

Minutes of the Meeting
Horry-Georgetown Technical College Commission
August 9, 2022

Members Present: Joe T. Branyon, Jr. Fedrick D. Cohens
Dr. Robert J. Farrar Brent D. Groome
Robert P. Hucks, II J. David McMillan
Y. Melvin Nobles

Dr. Marilyn Murphy Fore, President
Cathy L. Myers, Administrative Coordinator

Members Absent: Donald W. Helms (Excused)
Orrie E. West (Excused)

Guests: Dr. Melissa Batten, Stephanie Danesie, Harold Hawley, Lori Heafner, Nicole Hyman, Gregory Mitchell, Lari Roper, Jackie Snyder, Tim Tilley, and Dr. Jennifer Wilbanks.

Media: None

The Horry-Georgetown Technical College Commission held its bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Carmen Catino Executive Dining Room, Conway Campus of Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

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.

Chairman Branyon called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and asked for acceptance of the agenda and approval of the June 14, 2022 minutes. ***Motion by Mr. Groome, seconded by Mr. Nobles and carried to accept the agenda and approve the June 14, 2022 minutes.***

(Vote 7 yes 0 no)

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Updates

Budget Status Update:

Vice President Hawley reported on the current budget status report ending July 31, 2022.

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Capital Projects and Major Renovations Update:

President Fore and Vice President Hawley gave the report on current capital projects and major renovations.

- **Conway Campus**

Upfit and Renovate New Diesel Property: Renovations have begun, and all work should be complete by September 5, 2022.

HVAC Upgrades for Building 1100: The College hired DWG as its mechanical engineer to design the system and provide specifications for bidding. We submitted an A-1 Project on April 8, 2022 to change the source of funds to State Appropriated Deferred Maintenance and the project approved by the Capital Budget Office on May 27. Construction should be complete January-May 2023.

Building 1000 Elevator Renovation: The project is to renovate the elevator system in Building 1000. This is an A-1 project due to the source of funds being state appropriated deferred maintenance.

- **Grand Strand Campus**

Building 100 Renovation and Expansion: This is an A-1 capital project dedicated to expanding the College's Nursing and Health Science programs. The Phase 1 package submitted to Columbia on July 7, 2022 and scheduled to receive approval from the State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA) on August 30, 2022.

Building 1000 OTA Renovations and Equipment: This project includes renovations and acquisition of equipment to meet new program needs and accreditation requirements. The project, budgeted at \$100,000, should be complete by August 2022.

- **Georgetown Campus**

Replace HVAC for Building 100: Construction should be complete January-May 2023.

Building 100 Elevator Renovation: The project is to renovate the elevator system in Building 100. This is an A-1 project due to the source of funds being state appropriated deferred maintenance.

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Enrollment Comparison Update:

Dr. Batten reported the current overall fall Headcount is 7145, a 25% increase compared to fall 2021. The overall FTE is 4764. Second among the South Carolina technical colleges.

Action

Tuition Increase to State Minimum:

Mr. Hawley brought forth for approval a request for a spring 2023 tuition increase. He reported the tuition increase is necessary for the College to remain at the 2022-23 minimum tuition level as revised and approved by the State Board. HGTC has the lowest tuition in the State. ***Motion by Mr. Hucks, seconded by Mr. Cohens and carried that the Area Commission approves a spring 2023 tuition increase of 2.7% as allowed by HEPI and as recommended by the State Board. For in-state students, the tuition cost per credit hour will increase by \$4.00 from \$171 per credit hour to \$175.***

(Vote 6 yes 1 no)

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Differential Tuition Program:

Mr. Hawley presented for approval a request to implement a differential tuition. Differential tuition is the practice of changing a different tuition rate by individual course, program, school, or college. Mr. Hawley gave an overview of the proposed in-county rates per credit hour as well as other fees charged to all students. ***Motion by Mr. Hucks, seconded by Dr. Farrar and carried that the Area Commission approves the implementation of a differential tuition as presented beginning in fall 2023.***

(Vote 7 yes 0 no)

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President's Report

President Fore reported a special event was held to celebrate the Outboard Marine students and to honor the memory of the late Marshall Altman, owner of Marshall's Marine. The family received a plaque, and a lab was named in his honor. The event was attended by members of the Altman family as well as Senator Stephen Goldfinch and Yamaha executives. Yamaha is ready to work with the College in any way they can assist.

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President Fore will be meeting with Patrick Sparks from Sparks Toyota, and twelve automobile dealers to discuss the implementation of an automotive technician program. The South Carolina Automobile Dealers Association (SCADA) wants to provide scholarships to students.

NEW for Fall 2022, the HGTC/CCU Teacher Education partnership has been designated a SC CREATE Center. SC CREATE allows *full-time employees* in SC public and charter schools to receive cost-free course work to complete add-on, alternative, or initial licensure in special education and various related services personnel areas. The HGTC/CCU Center allows qualified recipients to earn their AAS in Teacher Education and their Bachelor of Arts in Special Education fully distanced and online. The grant award for 2022-23 is \$362,669.

The Surgical Technology students awarded 2nd place national honors in the AST National Scrub Bowl Championship at the national conference held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Culinary Arts students received 2nd Place overall at the American Culinary Federation Student Team of the Year Competition in Las Vegas, Nevada during the 2022 ACF National Convention.

President Fore attended the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education Annual Board Retreat as the Chair of the Council of Presidents. She shared a list of goals the Commission plans to accomplish by July 1, 2023.

President Fore briefly discussed a draft of the South Carolina Technical College System FY2023-24 legislative agenda. The agenda has not yet been adopted by the President's Council.

President Fore and Executive Vice President Wilbanks continue to meet with leadership of Tideland Health to discuss health care partnerships and facilities/shared space.

Dr. Fore announced Greg Mitchell will be serving the College in a new roll upon his recent retirement. He will serve as Community Liaison.

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Foundation's Report

Mr. Tilley, new Chairman of the HGTC Foundation, reported Foundation assets stand at \$17 million. The Foundation hired Shannon Detzler as the Foundation CEO/President to replace Neyle Wilson.

Information

President's Cabinet Reports

- Dr. Batten announced the implementation of a new Course Program of Study (CPoS), an automated workflow process between Student Records and Financial Aid to enhance the distribution of federal financial aid to students who qualify.
- Mr. Hawley's report stands as written.
- Ms. Heafner reported the College's graduate placement rate is 95%.
- Ms. Hyman reported on current media coverage. Total media exposure was 256 hits, including news media and social media mentions. The potential reach was 110 million people. The monetary value of media coverage was \$1.02 million.
- Mr. Quaresimo's report stands as written in his absence.
- Ms. Roper reported Marketing has been meeting with Admissions and Finance teams to discuss the transition from no-cost tuition.
- Ms. Snyder reported the Human Resources team has been busy recruiting and hiring. Fifty new hires scheduled to attend orientation next week.
- Dr. Wilbanks reported the new/expanded Medical Lab Technician and Occupational Therapy Assistant programs will begin in the fall. She reported the NCLEX pass rates exceed the national rate with ADN receiving a 92.59% and PN receiving 100%. Additionally, she announced the Food Network highlighted the Fowler Dining Room at the International Culinary Institute of Myrtle Beach during the judging segments of Chef Swap.

Faculty Assembly Report:

Mr. Barker's report stands as written in his absence.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Dr. Farrar and carried to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and/or contractual arrangements/negotiations at 2:19 p.m.

(Vote 7 yes 0 no)

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Motion by Mr. Groome, seconded by Mr. Hucks and carried to come out of Executive Session at 2:45 p.m.

(Vote 7 yes 0 no)

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Motion by Mr. Hucks, seconded by Dr. Farrar and carried that the Area Commission accepts and approves the Agency Head Evaluation of President Fore as discussed.

(Vote 7 yes 0 no)

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Adjournment

There being no further business, motion by Dr. Farrar, seconded by Mr. Cohens and carried to adjourn at 2:48 p.m.

(Vote 7 yes 0 no)

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Tommy Branyon, Chairman

Orrie E. West, Secretary

**Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy L. Myers
Administrative Coordinator**

Date: _____