

MINUTES OF MEETING

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

**1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC**

**February 3, 2000
10:30 a.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr.,
Chairman
Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly
Ms. Dianne Chinnes
Ms. Susan Cole
Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr.
Mr. Lawrence Gressette, Jr.
Ms. Cathy Harvin
Dr. Larry Jackson
Dr. Harry Lightsey, Jr.
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Winfred Greene
Dr. David E. Shi
Mr. Bill Stern

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Rayburn Barton
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Renee Connolly
Ms. Jo Ellen Cook
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Renea Eshleman

Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Betsy Gunter
Dr. Nancy Healy-Williams
Ms. Yolanda Hudson
Mr. Walter Jackson
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Mr. Alan Krech
Dr. David Loope
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail Morrison
Dr. Mike Raley
Mr. John Smalls
Dr. Mike Smith
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk
Ms. Shirley Woodside

GUESTS

Mr. Gene Allen
Mr. James Barker
Ms. Donna Colloins
Ms. Mary Jo Cook
Mr. Daniel Dukes
Mr. David Flemming
Dr. Ron Garrick
DR. Tom Higird
Col. Kurt Holland
Dr. Sally Horner
Mr. Bob Humphries

Dr. David Hunter
Mr. Alan Godfrey
Mr. Mike Gross
Representative Alex Harvin
Ms. Karen Jones
Mr. Thornton Kirby
Mr. Rod Kuse
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Mr. Gary McCombs
Mr. J.P. McGee
Dr. Bob Mignone
Ms. Jackie Olsen
Dr. John Palms
Mr. Charles Shawver
Mr. Dwayne Smiling
Dr. Dewitt Stone
Dr. John Sutusky
Col. Don Tomasik
Mr. Eldon Wedlock
Dr. Carolyn West
Mr. Richard Williams

**MEMBERS OF THE
PRESS**

Ms. Chris Schweickert
Ms. Charlene Gunnels
Ms. Jennifer Holland

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. Charlie FitzSimons to proceed with the introductions.

1. Introductions

Guests were introduced and welcomed to the Commission meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of the Executive Committee
(No Report)

Chairman Austin Gilbert

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

Ms. Dianne Chinnes

A. Consideration of New Program Proposals

1. B.S.N., Nursing - Generic, USC-Aiken
2. M.S., Clinical Research, MUSC

With regard to Item A.1, Ms. Chinnes stated that the BSN, Nursing, Generic track, USC-Aiken, implementation in Fall, 2000 has been approved by the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs and by the USC Board of Trustees.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Byerly) and **carried** to adopt the recommendation as stated in full in **Attachment I(a)** to these minutes.

With regard to Item A.2, Ms. Chinnes stated that the M.S., Clinical Research, MUSC for implementation in August, 2000, has been approved unanimously by the Graduate Council of MUSC, Advisory Committee on Academic Programs and the Deans' Committee on Medical Education.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Jackson) and **carried** to approve the recommendation for this program as fully stated in **Attachment 1(b)**.

**B. Consideration of License Renewal for ITT Technical Institute,
Greenville**

- A.A.S., Electronics Engineering Technology

A.A.S., Computer-Aided Drafting Technology

Ms. Chinnes stated that ITT Technical Institute in Greenville has been licensed by the Commission since 1992 and have been accredited by the Commission of Independent Colleges in Nashville and Greenville.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded**. And **carried** to approve the license renewal for ITT Technical Institute for five years to offer programs leading to the A.A.S. degree in Electronics engineering Technology and in Computer-Aided Drafting Technology (**Attachment 1(c)**).

C. Consideration of Follow-Up Reports to CHE Consultants' Evaluations of Existing Programs in the Life Sciences (FY 1997-98)

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Jackson) and **carried** to: 1) grant full approval to programs at Clemson, MUSC, and Winthrop listed in **Attachment II**; 2) grant Clemson University's request for a six-month continuation of provisional status for programs listed as fully stated in **Attachment II**; and to endorse Clemson's decision to terminate programs listed in **Attachment II** in response to the Life Sciences Review.

D. Consideration of Report on Advanced Placement FY 2000-2001

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Harvin) and **carried** for the Commission to accept the Report on Advanced Placement (**Attachment III**) that all institutions are in compliance with the relevant Education Improvement Act legislation.

E. Informational Report on S.C. Courses and Programs Offered Through the Southern Regional Electronic Campus (SREC) 1999-2000

Ms. Chinnes explained that SREC is an electronic marketplace of programs allowing students to take electronically programs at a time convenient for the student. It is customer-focused marketing by our institutions. Each college and university has pledged to follow the principles of good practice developed by SREC and the credits earned in these programs and courses are transferable. A detailed listing (**Attachment IV**), is submitted as information.

F. Informational Report on Actions Taken by the Committee on Academic Affairs on Behalf of the Commission on Higher Education Regarding the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program: Foreign Languages

Ms. Chinnes stated that several years ago the Commission delegated to the Academic Affairs Committee authority to make awards under the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program and the report (**Attachment V**) summarizes recent action taken on a new competition for foreign languages under this program. Three proposals were approved for funding and are enclosed in Attachment V.

3.03 Report of the Committee on Access, Equity & Student Services -Ms. Susan Cole
(No Report)

3.04 Committee on Finance and Facilities -Ms. Rosemary Byerly

A. Facilities Projects Rating Committee Report and Scores

Ms. Byerly stated that the Committee as well as the full Commission approved the process by which the exceptional capital project requests from the state institutions would be rated. The rating criteria and the makeup of the rating committee were agreed upon as well.

There was a presentation by Mr. John Smalls of the Commission Staff explaining the process and how it worked along with examples of reports.

On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** to approve the Rating Committee Report and institutional scores as they were presented (**Attachment V**) with deletion of the Three River Facility at USC Beaufort. Mr. Gressette opposed as he feels the Commission does not have the authority to do this and that the system is flawed and rewards institutions not keeping up. He said the Committee had done an outstanding job, but recorded opposition.

B. Proposal for Study of Deferred Maintenance Needs

The staff proposes that the Commission move forward in requesting \$300,000 in state funding to conduct a study of deferred maintenance needs of public colleges and universities in 200-2001. The proposal itself with details is **Attachment VI**.

**3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment
And Performance Funding** - Mr. D. Floyd
(No Report)

5. Report of the Executive Director **Rayburn Barton**

◆ **Legislative Update**

The higher education presentations have been made to the House Ways and Means Higher Education Subcommittee, including the Commission's budget and the budget on behalf of the institutions. All of the institutions have had an opportunity to make presentations to the Subcommittee. The full Ways and Means Committee will consider the budget during the week of February 21. There have been some meetings on the Senate side, but they have not as yet scheduled hearings. We have met with Senators Setzler and Drummond. They asked about deferred maintenance and indicated that they are looking for some funding this year.

The budget process is almost complete on the House side and getting ready for the Senate side.

◆ MRR Validation Study

The consultants from MGT have worked with the institutions to select peer groups for the sectors and for each institution. The consultants are currently collecting data from those peers which will be used to validate the MRR. We will have the draft report from the consultants by mid March; that needs to go through the Funding Advisory Committee again since they are overseeing the project and it is our hope to bring it to the full Commission in April or, at the very latest, in May.

The peer groups having been selected, we have begun working with SREB to do the funding study. We hope to report to you in March on the results of the funding study. The study will also be available to the General Assembly.

◆ Ad Hoc Committee to Review Performance Funding

The Ad Hoc Committee has completed its hearings and is currently drafting an interim report. The final report date is January 1, 2000.

◆ Quarterly Budget Report
Attachment VII

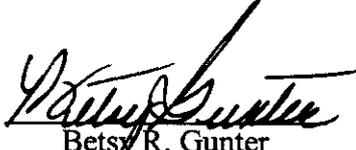
There was a presentation by Mr. Jim Barker, President of Clemson University.

6. Other Business

Chairman Gilbert recognized Representative Alex Harvin and USC President John Palms.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,


Betsy R. Gunter
Recorder