

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1333 Main Street, Suite 200

Columbia, S.C. 29201

***Minutes of the Meeting***

**February 4, 2010**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Commission Members Attending**

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chairman  
Dr. Doug Forbes  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne  
Dr. Raghu Korrapati  
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller  
Mr. Jim Sanders  
Mr. Bill Scarborough  
Mr. Chuck Talbert  
Mr. Neal Workman

**Commission Members Absent**

Mr. Ken Jackson  
Mr. Guy Tarrant  
Dr. Charles Thomas  
Mr. Hood Temple  
Dr. Mick Zais

**Staff Present**

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director  
Ms. Laura Belcher  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Mr. Anthony Brown  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Ms. Sandra Carr  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Mr. Derrah Cassidy  
Ms. Lorinda Copeland  
Ms. Sjanna Coriarty  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Dr. Paula Gregg  
Ms. Trena Houpp  
Ms. Rae McPherson  
Dr. Gail Morrison  
Mr. Clint Mullins  
Ms. Yolanda Myers  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Dr. Marsha Dowell, USC Upstate  
Ms. Nicole Ford-Jennings, SC Budget & Control Board  
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia  
Dr. George Hynd, College of Charleston  
Ms. Karen Jones, Winthrop University  
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges and Universities  
Ms. Beth McGinnis, Clemson University  
Mr. John Malmrose, Medical University of SC  
Mr. Bobby Marlowe, College of Charleston  
Mr. Tim Odell, Florence-Darlington Technical College  
Mr. Joe Pearman, SC State University  
Ms. Jen Phelps, SC Association of Technical College Commissioners  
Mr. Scott Poelker, Trident Technical College  
Mr. Jack Roache, Florence-Darlington Technical College  
Mr. John Smalls, SC State 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 all in attendance, all of whom are listed above.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Mosteller), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2010, CHE meeting.

## 3. Chairman's Report

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate reported that the meeting on January 4-5 with research and comprehensive university presidents, as well as the meeting on January 14 with technical college presidents regarding collaborative efforts and the development of a unified statewide strategy had been very productive. He stated he would be speaking on the topic of Representative Merrill's bill to eliminate the CHE at a meeting on Monday, Feb. 15, in Charleston at the East Cooper Republican Club. In that regard, he referred to a document entitled, *CHE Key Factors*, which had been distributed to the Commission (**Attachment I**). He invited Commissioners to attend the Charleston meeting. Chairman Wingate also reported on the status of the creation of a cost reduction committee, which will include participation by college and university presidents and will investigate ways to make targeted and large-scale cost reduction efforts at the state's institutions of higher education. The first meeting of this committee will be scheduled soon.

## 4. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

Dr. Walters shared information on his presentations to the Aiken Rotary Club and the Clemson Chamber of Commerce, as well as on the most recent one he and Dr. Karen Woodfaulk delivered to the Hardeeville Chamber of Commerce on creating local college access programs. He re-affirmed Chairman Wingate's positive remarks about successful meetings with the research, comprehensive, and technical college presidents in January, stating he hoped to provide additional detail on actions resulting from those meetings in March. Dr. Walters noted that, of the 49 states with agencies providing functions similar to the CHE, South Carolina does an exceptional job of minimizing program duplication, largely due to the efforts of CHE. He provided a brief update on the New Front Door adult education strategy, and also reported that Dr. Belle Wheelan, of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), would be presenting at the March CHE meeting. Following an update from Commissioner Mosteller on College Application Week and related activities, the SCCANGO initiative (**see Attachment II**) and College Goal Sunday, Dr. Karen Woodfaulk reminded Commissioners about the Campus Safety Conference to take place Feb. 17-19, and also commented on SCCANGO and upcoming College Goal Sunday activities. At Dr. Walters' request, Dr. Gail Morrison commented on the progress noted in the Action Plan Implementation Status Report and provided information on the Health Sciences South Carolina HEAL SC 2010 conference, South Carolina's first statewide health economic summit on March 2 and 3. This summit will feature many of the Centers of Economic Excellence (COEE) endowed chairs. Dr. Morrison also reported on the status of several other initiatives on which she and her staff are working, including: 1) the Graduate Professional Alliance (GPA) program, an effort to encourage South Carolina college graduates to also attend graduate school in the state; 2) Degree SC, which involves the implementation of a statewide online degree program; and 3) South Carolina Transfer and Articulation Center (SCTRAC), a website designed to help students more efficiently plan coursework which will count toward their college degrees. Also at Dr. Walters' request, Mr. Michael Brown reported that a conference on Access & Equity will take place this year at Pawleys Island on April 7-9, more information about which will be forthcoming.

## 5. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported that the full House Ways and Means Committee will meet to consider the budget during the third week of February, and that the budget is expected to reach the House floor by the second week in March. She stated that the Governor's budget recommendations were very similar to ones he made last year, in

that they substantially cut higher education institution budgets by approximately 20%, and advocate for tuition caps and discontinuing science and math enhancement programs for the Palmetto Fellows and LIFE scholarships. Ms. Carullo reported that the Board of Economic Advisors (BEA) will meet again on February 11 and may announce further downgrades to revenue estimates which could lead to additional budget cuts for this year and next. She stated that the regulatory relief bills have been passed to the Senate Education Committee, which will consider them when they meet on February 10.

**6. Presentation: *Developing Local College Access Programs*  
Garrison Walters & Karen Woodfaulk**

Dr. Walters and Dr. Woodfaulk provided an overview of their presentation on the importance of college access, which they had delivered to the Hardeeville Chamber of Commerce on February 2, a copy of which may be found in **Attachment III**. Discussion followed in which the importance of making an impact at the local level was emphasized. Dr. Walters noted that efforts are underway to deliver similar presentations in other areas of the state in an attempt to gain community support of and participation in the development of local college access programs.

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

Chairman Wingate referred to the updated (as of January 27, 1010) Action Plan Implementation Status Report (**Attachment IV**), which had been distributed, noting that changes since this report was last updated (October 29, 2009) were highlighted.

**8. Committee Reports**

**8.01 Report of the Executive Committee - Ken Wingate**

Chairman Wingate stated that draft minutes of the January 28, 2009, Executive Committee meeting (**Attachment V**) had been distributed to Commissioners for information.

**8.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing - Bettie Rose Horne**

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing had no report.

**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. Interim Capital Projects**

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| 1. Medical University of SC              | - | Harborview Office Tower Renovations For Neurosciences Clinic – Phase II |
| 2. South Carolina State University       | - | Campus-Wide energy Performance Contract – Phase I                       |
| 3. Florence-Darlington Technical College | - | Manufacturing Incubator Center – Phase II                               |
| 4. Horry-Georgetown Technical College    | - | Building 300 – Phase I  |
| 5. Trident Technical College             | - | B950 Renovation – Phase II (Phase I)                                    |

**B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for January 2010 (For Information)**

Commissioner Sanders stated that each of the items listed in Agenda Item 8.04A (described in **Attachment VI**) had been approved by the Committee on Finance and Facilities. A **motion** was made (Sanders) to approve these items as presented by Consent. The motion **carried**.

Commissioner Sanders commented on statistics which reflect a trend of increasing enrollment at the state's technical and community colleges, and Mr. LeFever noted the same was true for enrollment at the private institutions. Commissioner Sanders remarked that these statistics provoke thought about how the state will be able to accommodate these increased enrollments with regard to adequate institutional facilities as well as future employment opportunities for graduates.

## **9. Other Business**

Chairman Wingate stated that Commissioner Thomas had been unable to attend this meeting as he was in the process of preparing to go to Haiti to offer medical assistance to people impacted by the recent devastating earthquake there. Chairman Wingate also reminded Commissioners of the gubernatorial forum to take place at Winthrop University on March 23, stating that additional information about this event would be forthcoming.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beth B. Rogers*  
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I -VI)

\*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.