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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 27, 2023
Room 521

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I.   Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.7, South Carolina ETV was allowed access for streaming the meeting. You may access an archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (http://www.scstatehouse.gov) and clicking on Committee Postings and Reports, then under House Standing Committees click on Legislative Oversight. Then, click on Video Archives for a listing of archived videos for the Committee.

Attendance

I.   The Education and Cultural Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair Timothy A. "Tim" McGinnis on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. Two Subcommittee members (Chair McGinnis; and Representative Josiah Magnuson) were present for all or a portion of the meeting. Three members were absent (Representative Adam M. Morgan; Representative Wendell K. Jones, and Representative John R. McCravy, III).

Minutes

I.   House Rule 4.5 requires standing committees to prepare and make available to the public the minutes of committee meetings, but the minutes do not have to be verbatim accounts of meetings.

Approval of Minutes

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    I.   The Subcommittee did not have a quorum to approve the minutes.

Discussion of Commission on Higher Education

    I.   Chair McGinnis calls the meeting to order.

    II.   Agency director, Dr. Rusty Monhollon, and members of his executive team are present. The provides answers to questions raised at the Tuesday, June 27, 2023, meeting. The director responded to the following issues:

        a. Institutional employee numbers for different categories (e.g., administration, teaching faculty, etc.)
        b. Mental health in higher education
        c. Maintenance and inspection of institutional facilities (e.g., structural integrity, safety, etc.)
        d. South Carolina's rank in educational attainment
        e. Parental involvement in higher education

    III.   Agency director, Dr. Rusty Monhollon introduces members of his staff who will present information to the Subcommittee.
        a. Monica Goodwin, Director of the Office of Data Management and IT
            i. The director presented information on the following:
               1. Purpose of the Office of Data Management and IT
               2. Organizational Chart
               3. Human Resources
               4. Internal Operations
               5. Data Collection and Reporting
        b. Mariam Dittman, Ph.D., Director of Academic Affairs and Licensing
            i. The director presented information on the following:
               1. Purpose of the Office of Academic Affairs and Licensing
               2. Organizational Chart
               3. Human Resources
               4. Internal Operations
               5. Academic Program Review Responsibilities
               6. Academic Program Approval Process/Data Collection/Licensing
               7. Reciprocity Agreements
               8. SmartState Program
               9. Academic Common Market Responsibilities

10. Regional Contract Responsibilities
11. REACH Act Compliance
12. Institutional Mission Statement Approvals
13. Scholarship Enhancements
14. Student Complaints
15. Academic Research and Reporting

c. Karen Woodfaulk, Ph.D., Office of Student Affairs
   i. The director presented information on the following:
      1. Purpose of the Office of Academic Affairs and Licensing
      2. Organizational Chart
      3. Human Resources
      4. Scholarship and Grants Appropriations
      5. Financial Aid Programs (i.e.., Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, HOPE Scholarship, LIFE Scholarship, Lottery Tuition Assistance, SC National Guard College Assistance Program, SC Need-based Grant, SC Need-based Grant: Foster Care Youth Funding, SC Need-based Grant: College Transition Program, and College Transition Program Scholarship)
      6. Scholarship Appeals
      7. College Access: (College Goal South Carolina, College Application Events, College and Career Decision Day)

Adjournment

I.   There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.