

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

BMW Zentrum  
1400 Highway 101 South  
Greer, SC 29304

*Minutes of the Meeting*

October 2, 2008

10:30 a.m.

**Commission Members Attending**

Dr. Layton McCurdy, Chairman  
Dr. Doug Forbes  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne  
Mr. Ken Jackson  
Dr. Louis Lynn  
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller  
Mr. Jim Sanders  
Mr. Bill Scarborough  
Mr. Chuck Talbert  
Mr. Hood Temple  
Mr. Ken Wingate  
Mr. Neal Workman

**Commission Members Absent**

Dr. Raghu Korrapati  
Dr. Mick Zais

**Staff Present**

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director  
Ms. Rita Allison  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Dr. Paula Gregg  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Kristi James  
Dr. Lynn Kelley  
Ms. Lorna Manglona-Williams  
Dr. Gail Morrison  
Dr. Michael Raley  
Ms. Stephanie Reynolds  
Mr. Jeff Richards  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Ms. Laverne Sanders  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Dr. Dan Ball, Lander University  
Mr. William Bradshaw, Greenville Technical College  
Mr. Jeff Beaver, Lander University  
Ms. Candace Borchik, University of Phoenix  
Ms. Marilyn Burstein, Art Institute of Charleston  
Dr. Fred Carter, Francis Marion University  
Dr. Richard Chapman, Francis Marion University  
Mr. Shane Clem, University of Phoenix  
Ms. Donna Collins, USC Columbia

Mr. Bob Connelly, USC Upstate  
Dr. Cheryl Cox, SC Technical College System  
Dr. Dave DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University  
Dr. Denise DeZolt, Walden University  
Ms. Janice Dellinger, USC Upstate  
Mr. Hubert Dobson, Spartanburg Community College  
Ms. Jacqui DiMaggio, Greenville Technical College  
Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus, USC Columbia  
Ms. Claudia Dreyfus-Levi, ECPI  
Mr. Patrick Donovan, ECPI  
Mr. Daniel Dukes, Clemson University  
Dr. Evelyn Fields, SC State University  
Mr. Jim Folk, Spartanburg Community College  
Mr. Mike Forrester, Spartanburg Community College  
Dr. Marti Garlett, Walden University  
Dr. Anand Gramopadhye, Clemson University  
Mr. Tuck Hanna, Greenville Technical College  
Mr. Bobby Hitt, BMW  
Ms. Connie Holloman, USC Upstate  
Ms. Nancy Jeter, SC State University  
Mr. Bruce Johnson, Spartanburg Community College  
Mr. Jeff Lamberson, USC Columbia  
Dr. Lealie Luke, SC State University  
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University  
Dr. Keith Miller, Greenville Technical College  
Ms. Diane Newton, Lander University  
Ms. Jen Phelps, Technical College Commissioners Association  
Mr. Kenny Poston, Lander University  
Mr. Rick Puncke, USC Upstate  
Dr. Chris Przirembel, Clemson University  
Mr. Tom Quasney, University of SC Columbia  
Mr. Phil Quintana, University of Phoenix  
Dr. John Raymond, Medical University of SC  
Ms. Bunny Richardson, BMW  
Mr. Jim Rund, ECPI  
Dr. Gayle Sawyer, CERRA  
Dr. George Sawyer  
Dr. Sally Stroud, Medical University of SC  
Dr. Gail Stuart, Medical University of SC  
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University  
Mrs. Eleanor Teal, Lander University  
Ms. Renelle Thomas, SC State University

**Members of Press**

none

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

## **Introductions**

**- Lynn Kelley**

Dr. Lynn Kelley introduced the guests, all of whom are listed above. Chairman McCurdy then introduced and welcomed the newest member of the commission, Mr. Charles Talbert, representing the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. He stated that the Commissioners and members of the CHE staff would have the opportunity to tour BMW's facilities after the Commission meeting and the lunch to follow.

## **1. Approval of Minutes**

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Wingate), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2008, meeting.

In response to Commissioner Horne's inquiry about the status of talking points regarding funding for PASCAL, the statewide electronic library project, to be prepared for Commissioners, Dr. Gail Morrison replied that this document was in the process of being developed. Dr. Morrison also provided information on the status of the Course Alignment Project led by Dr. David Conley, which is designed to assure students a seamless transition from high school to college and emphasizes student success. Dr. Morrison stressed the importance of Dr. Conley's course syllabus tool and stated that a copy of Dr. Conley's publication entitled, *Toward a More Comprehensive Conception of College Readiness*, would be mailed to each of the Commissioners.

## **2. CHE Forum: *Manufacturing, the Knowledge Economy, and Education Partnering*** **Special Guests:**

**Mr. Bobby Hitt, Department Manager, Public Affairs, BMW Manufacturing**  
**Dr. Chris Przirembel, Vice President of Research and Economic Development,**  
**Clemson University**

Chairman McCurdy introduced Mr. Hitt and Dr. Przirembel, who jointly delivered this power point presentation, a copy of which is included in **Attachment I**. Provided in that presentation was information on BMW's overall goal of focusing on education and tactics on how they strive to achieve that goal. Information was also provided about BMW's higher education partnerships, including those related to the Centers of Economic Excellence Endowed Chairs Program.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Chairman McCurdy remarked that BMW's efforts reflect an excellent example of collaboration between higher education and the business community. Conversation followed in which the importance of business involvement with additional comprehensive institutions was noted in order that other parts of the state may benefit from the positive economic outcome resulting from relationships between higher education and the business community. Additional discussion took place about determining the return on investment which results from these relationships.

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

**- Chairman McCurdy**

Chairman McCurdy made reference to the recently distributed State Auditor's Report on the CHE for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2007 (**Attachment II**). He stated that hard copies of that report had been placed at each Commissioners' place at the table.

Chairman McCurdy asked that Commissioners make sure to return to CHE staff member, Mr. Jeff Richards, the Executive Director evaluation forms which that each had been asked to complete.

Chairman McCurdy stated that an election of a new CHE Vice Chair was in order. A **motion** was made (Sanders), and **seconded** (Mosteller) to nominate Commissioner Bettie Horne for that position. She was then elected by acclamation.

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

**- Garrison Walters**

Dr. Walters reported on the status of the Higher Education Study Committee. He stated that a report outlining the implementation of the Action Plan framework report, delivered on September 15, 2008, was in the process of being developed. Task forces for each of the Plan's four goals are working hard to produce the information which will be contained in the implementation report. The draft report should be circulated for review by the end of November with the final version ready for distribution sometime in December, 2008.

Dr. Walters stated that the power point presentation developed from his July 24, 2008, opinion editorial entitled *Higher Education Needs a "New Front Door" for Adults*, had been well-received when delivered to a recent SC Technical College System board meeting. Other populations within the state have expressed interest in the ideas and recommendations put forth in this presentation.

Dr. Walters reported that the September 24, 2008, Trustees' Conference which took place in Columbia, had been very successful. He stated ideas have been brought forward which will include more trustee involvement in the planning of future conferences and further information about that will be developed.

Dr. Walters reported that the CHE had been seriously affected by recent state budget cuts. It is likely that additional cuts will follow. He stated that ways to deal with the cuts was one of the topics covered at a CHE staff retreat which had taken place on September 30, 2008.

Dr. Walters reported he had recently had a recent successful meeting with the editorial board at the *Index-Journal* in Greenwood. He stated that he had been impressed with all of his editorial board meetings to date, which have been very positive, and that they have each expressed great interest in higher education.

### **5. Legislative Report**

**- Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo reported on recent news relating to the state's budget. She stated that the

Board of Economic Advisors (BEA) would meet again on October 8, and it is expected that the BEA will act to reduce the current year revenue estimates. She reported that it was not certain whether their action would result in additional across the board reductions for agencies or whether the General Assembly would return to address needed reductions. She also noted that the BEA will not meet until November to consider next year's revenue projections. It is not expected at this point that there will be improvement. Ms. Carullo stated that the Governor has begun the process of his budget recommendations for FY 2009-10 and that the Governor's public hearing for higher education budget requests will take place on October 13 at 2:00 p.m.

**6. Consideration of Memorandum of Agreement for Establishment of  
Pee Dee Health Education Consortium - Garrison Walters**

Dr. Walters reported that a letter and Memorandum of Understanding and Intent (**Attachment III**) had been received from Dr. Fred Carter, President of Francis Marion University, which requested CHE's favorable consideration of the establishment of the Pee Dee Health Education Consortium.

Dr. Carter provided a brief description of the proposed consortium. Modeled after the Lowcountry Graduate Center and the Greenville University Center, and composed of Francis Marion University, the University of South Carolina, McLeod Regional Medical Center, and Carolinas Hospital System, the consortium will be restricted to health education programs. It is designed to help meet the needs of those who are medically impoverished in the Pee Dee area of the state.

Discussion followed in which it was stated that the timeline for getting the consortium's academic programs up and running would be approximately 18-24 months, depending on the availability of state funding. Other information shared during the discussion concerned the consortium's future framework for governance and financial management, the possibility of including additional partners, and anticipated number of graduates.

A **motion** was made (Jackson), **seconded**, (Workman), and **carried** to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Intent for the formation of the Pee Dee Health Education Consortium (PDEC).

**7. Committee Reports**

**7.01 Report of the Executive Committee - Layton McCurdy**

The Executive Committee had no report.

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

**A. Consideration of New Program Proposal**

1. D.N.P., Doctor of Nursing Practice, MUSC

**Consent Agenda, Items B – K**

**B. Consideration of New Program Proposals**

1. A.H.S., Emergency Medical Technology, Midlands Tech
2. M.Engr., Industrial Engineering, Clemson

**C. Consideration of Requests for Amendments to Existing License to Add New Programs**

1. Art Institute of Charleston, A.A., Wine, Spirits, and Beverages Management
2. ECPI: Greenville, Columbia, and Charleston, B.S.; Computer and Information Science; Electronics Engineering Technology; Business Administration; Healthcare Administration
3. Walden University, to recruit into M.A.T., Early Childhood Education; M.A.T., Special Education

**D. Consideration of Request for Amendment to Existing License of University of Phoenix to Add a Site at Greenville: B.S., Business; B.S., Criminal Justice Administration; B.S., Health Administration; B.S., Human Services; B.S., Information Technology; B.S., Management; M.B.A., Business Administration; M.H.A., Health Administration; and M.M., Management**

**E. Consideration of Revised *Guidelines for Centers of Excellence* (Teacher Education )Competitive Grants Program, FY 2009-10**

**F. Consideration of Revised *Guidelines for Improving Teacher Quality* Competitive Grants Program, FY 2009-10**

**G. Consideration of Annual Report on English Fluency Act, FY 2007-08**

**II. Consideration of Operating Budget for Centers of Economic Excellence, FY 2008-09**

**I. Consideration of Nominees for Elected Positions to Deans' Committee on Medical Education, 2008-2012 Term**

**J. Information Report on Staff-Approved Mission Changes**

**K. Program Activity Report**

Chairman McCurdy made reference to Consent Agenda Items 7.02 B-K, as listed above and described in **Attachment IV**.

A motion was made (Horne), seconded (Workman), and carried to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.02 B-K.

Commissioner Horne made reference to Agenda Item 7.02 A pertaining to the proposed program leading to a Doctor of Nursing Practice at MUSC, also described in **Attachment IV**. She noted that all questions and concerns about this program raised about this program proposal at the most recent meeting of the Committee of Academic Affairs and Licensing had been satisfactorily answered.

A **motion** (Horne) was made to approve the program proposal leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) with concentrations in Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult Nurse Practitioner, and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at MUSC.

Following additional conversation and remarks made by Commissioners in support of the program, the **motion** was brought to the table and **carried**.

**7.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity  
and Student Services**

**- Cynthia Mosteller**

The Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services had no report.

**7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities**

**- Jim Sanders**

**A. Consideration of Interim Capital Projects**

- 1. Greenville Technical College - Northwest Campus Building Two Construction

**B. Leases**

- 1. Lander University - Equestrian Center  
- Recreation, Wellness and Sports Complex
- 2. University of SC Upstate - USC Upstate/Spartanburg County  
Lease Agreement

**C. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for September 2008  
(For Information)**

Commissioner Sanders made reference to Agenda Items 7.04 A,B,&C, as listed above and described in **Attachment V**.

A motion was **made** (Sanders) and **carried** to collectively approve the recommendations pertaining to the above-referenced Interim Capital Project and Leases.

The information provided in Agenda Item 7.04C was provided for information only.

Commissioner Sanders stated that the Carolina Association of Contractors has agreed to jointly host with the CHIE a seminar at which alternative construction methods will be considered. He also reported that his committee was continuing to work on improvements to the capital procurement process and hoped to have more information to deliver about that within the next thirty days.

**8. Other Business**

Commissioner Temple reported that Florence-Darlington Technical College has been working with the National Guard to provide for the placement of a maintenance facility to be located on that campus.

**9. Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beth B. Rogers*

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Recording Secretary

Attachment 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.