

State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

Council of Technical College Presidents' Meeting Minutes

System Office

Board Room

11:00 A.M.

August 8, 2024

PRESENT:

Hope Rivers, Chair, PTC
Forest Mahan, ATC
Marilyn Fore, HGTC
Jermaine Ford, FDTC
Keith Miller, GTC
Greg Little, MTC
Walt Tobin, OCTC
Michael Mikota, SCC
Vicky Wood, TTC
Patty Lee, WTC
Stacey Moore, YTC

STAFF PRESENT:

Tim Hardee, System President
Randy Johnson, Vice President of Finance
Kandy Peacock, Vice President of Human Resources
Warren Ganjehsani, Chief Legal Counsel
Rosline Sumpter, Vice President of Academics, Student Affairs & Research
Kelly Steinhilper, Vice President of Communications
Amanda Richardson, Vice President of Apprenticeship Carolina
Brad Neese, Vice President of ReadySC
Khushru Tata, Vice President for Information Technology Services

ABSENT:

Kevin Pollock, CCTC
Willie L. Todd, Jr., DTC
Kyle Wagner, NETC
Rich Gough, TCL
Galen DeHay, TCTC

ABSENT:

AJ Newton, Vice President of Governmental Affairs

GUESTS:

Ashley Jaillette, Executive Director, SC Association for Technical College Commissioners
Billy Routh, SC Association for Technical College Commissioners
Jason Tisdell, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Central Carolina Technical College
Dr. Joey Swearingen, Dean for the School of Health Sciences, Technical College of the Lowcountry
Dan Cooper, Chief of Staff, Tri-County Technical College

CALL TO ORDER – PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL – Hope Rivers, Chair

Chairperson Rivers called the Presidents' Council meeting to order and welcomed guests. Dr. Rivers turned the floor over to Dr. Ford. Dr. Ford welcomed the Council and staff to the Florence-Darlington Technical College campus. He presented the attendees with a small token of appreciation from Florence-Darlington Technical for all the work they put into The Technical College System.

CONSENT AGENDA – Hope Rivers, Chairperson

Chairperson Rivers entertained a motion to approve the Presidents' Council meeting minutes from September 12, 2024. Dr. Moore moved that the minutes be approved. Dr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Legislative Committee Report-
Legislative Update—Dr. Hardee provided an update to the council. He informed the council that he presented the budget request to the Executive Budget office on October 16th. He noted that the group was receptive to the presentation. During his presentation, he provided the Executive Office with information regarding the return on investment (ROI) and the heat map of the active economic development projects. Overall, he felt the presentation was well received and noted that the conversation focused on the Dual Enrollment request. They had a lengthy discussion regarding the pros and cons of such a request.
Legislative Committee Report—Dr. Rivers updated the council on the Legislative Committee meetings. She reminded the group that assignments are forthcoming for the Ad Hoc Committee for the priority areas that were previously presented to the Council. Dr. DeHay has assigned chairs for each of the Ad Hoc Committees.
- B. Chief Academic Officers- Walt Tobin, Chair
Dr. Tobin provided a brief update on the recent CAO retreat. The CAO discussed a tiered funding approach instead of a winner-take-all approach. They also discussed best practices around dual enrollment. They will continue to work on this project throughout the coming year.
- C. Chief Development Officers- Stacey Moore, Chair
Dr. Moore provided an update on the Chief Development Officers Peer group. Dr. Moore announced that the CDOs are planning to meet quarterly. The group met last week; during this meeting, they discussed several items at the meeting. They also discussed alumni fundraising, infinity groups, grants and updating grants, and many other ideas. Ms. Kelly Steinhilper also gave a presentation on marketing. Dr. Moore asked the group to find a project to focus on in the upcoming year. They are planning to finalize the project when they meet in January.

SBTCE POLICY 6-1-102: JOB RETRAINING CREDIT POLICY – Brad Neese

Mr. Brad Neese presented SBTCE Policy 6-1-102 for the council's approval. He reviewed the policy's changes and noted the change in name from Enterprise Zone (E-Zone) to the Job Retraining Credit. He highlighted that the name branding was removed from the policy and replaced with "Job Retraining Credit" replaced the name branding previously used. Dr. Fore motioned to approve SBTCE Policy 6-1-102: Job Retraining Credit Policy. Dr. Tobin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

SC ASSOCIATION OF TECHNICAL COLLEGE COMMISSIONERS –Ashley Jaillette

Ms. Ashley Jaillette provided a brief update. The SCATCC board recently approved moving to an agreed-upon procedures (APU) review instead of an annual audit. Ms. Jaillette also reminded the council that the meet and greet is scheduled for October 24 in Seattle, with over 40 participants from South Carolina already confirmed. Plans are underway for a "day of learning" to be held on January 29th. The next SCATCC Board meeting is scheduled for December 4th at the System Office. Mr. Billy Routh provided an update to the council. He discussed the upcoming election on November 5. He noted he didn't expect many changes. However, at least seven new Senate members and 17 House members will be elected. He also encouraged checking sample ballots before the election to be informed about various candidates and issues on the ballot, including local measures and candidates for President.

CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT- Hope Rivers, Chair

Chairperson Rivers presented her report and mentioned her absence from the last state board meeting. Dr. Rivers expressed concerns about the Council of Presidents meetings, noting they need more substance. She encouraged presidents to suggest agenda items reflecting their interests and goals. Dr. Fore commented on the challenge of identifying mutually enjoyable agenda items for the group; however, she agreed with suggesting agenda items of interest. Dr. Hardee also agreed with this approach and stated how important it is that each President participates.

SYSTEM PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Tim Hardee, System President

South Carolina Hospital Association- Dr. Hardee thanked the presidents for attending and their efforts to engage with hospital CEOs, highlighting this as a chance to build partnerships and learn about each group's needs.

Enrollment— Dr. Hardee reported a 3.1% increase in enrollment for the 2024 fall semester, equating to over 2,000 new students.

SCWINS and Funding - Dr. Hardee discussed fund balances and SCWINS reporting with the Presidents. He urged each president to look at these issues for their colleges.

OTHER BUSINESS-

No other matters were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT –

There being no other matters for consideration or discussion, Chairperson Rivers called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Mikota moved, and Dr. Mahan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Hope Rivers, Chair

Date Approved by Presidents' Council

Date Reviewed by State Board