

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
September 3, 1998
10:30 a.m.

*Approved
as written
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MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Rayburn Barton
Ms. Camille Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Ms. Betsy Gunter
Ms. Julie Harden
Dr. Nancy Healy-Williams
Ms. Yolanda Hudson
Dr. Gail Morrison
Dr. Mike Raley
Mr. John Smalls

Dr. Mike Smith
Dr. Aileen Trainer
Ms. Julia Wells
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Mr. Alan Krech
Dr. David Loope
Ms. Lynn Metcalf

GUESTS

Ms. Theresa Arnold
Dr. James Arrington
Mr. Todd Barnette
Mr. Gary Bell
Mr. John Bowman
Mr. Charlie Brooks
Mr. Don Campbell
Mr. Douglas Carlisle
Dr. Mary Cheeseboro
Mr. Tom Covar
Dr. Nancy Dunlap
Dr. James Edwards
Ms. Janice Edwards
Mr. John Finan
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
Mr. Ron Garrick
Ms. Dionne Gleaton
Dr. Candace Gosnell
Ms. Susan Graham
Mr. Tuck Hanna
Col. Curt Holland
Dr. Sally Horner
Mr. Bob Humphries

Dr. David Hunter
Mr. Charlie Jeffcoat
Dr. Rich Johnson
Ms. Karen Jones
Ms. Star Kepner
Mr. Thornton Kirby
Ms. Dorcas Kitchings
Ms. Cheryl Lee
Mr. Russell Long
Mr. Scott Ludlow
Ms. Rebecca Masters
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Dr. Mike McCall
Mr. Gary McCombs
Mr. J. P. McKee
Mr. Bob Mellon
Col. Spike Metts
Mr. Charles Parker
Dr. Blanche Premo-
Hopkins
Mr. William Putnam
Mr. Tim Revels
Dr. Ron Rhames
Mr. Tim Rogers
Mr. Ed Shannon
Mr. Charles Shawver
Mr. Dwayne Smiling
Ms. Laura Shealy
Rep. Harry Stille
Dr. Dewitt Stone
Dr. Anthony Thompson
Dr. Marcia Welsh
Dr. Caroline West
Mr. Ed West
Mr. Richard Williams
Dr. Robert Young

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 10:00 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.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A **motion** was made (Chinnes), **seconded** (F. Gilbert), and **carried** to approve the minutes as written.

3. **Committee Reports**

3.01 **Report of the Executive Committee**

Chairman Austin Gilbert

The Executive Committee met on August 25, 1998 to consider Palmetto Fellows Appeals and to discuss the fall Performance Funding Retreat. The summary of that meeting is **Attachment I** to these minutes.

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

Mr. Winfred Greene

The recommendations of the Committee for agenda items 3.02a through 3.02i were summarized by Committee Chairman Greene who provided time for any questions. There being none, he made a **motion** to accept all recommendations as stated. The motion was **seconded** (Cole) and **carried**. A list of those recommendations approved is **Attachment II**.

At this point in the meeting, the Committee Chairman presented, on behalf of the Commission, Commendation of Excellence Awards to the Medical Science in Genetics Program at the University of South Carolina and the BS in Physical Therapy Program at MUSC. These programs were recommended as a result of consultants' evaluation of existing programs.

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

Mr. Frank Gilbert

Committee Chairman F. Gilbert summarized the recommendations of the committee with regard to the following items:

- A) SC Student Loan Corp. Proposed 1998-99 Administrative Budget (**Attachment III.A**)
- B) Annual Summary for the African-American Teacher Loan Program FY 1997-98 was presented as an Informational Report (**Attachment III.B**)
- C) Regulations for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program (**Attachment III.C**)
- D) Regulations of the LIFE Scholarship Program (**Attachment III.D**)

A **motion** (F. Gilbert) was made, **seconded** (Dangerfield) and **carried** to approve those recommendations.

During this Committee's report, Dr. Barton brought the Commission up to date on progress being made toward informing the public, students and parents of students of the guidelines, etc. for the LIFE Scholarship Program as well as on ongoing efforts to organize the process administratively. Commission Chairman Gilbert complimented Dr. Woodfaulk and her division on its implementation and promotion of the Program. He also informed the Commission of the involvement of private colleges in this process.

3.04 Committee on Finance and Facilities

Ms. R. Byerly

- A. Permanent Improvement Projects - Requests
- B. Policy and Procedures for Receiving Exceptional Capital Project Requests

A **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (F. Gilbert), and **carried** to add: **8. Midlands Technical College – Parking Garage**, to the list of **Permanent Improvement Projects**.

A **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Chinnes) and **carried** to approve the requests (A) and as proposed (with the stipulation that if, in the case of Clemson's proposals, the additional \$10 million in state appropriations Clemson expects does not materialize, their proposals will be re-addressed) and .

- C. Revised Facilities Policy and Procedures Manual

A **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Olsen), and **carried** that the proposed revisions to the *Facilities Manual* be approved. (Items A, B, & C are **Attachment IV**).

- D. Resolution

A resolution (**Attachment V**) was presented by the Committee pledging support in any manner to South Carolina State University as it deals with the aftermath of recent difficult incidents involving its students. A **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Gressette) and **carried**, to adopt this resolution and forward it to officials of South Carolina State University.

3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding

Mr. D. Floyd

A. Work Plan for Performance Funding – Year Three

This was presented as information and is **Attachment VI**.

B. Consideration of Deferred Year Three Institutional Benchmarks

Items 2.E.1, 2.E.2, and 3.E.b.a. were deferred until the Committee meets again on September 22. A **motion** (Floyd) was made, **seconded** (Chinnes), and **carried** to approve the Institutional Benchmarks as presented. **Attachment VII**.

{ There was, at this point, a presentation by Dr. James B. Edwards, President of the Medical University of South Carolina. This presentation was moved forward on the agenda due to time constraints on the part of Dr. Edwards. }

C. Limited opportunity to submit revised benchmarks . . .

A **motion** was made (Floyd), **seconded** (Stern), and **carried** to approve the recommendations of the Committee. Those are outlined in **Attachment VIII**.

D. Consideration of Performance Improvement Funding Awards 1998-99

There was a **motion** (Floyd), **seconded** (Greene), and **carried** to approve the recommendations of the Committee (**Attachment IX**).

E. Proposed peer groups for Research Universities were presented as information only. **Attachment X**.

4. Report of the Executive Director

Rayburn Barton

A. Update on KPMG Management Review

With regard to the State Performance Audit, the committee chaired by Lieutenant Governor Peeler is to meet on September 10 to hear agency responses to the report. The issues to be discussed under the heading of "Cross-Cutting Issues" include articulation among various institutions of higher education in the state; working with institutions on transfer agreements and guidelines; and cooperative arrangements between higher education institution libraries and the State Library.

B. Report on Fiscal Year 97 Audit

Dr. Barton began by stating that he was pleased to report that the number of findings in the State audit Report have been reduced from 13 to 7.

The seven remaining findings are in the following areas:

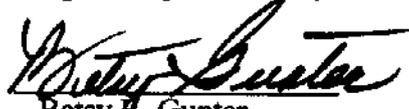
1) Record-keeping with pay calculations, 2) Allocation of fringe benefits, 3) Maintenance of personnel records, 4) Complying with GAP operating lease closing package, 5) grant accounting, 6) fidelity bond, and 7) refunds of prior expenditures. We have met with the auditors, had the exit interview and have put in place procedures to deal with the remaining findings. Our goal for next year is to have an audit with no exceptions.

5. **Other Business** None

6. **Executive Session**

Commission Chairman Gilbert requested a motion to call the Commission into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. After a **motion** (Chinnes) and **second** (F. Gilbert), the Commission met in Executive Session and, during that session, the Commission Meeting was **adjourned** at approximately 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,


Betsy J. Gunter
Recording Secretary

Attachments I-X