

South Carolina Education Roundtable
Minutes of the Meeting
September 18, 2002
Room 105, Gressette Building

Members Present: Governor Jim Hodges, Superintendent Inez Tenenbaum, Dr. Sharon Buddin, Ms. Beth Burn, Dr. David Church, Mr. Dalton Floyd, Sen. Warren Giese, Mr. Lawrence Gressette, Mr. Robert Heflin, Dr. David Longshore, Dr. Louis Lynn, Ms. Christi McCollum, Mr. Nick Odom, Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Mr. Cleo Richardson, Sen. Nikki Setzler, Dr. Susan Shi, Mr. Bob Staton, Mr. Reed Swann, Mr. Bob Thompson, and Rep. Ronnie Townsend.

Members Unable to Attend: Dr. David Bomar, Mr. Hillery Douglas, Ms. Betty Farris, Mr. Don Herriott, Rep. Joe Neal, and Ms. Traci Young-Cooper.

I. Welcome and Introductions:

Governor Hodges welcomed members and guests to the meeting. He introduced the first presenter, Dr. Hans Brisch.

II. First Presenter:

Dr. Hans Brisch presented an overview of state P-16 efforts nationally, and described specific activities in Oklahoma. He discussed the fostering of cooperation and collaboration between K-12 and Higher Education. His concerns are, "Are the students getting what they need so they become functioning adults in their particular society".

III. Questions and Answers from Roundtable Members:

Senator Setzer: Is the OHLAP (Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program) a needs-based program? Dr. Brisch affirmed that it was.

Mr. Nick Odom: How are you working with the K-12 component of education to facilitate your vision of doubling the number of graduates with Associate Degrees? Is there an economic development component? Dr. Brisch answered that the standards for core curriculum apply to 2 year colleges as well as 4 year colleges. Two-year colleges have open admission, but with core curriculum requirements.

Economic development for 2 year colleges is designed to meet the needs of industry. Industry desires to become involved, and professional programs are being formed.

Governor Hodges asked a two-part question: 1) What is the role between traditional adult education and remediation? 2) How do you allocate resources between 3 research institutions and non-research schools:

1) Dr. Brisch answered that adults coming back to school do not need to attend classes with typical remedial students.

2) Dr. Brisch answered that Oklahoma has a Program Budgeting System to allocate money for all of the institutions. They have a research matching component and endowed chair program.

Mr. Dalton Floyd discussed an \$800,000 grant from the State Department of Education that was just awarded to CHE for the improvement of post-secondary schools and the need for an oversight subcommittee. Governor Hodges said he would appoint a subcommittee of the Education Roundtable to meet this requirement.

Dr. David Church: (inaudible question) Dr. Brisch said he would forward the material with the information to the members.

Dr. David Longshore: Regarding the needs-based program, is there a SAT or ACT requirement? Dr. Brisch said there were no requirements and that the doors of opportunity needed to be open.

Mr. Lawrence Gressette: Will there be a continuing requirement each year for students to retain scholarships? Dr. Brisch said there would be no continuing requirements, other than those continuing enrollment requirements imposed by the individual colleges.

Rep. Ronnie Townsend: How are Oklahoma students paying less for degrees than others?
Dr. Brisch said that Oklahoma legislatures set a cap and within that cap tuition would be set.

V. Introduction of Second Presenter:

Governor Hodges introduced the second presenter, Dr. Tim Juergensen.

VI. Second Presenter:

Dr. Tim Juergensen discussed the value of continuous improvement in education. He discussed continuous improvement in the context of the new state and national accountability systems – what it means, and how it works in changing education systems. Dr. Juergensen discussed the challenges that the Roundtable members face in school improvement and education reform.

VII. Questions and Answers from Roundtable Members:

No questions

Superintendent Tenenbaum shared with the Committee that for 2½ years SDE has been working with Tom Houlihan on a strategic plan for the agency.

VIII. Concluding Comments:

The Roundtable Members adopted the minutes without amendment.

Governor Hodges established the next meeting for October 14, 2002, to be held in Room 105, Gressette Building from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.