

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
November 6, 1997  
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr., Chairman  
Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly  
Ms. Dianne Chinnes  
Mr. Timothy N. Dangerfield  
Dr. Colgate W. Darden, III  
Dr. C. Edward Floyd  
Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr.  
Mr. Frank Gilbert  
Mr. Winfred S. Greene  
Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr.  
Dr. W. David Maxwell  
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen  
Mr. Bill H. Stern

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Lewis Phillips

STAFF

Dr. Rayburn Barton  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Mr. Michael L. Brown  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Dr. Nancy Healy-Williams  
Ms. Sherry Hubbard  
Mr. Raghu Korrapati  
Mr. Alan S. Krech  
Dr. David R. Loope  
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf  
Mr. John E. Smalls  
Dr. C. Michael Smith  
Ms. Yolanda Solone  
Ms. Janet K. Stewart  
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong  
Ms. Julia E. Wells

Dr. Karen G. Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Ms. Teresa Arnold  
Dr. Jerry Bennett  
Mr. Arthur M. Bjontegard  
Dr. Thomas L. Boyd  
Mr. Jerry Caffey  
Dr. Edward J. Callen  
Dr. Mary E. Cheeseboro  
Ms. Donna Collins  
Mr. Lee Cox  
Ms. Betty B. Davidson  
Ms. Susan DeWitt  
Ms. Naomi Dreher  
Dr. Nancy C. Dunlap  
Mr. Rusty Elliott  
Mr. John L. Finan  
Senator Warren Giese  
Mr. Sandy Gilliam  
Dr. Charlie W. Gould  
Judge Brenda Hamer  
Mr. Ed Harmon  
Dr. Wanda J. Hayes  
Dr. Mike Heintze  
Dr. Sandra L. Hochel  
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield  
Ms. Sue Hooks  
Dr. David Hunter  
Ms. Karen Jones  
Mr. J. Thornton Kirby  
Mr. Scott A. Ludlow  
Mr. Howard Lundy  
Dr. Harry G. Matthews  
Mr. Gary M. McCombs  
Mr. Robert Mellon  
Dr. Isaac S. Metts, Jr.

Mr. Robert J. Mignone  
Dr. William C. Moran  
Dr. Jerome D. Odum  
Ms. Janice Poda  
Dr. Blanche Premo-Hopkins  
Mr. William T. Putnam  
Dr. Mary Robertson  
Ms. Dana Schwartz  
Dr. Peter C. Sederberg  
Dr. Earline M. Simms  
Mr. Dwayne Smiling  
Ms. Lindy Smith  
Dr. DeWitt Stone  
Ms. Zan Tyler  
Dr. Lee A. Vickers  
Dr. Ruby Watts  
Dr. Marcia G. Welsh  
Mr. Ed West  
Ms. Ann White

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Ms. Kim Curtis  
Mr. Robert Kittle  
Mr. Paul Tosto  
Mr. Larry Williams

For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

I. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of October 9, 1997

It was noted that Ms. Chinnes was present at the meeting. The minutes will be corrected to reflect this. It was moved (Dangerfield), seconded (Darden), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of October 9, 1997 be approved.

II. Committee Reports

3.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

Mr. Greene, chairperson of the Committee on Academic Affairs, reported on the following matters:

- A. Consideration of Annual Evaluations for FY 1996-97 and Appropriations Requests for FY 1998-99
  - 1. Teacher Loan and Governor's Teaching Scholarship Loan Programs  
The General Assembly empowers the Commission to approve budgets for the Teacher Loan Programs administered by the South Carolina Student

Loan Corporation in two areas: 1) the Corporation's annual operating budget for the loan program; and 2) the appropriations request for loans made by the SLC. The Committee recommended approval of a \$2,000,000 appropriations request for the Teachers Loan Programs for 1998-99.

**2.a. Benedict College's MATE Program**

As the monitoring agency for the teacher recruitment initiatives in the State, the Commission annually evaluates the effectiveness of each program and reports to the EIA Select Committee its findings and budget recommendations. For 1998-99, Benedict College requested a 14.5 percent increase. The Committee recommended that the Commission approve an increase of \$12,270 for FY 1998-99 or 5.95 percent, for a total appropriation of \$218,270.

**2.b. SC State's Project PRRMT**

The South Carolina Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers has as its mission increasing the pool of qualified minority teachers in the State. SC State University requests a 4.0 percent increase. The Committee recommended that the Commission approve an increase of \$8,351 over FY 1997-98 (3.2 percent) for a total appropriation of \$269,351 for FY 1998-99.

**2.c. SC Center for Teacher Recruitment**

The Center for Teacher Recruitment (SCCTR) housed at Winthrop University was the first teacher recruitment initiative in the State. The Center identifies processes to improve and expand the pool of personnel for education and teaching in South Carolina, assesses the impact of current recruitment efforts and of newly established efforts, and develops a marketing campaign that focuses on improving the image of teaching. The Center requested an increase of 13.4 percent. The Committee recommended that the Commission approve an increase of \$126,050 over FY 1997-98 or 11.8 percent for a total appropriation of \$1,191,458 for FY 1998-99.

**3. CHE's Centers of Excellence Program**

The Education Improvement Act of 1984 provided for the establishment of a contract program to foster the development of Centers of Excellence in teacher education in public or private colleges in South Carolina. The Committee recommended that the Commission approve this report for transmission to the EIA Select Committee with an appropriations request for FY 1998-99 of \$526,850, which represents level funding.

It was moved (Greene), seconded (D. Floyd), and voted that the above recommendations 1-3 be approved.

**B. Consideration of New Program Proposals**

**1. Bachelor of Arts in International Studies - Francis Marion University**  
The purpose of this liberal arts degree program is to give students an understanding of the emerging international perspectives on culture and business that are increasingly a part of life throughout the United States and especially in South Carolina. The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the proposed program leading to the B.A. in International Studies for implementation in Spring 1998, provided that no special State funding be required or requested.

**2. Bachelor of Arts in Communications - USC-Aiken**  
The purpose of the program is to provide students with a liberal arts baccalaureate degree in communications which will prepare graduates for a wide variety of information-based careers in business, industry and non-profit organizations. USC-Aiken presently offers concentrations in speech communication and journalism for students enrolled in its existing program leading to the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies. The Committee recommended approval of the proposed program for implementation in Spring 1998, provided that the existing concentrations in speech communication and journalism be discontinued after Fall 1997, and provided further that no special State funding be required or requested.

**3. Bachelor of Science in the Management of Technology - USC-Spartanburg**  
The purpose of the program is to provide persons who possess the associate degree in engineering technologies with the opportunity to complete a baccalaureate degree with a business/management focus. It will allow graduates to become managers of the technologies and technological processes which they have been trained to understand and maintain as graduates of associate degree programs in engineering technologies. The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the proposed program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Management of Technology degree, to be offered by USC-Spartanburg at both its main campus and at the University Center of Greenville beginning in Spring 1998, provided that no special State funding be required or requested.

**4. Master of Arts in Psychology, Track in Clinical Counseling - The Citadel**

The purpose of the program is "to prepare students to become scholarly practitioners of psychosocial counseling in community agencies, including college counseling centers, hospitals, mental health centers, and social services agencies." The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the proposed program leading to the M.A. in Psychology, track in Clinical Counseling for implementation in Fall 1997, provided that no special State funding be required or requested and provided further that The Citadel discontinue the existing track in Clinical Counseling offered under the Master of Education degree in Students Counseling and Personnel by Fall 2000.

**5. M.A., Psychology, Track in School Psychology - The Citadel**

The purpose of the program is to better prepare graduates to meet South Carolina certification requirements to become school psychologists, particularly in areas of the State that are underserved. If approved, this program would replace The Citadel's school psychology track currently offered under the Master of Education in School Psychology degree program. The Committee recommended the Commission approve the proposed program leading to a Master of Arts degree in Psychology with a track in School Psychology for implementation in Fall 1997, provided that no other special State funding be required or requested and provided further that The Citadel phase out the existing Master of Education degree program in School Psychology by Fall 2000.

**6. Master of Science in Applied Clinical Psychology - USC-Aiken**

The purpose of the program is to prepare students for work in community mental health settings as master's level clinicians. Possible workplace settings include local and regional mental health centers, drug and alcohol abuse centers, and other public and private social service providers. The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the proposed program leading to the M.S. in Applied Clinical Psychology for implementation in Spring 1998, provided that no special State funding be required or requested.

**7. Certificate, Health Management, MUSC at Winthrop, Coastal Carolina, and Francis Marion University**

The purpose of the proposed program is to enable students enrolled in accredited M.B.A. programs at Winthrop on the main campus and in its program at Coastal Carolina as well as at Francis Marion to pursue an option in health management offered by the faculty of a nationally accredited program in health administration. The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the proposed Certificate in Health Management for implementation as soon as the corresponding

options in health management have been approved as a part of the M.B.A. programs offered by Winthrop University (on-campus and at Coastal Carolina) and Francis Marion University, and provided further that no special State funding be required or requested.

It was moved (Greene), seconded (Byerly), and voted that the above recommendations 1-7 be approved.

Gen. Olsen requested a written report on the status of pending new programs. Dr. Morrison stated that she would provide this report.

C. Consideration of Revisions to the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program -

For next year if possible, and if not, then for FY 1999-2000, the Committee recommended that the eligibility criteria be an SAT score of 1200 or an equivalent Act or PSAT score, and either a GPA of 3.5 or a 4.0 scale or ranking in the top five percent of the class instead of the current eligibility criteria, which requires all three.

The Committee also recommended approval of all recommendations made by the Palmetto Fellows Advisory Committee regarding the eligibility criteria, revisions to the application, and selection process except on two issues: 1) to include home schoolers and 2) define class rank to apply to sophomores as well as to juniors and allow students to use the top five percent rank in either the sophomore or junior year.

After discussion, it was moved (Greene), seconded (Chinnes), and voted to amend the recommendations and approve the following recommendations:

1) Request that the General Assembly change the eligibility criteria to allow students to meet two of the three criteria (1200 on the SAT, or a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, or rank in the top five percent of the high school junior class) in order to be eligible to apply for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship beginning in FY 1999-2000.

2) The high school must certify that the student ranks in the top five percent of the class in either the sophomore or junior year for FY 1998-99.

3) Home schoolers will be included in the Program and all of these students must meet the three criteria as mandated in Proviso 18A.28 for FY 1998-99.

Mr. Greene made the following motion:

On behalf of the Committee, I move that the Commission convey its gratitude to all the members of the Palmetto Fellows Advisory Committee for their careful exploration and analysis of the many complex issues involved in the administration of the scholarship program. Committee members have invested generously of their time, their wisdom, and their energy in helping the Commission refine and strengthen the Palmetto Fellows program. Their diligence, persistence, and patience have resulted in an improved process and clearer evaluation criteria, and the Commission therefore thanks the Advisory Committee for its many contributions.

It was moved (Greene), seconded (Chinnes), and voted that the motion be approved.

- D. Consideration of Guidelines for Center of Excellence Program for FY 1998-99 - The Education Improvement Act of 1984 provides for the establishment of a contract program with public or private colleges in South Carolina to foster the development of Centers of Excellence in particular areas of need related to teacher education programs. The Commission's Center of Excellence Program disseminates guidelines for this competitive grants program. The Guidelines for FY 1998-99 are substantially the same as those used last year except for slight modifications in the Priorities for Funding section. The Committee recommended that the Commission approve these Guidelines.

It was moved (Greene), seconded (F. Gilbert), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

- E. Consideration of Priority Statements Regarding Offsite Doctoral Programs in South Carolina - Priority statements, developed by the Commission's Task Force on Offsite Doctoral Programs are attached (Attachment 1). The Task Force seeks to provide guidance to the Commission and to colleges and universities in the State regarding the offering of doctoral course work at off campus sites, either by traditional live instruction or by distance learning technologies. The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the Priority Statements Regarding Doctoral Programs in South Carolina.

It was moved (Greene), seconded (F. Gilbert), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

- F. Consideration of Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs: FY 1996-97 - The purpose of this evaluation is to evaluate with standard criteria the viability of the associate degree programs offered in the technical college system and the University of South Carolina system. A total of 312 programs in the technical college system and 12 programs in

the University of South Carolina system were subject to evaluation. Of the technical college programs reviewed, 86% were evaluated in the good category, including all AA/AS transfer programs. Of remaining programs in the tech system, 8% were on probation, 4% in suspension, and 2% in canceled category. Industrial and engineering technology programs account for a large percentage of marginal programs in the technical college system. All programs in the USC system were evaluated in the good category. The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the report and its recommendations.

It was moved (Greene), seconded (F. Gilbert), and voted that the recommendations be approved.

G. Informational Reports on Student Aid Programs

1. Need-Based Grant Awards for FY 1996-97 - The South Carolina Need-Based Grants Program is designed to provide additional financial aid assistance to South Carolina's neediest students. The report shows the average number of award recipients and the average award for the fall and spring semesters and for the academic year 1996-97 by institution.

2. Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Awards FY 1997-98, Final Version - This report summarizes the Palmetto Fellows Scholarships awarded for FY 1997-98 and shows the number of both new and continuing awards as updated in final fall enrollment reports submitted by the institutions.

3.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

Ms. Byerly, chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, announced that the Committee will hold a meeting on December 4, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. before the regular CHE meeting.

3.05 Report of Committee on Planning & Assessment

Mr. D. Floyd, chairman of the Committee on Planning & Assessment, reported on the following matters:



A. Consideration of Performance Improvement Fund Awards

\$157,000 was available for Performance Improvement Funding. Preference was given to proposals from institutions that 1) scored a 3 or less on that indicator and 2) scored in the bottom 1/3 of the sector. Out of the eleven proposals received for the performance improvement fund awards, the Committee recommended six for funding as described in the attached summary. (Attachment A)

It was moved (D.Floyd), seconded (Stern), and voted to approve the six performance improvement fund awards.

B. Consideration of Measures and Sector Benchmarks and Sector Benchmarks Indicator 3A1, 3B, 5D, 8A and the Designation of Indicator 9A as a Phase 2 Indicator

Measures and sector benchmarks for indicators 3A, 3B, 5D, 8A, and 9A were adopted by the Committee on Planning and Assessment on October 23, 1997. Attached are recommended measures and sector benchmarks. (Attachment B)

It was moved (D.Floyd), seconded (F. Gilbert), and voted to approve the Committee's recommendations.

III. Report of the Executive Director

Implementation Plan: Budget and Control Board Management Review - A report in response to the Management Review should be ready for the December meeting.

Dr. Aileen Trainer has been reassigned to provide additional staff for performance funding.

Dr. Barton has initiated a process internally to look at CHE regulations, guidelines, statutes, provisos, leases, etc. Dr. David Loope will coordinate this project in the effort to streamline, eliminate, and place all in one policy manual.

IV. Other Business

A. Gen. Olsen expressed gratitude on behalf of himself and his family for the condolences, prayers, cards, flowers, etc. on his wife's passing.

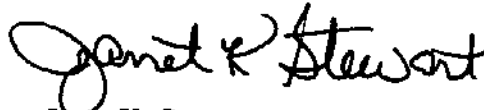
B. Dr. Barton stated that a resolution of well wishes was sent to Mr. Phillips (Attachment C).

V. Presentation

Dr. Lee A. Vickers, President of Francis Marion University, made a presentation on the Strategic Plan and Related Action at Francis Marion University.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Janet K. Stewart". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Janet K. Stewart  
Recording Secretary