

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201
Minutes of the Meeting
November 5, 2009
10:30 a.m.

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chairman
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Mr. Ken Jackson
Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller
Mr. Jim Sanders
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Mr. Chuck Talbert
Mr. Guy Tarrant
Mr. Hood Temple
Dr. Charles Thomas
Dr. Mick Zais

Commission Members Absent

Dr. Doug Forbes
Mr. Neal Workman

Invited Guest Speakers

Mr. Craig Parks, SC Senate Finance Committee
Mr. Mike Shealy, SC Senate Finance Committee

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
Ms. Marissa Adamczyk (Student Intern)
Ms. Rita Allison
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Mr. Arik Bjorn
Ms. Courtney Blake
Mr. Anthony Brown
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Mr. Sidney Brown
Ms. Sandra Carr
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Dr. Gail Morrison
Mr. Clint Mullins
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Ms. Edna Strange
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Susan Anderson, University of SC Columbia
Dr. Ron Bartley, Northeastern Technical College
Ms. Stacie Bowie, Coastal Carolina University
Ms. Debbie Cheek, Northeastern Technical College
Ms. Donna Collins, USC Columbia
Mr. Bob Connelly, USC Upstate
Mr. Tom Covar, Lander University
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter
Dr. David DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. Helen Doeringhaus, USC Columbia
Mr. Richard Durlach, USC Columbia
Mr. Will Garland, Coastal Carolina University
Ms. Alyson Goff, College of Charleston
Dr. Charles Gould, Florence-Darlington Technical College
Ms. Karen Jones, Winthrop University
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges and Universities
Ms. Beth McGinnis, Clemson University
Ms. Jen Phelps, SC Association of Technical College Commissioners
Mr. Rick Puncke, USC Upstate
Ms. Hope Rivers, State Technical College System
Ms. Monica Scott, College of Charleston
Mr. Charles Shawver, SC Budget and Control Board
Ms. Stacy Summers
Ms. Abbie Thomas
Ms. Amy Thomas
Mr. Chris Thomas, Florence-Darlington Technical College
Ms. Harriet Thomas
Mr. Larry Thomas
Mr. Regan Voit, EEDA Coordinating Council
Ms. Sandy Williams, Coastal Carolina University

Members of the Press

none

The meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Introductions

- **Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo introduced the guests, all of whom are listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made (Tarrant), **seconded** (Korrapati), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2009, CHE meeting.

3. Introduction of the Governor's Professors of the Year

- **Ken Wingate**

Chairman Wingate welcomed, introduced, and congratulated the two winners of the Governor's Professor of the Year Award, Ms. Susan Anderson of the University of South Carolina Columbia, and Mr. Chris Thomas of Florence-Darlington Technical College. The recipients had been recognized at a press conference at 9:30 a.m. in the rotunda of the State House. A description of each of the winners and their accomplishments may be found in the press release which had been distributed (**Attachment I**). At Chairman Wingate's request, each winner commented briefly and expressed appreciation for having been chosen for this award.

4. Guest Presentation on the State Budget Outlook: *The Breach*

Mr. Mike Shealy, Budget Director, and Mr. Craig Parks, Senior Research Analyst, SC Senate Finance Committee

Chairman Wingate welcomed Mr. Shealy and Mr. Parks, who reported on the state's budget outlook. A hard copy of the information they presented may be found in **Attachment II**.

5. Chairman's Report

- **Ken Wingate**

Chairman Wingate reported on the Higher Education Action Plan presentations he and Dr. Walters had made within the last month to the Boards of Trustees at the Citadel, the College of Charleston, Coastal Carolina University, and Winthrop University. He stated that he and Dr. Walters would be delivering that presentation to the Francis Marion Board of Trustees on Friday, November 6.

6. Report of the Executive Director

- **Garrison Walters**

Dr. Walters stated that on-going conversations about an overall budget strategy are still taking place with Presidents and other institutional representatives, and that further information on that topic would be delivered in the near future. He stated that a special meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing on a proposed new medical school in South Carolina, the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine, would most likely take place on November 20. At this meeting, matters regarding the impact of an additional medical school in the state will be explored. Dr. Walters provided information on his recent travel presentations. He stated that the focus of his presentations is shifting toward encouraging the audiences to form local access college programs. Dr. Walters offered kudos to Trident Technical College and the State Technical College System for the critical roles they played in attracting the Boeing industry to establish operations in the North Charleston area. He commended the citizens of Texas, who had recently voted to approve the expenditure of \$500 million to strengthen their higher education system. In response to Dr. Walters' request, Dr. Morrison provided an update on the activities of the Centers of Economic Excellence program. She also thanked all involved with the work on the Professor of the Year Awards and provided information on the Professor of the Year Awards luncheon, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Capstone Building on the University of South Carolina campus.

7. Legislative Report

Ms. Carullo reported on the activities of the General Assembly which had come back in session during the

previous week to consider matters pertaining to unemployment benefits and economic development. She stated that the state's Board of Economic Advisors would be delivering the first budget estimates for FY 2010-11 during the following week and that pre-filed legislation for the 2010 Legislative Session would be filed in the near future. An information sheet about Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL), (**Attachment III**), and notes on CHE's FY 2010-11 Budget Request (**Attachment IV**) were distributed to Commissioners for their review.

8. Report of the Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee - Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate stated that an updated Action Plan Implementation Status Report as of October 29, 2009 (**Attachment V**) had been distributed to Commissioners for their information and review.

9. Committee Reports

9.01 Report of the Executive Committee - Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate stated that the minutes of the October 29, 2009, Executive Committee meeting (**Attachment VI**) had been distributed to Commissioners for information.

9.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing - Bettie Horne

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing had no report.

9.03 Report of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services - Cynthia Mosteller

The Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services had no report. Commissioner Mosteller provided a brief update on College Application Week activities. She stated a more detailed report on this initiative would be presented at the December CHE meeting.

8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Jim Sanders

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

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| 1. University of SC Columbia | - | Maxcy College Renovation (Phase I) |
| | - | Harper/Elliott Renovations (Phase I) |
| | - | Jones PSC North Tower Ceiling Asbestos Removal (Phase II) |
| | - | DeSaussure Fire Protection/Renovation (Phase II) |
| 2. The Citadel | - | Bond Hall Building Envelope Repairs (Phase II) |
| 3. Coastal Carolina University | - | Academic Office/Classroom Building (Phase I) |
| | - | Central Cooling & Heating Plant (Phase II) |
| | - | Commons Dining Hall Addition (Phase II) |
| 4. College of Charleston | - | School of Science & Mathematics Second Floor Completion (Phase I) |
| 5. University of SC Upstate | - | Hodge Center Renovation/Addition (Phase I) |
| | - | Palmetto Villas Renovations |
| 6. Winthrop University | - | Phelps Hall Renovation (Phase II) |
| 7. Midlands Technical College | - | Northeastern Classroom/Engineering Science Facility (Phase II) |

8. Northeastern Technical College - Dillon Campus Construction (Phase II)

**B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for October 2009
(For Information)**

Commissioner Sanders stated that the Horizon I and Discovery I projects described in **Attachment VII** had been withdrawn from the agenda and that the York Technical College Griffin Motors Property Acquisition project would be brought forward for consideration at a later date. The remaining projects had been unanimously approved by the Committee on Finance and Facilities at its meeting earlier in the morning.

A **motion** was made (Sanders) and **carried** to approve the following **recommendation** with regard to each of capital projects listed above:

The Committee on Finance and Facilities recommends approving this project as proposed.

Commissioner Sanders commented that, in light of the information provided earlier in the meeting on the state budget outlook, the Committee on Finance and Facilities will continue to work diligently with the institutions to expedite the approval time of capital projects as well as examine very carefully the expenditure of the state's resources.

10. Other Business

Chairman Wingate recognized Dr. David DeCenzo, President of Coastal Carolina University. Dr. DeCenzo requested that the meeting's state budget outlook presentation be posted on the CHE website so that institutions might have the opportunity to share it with their Boards of Trustees. Chairman Wingate reminded Commissioners of the Professor of the Year Awards banquet at 1:00 p.m. in the Capstone Building on the University of South Carolina campus.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I -VII)

*Attachments are not included in this mailing, but will be filed with the permanent record of these minutes and are available for review upon request.