

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

February 4, 1999
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr.,
Chairman
Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly
Ms. Dianne Chinnes
Mr. Tim Dangerfield
Mr. Frank Gilbert
Mr. Winfred S. Greene
Mr. Lawrence Gressette, Jr.
Dr. Harry Lightsey, Jr.
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen
Mr. Bill Stern

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Susan Cole
Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr.
Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Rayburn Barton
Ms. Camille Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Saundra Carr
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Ms. Betsy Gunter
Dr. Nancy Healy-Williams
Ms. Sherry Hubbard

Dr. Lynn Kelley
Mr. Alan Krech
Dr. David Loope
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Ms. Isolene Montgomery
Dr. Gail Morrison
Mr. John Smalls
Dr. Mike Smith
Ms. Tobi Swartz
Ms. Helen Whetsell
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Mr. Don Campbell
Ms. Catherine Clayton
Dr. Conrad Festa
Mr. John Finan
Mr. David Fleming
Mr. Robert Gallagher
Dr. Barry Gleim
Dr. Susan Graham
Dr. Hugh Haynesworth
Dr. Joe Heyward
Dr. Jim Hudgins
Dr. David Hunter
Mr. John Irion

Ms. Karen Jones
Mr. Thornton Kirby
Ms. Star Kepner
Mr. Russell Long
Dr. Pete Mackey
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Mr. Gary McCombs
Mr. Bob Mellon
Ms. Lisa Nichols
Dr. Jerry Odom
Dr. John Palms
Dr. Frank Paul
Ms. Faye Pendarvis
Mr. Dan Polasek
Dr. Blanche Premo-
Hopkins
Dr. Chris Przirembel
Ms. Mim Robney
Mr. Charles Shawver
Mr. Dwayne Shivley
Mr. Ed Spencer
Dr. Dewitt Stone
Dr. John Sutusky
Mr. W.E. Troublefield, Jr.
Mr. Brad Walters
Dr. Marcia Welsh
Dr. Carolyn West
Dr. James C. Williamson

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman Gilbert, who then asked Mr. Alan Krech to proceed with the introductions.

1. Introductions

Guests were introduced and welcomed to the Commission meeting.

Chairman Gilbert announced that, if there were no objections, the presidential presentation would move up on the agenda to accommodate Dr. Palms. There being no objections, the presentation was made after approval of the Minutes.

2. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made, **seconded** and **carried** to approve the minutes as submitted.

5. Presentation by Dr. John Palms and Dr. Jerry Odom of the University of South Carolina

3. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Chairman Austin Gilbert

Copies of the Minutes of the Executive Committee and the updated time schedule for Commission consideration of the Business Advisory Council Recommendations (**Attachment I**) were faxed to the members of the Commission prior to the meeting today in order to inform the members of the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee met on Thursday, January 28, 1999 to consider the recommendations of the Business Advisory Council. The recommendations directly affecting the Commission were discussed and considered individually and the Committee recommended adoption of all of those recommendations. The Committee also defined the structure of the Task Force and that information is included in the minutes. Chairman Gilbert informed the Commission members that he would accept suggestions for the Task Force until February 11.

Chairman Gilbert clarified the procedure for today as voting only to send the recommendations affecting the Commission to the Task Force for further study. The report of the Task Force will be returned to the Commission at the April 4 Commission meeting with their recommendations for implementation of those items adopted by the Commission.

A summary **motion** was made (**A. Gilbert**), **seconded** and **carried** to form the Implementation Task Force, as outlined in Attachment I, to further study the recommendations of the Business Advisory Council and recommend methods of implementation to the full Commission. During discussion of the motion, **Mr. Gressette** and **Ms. Chinnes** once again summarized the procedure by pointing out that the Commission would, after study by the Task Force, be afforded the opportunity to look at the recommendations again along with the report of the Task Force before actually voting to adopt or not.

**3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs
and Licensing**

Mr. Winfred Greene

A-D. A summary motion (Greene) was made, **seconded** (Byerly) and **carried** to approve the proposed Clemson Institute for Advanced Materials and Manufacturing (CIAM²) for implementation as outlined in **Attachment II**; the five-year renewal of Nashville Auto-Diesel College and Universal Technical Institute (**Attachment II.B&C**); and the Guidelines for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program for FY 1998-99 in Foreign Languages (**Attachment II.D**).

E. Presentation of the Commendation of Excellence Award: Physical Therapy Department, MUSC. The award was presented by Mr. Winfred Greene and was accepted by Ms. Lisa Nichols, Admissions Coordinator and Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy Department.

**3.03 Report of the Committee on Access, Equity
& Student Services**

Mr. Frank Gilbert

A. Update on Palmetto Fellows

Dr. Woodfaulk gave the update on the Palmetto Fellows Program and the applicant information verification process as outlined in **Attachment III**.

Dr. Barton commented that, due to the number of dollars available this year and the number of awards declined, every applicant and alternate for a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship this year was funded. Dr. Woodfaulk and her colleagues are now going out to the school districts and meeting with parents, teachers and counselors at individual schools on a regional basis and are mailing packets of information about all programs directly to the high school counselors in an effort to solicit their support and help getting the information out to parents and students.

Mr. Frank Gilbert raised a question about the Bill proposing a standard grading system for LIFE Scholarships and Palmetto Fellows. Dr. Barton assured him the Commission is monitoring this activity in the legislature.

B. A Resolution was written for Ms. Julia Wells, Access & Equity Coordinator, who will retire at the end of February, thanking her for her years of service to the Commission and to the State of South Carolina (**Attachment IV**) and was unanimously approved by the full commission. This Resolution will be presented to her on behalf of the Commission at a later date.

**3.04 Committee on Finance and Facilities
No Report**

Ms. Rosemary Byerly

3.04 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding

In Committee Chairman Dalton Floyd's absence, Dr. Barton gave the report on

the Committee on Planning, Assessment & Performance Funding. A written report was provided (**Attachment V**). It is planned to bring to the March meeting a set of staff recommendations that will reflect recommended changes in the way that performance funding is determined. There are joint meetings being held with the institutional Planning and Assessment representatives and the Finance Officers. The dates of upcoming meetings are in **Attachment V**.

4. Report of the Executive Director

Rayburn Barton

Dr. Barton congratulated and endorsed Dr. Jim Hudgins, who has been appointed Executive Director of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, effective in March.

1. Legislative Update

As of this date presentations have been made to the Higher Education Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee. The Commission Budget has been submitted and the institutions have been appearing individually. Additional presentations are being made next week to the Senate Finance Committee. The Joint Bond Review Committee has endorsed legislation to remove the cap on institutional bonded indebtedness to allow the institutions to engage in more bonded indebtedness. There would be a ceiling placed on each institution that would be geared to their revenue stream.

2. The process of recruiting a new Access & Equity Officer has begun. The position description is being reviewed and updated.

3. CHE Quarterly Budget (Attachment VI**)**

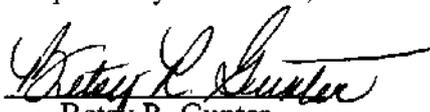
The agency budget is in good shape, with the books in balance and, with regard to obligated funds, there should be a balance to carry forward next year.

Dr. Barton reported that conversations have begun with regard to K-16 collaboration, working with the new Governor and the new Superintendent of Education. There are federal grants available intended to increase efforts to notify students of opportunities to go to college. We will have representation on the Department of Education's Planning Committee. We are also talking to Governor Hodges' Education Advisor, Doug McTeer, about ways to expand K-16 collaboration.

Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Betsy R. Gunter
Recording Secretary

Attachments I-VI