

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1333 Main Street, Suite 200

Columbia, S.C. 29201

Minutes of the Meeting

January 7, 2010

10:30 a.m.

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chairman
Dr. Doug Forbes
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Mr. Ken Jackson
Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller
Mr. Chuck Talbert
Mr. Guy Tarrant
Mr. Hood Temple
Mr. Neal Workman
Dr. Mick Zais

Commission Members Absent

Mr. Jim Sanders
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Dr. Charles Thomas

Invited Guest Speakers

Ms. Mandy Kibler, SC Technical College System

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
Ms. Rita Allison
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Mr. Arik Bjorn
Ms. Courtney Blake
Mr. Anthony Brown
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Mr. Sidney Brown
Ms. Saundra Carr
Ms. Julie Carullo
Mr. Derrah Cassidy
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Ms. Rae McPherson
Dr. Gail Morrison
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Mr. Clint Mullins
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Mr. David Cohen, College of Charleston
Dr. Kathy Coleman, Clemson University
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia
Mr. John Gardner, The Citadel
Mr. Craig Garner, SC Higher Education Foundation
Dr. Para Jones, Spartanburg Community College
Ms. Meredith Kennedy, Miller-Motte Technical College
Mr. Mike Largent, Virginia College
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges and Universities
Ms. Angie Leidinger, Clemson University
Dr. Cynthia Lowenthal, College of Charleston
Dr. Brian McColl, College of Charleston
Ms. Beth McGinnis, Clemson University
Dr. Frank Osage, Saint Leo University
Ms. Jennifer Pearce, Medical University of SC
Dr. David Persky, Saint Leo University
Ms. Jen Phelps, SC Association of Technical College Commissioners
Ms. Sandra Powers, College of Charleston
Mr. John Rocovich, Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine
Ms. Jennifer Swart Rumbold, Miller-Motte Technical College
Ms. Susan Sweet, Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine
Dr. Dixie Tooke-Rawlins, Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine
Ms. Fran Welch, College of Charleston
Dr. James F. Wolfe, Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine

Members of the Press

none

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

1. Introductions

- **Julie Carullo**

2. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Tarrant), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2009, CHE meeting.

Chairman Wingate introduced Mr. Craig Garner, President of the SC Higher Education Foundation. Mr. Garner provided a briefing on the Foundation's activities as well as on The Lightsey Society, which honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to education and helps provide financial support for the Foundation. Mr. Garner concluded his remarks by requesting that those Commissioners who had not already joined The Lightsey Society consider becoming members.

3. Guest Presentation: *Update and Initiatives, Ms. Mandy Kibler,* Vice-President for Finance, SC Technical College System

Chairman Wingate welcomed and introduced Ms. Mandy Kibler, who provided an update on the challenges facing the SC Technical College System as well as on initiatives the System has undertaken to study options leading to more efficient operations of the colleges and the system as a whole. A copy of Ms. Kibler's presentation may be found in **Attachment I**. A brief period of comments, questions, and answers followed, during which Dr. Para Jones, the new President of Spartanburg Community College was welcomed and introduced.

4. Chairman's Report

- **Ken Wingate**

Chairman Wingate stated he would forgo the Chairman's Report because much of what Dr. Walters would be delivering in the Executive Director's report would also include information on his activities since the December, 2009, CHE meeting.

5. Report of the Executive Director

- **Garrison Walters**

Dr. Walters shared information on recent activities, which included: 1) a presentation on adult education to the New Carolina Education and Training Task Force; 2) a presentation on college access to the Connect Adults group; and 3) a presentation he and Chairman Wingate delivered to the Charleston Rotary Club (**Attachment II**) which emphasizes making higher education a public priority and changing public awareness about the importance of higher education.

Dr. Walters commented on a letter from Representative Phillip Owens regarding the administration of the meningitis vaccine to college freshman as well as on his response to that letter which stated that, though the CHE has no authority to require institutions to administer the vaccine, it will actively work with them to try bring compliance on how the issue should most appropriately be handled. At Dr. Walters' request, Dr. Gail Morrison provided an update on the status of the *DegreeSC* initiative which involves the shared delivery of online college degree programs, and Dr. Karen Woodfaulk provided a briefing on the SCCANGO campaign and the launch on Monday, January 11, 2010, of a website designed to deliver information about college access in South Carolina (**Attachment III**). Dr. Woodfaulk also provided information on the Linda B. Floyd Campus Safety Conference, hosted by the Medical University of SC, to be held at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, February 17-19, 2010.

Dr. Walters provided a briefing on the CHE's testimony to the House Ways and Means Higher Education, Technical, & Cultural Subcommittee on January 12, 2010, a draft of which had been presented to Commissioners for review and comment (**Attachment IV**). Discussion followed about differences in perspectives on whether lottery scholarships support the colleges and universities and how to address that issue should it arise when the testimony is presented. Concluding his report, Dr. Walters commented briefly on the January 5 meeting with research and comprehensive presidents regarding plans for collaboration on

operating budgets, a bond bill, and related priorities over a multi-year period. A similar meeting will occur with the technical college presidents on January 14.

6. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported that the General Assembly would begin their 2010 Session on January 12. She stated higher education budget hearings would begin during the first week with the CHE delivering its testimony on the afternoon of January 12, and that she would provide to Commissioners a schedule of the institutions' hearings when available. She reported that the state budget would be a predominant issue of consideration and that the Board of Economic Advisors would meet again on January 14. Ms. Carullo also stated that the Governor would release his version of the budget that afternoon. Ms. Carullo distributed information on pre-filed legislation (**Attachment V**), regulatory reform bills, H. 3365 and H. 3841 (**Attachment VI**), and news articles of interest (**Attachment VII**).

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

- Ken Wingate

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

8. Committee Reports

8.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate stated that draft minutes of the December 30, 2009, Executive Committee meeting (**Attachment VIII**) had been distributed to Commissioners for Information.

8.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

- Bettie Rose Horne

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consideration of New Program Proposals

1. B.S., Biochemistry, Coastal Carolina
2. B.A. or A.B., International Studies with concentrations in Africa, Asia, International Comparative Literature, Europe, and Latin America, College of Charleston
3. B.A. or A.B., Women's and Gender Studies, College of Charleston
4. M.A.T., Middle Level Education with concentrations in English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Science, The Citadel & College of Charleston
5. M.S., Sport and Fitness Administration, Winthrop

B. Consideration of Initial License: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) of the Carolinas, Blacksburg, VA, in Spartanburg

C. Consideration of Amendments to Add New Sites:

1. A.A.S., Massage Therapy; A.A.S., Medical Assisting, Miller-Motte Technical College in Conway
2. A.A.S., Administrative Office Management; A.A.S., Computer-Aided Drafting and Design; A.A.S., Criminal Justice; A.A.S., Healthcare Reimbursement; A.A.S., Medical Assistant; A.A.S., Medical Office Management; A.A.S., Paralegal Studies; A.A.S., Respiratory Therapy; A.A.S., Surgical Technology; B.S., Business Administration; B.S., Criminal Justice; B.S., Health Services Management; and new programs at the proposed site: A.A.S., Medical Office Administration and A.A.S., Network Engineering, Virginia College in Columbia and Spartanburg

D. Consideration of Amendments to Add New Programs at Existing Site: B.A., Human Services Administration; B.S., Health Care Management, Saint Leo University in Sumter

Commissioner Horne reported that each of the items listed in Agenda Items 8.02 A,B,C, & D, further detail about which may be found in **Attachment IX**, had been approved by the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing. A **motion** was made (Horne) that the Commission approve these items as presented by Consent.

In response to Commissioner Workman's question about Agenda Item 8.02 A3, B.A. or A.B., Women's and Gender Studies at the College of Charleston, Commissioners Horne and Mosteller replied that questions and issues raised about that program had been discussed and resolved satisfactorily. In response to Commissioner Korrapati's questions of the St. Leo University representatives regarding whether the graduation rates of their students in South Carolina are tracked and whether they would be willing to report that information to the Commission, Dr. David Perksy responded that, as a large number of St. Leo's students are in the military, tracking them has proven to be challenging. They are attempting to refine their process, however, and would be willing to share this information with the Commission on an annual basis at the time it becomes possible.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

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

Commissioner Mosteller stated that the Committee on Access & Equity and Student services had no report. Commissioner Korrapati commented on and thanked Dr. Karen Woodfaulk and the staff of the Student Services Division for their excellent work on the most recent LIFE and Palmetto Scholarship appeals. He noted that this process was long and tedious and commended the staff for their outstanding efforts in this regard.

8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Jim Sanders

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Project

- 1. Coastal Carolina University - Athletic Training/Locker Room Renovation (Phase II)

B. Leases

- 1. Medical University of South Carolina - 30 Bee Street

C. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for December 2009 (For Information)

Commissioner Doug Forbes reported on behalf of Commissioner Jim Sanders, who was unable to be in attendance. Commissioner Forbes stated that each of the items listed in Agenda Item 8.04 A,B,&C (**described in Attachment X**) had been approved by the Committee on Finance and Facilities. A **motion** was made (Forbes) to approve these items as presented by Consent. The motion **carried**.

Commissioner Forbes reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had also voted to prepare a resolution in support of regulatory reform legislation for higher education, H. 3665, the Higher Education Efficiency and Administrative Procedures Act, and H. 3841, the South Carolina Technical College System Administrative Efficiencies Act. In the form of a **motion**, Commissioner Forbes requested that the full Commission approve this action. Following discussion, it was decided that a formal resolution would be drafted, signed by each of the Commissioners, and presented to Senator John Courson, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee. The motion **carried**.

Mr. Gary Glenn stated that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had also been requested to consider at their meeting earlier in the morning a last minute project from Clemson University, involving the construction of a Wind Turbine Drive Train Test Facility at the Charleston Naval Complex in North Charleston, SC. Information about this project may be found in **Attachment XI**. In the form of a **motion** (Forbes), this project was then brought to the full Commission for approval.

Following delivery of additional information on the project by Ms. Angie Leidinger of Clemson University and subsequent discussion about financial support for this project and the number of jobs resulting from it, the **motion** was brought to the table and **carried**.

9. Other Business

A. 2010 CHE meeting schedule

Chairman Wingate stated that the 2010 CHE Meeting schedule (**Attachment XII**), which had been distributed to Commissioners, was provided for information and planning purposes.

Commissioner Horne requested that a list of upcoming dates of events to which Commissioners had been invited be distributed to them.

Chairman Wingate commented on Commissioner Zais's intention to run as a candidate for SC Superintendent of Education, after which Commissioner Zais commented and stated that he was inspired to do so in order to continue to fulfill his commitment to be of meaningful service.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 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.