



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education
Executive Committee Meeting
February 21, 2023
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Executive Committee Members Present

Mr. R. Wes Hayes, Chair
Mr. Ben Satcher, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Batson
Mr. Charles Dalton
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Mr. Doug Snyder

Executive Committee Members Excused

CHE Staff Present

Ms. Laura Belcher, Operations Manager
Dr. Mariam Dittmann, Director of Academic Affairs
and Licensing
Ms. Monica Goodwin, Director of Data-Research &
IT
Ms. Shakara Smith, Executive Assistant
Mr. Georges Tippens, Deputy Director & General
Counsel
Mr. Bryce Wilson, Director of Fiscal Affairs
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Affairs

Chair Hayes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Approval of Minutes January 24, 2023

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2023, Executive Committee meeting. Commissioner Horne motioned and Commissioner Batson seconded to approve the minutes. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Review of the March 2, 2023, CHE Draft Meeting Agenda

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes announced that President Monhollon was excused from today's meeting as he attends the Governor's press conference.

Ms. Belcher reported that both the President's and Legislative update will include updates on pending legislation. She reported that President Monhollon will introduce new staff during his report and provide an update on the House and Senate Legislative Oversight Committee reviews.



The Committee Chairs reviewed their committee reports for the CHE meeting.

Chair Hayes reported that the Executive Committee item for action will be pending on discussion during executive session in today's meeting. Chair Hayes recommended foregoing the proposed two-day trial CHE Meeting in May as multiple Commissioners voiced concern with the proposal. He reported that the CHE does have a two-day campus visit scheduled in June, and the two-day meeting structure could be further discussed during the August Retreat. Chair Hayes asked the Committee their thoughts on his suggestion, to which the Committee agreed unanimously.

Commissioner Horne reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) would have five program proposals on the consent agenda and two additional items for action. She explained that one item may be pulled from the consent agenda, item 5, University of South Carolina Upstate, Center for Justice and Society. Commissioner Satcher said all items should remain on the consent agenda if it passed at the Committee level. He explained that Commissioners have the option to remove items from the consent agenda during the CHE business meeting by making a motion, if desired. Chair Hayes asked whether any of the items are controversial to which Commissioner Horne explained that item 5 seeks to increase the number of women and minorities that work within the field, so could potentially be controversial.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Program Proposals

1. Francis Marion University, M.Ed., Montessori Elementary Education
2. Francis Marion University, M.Ed., Montessori Early Childhood Education
3. Lander University, BS, Fitness and Wellness
4. Medical University of South Carolina, MPH, Generalist
5. University of South Carolina Upstate, Center for Justice and Society

B. Consideration of Coastal Carolina University reclassification as a Professional Doctorate University

C. Consideration of University of South Carolina Upstate reclassification

Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services would have one item for consideration on the consent agenda, and two informational items.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT)
FY2022-23 Fourth Quarter 1 and Quarter II Reports**

FOR INFORMATION

- B. SC Scholarships Appeals Cycle**
- C. College Goal SC: FAFSA Completion Update**

Commissioner Dalton reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities will consider eight permanent improvement projects and three lease proposals. He said that there will be two items for information. Commissioner Dalton announced that his Committee will have a tour of University of South Carolina's Campus Village Residence Hall prior to the CHE business meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals

- 1. Central Carolina Technical College**
 - a. CCTC Main Campus Academic/Student Services Building Construction**
– Increase Budget, Revise Scope (Phase II)
- 2. The Citadel**
 - a. Fire Pump and Water Tank Replacement**
– Increase Budget (Phase II)
- 3. Clemson University**
 - a. Johnstone Hall/Core Campus Demolition**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Increase Budget (Phase II) 4. College of Charleston <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Berry Residence Hall and Honors Program Renovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Increase Budget (Phase II) 5. South Carolina State University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sojourner Truth Hall Renovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Establish Project (Phase I) 6. Tri-County Technical College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pendleton Campus Oconee Hall Renovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Increase Budget (Phase II) 7. Winthrop University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Margaret Nance Residence Hall Bathroom Renovations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Establish Project (Phase I) b. Phelps Hall: Auxiliary Building Infrastructure & Building Envelope Upgrade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Increase Budget, Revise Scope (Phase II) B. Lease Approvals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coastal Carolina University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Cove Bedroom Units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –New Five-Year Lease 2. College of Charleston <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Warren Place Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –New Five-Year Lease 3. Medical University of South Carolina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. WestEdge Parking Garage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Five-Year Lease Renewal, with two five-year optional extensions
<p>FOR INFORMATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals during February (For information, no action) D. Study on Future Enrollment Impacts to Higher Education in South Carolina

Commissioner Snyder reported that the Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement would not have any items for consideration. He announced that his Committee will meet prior to the CHE Business meeting. Commissioner Snyder said that for information, the Committee will provide an update on current legislation, credit transfers, workforce development, and a general timeline for the House and Senate Legislative Oversight Committee reviews.

3. Executive Session

Chair Hayes asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue to which Commissioner Satcher motioned and Commissioner Dalton seconded. Chair Hayes called for the vote which was unanimous. Commissioners went into executive session. Commissioners returned from executive session and Chair Hayes asked for a motion pertaining to an exemption of Section of II.3 of the Bylaws as discussed in Executive Session, to which Commissioner Dalton motioned and Commissioner Satcher seconded. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Other Business

Commissioner Satcher reported that the Higher Education Foundation will cover the cost associated with the upcoming legislative breakfast. He said that the Foundation Board has approved its case for support and is currently working to identify potential donors to support events. Commissioner Satcher said that the Board is also working to increase membership. He asked Commissioners to consider making a financial contribution to the Board in support of the Foundation as it continues to fund higher education related initiatives.

5. Adjourn

The Executive Committee adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.