

Draft Minutes - May 7, 2009

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201
Minutes of the Meeting
May 7, 2009
10:30 a.m.

Commission Members Attending

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

Commission Members Absent

Mr. Neal Workman

Invited Guest Speakers

Dr. Jim Rex
Dr. Doug Woodward

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
Ms. Rita Allison
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Courtney Blake
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Dr. Gail Morrison
Ms. Stephanie Reynolds
Ms. Beth Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Members of the Press

none

Guests

Mr. Richard Austin, Francis Marion University
Ms. Stacie Bowie, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. John Bowles, USC Columbia
Dr. Sally Boyd, USC Columbia
Dr. Steve Butler, Troy University
Dr. Fred Carter, Francis Marion University
Ms. Donna Collins, USC Columbia
Dr. Cheryl Cox, SC Technical College System
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter
Dr. David DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus, USC Columbia
Dr. Marcia Dowell, USC Upstate
Ms. Margaret Evans, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Ms. Linda Floyd, SC Higher Education Foundation
Ms. Janet Fuller, Tri-County Technical College
Mr. Will Garland, Coastal Carolina University
Mr. Craig Hess, Midlands Technical College
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University (by phone)
Ms. Karen Jones, Winthrop University
Mr. Jay Kispert, Francis Marion University
Dr. Margaret Kroposki, Greenville Technical College
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges & Universities
Dr. Learie Luke, SC State University
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University
Ms. Diane Newton, Lander University
Ms. Susan Parlier, USC Columbia
Dr. Dennis Poole, USC Columbia
Ms. Sandra Powers, College of Charleston
Dr. Chris Plyler, USC Regional Campuses
Mr. Tom Quasney, USC Columbia
Mr. Dan Ravenel, Higher Education Study Committee (by phone)
Dr. Jim Rex, State Superintendent of Education
Mr. Allen Sayre, Francis Marion University
Dr. Tom Seebode, Troy University
Mr. Charles Shawver, SC Budget & Control Board
Ms. Rachel Vigness, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Dr. Doug Woodward, USC Columbia
Ms. Sandy Williams, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. Susan Williams, USC Beaufort
Mr. Bryce Wilson, SC Budget & Control Board

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

1. Introductions

- Julie Carullo

2. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made (Mosteller), **seconded** (Temple), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2009, meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate introduced and welcomed Mr. Guy Tarrant, whose recent appointment to the Commission is soon to be confirmed by the Senate. Chairman Wingate called to the Commissioners' attention an application for membership to the Lightsey Society and encouraged each of them to consider joining. He then recognized Dr. Fred Carter, President of Francis Marion University, and Officer Alan Sayre, also from Francis Marion, who had been selected by the SC Law Enforcement Association as the 2009 Campus Safety Officer of the Year. Following congratulatory remarks provided by both Chairman Wingate and President Carter, Officer Sayre was presented with a plaque in recognition of a commendation of excellence by the Commission.

4. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

Dr. Walters provided information on a variety of topics including: a status of report on activities related to the Higher Education Action Plan implementation; a joint venture between the University of South Carolina and Claflin University to produce more minority public health care workers; a workshop on alternative construction delivery methods to take place on June 24, 2009; his recent knowledge economy presentation to the Clinton Rotary Club and plans for continued efforts in this regard throughout the state; his recent meeting with the Spartanburg Foundation regarding plans to have 40 percent of the county's population hold baccalaureate degrees by the year 2030; the "New Front Door/Knowledge Network," an initiative whose objective is to increase higher education opportunities for adults; and a Frequently Asked Questions document drafted for Commissioners to provide them with talking points on higher education issues. More detailed information about each of these topics may be found in **Attachment I**.

Chairman Wingate then stated that the agenda would be adjusted to allow one of the Commission's invited guest speakers, Dr. Doug Woodward, to deliver his presentation on the economic return on investment in South Carolina's higher education. A hard copy of that presentation may be found in **Attachment II**. See Agenda Item 8 for details.

Following Dr. Woodward's presentation and subsequent discussion, Chairman Wingate again adjusted the agenda so that invited guest speaker, Dr. Jim Rex, State Superintendent of Education, could address the Commission. See Agenda Item 6 for details.

5. Legislative Report

Ms. Carullo reported that the Senate had passed its version of the state budget and had sent it to the House for consideration and possible amendment. She stated that the budget would then be sent to the Governor if the House and Senate agreed on it, and if not, their differences would first be resolved in conference committee. Ms. Carullo noted this session of the General Assembly

was expected to end early and that May 21 was the anticipated ending date. She also stated that regulatory relief bills for both the technical colleges and the research and four-year institutions were in Senate committees and that it was not likely that those pieces of legislation would be passed this year.

6. Presentation from Dr. Jim Rex, State Superintendent of Education

The focus of Superintendent Rex's presentation was on how K-12 and higher education are working together and can continue to collaborate on making positive progress toward a more educated South Carolina. Dr. Rex emphasized and discussed with Commissioners the importance of changing the culture of our state to make education a priority for everyone, noting the valuable role that effective grass roots support and advocacy can play in doing so. Dr. Rex also conveyed the important message that every child can succeed if preparation begins early enough and is provided by well-prepared, quality teachers.

7. Committee Reports

7.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate stated that Executive Committee did not have a report, and that the minutes of the May 1, 2009, Executive Committee meeting had been distributed to all Commissioners for information only.

7.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

- Bettie Horne

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consideration of New Program Proposals

1. A.I.T., Radiation Protection Technology, Aiken Technical College
2. A.I.T., Mechatronics Technology, Piedmont Technical College
3. B.A., Studio Art, USC Beaufort
4. B.A., Organizational Leadership, USC Columbia
5. B.S.E., Engineering Science, USC Columbia
6. B.S.W., Social Work, USC Columbia
7. B.A., Economics, Coastal Carolina University
8. M.Ed., Educational Leadership, Coastal Carolina University
9. Ph.D., Economics, Clemson University

B. Consideration of Amendment to Existing License

1. Troy University to Add New Program at its sites in Sumter, Charleston, and Rock Hill:
M. S., Education, Elementary Education (non-certification)
2. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to Add New Site in Rock Hill:
A.S., Aviation Maintenance; A.S., Professional Aeronautics; A.S. Technical Management;
B.S., Aviation Maintenance; B.S, Aviation Maintenance; B.S., Technical Management;
Master of Aeronautical Science; M.S., Management; M.S., Project Management;
M.S., Technical Management

C. Consideration of Annual Report on Admissions Standards for First-Time Entering Freshmen, FY2008-09

D. Consideration of Lottery-Funded Nursing Simulation Proposal, FY 2008-09

E. Consideration of Annual Report for AP Course Acceptance Policies, FY 2008-09

F. Information Report on Fine Arts Unit in College Course Prerequisites

Commissioner Horne made reference to the new program proposals as listed in agenda item 7.02A, detailed information about which may be found in **Attachment III**. She stated that each of the programs had been thoroughly reviewed, discussed, and approved by the Committee.

A **motion** was made (Horne) and **carried** to approve the following **recommendations**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission approval of the program leading to the Associate in Industrial Technology degree with a major in Radiation Protection Technology at Aiken Technical College, to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided that no “unique cost” or other special state funding be required or requested.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission approval of the program leading to the Associate in Industrial Technology degree with a major in Mechatronics Technology at Piedmont Technical College, to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided that no “unique cost” or other special state funding be required or requested.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission approval of the program leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Studio Art at USC Beaufort’s North (Beaufort) and South (Bluffton) campuses, to be implemented in Spring 2010, provided that no “unique cost” or other special state funding be required or requested and provided further that prior to implementation of the program the institution terminate the concentration in art currently offered under the program leading to the Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission approval of the program leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Organizational Leadership at USC Columbia, to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided no “unique cost” or other special state funding be required or requested.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission approval of the program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Science at USC Columbia, to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided that no “unique cost” or other special state funding be required or requested.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission approval of the program leading to the Bachelor of Social Work degree at USC Columbia, to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided that no “unique cost” or other special state funding be required or requested.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission approval of the program leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Economics at Coastal Carolina University, to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided that no “unique cost” or other special state funding be required or requested.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission approval of the program leading to a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership at Coastal Carolina University, to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided that 1) no “unique cost” or other special state funding be required or requested; 2) the program be approved by the State Board of Education prior to implementation; and 3) Coastal Carolina seek appropriate national recognition by the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC).

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission the program leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Economics at Clemson University to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided that no “unique cost” or other special state funding be requested.

Commissioner Horne made reference to the requests for amendment of existing licenses as listed in agenda item 7.02B, detailed information about which may be found in **Attachment IV**. When questioned about the number of graduates each institution had produced in South Carolina last year, a representative of Troy University stated that there had been between 150 and 200 graduates and an Embry-Riddle University representative responded that they have not yet had any graduates as they have only been licensed to operate in South Carolina for two years.

A **motion** was made (Horne) and **carried** to approve the following **recommendations**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission approval of an amendment to the license of Troy University to approve the offering of a program leading to the Master of Science degree in Education with a concentration in Elementary Education (non-certification), at its sites in Sumter, Charleston, and Rock Hill, to be implemented as soon as justified by enrollments.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission approval of an amendment to the license of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to offer in Rock Hill programs leading to the A.S., Aviation Maintenance; A.S. Professional Aeronautics; and A.S., Technical Management; B.S., Technical Management; Master of Aeronautical Science; M.S., Management; M.S., Project Management; and M.S., Technical Management to be implemented in August 2009.

Commissioner Horne made reference to agenda item 7.02C, the Report on Admission Standards for First-time Entering Freshmen, FY 2008-09, detailed information about which may be found in **Attachment V**.

A **motion** was made (Horne) and **carried** to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission approval of the following:

1. Although there was an increase in first-time freshmen meeting all the high school course prerequisites for public college admission, the senior institutions whose compliance rate falls below the state average of 95.2 percent should focus on efforts to ensure increasing compliance, particularly in the science area, thereby enhancing student preparation for success in college and making majors in science, engineering, and technology more likely for entering students.
2. This report should be transmitted to the S. C. Department of Education and the chairs of the House and Senate Education Committees.

Commissioner Horne made reference to agenda item 7.02D, Consideration of Lottery-funded Nursing Simulation Proposal, FY 2008-09, detailed information about which may be found in **Attachment VI**.

A **motion** was made (Horne) to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission approval of the proposal “Integration of Simulation in Nursing Education Programs in South Carolina” submitted by the South Carolina Council of Deans and Directors of Nursing Education provided that:

1. funding for the simulation technology and equipment is available through unclaimed lottery prize funds at the end of the 2008-09 fiscal year as stated in legislation;
2. substantive budget changes be submitted for approval to the Commission staff; and
3. if a fiscal agent other than the Commission on Higher Education is requested, that institution should be identified in writing to the Commission staff.

Discussion followed about how unclaimed lottery prize money is contributed towards need-based aid as well as about the three private institutions in South Carolina with nursing programs being included in this particular initiative. The **motion** was brought to the table and **carried**.

Commissioner Horne made reference to agenda item 7.02E, Consideration of Annual Report on Advanced Placement Course Acceptance Policies, FY 2008-09, detailed information about which may be found in **Attachment VII**.

A **motion** was made (Horne) and **carried** to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission this report on Advanced Placement Course Acceptance Policies, FY 2008-09.

Commissioner Horne stated that agenda item 7.02F, Informational Report on Fine Arts Unit in College Prerequisites, described in **Attachment VIII**, was provided for information only.

**7.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity
and Student Services**

- Cynthia Mosteller

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

7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Jim Sanders

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

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| 1. Clemson University | - | Manning Hall Renovation |
| 2. USC Columbia | - | Farmers Market Development Construction |
| | - | Jones PSC North Tower Ceiling Asbestos Removal |
| | - | Columbia Campus Infrastructure Repairs |
| | - | Preston College Fire Protection/Renovation |
| | - | Patterson Hall Renovation |
| | - | Athletic Village Infrastructure Development Construction |
| | - | Athletic Coaches Support Building Construction |
| | - | Athletic Village Garage & Maintenance Facility Construction |

	-	Athletic Venues Construction
3. MUSC	-	CSB 3rd Floor Renovations for Neurosciences
4. Coastal Carolina University	-	Student Recreation/Convocation Center
	-	Baseball Batting Facility
5. College of Charleston	-	Simons Center for the Arts Expansion
B. Leases		
1. Clemson University	-	1201 Main Street – 19th Floor
2. MUSC	-	Rutledge Tower Parking Garage
	-	Fishburne Street Parking Lot
3. College of Charleston	-	Lowcountry Graduate Center
C. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for April 2009 (For Information)		

Commissioner Sanders stated that the interim capital projects, listed in agenda item 7.04A and described in **Attachment IX**, had been approved by the Committee at its meeting earlier in the morning.

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

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

Commissioner Sanders stated that the leases, listed in agenda item 7.04B and described in Attachment IX, had been approved by the Committee at its meeting earlier in the morning.

A **motion** was made (Sanders) and **carried** to approve the following recommendation with regard to each of these leases:

The Committee on Finance and Facilities recommends approval of this lease provided the rates and terms are approved by the Budget and Control Board.

Commissioner Sanders stated that agenda item 7.04C, List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for April 2009 and also described in **Attachment IX**, was provided for information only.

8. Return on Economic Investment, Dr. Doug Woodward, USC Moore School of Business

A copy of the draft of this report, conducted by Dr. Woodward and staff at the Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina, at the request of Mr. Dan Ravenel, Chair of the Higher Education Study Committee, was distributed to each of the Commissioners. Chairman Wingate asked that they review the report and provide any feedback they might have to Dr. Walters.

In summary, this report reveals significant returns to South Carolina if the Higher Education Study Committee's recommended goal of making the state one of the leaders in education attainment by 2030, as measured by the percentage of South Carolinians with at least a bachelor's degree, is realized. Dr. Woodward noted that this report is a work in progress and that additional research is still being conducted. When finalized in the next several weeks, a copy of the full report will be made available to the public.

9. Other Business

Chairman Wingate recognized Dr. David DeCenzo, President of Coastal Carolina University, who noted the significance of the information presented and discussed during the course of this meeting and encouraged all to work together to increase awareness of the importance higher education to the state. He also asked that the CHE continue to try to encourage members of the General Assembly to consider favorably the pending regulatory relief legislation. Dr. DeCenzo also stated that Coastal Carolina had fortunately not been affected by recent extensive fires in the Myrtle Beach area. Chairman Wingate thanked Dr. DeCenzo and Coastal Carolina University for having hosted the 2009 Linda B. Floyd Campus Safety Conference.

Commissioner Sanders announced that the Committee on Finance and Facilities would again meet in approximately 30 minutes.

10. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth B. Rogers

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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I –IX)

*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.