

Consideration of Changes in Membership of the Funding Advisory Committee of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

The Funding Advisory Committee (FAC) is an advisory committee established to review fiscal matters pertaining to higher education institutions prior to consideration by the Committee on Finance and Facilities, and the Commission.

The FAC consists of the Vice President for Finance at each of the research and comprehensive teaching universities. Also, there is one representative from the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (SBTCE). Other members include a member of the Senate Finance Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, the Budget and Control Board and the Governor's office. The Director of Finance at the Commission chairs the FAC.

The FAC has no direct representative from the five regional campuses of the University of South Carolina, although the USC-Columbia VP for Finance does represent the system. Also the 16 technical colleges have no direct representative, although the SBTCE Finance Director represents the technical college system.

It is the belief of the staff that more direct involvement from the two-year regional campuses and the technical colleges would be very helpful to the Commission as it discusses and deliberates on fiscal matters unique to those institutions. Staff believes that one person representing the five regional campuses should be placed on the FAC and two persons, (one voting and one ex-officio-non voting) from the technical colleges be placed on the FAC. The staff at CHE, along with the University and SBTCE will appoint the representatives.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that effective immediately, one person representing the two-year regional campuses and two persons from the technical colleges, one voting and one non-voting ex-officio member, be placed on the Funding Advisory Committee.