

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201
Minutes of the Meeting
April 2, 2009
12:30 p.m.

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chairman
Dr. Doug Forbes
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Dr. Louis Lynn
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Mr. Hood Temple
Dr. Mick Zais

Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Dr. Gail Morrison
Mr. Clint Mullins
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Dr. Michael Raley
Ms. Stephanie Reynolds
Mr. Jeff Richards
Ms. Beth Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Commission Members Absent

Mr. Ken Jackson
Mr. Jim Sanders
Mr. Chuck Talbert
Mr. Neal Workman

Invited Guest Speakers

Dr. Robert J. Adams
Dr. Jay Moskowitz
Dr. Iain Sanderson

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Mr. Arik Bjorn
Ms. Courtney Blake
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn

Guests

Ms. Donna Collins, USC Columbia
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges & Universities
Dr. Learie Luke, SC State University
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University
Ms. Kimberly Poole, Clemson University
Ms. Sandra Powers, College of Charleston
Mr. Tom Quesny, USC Columbia
Dr. Gail Sawyer, Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement
Ms. Kendra Stewart, Clemson University
Mr. Bryce Wilson, SC Budget & Control Board

Members of Press

none

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

1. Introductions

- Julie Carullo

2. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made (Korrapati), **seconded** (Forbes), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2009, meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate noted that a copy of the Higher Education Study Committee (HESC) report, *Leveraging Higher Education for a Stronger South Carolina*, and Executive Summary had been distributed to each of the Commissioners. The report had been delivered to members of the General Assembly earlier in the day at a press conference in the State House. Chairman Wingate stated that the baton had now passed to CHE to work on details of its implementation. He encouraged all to thank Mr. Dan Ravenel, Chair, as well as all members of the HESC for their enormous efforts in developing this very important Action Plan.

Chairman Wingate reported that he has begun meeting with institutional Presidents to discuss the HESC report in an effort to look for ways to work together towards its implementation. He stated that the Presidents embraced the idea of working collaboratively and that further dialogue on this topic will be forthcoming.

Chairman Wingate reported that he will be speaking to South Carolina student financial aid administrators on Tuesday, April 7, in Myrtle Beach and the SC Academy of Sciences on Tuesday, April 14, in Columbia. He reported that he and Dr. Walters would be meeting with the MUSC Board of Trustees on Thursday, April 16, at which time they will provide information about the CHE and the HESC report. Chairman Wingate emphasized the importance of relationship building with the institutions and other stakeholders in higher education in upcoming Action Plan implementation efforts in order to make the plan work.

Chairman Wingate closed by encouraging Commissioners to ask themselves on a regular basis the question, *What have I done for higher education this week?*

In response to Commissioner Lynn's question about the Governor's response to the HESC report, Chairman Wingate stated that the Governor's office has acknowledged and thanked the HESC for their work, has agreed to study it carefully, and look for ways to collaborate on its implementation.

In response to Commissioner Korrapati's question about plans to spread the word about the HESC report, Chairman Wingate stated that Dr. Walters will address that question as part of his report.

4. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

With regard to follow-through and implementation of the HESC Action Plan, Dr. Walters stated that draft op-eds are being developed that will be specifically tailored and locally authored for different newspapers throughout the state. Visits to editorial boards will then take place, which will provide opportunities to really engage them and to emphasize the importance of higher education. Presentations to various rotary clubs, other community groups, and Boards of

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Trustees are also being scheduled. Dr. Walters reported that he also plans to discuss the report with members of the legislature when he visits them in their districts. A copy of the follow-through plan will be distributed to Commissioners.

Chairman Wingate invited the Commissioners to offer ideas as to how they, as a Commission, can create a structure for implementation of the HESC Action Plan. He suggested that a special ad hoc committee composed of several Commissioners be formed and asked that Commissioners contemplate taking that action at the May CHE meeting.

Ideas shared included the following: 1) meeting one-on-one with their respective legislators, 2) incorporating a designated time in each CHE meeting agenda to discuss and evaluate the status of the implementation, 3) developing a statewide marketing plan that reaches out to a variety of populations, and 4) encouraging members of institutional Boards of Trustees to address the Action Plan and act as advocates for it.

In response to Chairman Wingate's question about what Presidents and Boards of Trustees might do to advocate for the Action Plan, Commissioner Zais stated that having a standard presentation to deliver to trustees at their board meetings combined with a request for their assistance with implementation would be most helpful. Commissioner Mosteller suggested that, pending his election to the College of Charleston Board of Trustees, Mr. Dan Ravenel might act as the head of a committee of Boards of Trustees members whose purpose would be to advocate for the Action Plan.

In conclusion, Dr. Walters thanked CHE staff for their extensive and dedicated work in the production of the HESC report.

5. Legislative Report

Chairman Wingate stated that he had neglected to ask Ms. Carullo to provide the introductions at the onset of the meeting, after which she introduced the guests, all of whom are listed at the beginning of these minutes.

Ms. Carullo reported that the full Senate Finance Committee is developing two budgets, one which includes federal stimulus money and one which does not. The version which does not include the federal funds reflects a \$44 million reduction for higher education which is recommended as a 7.4% reduction for each of the institutions, CHE, and SC Tuition Grants. Ms. Carullo reported that the deadline for the Governor to make a decision about the funds is April 3 and that Senate Finance was not expected to meet again until after a decision has been made. Ms. Carullo stated that the regulatory relief bill for research and comprehensive institutions continues to move through the process and should receive final approval by the House today, after which it will be sent to the Senate for consideration. She reported that an administrative efficiencies bill for the technical colleges was introduced this week and additional information on that bill will be forthcoming.

6. Presentation from Health Sciences South Carolina (HSSC): Dr. Jay Moskowitz, Dr. Robert J. Adams, Dr. Iain Sanderson

Chairman Wingate welcomed and introduced Dr. Moskowitz, President and CEO of Health Sciences South Carolina, and Center of Economic Excellence (CoEE) Endowed Chair in Clinical

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and Translational Research at the University of South Carolina, Dr. Adams, CoEE Endowed Chair in Stroke at the Medical University of South Carolina, and Dr. Sanderson, CoEE Endowed Chair in Medical Informatics at the Medical University of South Carolina. Each delivered a power point presentation pertaining to their specific areas of expertise, the combined overall goal of which is to improve public health and drive economic growth in South Carolina. Specific information from their presentations may be found in **Attachment I**.

Commissioner Korrapati commended the speakers for their outstanding work and applauded the efforts of HSSC. In response to Commissioner Lynn's question about whether health care access exists for those populations with low incomes who are typically underserved, Dr. Moskowitz stated that a Federal Communications (FCC) grant is in place, the goal of which is to connect all rural medical facilities which will result in greater health care accessibility. In response to Commissioner Horne's question about current work on stroke prevention, Dr. Adams replied that there are too many people in SC at high risk and a proposal to beef up expertise for treating existing hypertension is presently under development. Dr. Moskowitz added that there are also several other health care prevention programs already in existence within HSSC and that they would be happy to return in the future to present information on some of those programs. Dr. Walters commented that the work of HSSC demonstrates an outstanding example of qualities of scale in collaboration and is one in which South Carolina is leading the nation. In response to Commissioner Temple's question about start-up costs for hospitals to be equipped with the stroke care capabilities as described in his presentation, Dr. Adams stated that these costs are variable and can range from \$10,000 to \$20,000 per site.

Chairman Wingate thanked each of the Endowed Chairs for taking the time to share such valuable information and asked that they keep the CHE apprised of ways it can work in partnership with HSSC.

7. Committee Reports

7.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate referred to minutes from February 26, 2009, and March 26, 2009, Executive Committee meetings which had had been distributed to each of the Commissioners. A **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Mosteller), and **carried** to receive those minutes as information.

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

The Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services had no report. Commissioner Mosteller stated that a meeting about the statewide college application process was to take place in the CHE main conference room at 3:00 p.m. and she invited all interested in the topic to attend.

7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Doug Forbes

**A. Approval of Criteria & Evaluation Method for Scoring the FY 2009-10 CIP
Year-two CIB Requests**

B. Consideration of Interim Capital Projects

1. USC Columbia - Thomas Cooper Library Exterior Safety Repairs/Replacement
2. USC Aiken - Etherredge Center Cooling System Repairs/Replacement
 - Penland Cooling Tower Replacement
 - Aiken Campus Elevator Renewal

**C. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for March 2009
(For Information)**

Commissioner Forbes made reference to the interim capital projects at USC Columbia and USC Aiken (as described in **Attachment II**), stating that the Finance and Facilities Committee had recommended them to the full Commission for approval at their meeting earlier in the day.

A **motion** was made (Forbes) and **carried** to approve the following **recommendation** with regard to each of these projects: The Committee on Finance and Facilities recommends approval of this project as proposed.

Commissioner Forbes stated that the list of capital projects and leases processed by staff for March 2009 was provided for information only.

Mr. Gary Glenn provided an update on the criteria and evaluation method for scoring the FY 2009-10 Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP) year-two Capital Improvement Bond (CIB) requests, more detailed information about which may be found in **Attachment II**. He stated that this information was brought to the full Commission as a consent agenda item.

A **motion** was made (Forbes) and unanimously **carried** to adopt this criteria and evaluation method.

8. Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Commission.

9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth B. Rogers

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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I – II)

*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.