

Draft Minutes - August 5, 2009

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201
Minutes of the Meeting
August 5, 2009
10:30 a.m.

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chairman
Dr. Doug Forbes
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Mr. Ken Jackson
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller
Mr. Jim Sanders
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Mr. Guy Tarrant
Mr. Hood Temple
Dr. Charles Thomas
Dr. Mick Zais

Commission Members Absent

Mr. Chuck Talbert
Mr. Neal Workman

Invited Guest Speakers

None

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
Ms. Rita Allison
Ms. Altheia Anthony
Ms. Courtney Blake
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Mr. Derrah Cassidy
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau
Ms. Sjanna Coriarity
Ms. Arlene Criswell
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Ms. Nan Ford
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Rae McPherson
Ms. Lorna Maglona-Williams
Dr. Gail Morrison
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Ms. Laverne Sanders
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia
Mr. Dennis Gribenas, York Technical College
Mr. Craig Hess, Midlands Technical College
Ms. Beth McGinnis, Clemson University
Ms. Jen Phelps, SC Association of Technical
College Commissioners
Ms. Dorenda Sprowl, Lander University

Special Guests

Ms. Caroline Bladon, Ferebee Lane and Co.
Ms. Latoya Davis, GEAR UP Coordinator
Ms. Joanne Hugee, GEAR UP Parent
Mr. Randal Hugee, GEAR UP Scholar

Members of the Press

none

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

1. Introductions

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Julie Carullo introduced the guests, all of whom are listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Forbes), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2009, meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate noted that upon the conclusion of the business portion of the CHE meeting and a brief time for lunch, presentations from public institutions would be delivered throughout the afternoon and would continue from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, August 6 (**see Attachment I**). He then welcomed and introduced the newest member of the Commissioner, Dr. Charles Thomas, the Governor's Appointment to the CHE representing the research institutions. An orthopedic surgeon from Greenville, SC, Dr. Thomas is also Chair of the Board of Trustees at the Medical University of South Carolina. Chairman Wingate reminded Commissioners of the Presidents' Reception and Dinner at The Inn at USC, beginning at 6:00 p.m. that evening. He reported he had recently met with the Director of the SC Academy of Sciences and would soon be meeting with the SC Research Authority. He reminded Commissioners of the September 29, 2009, Trustees' Conference, encouraging their attendance.

4. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

Dr. Walters reported on some of his recent activities, including a presentation on adult education made at an Education Commission of the States meeting in early July, meetings with various rotary clubs and chambers of commerce throughout the state at which he presented on the knowledge economy, and a meeting with the SC State University Board of Trustees. Dr. Walters noted that a rollout on the return on educational investment study would take place at a press conference on August 19, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. It will be broadcast by SCETV via close-circuit television to eight locations throughout the state. Commissioners were encouraged to attend the press conference at one of the local sites. Talking points about this will be distributed to Commissioners prior to the event. Dr. Walters reported on work with the broadband technologies opportunity program, noting that attempts were being made to integrate some adult education plans into this effort. At Dr. Walters' request, Dr. Morrison provided an update on two initiatives, DegreeSC and the SC Graduate Professional Alliance, both of which will help implement some of the recommendations made in the Higher Education Study Committee's Action Plan, as described in **Attachment II**. Information was shared by Ms. Julie Carullo on the September 29, 2009, Trustees' Conference and by Dr. Karen Woodfaulk on the February 17-19, 2010 Linda B. Floyd Campus Safety Conference. Commissioners then commended Chairman Wingate for his recently published op-ed, entitled *Competitiveness Begins with Educated Workforce*.

5. Legislative Report

Ms. Carullo reported that the Board of Economic Advisors had lowered the state's revenue estimates for FY 2009-10 by 2% in June and 3.5% in July. She stated that the Budget and Control Board would meet on August 13, 2009, to consider the impact this will have on state

appropriations. Ms Carullo stated it is anticipated that additional statewide budget cuts of at least 4% are expected to address the revised estimate.

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

Chairman Wingate stated that the committee consists of the four members of the Commission's Executive Committee (Chairman Wingate and Commissioners Horne, Mosteller, and Sanders) as well as Commissioners Temple and Scarborough. He noted the Action Plan Implementation Status Report (**Attachment III**), which had been distributed to Commissioners, and stated that a report of the Ad Hoc Committee would be delivered to the full Commission at the September CHE meeting. Dr. Morrison stated there were some suggested revisions to a couple of the Action Plan's recommendations. Chairman Wingate requested that the document be brought back to the Commission for review once those revisions have been incorporated.

7. Committee Reports

7.01 Report of the Executive Committee - Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate stated that the minutes of the July 30, 2009, Executive Committee meeting (**Attachment IV**) had been distributed to Commissioners for information only.

7.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing - Bettie Horne

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing had no report.

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

A. Updates Provided For Information:

1. College Application Month
2. SREB Challenge Grant Counselor Course
3. College Access Marketing Campaign
4. Unclaimed Prize Lottery: Need-based Grant

B. Recognition of GEAR UP Youth Leadership Scholar, Randal Hugee

Commissioner Mosteller remarked on the importance of GEAR UP to the issue of access and equity. She provided information on the status of College Application Month, stating that there were currently eight confirmed sites for College Application Week with 200 high schools involved. Commissioner Mosteller reported that the College Goal Sunday initiative is expanding and that Midlands Technical College has just been added as a site for this event. She stated that work was underway on the development of a marketing campaign for the SC College Access Network and that funds have been received from the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to develop a course for high school guidance counselors to help better prepare them for the college application process. With regard to need-based aid, Commissioner Mosteller reported it is anticipated that approximately \$8 million will be available to distribute over a two-year period under the new allocation methodology due to excess unclaimed prize funds received at the end of FY 2008-09 and additional non-recurring funds for FY 2009-10.

Commissioner Mosteller then introduced and congratulated this year's GEAR UP Youth Leadership Scholar, Randal Hugee. One of 30 students throughout the country receiving this award, Randal is a rising junior at C.E. Murray High School in Greeleyville, SC. Randal was

presented with a certificate of recognition for his accomplishment. Commissioner Mosteller noted that Randal's essay, written as part of the competition for this award, emphasized the importance of teacher quality as a significant factor impacting students.

7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Jim Sanders

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

1. Lander University
 - Chipley Hall Renovation
 - Carnell Learning Center Roof Replacement

B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for June and July 2009 (For Information)

Commissioner Sanders stated that the interim capital projects, listed in agenda item 7.04A and described in **Attachment V**, 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**:

The Committee on Finance and Facilities recommends approval of the two interim capital projects listed above.

At Commissioner Sanders request, Mr. Glenn reported that Lander University has run out of available campus housing for the 2009-10 academic year, and has made arrangements to lease space to house 100 students at The Inn in Greenwood. He stated that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had expedited the approval of this lease and brings it to the full Commission for approval.

A **motion** was made (Sanders) and **carried** to approve Lander University's lease arrangement with the Inn in Greenwood to accommodate the housing requirements of 100 students for the 2009-10 academic year.

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

8. Other Business

Chairman Wingate asked that Commissioners remain in the immediate vicinity for a group photo upon adjournment of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth B. Rogers

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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I -V)

*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.