

Chairman's Report

December 7, 2000

◆ **Legislative Audit of Performance Funding**

CHE has been notified by Mr. George Schroeder, Director, Legislative Audit Council, that the Council, upon the request of the requisite number of members of the General Assembly, has decided "to do an audit of the South Carolina Performance Funding process." CHE staff met with Legislative Audit Council staff yesterday for the entry conference. Staff will provide more details about the audit as they become available. The Audit Plan outlining scope, objectives, and timeline for the audit is expected by January, 2001.

◆ **CHE Higher Education Foundation, Inc.**

Larry Wilson, Paula Bethea, Cathy Harvin, and Tim Dangerfield have agreed to serve as Incorporators for the Foundation. The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws have been filed with the Secretary of State. The Incorporators will meet in December or January to select the remaining trustees.

◆ **Cancellation of January CHE Meeting**

Due to the paucity of agenda items, the CHE meeting scheduled for January has been cancelled. The Finance and Facilities Committee and the Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding Committee are encouraged to meet in January to deal with performance funding requests, the allocation process, and the MGT Validation Study recommendations.

◆ **GEAR UP Celebration**

The CHE GEAR UP PROGRAM is planning a GEAR UP Celebration of programs and collaborations on February 7, 2001 at the Sheraton Hotel in Columbia. Over 600 students and adults will

participate in this program of student-centered celebration activities designed to encourage and motivate students. The students will also have the opportunity to have lunch and interact with adults and other students involved with GEAR UP across the State. Governor and Mrs. Hodges have both been invited to participate and hopefully will be able to do so.

◆ **Campus Safety Conference Plans**

The 2001 South Carolina Safety Forum is February 26-28 at the Madren Center on the Clemson University Campus. The theme for the Forum is *Campus Safety Issues in the New Millennium*. Professionals involved in all aspects of Campus Life and Safety will attend as will students and parents. Keynote speakers include Professor Robert D. Bickel, Esq. and Professor Peter F. Lake, Esq., Stetson University School of Law.

◆ **Higher Education Day at the General Assembly**

On March 14, 2001, the higher education community will host its first "Higher Education Day" for the S. C. Legislature. The day will include a press conference with the Governor, meetings with Legislative Delegations, and a luncheon with members of the General Assembly. We are anticipating participation from Institutional Presidents, Trustee Chairs, and students. Our message will be the importance of higher education for the state, and our need for continued support through the appropriations process.