

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
1333 Main Street, Suite 200  
Columbia, S.C. 29201  
***Minutes of the Meeting***  
**April 1, 2010**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Commission Members Attending**

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chairman  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne (by phone)  
Dr. Raghu Korrapati  
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller  
Mr. Jim Sanders  
Mr. Bill Scarborough  
Mr. Guy Tarrant  
Mr. Hood Temple  
Dr. Mick Zais

**Commission Members Absent**

Dr. Doug Forbes  
Mr. Ken Jackson  
Mr. Chuck Talbert  
Dr. Charles Thomas  
Mr. Neal Workman

**Staff Present**

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Ms. Altheia Anthony  
Ms. Laura Belcher  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Mr. Derrah Cassidy  
Ms. Lorinda Copeland  
Ms. Sjanna Coriarty  
Ms. Arlene Criswell  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Ms. Trena Houp  
Ms. Rae McPherson  
Dr. Gail Morrison  
Mr. Clint Mullins  
Ms. Yolanda Myers  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Dr. Adolphus Belk, Winthrop University  
Mr. Tom Covar, Lander University  
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter  
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia  
Ms. Nicole Ford-Jennings, SC Budget & Control Board  
Ms. Stephanie Frazier, SC Technical College System  
Mr. Eugene Grant, Tri-County Technical College  
Ms. Paula Harper Bethea, SC Education Lottery  
Ms. Susan King, SC Education Lottery  
Ms. Julie Kornahrens, Dorchester School District 2 Adult Education  
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges & Universities  
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University  
Mr. John Malmrose, Medical University of SC  
Ms. Jennifer Pearce, Medical University of SC  
Ms. Jen Phelps, SC Association of Technical College Commissioners  
Mr. Steve Osborne, College of Charleston  
Mr. Frank Rainwater, SC State Treasurer's Office  
Mr. Chuck Sanders, SC Student Loan Corporation

**Members of the Press**

none

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

## **1. Introductions**

- **Courtney Blake**

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

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

A **motion** was made (Tarrant), **seconded** (Korrapati), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2010, CHE meeting.

## **3. Chairman's Report**

- **Ken Wingate**

Chairman Wingate reported that the gubernatorial debate on higher education issues, which took place at Winthrop University on March 23, was well-run, well-attended, and received excellent coverage from the media. He thanked all involved in the planning of this event, and commended in particular Ms. Julie Carullo of the CHE staff for her outstanding effort in this regard. Commissioner Mosteller also commented favorably on the debate, stating that it very successfully helped to emphasize the importance of higher education to the future of South Carolina. On another matter, Chairman Wingate reported he had received a letter from Dr. Belle Wheelan of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in which Dr. Wheelan noted the lack of diversity of the Commissioners in terms of gender and race. He then asked Commissioners, as well as others in attendance, to recommend to him names of individuals who would bring more diversity to the Commission board and act as strong representatives for higher education so that he may offer this information to the Governor's office as suggestions to fill Commission seats when they become available.

## **4. Report of the Executive Director**

- **Garrison Walters**

Dr. Walters commented on his most recent activities, which included a panel on non-profit leadership organized by Francis Marion University and a meeting at the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) that focused on improving the affordability of higher education and student success to graduation. He stated that with the leadership and support of Clemson University and the University of South Carolina, a proposal for a broadband grant had been successfully submitted. Dr. Walters also reported that he and Mr. Craig Garner, President of the SC Higher Education Foundation, had presented to regional representatives of the SC Chamber of Commerce on the topic of local college access programs. He and Dr. Karen Woodfaulk also met for the second time with members of the Hardeeville Chamber of Commerce to continue discussion about establishing such programs. Dr. Walters and Commissioner Scarborough provided information on the development of a Lowcountry Graduate Professional Alliance Task Force (**Attachment I**), the purpose of which is to assess regional needs for graduate programs in the Charleston area. Dr. Walters commented on the Legislative Report provided by Ms. Julie Carullo (**Attachment II**), who was unable to be present due to conflicting commitments with legislative meetings. He then highlighted the possible restoration of funding as recommended in the House budget for the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL) as well as the House provision that recommends the placement of \$364,440 in federal ARRA state stabilization funds in the CHE budget. Next, Dr. Walters called attention to the presentation of Dr. George Benson (**Attachment III**), President of the College of Charleston, which includes information about the declining share of the state budget for higher education. Delivered to a large gathering of people in the Charleston business community, Dr. Benson's message very successfully advocated for the importance of higher education to today's economy. Dr. Walters stated that his own future presentations to community groups soon will be extended to various associations, including the Association of General Contractors and the SC Board of Realtors.

At Dr. Walters' request, Dr. Karen Woodfaulk provided a briefing on student aid provisions included in the federal Reconciliation Act of 2010 (H.R. 4872), further information about which may be found in **Attachment IV**. Dr. Woodfaulk then invited Mr. Chuck Sanders of the SC Student Loan Corporation to share information on the work of that agency (see **Attachment V**). Mr. Sanders also commented on how the provisions of H.R. 4872 affect the Student Loan Corporation's ability to interact directly with students and provide them with information about loan assistance.

## 5. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo's report had been covered by Dr. Walters during the Executive Director's portion of the meeting.

## 6. Presentations

### A. College Access Challenge Poll Results

- Dr. Adolphus G. Belk, Jr.  
Assistant Professor, Winthrop University

Chairman Wingate introduced and welcomed Dr. Adolphus Belk, Acting Director of Winthrop's Social and Behavioral Research Lab. Dr. Belk delivered a presentation (**Attachment VI**) which provided information acquired as a result of a poll taken of South Carolina parents to determine their awareness level with regard to the accessibility of a college education for their children.

### B. Update on *The New Front Door*

- Michael Brown  
- Eugene Grant, Tri-County Technical College  
- Julie Kornahrens, Dorchester School District 2 Adult Education

At Chairman Wingate's request, Mr. Michael Brown delivered a brief overview of the New Front Door initiative. He then introduced Ms. Julie Kornahrens, Director of Adult Education for Dorchester School District 2, and Mr. Eugene Grant, Tri-County Technical College, who made a presentation (**Attachment VII**) on the status of work that has taken place within the last year to try to eliminate duplicative efforts and streamline the process of providing access for non-traditional adult students to higher education opportunities at affordable levels.

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

- Ken Wingate

An updated version, as of March 24, 2010, of the Higher Education Action Plan Implementation Status Report (**Attachment VIII**), had been distributed to Commissioners for their review. At Chairman Wingate's request, Dr. Gail Morrison provided highlights, stating that information in this report included for the first time feedback from the colleges and universities on their activities as they relate to Action Plan recommendations. In response to Commissioner Zais' inquiry about whether members of the Higher Education Study Committee, who were responsible for the development of the Action Plan, were receiving regular updates on the status of its implementation, Dr. Morrison stated that to date they had not, but a current version of the report would be sent to them as soon as possible.

## 8. Committee Reports

### 8.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate stated that draft minutes of the March 25, 2010, Executive Committee meeting (**Attachment IX**) had been distributed to Commissioners for information.

### 8.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

- Hood Temple

#### A. SC TRAC Goes Live

- Gail Morrison

At Commissioner Temple's request, Dr. Gail Morrison announced that the SC Transfer and Articulation Center was being activated today. She thanked all the parties involved in the development of this web portal, designed to help with the transfer of college credit and plan college coursework. Those parties included members of the legislature for appropriating funds for this purpose, the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Coordinating Council, representatives from the colleges and universities and the State Technical College System, members of the CHE staff, and the portal's vendor, Academy One. She also thanked Ms. Paula Harper Bethea, Executive Director of the SC Education Lottery, and Ms. Susan King, their Marketing Manager, for the agency's generous collaborative efforts which made possible the advertisement of this tool through the development of a public service announcement, which was then shared with all in attendance. In response to Chairman Wingate's inquiry about whether a representative of the CHE could come to a board meeting of the SC Education Lottery to thank them officially, Ms. Harper Bethea replied that their next board meeting would take place on May 12, and a CHE representative would be most welcome.

Commissioner Temple concluded his report with a reminder that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing would meet after this Commission meeting, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

### **8.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services**

**- Cynthia Mosteller**

#### **A. College Application Week Update**

Commissioner Mosteller reported on a meeting that had taken place on March 23, purpose of which was to debrief on the recent College Application Week activities as well as plan for the next year's events. In 2010, College Application Week took place in 10 pilot high schools in South Carolina, and the goal for 2011 is to expand that number to 50 high schools. She stated that a presentation about College Application Week will be delivered to the Riley Institute at Furman University, which has expressed interest in the possibility of providing student leadership to help with this initiative.

Commissioner Mosteller shared the Commission's appreciation for the efforts of Representative Chip Limehouse, who helped gain support for possible restoration of funding for PASCAL in the House budget in the amount of \$1 million from unclaimed lottery prize money. A **motion** was made (Mosteller), **seconded** (Tarrant), and **carried** to have a letter drafted, signed by Commissioners, and sent to Representative Limehouse thanking him for his work in this regard.

### **8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities**

**- Jim Sanders**

#### **Consent Agenda**

##### **A. Interim Capital Projects**

1. Medical University of SC -Microbiology & Immunology Renovations (Phase II)

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

Commissioner Sanders stated that the Interim Capital Project at the Medical University of SC, as listed in Agenda Item 8.04 A and described in **Attachment X**, was being brought to the full Commission by consent agenda. A **motion** was made (Sanders), and **carried** to approve that project as presented.

Commissioner Sanders reported that the List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for February and March 2010 was provided for information only. He also stated that Year One Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Projects would be presented to the full Commission for approval at the May meeting.

### **9. Other Business**

Chairman Wingate advised that the 2010 Trustees Conference is set to take place on Thursday, October 7, 2010, as will the 2010 SC Higher Education Hall of Fame Banquet that evening. Because the October 2010 meeting of the CHE would normally be held on that date, Commissioners were asked for their reaction to the possibility of rescheduling the CHE meeting for Friday, October 8. Commissioners agreed to reschedule the CHE meeting on October 8.

### **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Beth B. Rogers*  
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I-X)

\*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.