE SC COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

12:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2026
1122 Lady St., Suite 400, Columbia, SC 29201 AND VIA
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1.	**Introductions & Roll Call to Establish Quorum**	**Laura Belcher**
2.	**Approval of Minutes**	**Wes Hayes**
	A. September 3, 2026	
3.	**Chair's Report**	**Wes Hayes**
4.	**President & Executive Director's Report**	**Jeff Perez**
5.	**Committee Reports**	
5.01	**Report of the Executive Committee**	**Wes Hayes**
5.02	**Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs & Licensing**	**Edgar Dyer**

CONSENT AGENDA

A. New Program Approvals

1. University of South Carolina Aiken, M.A. in Emerging Media
2. College of Charleston, B.S./A.B. in Biomedical Engineering
3. College of Charleston, B.S.N. in Nursing (Joint with MUSC)
4. Medical University of South Carolina, Ph.D. in Cancer Biology
5. Medical University of South Carolina, M.S. in Health Information Management and Cybersecurity
6. South Carolina State University, B.S. in Animal and Veterinary Sciences
7. Lander University, B.A. in Graphic Design
8. Lander University, B.S. in Applied Artificial Intelligence
9. Lander University, M.S. in Information Systems
10. University of South Carolina Columbia, B.S. in Industrial Design
11. University of South Carolina Columbia, M.S. in Earth and Environmental Science
12. Clemson University, B.S. in Artificial Intelligence
13. Clemson University, M.S. in Artificial Intelligence
14. Clemson University, Ph.D. in Artificial Intelligence
15. Clemson University, M.S. in Computational Genetics and Genomics
16. Winthrop University, B.S. in Human Development and Family Science

17. Laurel Business Institute dba Laurel College of Technology, Occupational Specialized Associate in Cardiovascular Technology

B. Policies and Procedures for Academic Programs, Academic Units, Centers, Institutes, and Consortia

C. New Center Proposal
   1. University of South Carolina Columbia, Institute of Geopolitics, Innovation, and Global Competition

D. Academic Program Productivity Policy and Procedures

5.03 Report of the Committee on Student Services — **Jenni Bryson**

A. State Scholarship Regulations: Proposed Revisions
   1. LIFE and SC HOPE Scholarships
   2. Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

B. FAFSA Updates (For information, no action)

5.04 Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration — **Paul Batson**

A. Compliance Audit Update (For information, no action)
B. Lottery Expenditure Report (For information, no action)
C. Fines and Fees Report (For information, no action)
D. Quarter 1 Budget Report (For information, no action)
E. Statistical Abstract (For information, no action)
F. Scholarship Expenditures and Projection Update (For information, no action)
G. Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program (HEEEP) Audit Report (For information, no action)

5.05 Report of the Committee on Strategic Planning and Accountability — **Doug Snyder**

A. Strategic Plan Update (For information, no action)
B. Accountability (For information, no action)
C. External Studies Update (For information, no action)

6. Other Business — **Wes Hayes**

7. Executive Session (If needed)

8. End of Business Meeting — **Wes Hayes**

Committee & Other Meetings:

Committee on Finance and Administration — **Thursday, November 5, 2026, 9:30 a.m., CHE Main Conference Room and via Zoom**

Committee on Student Services — **Thursday, November 5, 2026, 11:00 a.m., CHE Main Conference Room and via Zoom**