

**Minutes of the Special Called Meeting
Horry-Georgetown Technical College Commission
May 5, 2020
Via Conference Call**

Members Present: Joe T. Branyon, Jr. Fedrick D. Cohens
Dr. Robert J. Farrar Brent D. Groome
Donald W. Helms Robert P. Hucks
J. David McMillan Y. Melvin Nobles
Orrie E. West

Dr. Marilyn Murphy Fore

Guests: Dr. Melissa Batten, Stephanie Danesie, John Dove, Harold Hawley, Lori Heafner, Nicole Hyman, Gregory Mitchell, Lari Roper, Jacquelyne Snyder, and Dr. Jennifer Wilbanks

Media: None

The Horry- Georgetown Technical College Commission held a special called meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via telephone conference call.

A written notice was provided to all media in Horry and Georgetown Counties advising the date time and place of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Roll call conducted by Ms. Myers and all members present.

Chairman Branyon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked for acceptance of the agenda. ***Motion by Mr. Helms, seconded by Mr. Hucks and carried to accept the agenda.***

(Vote 9 yes 0 no)

M/S/C

Reports

Spring Semester Status with Final Enrollment and Instructional Operations

On May 4, students begin coming back to campus. Small groups of 5 or less with students and 10 students per program/per campus who will be graduating in the spring/summer of 2020 will be allowed to return to campus for hands on components of labs. Small number of faculty/staff will be deemed essential and return to campuses on May 4 as well. Maymester will begin fully online, on May 13 while Summer semester will begin on May 18 and include online for all lecture courses. For hybrids, clinicals and internships, lectures will be online and frontloaded for the month of May. It is our hope to bring students fully back to campus for labs, etc. in June.

Enrollment Numbers:

Numbers for summer semester are down 9.79% in FTE (143 students) and down 12.21% in Headcount (361 students).

Duke Energy Grant

President Fore reported the College received its final allotment of a Duke Energy Grant from the South Carolina Technical College System Foundation. The funds in the amount of \$124,225.77 will be used to extend or expand the Electrical Lineman Program. We currently have 32 students in the program.

HVAC Program Recognition:

The College received notification from Grad Reports that our HVAC Program is featured on the 2020 Best Colleges list as #11 in the Best Certification Degrees.

Higher Education Stimulus Bill aka CARES Act

President Fore reported the College received \$5,158,587 in funding through the CARES Act, (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) to assist qualified students in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. 50% of the funding is given to students and the other 50% given to the College for any cost the college is incurring during the Pandemic.

System Office and President's Council Report:

President Fore reported the State budget is unknown at this time. The Presidents' Council continues to meet weekly via Zoom for COVID-19 discussions and updates.

Proposed Commencement Plans

The proposed date for the HGTC Commencement Ceremony is Tuesday, October 27 at 3:00 p.m. at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center.

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing:

President Fore announced the College's Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) and Practical Nursing (PN) programs have been granted continuing accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Proposed Department of Energy Grant:

President Fore announced the College is working with Mr. Guerry Green and his company, Screen Tight, to seek a Department of Energy grant opportunity, through a partnership with our Advanced Manufacturing program.

2020 ACCT Leadership Academy:

Chairman Branyon announced the upcoming ACCT Leadership Academy September 30 through October 3, 2020 in Chicago, Illinois. After a brief discussion, it was decided with the current

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situation with COVID-19, it would be in the Board's best interest to not attend the conference this year.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Groome, seconded by Mr. Nobles and carried to adjourn at 9:57 a.m.
(Vote 9 yes 0 no) **M/S/C**

Tommy Branyon, Jr. Chairman

Y. Melvin Nobles, Secretary

Respectfully Submitted
Cathy L. Myers
Administrative Coordinator

Date: _____