

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting
March 6, 2003
1:00 p.m.
Board Room
Coastal Carolina University

Commission Members Present

Mr. Dalton Floyd, Chairman
Ms. Rosemary Byerly
Ms. Dianne Chinnes
Ms. Sue Cole
Mr. Larry Durham
Mr. James Konduros
Ms. DeLoris Oliver
Gen. Tom Olsen
Mr. Daniel Ravenel
Mr. Carl Solomon
Dr. Roger Stevenson

Commission Members Absent

Dr. John Griffith
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Mr. Miles Loadholt

Staff Present

Ms. Joann Biga
Ms. Camille Brown
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Ms. Betsy Gunter
Dr. Nancy Healy
Ms. Katina Johnson
Dr. David Loope
Mr. Alan Krech
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail Morrison
Mr. John Smalls
Ms. Jan Stewart
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong

Guests

Dr. James Anderson
Dr. Rayburn Barton
Mr. Bill Bragdon
Dr. Anthony Coyne
Mr. David Fleming
Dr. James Gordon
Dr. Mary Gunn
Dr. Gary Hansen
Dr. Clarence Hill
Dr. Sally Horner
Ms. Judy Hrinda
Mr. Charlie Jeffcoat
Ms. Lisa Jerald
Ms. Karen Jones
Mr. Scott Ludlow
Mr. J.P. McKee
Ms. Chris Mee
Ms. Jackie Olsen
Dr. Judy Prince
Dr. Rod Roenferdt
Mr. Charles Shawver
Dr. Gordon Smith
Ms. Michelle Smith
Dr. Andrew Sorensen
Dr. John Stockwell
Dr. John Sutusky
Dr. Rita Teal
Dr. Jane Upshaw

The Commission on Higher Education met on March 6, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Coastal Carolina University. For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the public as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

I. Introductions

Mr. Alan Krech introduced the guests attending the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Floyd asked for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. That **motion** was made by Gen. Olsen, **seconded** by Ms. Chinnes and **unanimously carried**.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Floyd thanked Dr. Ingle and Coastal Carolina University for hosting the meetings today and invited Dr. Ingle to speak.

Dr. Ingle welcomed everyone to Coastal Carolina University. He stated that Coastal was up to 6000 students now and dealing with the issue of growth. Issues of growth include how to manage the growth, maintain the present campus culture, maintain the commitment to education to the people of this section of South Carolina and be realistic in that the college is so reliant upon tuition to "make the store open" every morning. These are some of the major issues. One important commitment is to maintain the look of this campus. There is also a strong commitment to sustainability for green space and trees. One-half mile down 544 from campus, a 500-bed residence facility is underway which is a public/private partnership and is scheduled to be ready this fall. Coastal Carolina is also beginning a football program September 6. The stadium is under construction and initially will seat about 6,500 fans. An advisory group of former and present coaches was formed to recruit a head coach who has brought in some outstanding student athletes. The football team had over a 2.7 GPR; one of them had a 4.0 last semester and they are all freshmen. He requires all players to do five community service projects per year—tutoring kids, or whatever the case might be—that is just as important as football, in his mind. He expressed pleasure that the commission wanted to come here.

- ◆ Access and Equity Conference March 26-28 in Columbia at the Sheraton. Governor Sanford is scheduled to speak.
- ◆ **Report on Safety Conference** – The fourth annual Campus Safety Conference was held at Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina on Friday, February 28 and Saturday, March 1, 2003. The conference drew approximately 100 students, administrators and law enforcement officers from across the State.

The two-day event featured a Student Forum on Friday afternoon and 3 presenters on Saturday. Mr. Vito Ricciardi, School Psychologist from the Hillsborough County Public School system in Tampa, Florida was the opening presenter. The title of his presentation was – **From Innocent Child to Campus Assassin: A Journey Into Violence**. Mr. Michael Poole, special Operations Investigator with the Lexington County Sheriff's Department presented an overview of street gangs in South Carolina with an emphasis on identification, characteristics and enforcement techniques. The final presenter was Mr. James Schweitzer, FBI Special Agent in Charge, Columbia

division. He provided conference participants with information regarding numerous terrorist groups throughout the world.

The conference wrapped up with a panel discussion on innovative ways to combat or address campus safety issues.

Next year's conference is scheduled to be held at Coastal Carolina University in February 2004.

◆ Proposals

- RFP for Governance Study—A letter was sent out to Commissioners prior to this meeting on the future of higher education in South Carolina. The issue of state level coordination seems to be in the news lately. Two of the Governor's task forces (one on restructuring and the other on education) recommended strengthening the commission. The research universities intend to file some legislation in which they pull out from the commission and set up a separate coordinating board. Last week there was also legislation filed creating a Board of Regents. Chairman Floyd explained some of the history and what has brought us to the present situation. The largest graduating class in the history of the country is to take place in 2009. It is estimated that there will be approximately 9% increase in enrollment between 2003 and 2009. This brings a lot of pressure to bear on everyone and everybody seems to have a different proposal. The commission has the interest of the statewide purposes of higher education in the forefront. Chairman Floyd proposed that, in light of all that has happened, the commission go forward with a governance study, getting an outside consultant to look at where we are now, what we are doing, and what other states are doing; what other systems are out there and see if we can't come up with some sound recommendations for governance in South Carolina. At the same time, performance funding could be evaluated and make some proposals to the legislature for changes. The same study could be used to examine our internal operation rather than a separate study.

The floor was opened for discussion to come up with some concrete proposal in order to move forward with it. A concept paper has been distributed for review. (Please see **Attachment I**) After review and discussion, a **motion** (Ravenel) was made to approve the plan for self-study and for discussion to be held at future meetings about governance. The motion was **seconded** (Chinnes) and the floor was then turned over to Mr. Smalls for discussion of how the study is to be funded.

3. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of the Executive Committee (No Report)

3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

A. Consideration of New Program Proposals:

1. B.A., Early Childhood Education, USC-Beaufort
2. B.A., English, USC-Beaufort
3. B.A., Liberal Studies, USC-Beaufort
4. B.A., Nonprofit Administration, USC-Spartanburg
5. B.S., Hospitality Management, USC-Beaufort
6. B.S., Human Services, USC-Beaufort
7. B.S.B.A., with a major in International Business, USC-Columbia
8. B.S., Turfgrass, Clemson University
9. M.S., Transportation, SC State University
10. Executive International Master of Business Administration, USC-Columbia at Guadalajara, Mexico
11. Ph.D., Human Factors Psychology, Clemson University
12. Center for Nuclear Environmental Engineering Science and Radioactive Waste Management, Clemson University

Ms. Chinnes requested a change in the motion for the first program, the B.A. in Early Childhood Education, USC-Beaufort. The committee wishes to leave the stipulations and provisions intact and change the wording from "provisional" approval to approval. This is a change in wording. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Solomon) and **carried** to approve the B.A. in Early Childhood Education for USC-Beaufort.

The remainder of the programs listed remain unchanged and are to be considered as a group, since the full analyses and recommendations were distributed in advance of this meeting. (**Attachment I**) On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried**.

B. Consideration of Admission Standards Report for First-Time Entering Freshmen, FY 2001-02

This item was included in the material mailed out prior to this meeting; however, during the committee meeting this morning, they decided to defer this item until a later meeting. (**Attachment II**)

C. Consideration of Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program Awards, FY 2002-03

This is a new grant program, the older one being the *Eisenhower Professional Development Program* and now the work is being done under the *No Child Left Behind Act*. (**Attachment III**) Guidelines for these grants were approved at the September meeting. Fifteen applications were received. A panel of business and education leaders was formed to review the proposals and today a recommendation is made to fund five. There is one change in the motion in that the committee wishes to approve Year 1 funding as shown on Chart A, Attachment III and, pending clarification from the US Department of Education concerning the guidelines and procedures, the committee also

requests approval for Year 2. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Solomon) and **carried** to fund the five projects for a total of \$614,148.75. Funding is contingent upon the project directors' revisions of the proposed projects to meet the review panel's recommendation.

D. Consideration of Submitting Legislation Pertaining to False Academic Credentials

In keeping with trends in higher education and licensing requirements in other states and the increasing presence of unaccredited institutions on the internet, the following recommendation is for an amendment to the licensing act. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Oliver) and **carried** to approve the proposed change in the licensing statute as shown in **Attachment IV** and authorize the staff to pursue the change to establish the parameters for valid academic credentials. The Commission has no jurisdiction over a school unless it has a physical presence in the state. The institutions have been notified of this practice by web sites of the sale of fake diplomas.

3.03 Report of the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services

(No Report)

3.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

A. Consideration of Interim Facilities Projects

1. College of Charleston- Craig HVAC and Interior Renovation	\$ 1,250,000
2. MUSC - Children's Research Institute Construction (BSB) Walton Research Bldg. Exterior Renovation	10,000,000 (1,000,000)
3. USC - South Campus Housing Phase III	1,900,000
4. USC-Beaufort - New River Property Transfer	-0-
5. USC-Spartanburg - Campus Life Center Addition and Renovation	5,500,000
6. Winthrop University Water Street Loop around Johnson Hall, and Johnson Parking Improvements	1,000,000

Lease:

7. MUSC	Master Lease Agreement Combining Seven Properties Including Renewal of 4295 Arco Lane
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Ms. Byerly asked that these projects be considered as a group. She read the descriptions and locations and, on behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a

motion (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve these projects as presented. The full descriptions are **Attachment V**.

B. Consideration of Appropriations Allocation Methodology

The current Allocation Methodology is discussed in **Attachment V** and today the request is to reaffirm the current methodology and, on behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Durham) and **carried** to reaffirm this methodology. The full recommendation is in Attachment V.

3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding

A. Consideration of Staff Recommendations Regarding Performance Indicator Standards for years after Year 7, 2002-03

Gen. Olsen summarized the information provided in **Attachment VI** and, on behalf of the Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding, made a **motion** that the Commission approve continuing the current standards for performance indicators listed in item one of the attached materials (for the next three years (i.e., 2003-04, 2004-05, and 2005-06). Additionally, staff also recommends a technical amendment to the measurement statement for Indicator 1C, Approval of Mission Statements as indicated in item 2 of the attached information. For the remaining indicators as listed in item 3, staff will make its recommendation at a later time. The motion was **seconded** (Solomon), and carried. (**Attachment VI**)

4. Report of the Interim Executive Director

◆ *Measuring Up 2002* *South Carolina State Profile*

Mr. Smalls reported on the *Measuring Up Report Card* scores for South Carolina. Scores on three of the five measures have gone down since two years ago (**Attachment VIIa**). This is a public report from the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. Dr. Ulmer-Sottong and Mr. Smalls attended a *Measuring Up* meeting recently in Louisville, KY where the five states in the project began the discussion for the development of criteria for the "Student Learning" category of *Measuring Up*—the one category not being measured at this point. The categories that are being currently measured, and those on which SC received grades, are: Preparation, Participation, Affordability, Completion, Benefits. The Student Learning category will be graded by 2004 for the five states in the project and all states by 2006. Assessment instruments used in the *Measuring Up* project will be free to South Carolina colleges and universities during the project period.

Dr. Ulmer-Sottong made a presentation (the slides are **Attachment VIIb**) on the increasing importance of state level accountability for undergraduate education, the purpose of the *Measuring Up* indicators, what they mean and how responses to them are developed.

The *Measuring Up* Report Card is the only report card that serves all states in assessing their higher education institutions on these categories at present, and all indications from policy leaders in Washington are that Measuring Up will continue to provide critical information to them. The Measuring Up project hopes to convince those same policy makers not to implement a national accountability program until the project outcomes can assist them. There followed a question and answer session and discussion.

Mr. Smalls reported that there is a meeting with Superintendent Inez Tenenbaum (state superintendent of education) and several of her staff to discuss these very issues.

5. Presentation

Dr. Andrew Sorensen
President
University of SC

Dr. Sorensen made a brief presentation on how the budget affects the University of South Carolina and its programs, including trial programs at Keenan and Eau Claire high schools in which representatives of USC go to the schools to teach college-level courses and peak the interest of the students. Dr. Sorensen also explained the research sectors' current vision for public/private collaborative support and how the private sector could be better used to strengthen research outcomes.

6. Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Gunter
Recording Secretary

Attachments I-VII

*Attachments are not included in this mailing, but will be filed with the permanent record of these minutes and are available for review upon request.