

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, S.C. 29201
Minutes of the Meeting
May 6, 2010
10:30 a.m.

Commission Members Attending

Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair
Dr. Doug Forbes
Mr. Ken Jackson
Mr. Jim Sanders
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Mr. Chuck Talbert
Mr. Hood Temple
Mr. Neal Workman
Dr. Mick Zais

Commission Members Absent

Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller
Mr. Guy Tarrant
Dr. Charles Thomas
Mr. Ken Wingate, Chairman

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Courtney Blake
Ms. Julie Carullo
Mr. Derrah Cassidy
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Sjanna Coriarty
Ms. Lucy Fort
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Ms. Erin Konkle
Ms. Rae McPherson
Ms. Lorna Manglona-Williams
Dr. Gail Morrison
Mr. Clint Mullins
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Dr. Mike Raley

Guests

Dr. Michael Amiridis, USC Columbia
Mr. Jeff Bauer, Lander University
Dr. Joyce Blackwell, SC State University
Ms. Mary Ann Byrnes, USC Columbia
Mr. Brian Clark, Andrews Elementary School
Mr. Tom Covar, Lander University
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter
Ms. Jacqui DiMaggio, Greenville Technical College
Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus, USC Columbia
Dr. Bert Ely, USC Columbia
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia
Dr. Simon Hudson, USC Columbia
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University (phone)
Dr. Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, USC Columbia
Ms. Nicole Ford-Jennings, SC Budget & Control Board
Dr. George Hynd, College of Charleston
Dr. Sheryl Kline, USC Columbia
Mr. Dave LeGrand, York Technical College
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges & Universities
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University
Dr. Brian Mihilak, USC Columbia
Lt. Col. Tara McNealy, The Citadel
Dr. Rhonda Mack, College of Charleston
Mr. John Malmrose, Medical University of SC
Mr. Tom Nelson, Lander University
Mr. Steve Osborne, College of Charleston
Ms. Jennifer Pearce, Medical University of SC
Mr. Scott Poelker, Trident Technical College
Ms. Jen Phelps, SC Association of Technical College Commissioners
Ms. Sandra Powers, College of Charleston
Mr. Steve Osborne, College of Charleston
Mr. Dan Ravenel, College of Charleston
Ms. Hope Rivers, State Technical College System
Dr. Alan Shao, College of Charleston
Ms. Christine Smalls Brown, Medical University of SC
Dr. Calvin Williams, Clemson University
Ms. Sandy Williams, Coastal Carolina University
Mr. Hayes Wisner, Technical College of the Lowcountry

Members of the Press

none

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

1. Introductions

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo introduced all in attendance, all of whom are listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made (Workman), **seconded** (Sanders), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2010, CHE meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

- Bettie Rose Horne

Vice Chair Horne presided over the meeting as a previous commitment prevented Chairman from being present. She noted that the 2010 Higher Education Hall of Fame Banquet would take place on October 7. She also encouraged Commissioners to consider becoming a member of the Lightsey Society if they had not already done so.

4. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

Dr. Walters reported he would be speaking to the Columbia Association of Contractors that evening about the importance of higher education to the economy and that he had several other similar presentations scheduled in the near future. He offered congratulations on the 50th anniversary of the invention of the laser, created by university-based scientists on May 16, 1960. Dr. Walters then spoke about the importance of the unity of education, emphasizing the necessity that individuals have a post-secondary credential in order to stay current with knowledge economy advancements.

5. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported that the 2010 session of the General Assembly was scheduled to end on June 3. She stated that the Senate has completed its work on the budget and has sent it back to the House for consideration, after which it will go to conference committee if there are still differences in the two versions before being sent to the Governor for signature. Ms. Carullo stated that the Senate budget recommendations for higher education are similar to the House recommendations, though they differ in how they provide for the anticipated growth of scholarships. While both versions fully fund the scholarships for estimated growth next year, she explained that due to additional reductions necessary as the Senate considered the budget, some of the recurring funds for the programs were shifted to the lottery as the first priority in the excess unclaimed prize funds. She also commented that several new provisos were added during the Senate floor debate on the budget including: 1) a provision requiring institutions to report within 30 days of acting on tuition and fee increases; 2) a provision requiring institutions to post their audited financial statements online and link to procurement card information if posted by another state office; and 3) a proviso to create a study committee for the USC law school. Additionally, she noted a new proviso was added to create a legislative study committee to consider the reorganization of state agencies. In response to Commissioner Sanders' inquiry concerning the reduced estimates available to the Senate, Ms. Carullo explained that the Senate had approximately \$125 million less than had been included in the House budget due to a reduction in revenue estimates for 2010-11 relating to overstated revenues and due to an accounting discrepancies concerning information on balances of the Department of Health and Human Services discovered after the House passed its version of the budget. Ms. Carullo also reported that the regulatory reform bills are still on the Senate calendar and that it is not anticipated they will be acted on during the current legislative session. She also stated that legislation to raise the cigarette tax by fifty cents had passed and would be considered by the Governor who was expected to veto the legislation and reminded Commissioners that legislation had been enacted and was being implemented that reformed and restructured the Employment Security Commission as a cabinet agency under the Governor

Vice Chair Horne then recognized Mr. Dan Ravenel, a former CHE commissioner and Chairman of the Higher Education Study Committee (HESC) and presently a member of the College of Charleston Board of Trustees. Mr. Ravenel thanked the Commission for their continued efforts toward the implementation of the HESC's Higher Education Action Plan's recommendations.

6. Presentations

A. *Nature-based Inquiry (Improving Teacher Quality Grant)*

- Dr. Bert Ely
USC Columbia

B. *Center of Excellence in Mathematics and Science Education (EIA Center of Excellence Grant)*

- Dr. Calvin Williams
Clemson University

Dr. Morrison provided background information on both the Nature-based Inquiry Improving Teacher Quality Project and the Center of Excellence in Mathematics and Science Education. She then welcomed and introduced Dr. Bert Ely of USC Columbia and Dr. Calvin Williams of Clemson University. Details about the Nature-based Inquiry presentation, the goal of which is to improve teacher efficacy in science instruction and to improve student performance in science through the use of outdoor classrooms, may be found in **Attachment I**. Details about the Center of Excellence in Mathematics and Science Education, the purpose of which is to provide support, professional development, curricula, instructional materials, and course work to improve the teaching of mathematics and the sciences in grades K through 16, may be found in **Attachment II**.

7. Report of the Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee

- Bettie Rose Horne

There was no report from the Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee.

8. Committee Reports

8.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Bettie Rose Horne

The draft minutes of the April 29, 2010, Executive Committee meeting (**Attachment III**) had been distributed to Commissioners for information. Vice Chair Horne reminded Commissioners of the events to take place on Thursday, October 7, 2010, including the Trustees Conference and the Higher Education Hall of Fame Banquet which have resulted in moving the regularly scheduled CHE meeting to Friday, October 8.

8.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

- Hood Temple

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consideration of New Program Proposals

1. M. A., Communication, Technology, and Society, Clemson
2. M.B.A., Business Administration, College of Charleston
3. Ph.D., Hospitality Management, USC Columbia
4. Ph.D., Spanish, USC Columbia

B. Consideration of Revised Guidelines for Federal *Improving Teacher Quality* Competitive Grants Program, FY 2011-2012

C. Consideration of Revised Guidelines for EIA Centers of Excellence (Teacher Education) Competitive Grants Program, FY 2011-2012

D. Consideration of Annual Report for AP Course Acceptance Policies, FY 2009-10

E. Consideration of Revised Mission Statement: South Carolina State University

F. Consideration of Life and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement Issues

G. Informational Report on New and Continuing Awards for Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program, FY 2010-11 and New and Continuing Awards for EIA Centers of Excellence (Teacher Education) Competitive Grants Program, FY 2010-11.

At Vice Chair Horne's request, Commissioner Temple acted as Chair of the Committee on Academic Affairs & Licensing. He stated that Agenda Items 8.04 A – D, details about which may be found in **Attachment IV**, were brought to the full Commission by consent. Commissioner Forbes requested that Agenda Item 8.04 A2, M.B.A., Business Administration, College of Charleston, be removed from the consent agenda to be considered as a separate item.

A **motion** was made (Temple) and **carried** to approve Agenda Items 8.02 A1, 3, and 4 as well as Agenda Items 8.02 B, C, and D.

Commissioner Forbes initiated discussion about the proposed M.B.A. program at the College of Charleston, explaining his concern that it was duplicative given the fact that there are several other M.B.A. programs already offered at institutions throughout the state, including one at The Citadel. He commented that by validating this program the value of the CHE could be questioned. He stated further that the existing M.B.A. programs in the state are not full, and that those programs should be able to incorporate any unique characteristics of the College of Charleston's proposed program if a true demand for them is demonstrated. In addition, Commissioner Forbes stated that today's market does not require as many M.B.A. graduates as it has in the past, that this program demonstrates duplication at its best, and that he would vote against its approval.

Representing The College of Charleston, Dr. George Hynd, Dr. Alan Shao, and Dr. Rhonda Mack responded to questions providing information in support of establishing the M.B.A. program at the College. They explained the uniqueness of its nature and offered details about collaborative efforts between The College of Charleston and The Citadel in this regard. Dr. Mack provided data concerning the need for M.B.A. graduates.

Discussion ensued about the various aspects of implementing this proposed program, including questions raised about the availability of determining "capacity". Commissioner Forbes then reiterated his belief that the establishment of this program is duplicative, prevents other institutions from acquiring necessary resources, and sets an unnecessary and undesirable precedent. He encouraged other Commissioners to join him in voting against the approval of the program.

Commissioner Sanders recommended that an amendment be considered that would require the College of Charleston to provide to the CHE within a three-year period a report on the enrollment numbers and costs of the M.B.A. program as well as the collaborative efforts made between the College of Charleston and The Citadel. A **motion** to consider this amendment was made (Sanders). Of the voting members, four voted against the amendment and three in favor, so the **motion did not carry**.

Commissioner Forbes then expressed his concerns that data about the total number of M.B.A. applicants in the state as well as the current total number of M.B.A. students had not been available for review.

The **motion** to approve the M.B.A. program at the College of Charleston was then brought to the table and **carried** with a vote of the voting members of four to three.

Commissioner Temple stated that Agenda Items 8.02 E, F, and G, additional details about which may be found in **Attachment IV**, had been considered and approved by the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing at their 9:00 a.m. meeting. A **motion** was made (Temple) and **carried** to approve these items.

8.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services - **Cynthia Mosteller**

The Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services had no report.

8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - **Jim Sanders**

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plans (CPIPs)

1. Year One Project Approvals

B. Interim Capital Projects

1. University of South Carolina Columbia - Close-Hipp Building Renovations (Phase I)
2. Medical University of South Carolina - CSB 3rd Floor Neuroscience Renovation Step 2 (Phase II)
3. Coastal Carolina University - Public Safety Facility (Phase II)
4. Winthrop University - Owens Hall Fire Damage Reconstruction (Phases I & II)
5. Trident Technical College - Nursing and Science Building (Phase I)

C. Leases

1. Medical University of South Carolina - 5900 Core Avenue
2. College of Charleston - 284 King Street

D. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for April 2010 (For Information)

In response to Commissioner Sanders' request, Mr. Glenn provided background information on Agenda Item 8.04A, details about which may be found in **Attachment V**.

A **motion** was made (Sanders) and **carried** to approve the Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plans as listed in Agenda Item 8.04A, which were presented to the full Commission by consent.

Commissioner Sanders stated that the interim capital projects described in Agenda Items 8.04B 1-4, details about which may be found in **Attachment V**, were brought to the full Commission by consent. A **motion** was made (Sanders) and **carried** to approve these capital projects.

Commissioner Sanders stated that two additional interim capital projects from Francis Marion University and Greenville Technical College, also described in **Attachment V**, had not been included on the consent agenda due to a clerical error. A **motion** was made (Sanders) and **carried** to approve those two projects.

Commissioner Sanders stated that the leases in Agenda Items 8.04C 1 and 2, as described in **Attachment V**, were presented by consent. A **motion** was made (Sanders) and **carried** to approve those leases.

Commissioner Sanders stated that an additional lease at Lander University, also described in **Attachment V**, had been approved by the Committee on Finance and Facilities at their 9:30 a.m. meeting. A **motion** was made and **carried** to approve that lease.

Commissioner Sanders stated that Agenda Item 8.04D, the list of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for April 2010 was provided for information.

9. Other Business

There was no additional business to consider.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I - V)

*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.