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The SC Commission on Higher Education met May 5, 2016. During the meeting, the Commission considered the Coastal Carolina football stadium expansion project. After 3 ½ hours of discussion with representatives from the university, the proposal was not approved by a vote of 9 - 4.

The Commission supports Coastal Carolina University's desire to move to the Sunbelt Conference. However, the Commission continues to have concerns regarding the most recently proposed funding model and its long-term potential to significantly impact student costs and to negatively affect the general academic operations of the university. The lack of private donations for this non-academic capital initiative and failure to provide convincing cost and revenue projections were key among the concerns raised by Commissioners.