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Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing Charter

Part I

Authority

As granted by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (“Commission”), pursuant to South Carolina Code (“Code”) Section 59-103-25 and in compliance with the Commission’s Bylaws (SC CHE Bylaws, Rules & Procedures, Section III.2).

The Committee may elect to revise this charter. However, any revisions to the final charter approved by the Committee and the Commission must adhere to the Commission’s Bylaws.

Purpose

The purpose of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing is to provide leadership and guidance to the Commission in pursuit of the statutory goals of high academic quality and instructional excellence, all in furtherance of the mission of higher education in South Carolina, in compliance with Code Section 59-103-30(A).

Responsibilities

- A. Primary review and recommendations of all applications for new majors, programs, schools, colleges and centers from research institutions, doctoral/professional universities, four-year colleges and universities, two-year institutions-branches of the University of South Carolina and baccalaureate programs sought by technical colleges, as referenced in Code Section 59-103-15.
- B. Primary review and recommendations of interstate reciprocity agreements that concern distance education, pursuant to Code Section 59-103-17.
- C. Primary review and recommendations of transferability of courses between two-year (including technical colleges) and four-year institutions, pursuant to Code Section 59-103-45(1).
- D. Primary review and recommendations of undergraduate admissions standards, pursuant to Code Section 59-103-45(2) and (3).



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- E. Primary review and recommendations of developing mechanisms for gauging institutional academic success (including enrollments, retention rates and graduation rates) and of the promulgation of regulations to implement them, pursuant to Code Section 59-103-45(4)(a).
- F. Primary review and recommendations of any and all institutional mission statements, pursuant to Code Section 59-103-45(6).
- G. Primary review and recommendations of applications for licensure of nonpublic educational institutions (including non-degree granting entities), as defined and set forth in Chapter 58 of Title 59 of the Code.
- H. Primary review and recommendations for the accreditation and chartering of chiropractic colleges, pursuant to Code Section 59-103-120.
- I. Primary review and recommendations of REACH Act compliance, pursuant to Code Section 59-29-130.
- J. Other reviews and recommendations as referred or assigned by the Commission or by the Commission Chair.

Membership

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing is defined as a standing committee per the Commission's Bylaws and made up of Commission members as appointed by the Chair of the Commission and Executive Committee. Members may be reappointed by the Chair of the Commission. The Chair of the Commission shall initially appoint the chair of this committee and thereafter, the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing will elect its own Committee Chair and Vice-Chair (SC CHE Bylaws, Rules & Procedures, Section III.2.).

Members of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (2024-2025)

Edgar Dyer, Chair

Terrye Seckinger, Vice Chair

Doug Snyder

Jenni Bryson

Mitchell Zais

Oran Smith

Meetings

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing will meet at an appointed time, date, and place, prior to each regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission, as recommended by Commission staff and approved by the Committee. The Chair of the Committee has discretionary authority to call a committee meeting. All meetings will be publicly announced and held in compliance with Code Section 30-4-10 - Freedom of Information Act.

Minutes

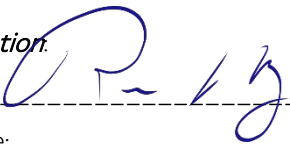
Minutes should include major topics of discussion, decisions, and action items and submitted for approval by the Committee at the next scheduled Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing meeting. The announcement of the committee meetings, minutes, and agenda will be publicly distributed through the Commission’s website.

Charter Approval, Review and Evaluation

The charter of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis upon the election or reelection of the Chair of the Committee.

The charter shall be approved by a full committee vote during a convened meeting and posted on the Commission on Higher Education’s website.

The charter was approved by the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing on January 23, 2025; and adopted by the full Commission on February 6, 2025.

Adoption. 

Name:
Chair, SC Commission on Higher Education



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Chair, Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Part II

S.C Code of Law

Review and Approval of Programs
Interstate Reciprocity Agreements
Recommendations of transferability of courses
Review of undergraduate admissions standards
Institutional Academic Success

Code Section 59-103-15
Code Section 59-103-17
Code Section 59-103-45(1)
Code Section Section 59-103-45(2 & 3)
Code Section 89-103-45(4)(a)

Institutional Mission Statements
Licensure of nonpublic educational institutions
Accrediting and chartering of chiropractic colleges
Recommendations of REACH Act compliance
Participate and Comply with CCWD
Educator Preparation Report Card

Code Section 59-103-45(6)
Chapter 58 of Title 59 of the Code
Code Section 59-103-120
Code Section 59-29-130
Code 41-30-110
Code 59-26-35

Proviso (24-25 Appropriations Act)

Nursing Initiative

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