



## **S. C. Commission on Higher Education**

### **March 7, 2002 Meeting**

#### **Highlights**



**Please note the following information is intended to be a brief summary of Commission actions and should not be considered as any form of minutes for the referenced meeting.**



### **New Academic Programs Approved**

**The Commission approved four new programs in a variety of disciplines at three institutions during this month's meeting. The programs (listed below) will begin to be offered during the spring, summer, or fall of 2002.**

- 1. B.A., Russian, USC-Columbia**
- 2. B.A., Special Education, USC-Aiken**
- 3. M.Ed., Educational Technology, USC-Aiken and USC-Columbia**
- 4. M.Ed., Special Education, Visual Impairment, USC-Spartanburg**

### **Commission Grants Licenses**

**The Commission has granted licenses to Springfield College (Springfield, MA) and Lehigh University (Bethlehem, PA) for the following degrees:**

**Springfield College, Springfield, MA, at Charleston: B.S., Human Services; M.S., Human Services**

**Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, at Trident Technical College, Charleston: M.Engr., Chemical Engineering; M.Engr., Polymer Science and Engineering; M.S., Quality Engineering; M.S., Polymer Science and Engineering; M.S., Chemistry; M.S., Molecular Biology; M.S., Pharmaceutical Chemistry**



**The Commission also renewed the license of Nova Southeastern University, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to offer the following degrees at the following locations:**

- Aiken - MBA and M.S., Human Resources Management**
- Columbia - Ed.D. Program for Educational Leaders**
- Greenwood - Ed.D. Program for Higher Education**
- Anderson - Ed.D., Child and Youth Studies**

**Commission Considers Changes to Licensing Procedures and Regulations**



Ms. Cathy Harvin

The Commission reviewed and approved proposed modifications to its regulations relating to licensing of non-public institutions that offer degree programs in South Carolina. The changes will more closely align the Commission's regulations with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation requirements in the areas of faculty and staff requirements, transfer policies, and record keeping. The proposed regulations will now be forwarded to the General Assembly for consideration prior to final enactment. For further information on these regulations, please contact Ms. Renea Eshleman at the Commission

**Commission Approves Capital Projects**



Mr. Carl Solomon

The Commission approved various capital projects at several institutions through the Interim Capital Project Approval Process. These projects represent a combination of new projects and modifications to existing projects. Provided below is a summary of projects approved:

**The Citadel**

<b>Padgett Thomas Barracks/Leadership Lab</b>	<b>\$16,036,000</b>	<b>increase</b>
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**Coastal Carolina**

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| a. <b>Multi-purpose Athletic Facility</b>    | <b>4,200,000</b> | <b>increase</b> |
| b. <b>School of Humanities and Fine Arts</b> | <b>800,000</b>   | <b>increase</b> |

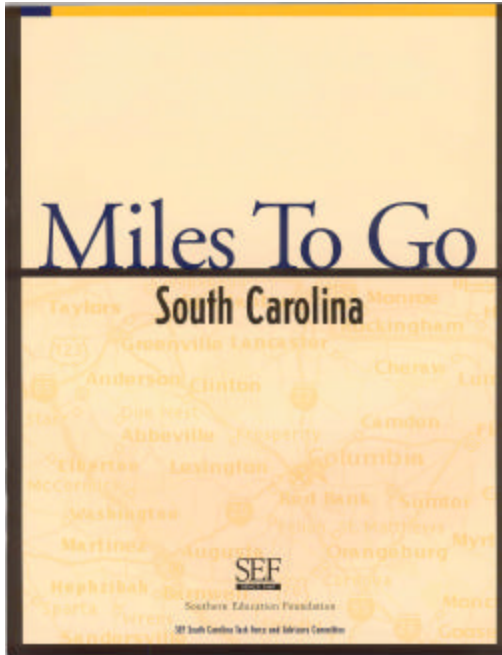
**Medical University of SC**

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| a. <b>Institute of Psychiatry Wind Damage Prevention</b> | <b>651,777</b>   | <b>establish</b> |
| b. <b>Children's Research Institute Construction</b>     | <b>2,000,000</b> | <b>increase</b>  |

**Technical College of the Low Country**

<b>Renovations of Buildings 6 and 8</b>	<b>1,524,000</b>	<b>Increase</b>
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<b>TOTAL INTERIM PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$ 25,211,777</b>
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## **Commission Receives Report on Minority Access to Higher Education**



**After completing an in-depth review of South Carolina, the Southern Educational Foundation (SEF) has prepared a report entitled "Miles to Go – South Carolina". Ms. Lynn Huntley, Foundation President, made a presentation to the Commission on the findings and recommendations of the report.**

**Ms. Lynn Huntley, President SEF**



**Mr. Steve Suitts, SEF**

**The report provides insight into the status of minority participation in higher education, including the causes and actions necessary for improvement. Additional supporting comments were made by Mr. Steve Suitts, of SEF, and The Honorable Del Rawlings, State Representative from the Maryland General Assembly. A copy of the full Report, along with an overview presentation of additional findings is available on our "Highlights" page.**



**Representative Del Rawlings**