

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting held at
Anderson County Library, Meeting Room A
300 N. McDuffie St., Anderson, S.C. 29621
June 7, 2018
12:30 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting **June 7, 2018**

Commissioners Attending

Mr. Tim Hofferth, Chair
Ms. Dianne Kuhl, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Batson
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne

Mr. Richard Jones
Mr. Ken Kirkland
Ms. Allison Dean Love
Dr. Louis Lynn

Mr. Charles Munns (phone)
Mr. Kim Phillips
Ms. Terry Seckinger

Commission Members Absent

Mr. Devron Edwards (excused)

Guests Attending

Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University
Mr. Eric Brown, S.C. Technical College System
Dr. Ralph Byington, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. Lynn Cherry, College of Charleston
Ms. Teresa Cook, Midlands Technical College
Dr. Tena Crews, University of South Carolina
Mr. Tim Drueke, Winthrop University
Mr. Daniel Ennis, Coastal Carolina University
Mr. Cliff Flynn, University of South Carolina
Upstate
Mr. Craig Hess, Midlands Technical College
Dr. Tara Horner, The Citadel
Mr. Ed Jadallah, Coastal Carolina University

Mr. Chris Kennedy, Francis Marion University
Dr. Jeremy King, Clemson University
Mr. Peter King, Francis Marion University
Dr. Martha Moriarty, University of South
Carolina Beaufort
Mr. Jeffrey Perez, Winthrop University
Dr. Jeff Priest, University of South Carolina
Aiken
Mr. Aaron Simmons, University of South
Carolina Aiken
Dr. Eric Skipper, University of South Carolina
Beaufort
Ms. Sheila Smith, Midlands Technical College

Commission Staff Present

Mr. Jeff Schilz
Ms. Laura Belcher
Dr. Saundra Carr
Ms. Carrie Eberly (phone)
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. John Lane

Ms. Katie Philpott
Mr. Andrew Roof
Mr. Keeran Sittampalam
Mr. Bryce Wilson
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Chairman Hofferth convened the meeting at 12:44 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Introductions

Ms. Belcher introduced the guests in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes

Tim Hofferth

A **motion** was made (Seckinger), **seconded** (Phillips), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2018, Special and May 4, 2018, CHE meetings.

Commissioner Love thanked Mr. Andrew Roof, administrative coordinator, for the thoroughness of the recently approved set of minutes, and she drew attention to page three of the April 25 Special Meeting minutes, again inquiring if the agenda for the group which drafted the Student Bill of Rights was posted online beforehand. Ms. Laura Belcher, operations director, answered that the agenda was posted online for the specially called meeting but not for the work group. Commissioner Love stated that, in order to comply with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), notice of the meeting must be posted on the agency's website, as described in section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Furthermore, she inquired if minutes were produced for the group's meeting, which are required by section 30-4-90 of the Code. President Schilz reassured Commissioner Love that the Commission's legal counsel confirmed before the group met that it was in compliance with FOIA.

3. Presentation

President Schilz presented to the Commission a new report analyzing College Access and Affordability in South Carolina Based on Household Income, an investigation which he noted was prompted by legislators' and other interested parties' inquiries into the matter. He informed the Commissioners that the data used to produce the report derived from a federal student loan database, as the CHE does not receive reports of students' financial backgrounds from institutions. He continued to tell the Commission that only students with student loans were included in this database.

On slide three, President Schilz discussed how the median family income of students attending the state's research universities increased substantially from 1997 to 2015. The data used to determine the median family incomes presented on this slide, he explained, excluded students who did not receive student loans, so the actual median income of attending students was likely higher, as students from wealthier families likely do not have to finance their education. President Schilz drew special attention to slide nine of his presentation, which demonstrated regional disparities between education sectors by reporting enrollments in either research or comprehensive institutions per 10,000 residents of each county. He noted his belief that this slide demonstrated the important role comprehensive institutions play in providing accessible higher education opportunities in South Carolina. After reviewing this data with Commissioners, he discussed its implications in the context of the sustainability of the state's higher education system.

Commissioner Love asked if any research had been conducted to determine the value of a four-year degree compared to its cost to obtain. President Schilz responded that CHE developed with the Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) last fall a report similar to the one she described, and that it could be accessed from the agency's homepage.

4. Chairman's Report

Tim Hofferth

Chair Hofferth provided no report.

5. Vice Chair's Report

Dianne Kuhl

Vice Chair Kuhl had no report for the present Commission meeting.

6. Interim President and Executive Director's Report

Jeff Schilz

President Schilz provided no report.

7. Legislative Report

Ms. Philpott supplied each Commissioner with a document featuring brief summaries of pertinent bills that passed in the recent legislative session. She also informed them that the legislature had not yet approved a budget but would return June 27, hoping to complete the budget.

She noted that Act 185 of 2018, which concerns the opioid epidemic, requires CHE to cooperate with the Board of Medical Examiners, the Board of Nursing, the Board of Dentistry, and institutions to develop a curriculum for programs that allow graduates to prescribe controlled substances. Ms. Philpott apprised the Commissioners of her and Dr. Lane's work thus far regarding CHE's legislative responsibility in the matter.

Ms. Philpott also informed the Commission that H.4391, which authorizes technical colleges to award applied baccalaureate degrees, still awaits Conference Committee agreement. Commissioner Love asked Ms. Philpott how officials at institutions are supposed to be aware of legislative changes. President Schilz noted that institutions typically have one or several government affairs managers to keep them abreast, but for CHE's role as a coordinating body, he stated that the agency disseminates communications regarding such policy changes.

Chair Hofferth asked Ms. Philpott about an item on the document she provided: S.596. Ms. Philpott answered that the bill concerns the John De La Howe School, which was willed to the state and has experienced difficulties meeting its enrollment goals. She concluded that, should the bill pass, the school would be placed under interim control of Clemson University.

8. Committee Reports

8.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Tim Hofferth

The Committee had no report.

8.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Terrye Seckinger

CONSENT AGENDA	
A. Program Proposals	B. Amendment to Existing License to Add New Programs, New Site at Christian Life Church, Columbia, S.C.
1. Winthrop University, M.Ed., Learning Design and Technology	1. Southeastern University, Lakeland, FL
2. Winthrop University, M.Ed., Teacher Leadership	a. B.S., Business and Professional Leadership
3. University of South Carolina, B.S.E., Aerospace Engineering	b. B.S., Ministerial Leadership
4. University of South Carolina, M.S.N., Nursing Informatics	c. B.S., Worship Ministries at Seacoast Church, Mt. Pleasant
5. University of South Carolina Upstate, M.Ed. in Teaching and Learning	C. SmartState Operating Budget, Revised FY2018-19 and FY2019-20
6. University of South Carolina Upstate, M.S., Business Analytics	D. Consideration of Revisions to the Policies and Procedures for New Academic Programs, Program Modifications, Program Notifications, Program Terminations, and New Centers for S.C. Public Colleges and Universities
7. University of South Carolina Beaufort, M.S., Computational Science	E. Annual Report on Admission Standards for First-Time Entering Freshmen, Fall 2016
8. University of South Carolina Aiken, B.S., Applied Mathematics	F. Report on Program Productivity, Fall 2012-2016
9. University of South Carolina Aiken, B.S., Applied Computer Science	
10. University of South Carolina Aiken, M.Ed., Educator Leadership	
11. Francis Marion University, B.S., Healthcare Informatics	
12. Francis Marion University, B.S., History Secondary Education	
13. Francis Marion University, M.Ed., Teaching and Learning	
14. College of Charleston, B.G.S. (Bachelor of General Studies)	
15. College of Charleston, M.S., Data Science and Analytics	
16. Coastal Carolina University, M.A., Communication	
17. Coastal Carolina University, Interdisciplinary Ph.D., Education	
18. The Citadel, M.A., Military History	

Commissioner Seckinger presented items 8.02.A-F for approval by consent agenda. She provided brief descriptions of each item enumerated. Concerning program productivity, Commissioner Love advised the Commissioners to consider the differences among schools that may account for the findings of the report. Also, she asked when program exemptions would be received by the Committee. Dr. Lane answered that exemptions would be deliberated during the August and September CAAL and ACAP meetings, respectively. Commissioner Horne requested more information on item 8.02E, and inquired why there seemed to be such a large delay from the time institutions produce the data until the report is finalized by CHE. Commissioner Seckinger and Dr. Lane explained that the delay was caused by CHE's reliance on institutions to report the data and the ensuing verification incumbent on CHE's staff. The consent agenda, which was brought forward as a motion from the committee and therefore did not require a second, passed unanimously.

B. New EIA Centers of Excellence Competitive Grants Awards, FY 2018-19

(For Information, no action required)

C. Program Productivity Report, Fall 2010-2014

(For Information, no action required)

D. Annual Report on the 2016 Academic Common Market Program

(For Information, no action required)

E. Report on Program Modifications, February 2 – May 8, 2018

(For Information, no action required)

Commissioner Seckinger presented items 8.02.B-E for information purposes only. Regarding item 8.02I, Dr. Lane clarified for Commissioner Lynn that South Carolina is a net importer of students within the common market program, attributing out-of-state students' attraction to S.C. to the uniqueness of programs offered by its colleges and universities. Furthermore, Commissioner Lynn asked if the regional contract programs existed in perpetuity, to which President Schilz responded that the program will continue as long as the legislature appropriates funds.

8.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

Paul Batson

Commissioner Batson stated the Committee had no report.

8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

Dianne Kuhl

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

1. Medical University of South Carolina
 - a. Courtenay Drive Garage Upgrades – Establish Construction Budget (Phase II)
 - b. Clinical Sciences Building High Risk Infectious Disease (HRID) Unit – Establish Construction Budget (Phase II)
2. Technical College of the Lowcountry
 - a. Construction of the Lowcountry Culinary Arts Institute and Interpretive Center—Establish Project and Preliminary Land Acquisition (Phase I)
3. Midlands Technical College
 - a. Center for Quickjobs Training and Workforce Development – Establish Project (Phase I)
4. USC Columbia
 - a. South Caroliniana Library Renovation – Establish Construction Budget (Phase II)
 - b. LeConte College Maintenance Renovation – Establish Project (Phase I)
5. College of Charleston
 - a. Sottile Theatre Stage Renovation – Establish Construction Budget (Phase II)
6. USC Aiken
 - a. Scholars Academy Renovation – Establish Project (Phase I)
7. Clemson University
 - a. Softball Complex Construction – Establish Construction Budget (Phase II)
 - b. Daniel Hall Renovation and Expansion – Establish Project (Phase I)
 - c. Chapel Construction – Establish Project (Phase I)
 - d. Soccer Operations Complex Construction – Establish Project (Phase I)

Vice Chair Kuhl began her report by highlighting the importance of the financial indicators comprising the financial matrix used by the Finance and Facilities Committee to facilitate project review and determination. She then continued to discuss the purposes, costs, and funding sources of the consent agenda's twelve proposed capital projects. Regarding USC Aiken's Scholars Academy, Vice Chair Kuhl described the project as an attempt by the university to address the Commission's concerns for college access and affordability, and she suggested inviting representatives of the relevant school to a later meeting to give a more extensive presentation on the program for which the facility was planned.

After completing her overview of these items, she motioned on behalf of the Committee for the consent agenda's approval, and as it did not require a second, it was thereafter **passed** unanimously.

B. Other Business

1. List of Capital Projects and Leases Processed by Staff for April 2018
(*For Information*)

Vice Chair Kuhl presented the item for information purposes only. Subsequently, she thanked Commissioner Lynn, whose term on the Commission would expire on July 1, 2018, for his dedicated service. She also wished farewell to Ms. Carrie Eberly Bundrick, program manager for finance and facilities, and welcomed Mr. Bryce Wilson, CHE's new CFO.

Before advancing further into the agenda, Commissioner Love reiterated an opinion she expressed during Executive Session: she suggested that the Commission request each institutions' 5-year financial strategic plan.

8.05 Report of Special Ad Hoc Subcommittee—Boards of Trustees Code of Conduct **Ken Kirkland**

Commissioner Kirkland stated that no progress had been made in assessing boards' conduct, as the necessary reports have not yet been received from the Inspector General. He noted that he tried numerous times, to no avail, to contact the appropriate authority. He expressed his belief that the current course of action seemed ineffective. Commissioner Lynn asked if the scope of the request had changed; Commissioner Kirkland responded that it had not.

8.06. Report of Special Ad Hoc Subcommittee--SCCORE

Commissioner Kirkland stated that President Schilz had several conversations with institutional representatives concerning the prospective program and invited him to update the Commission on those conversations. President Schilz informed the Commission that a work group of institutional representatives was being composed to further develop the program.

9. Other Business

- A. Institutional Accreditor Reports (*For Approval*)**
- B. Election of Vice Chair**
- C. Committee Assignments**

On behalf of Commissioner Seekinger, Dr. Lane explained that item *9.A Institutional Accreditor Reports* was carried over from the May 4, 2018, Commission Meeting, where it was deliberated and ultimately recommitted for review and revision. Dr. Lane reminded the Commission that the purpose of receiving the reports would be for the Commission to be proactive instead of reactive in its responses to

troublesome developments within South Carolina's higher education system. Commissioner Seckinger stated that legal counsel had reviewed the proposal since its revision following the previous Commission meeting; Vice Chair Kuhl expressed satisfaction with the new iteration. Commissioner Lynn expressed concern that approval of the proposal would permit the Commission to involve itself in the accreditation of specific programs. Dr. Lane informed the Commission that CHE consulted SASCOC during the revision process to determine the implications of making requests for institutional reports. SASCOC affirmed, according to Dr. Lane, that similar requests to the one currently proposed had been asked of it before and it had complied in those prior instances.

A **motion** was made (Seckinger), **seconded** (Kuhl), and **carried** to approve the request for institutional accreditor reports.

After discussion and approval of the institutional accreditor reports, Chair Hofferth distributed to the Commissioners a sheet detailing new Committee assignments.

Vice Chair Kuhl expressed her honor at having served as the Commission's vice chair, but citing increasing responsibilities as chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, she relinquished the position and nominated Commissioner Kirkland as her replacement. Before a vote could be taken, Chair Hofferth thanked Vice Chair Kuhl for her commitment to the Commission. Chair Hofferth then called for a vote to nominate Commissioner Kirkland as vice chair of the Commission, for which he was unanimously approved for the 2018-2019 term.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. End of Business Meeting

A **motion** was made (Love), **seconded** (Lynn), and **carried** to adjourn the meeting at 3:51 p.m.