

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

### *South Carolina Commission on Higher Education*

1333 Main Street, Suite 200

Columbia, SC

May 3, 2001

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr., Chairman  
Ms. Dianne Chinnes  
Ms. Lorraine Dimery  
Ms. Cathy Harvin  
Dr. Larry Jackson  
Dr. Harry Lightsey, Jr.  
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen  
Mr. Dan Ravenel  
Mr. Carl Solomon

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ms. Margaret M. Addison  
Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly  
Ms. Susan Cole  
Dr. David E. Shi

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Dr. Rayburn Barton  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Ms. Joellen Cook  
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Betsy Gunter  
Ms. Julie Harden  
Ms. Yolanda Hudson  
Mr. Walter Jackson  
Dr. Lynn Kelly  
Dr. David Loope  
Ms. Stephanie McCaslin  
Ms. Lynn Metcalf  
Dr. Gail Morrison  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Mr. John Smalls  
Dr. Mike Smith  
Ms. Jan Stewart  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

#### **GUESTS**

Dr. Corey Amaker  
Ms. Denise Beres  
Ms. Betty Boatwright  
Dr. Dianne Bradstadter  
Mr. Jim Byrd  
Mr. Tom Cover  
Dr. Anthony Coyne  
Ms. Betty Davidson  
Mr. Tim Garner  
Dr. Tom Higard  
Dr. David Hunter  
Ms. Karen Jones  
Dr. Frankie Keels  
Mr. Rick Kelly  
Ms. Star Kepner  
Mr. Thornton Kirby  
Ms. Dorcas Kitchings  
Dr. Carol Lancaster  
Ms. Lena Lee  
Dr. Scott Ludlow  
Mr. John Malunrose  
Mr. Mitch Martin  
Dr. Harry G. Matthews  
Mr. J.P. McGee  
Mr. Bob Mellon  
Col. Spike Metts  
Dr. Bob Mignone  
Ms. Jackie Olsen  
Dr. Charles Parker  
Dr. Mary Ann Parsons  
Ms. Gerry Shuler  
Dr. Jackie Skubal  
Mr. Charles Shawver  
Dr. Gordon Smith  
Ms. Virginia Steel  
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong

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 Floyd.

**1. Introductions**

Mr. Charlie FitzSimons was then asked to proceed with the introductions of guests.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

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

**Chairman's Report**

**-Chairman Dalton Floyd**

Mr. Floyd announced that the Commission has received notification from the Governor's office that Ms. Vermelle Johnson has been nominated by the Governor for the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District representative on the Commission on Higher Education. This appointment represents the filling of the last vacancy on the Commission and it is expected that the appointment process will be completed this month.

In order to accommodate the Governor's schedule, the dates for the Trustee Chairs/Presidents/Commission members have been changed from October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> to October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The plan at this time is to hold the October Commission meeting on the afternoon of October 11 and the meeting with the Trustee Chairs and Presidents on October 12. The program will highlight the National Governors' Association Higher Education Initiative, co-chaired by Governor Patton of Kentucky and Governor Ridge of Pennsylvania. Governor Hodges has been asked to invite Governor Patton to participate in this program with him.

Chairman Floyd suggested that the Commission formally adopt some specific goals on behalf of all the colleges and universities to be presented to the Higher Education Foundation in the form of a request for assistance. He then asked that the Executive Committee meet this month and recommend a set of goals to be presented to the full Commission for consideration at the June 7 meeting.

**3. Committee Reports**

**3.01 Report of the Executive Committee**  
(No Report)

**-Chairman Dalton Floyd**

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

**-Ms. Dianne Chinnes**

**A. Consideration of New Program Proposals**

**1. A.P.S., Early Care and Education, Greenville Tech**

2. B.S., Environmental and Natural Resources, Clemson University
3. B.S./B.A., Environmental Science/Studies, Winthrop University
4. B.A., Music Coastal Carolina
5. B.A., Spanish, Coastal Carolina
6. B.A., Middle Grade Education, USC-Spartanburg
7. M.S., Software Engineering, USC-Columbia

There are seven new program proposals, all to be implemented in the Fall of 2001. They have all been approved at the appropriate institutional level, by the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs and by the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing. The summaries of all seven programs are included in **Attachment I**.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** and **carried** to approve the program leading to the Associate of Public Service with a major in Early Care and Education degree at Greenville Technical College for implementation in Fall, 2001 provided that 1) no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested; and 2) provided further that all advisement by faculty and staff as well as all published literature shall indicate that, while some courses may transfer, the program is not a college transfer program and does not lead to teacher licensure or certification.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** to approve the following programs for implementation in Fall, 2001, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested:

- B.S., Environmental and Natural Resources, Clemson University
- B.S./B.A., Environmental Science/Studies, Winthrop University
- B.A., Music Coastal Carolina
- B.A., Spanish, Coastal Carolina
- B.A., Middle Grade Education, USC-Spartanburg
- M.S., Software Engineering, USC-Columbia

#### **B. Consideration of Additional Amendment to the Nonpublic Postsecondary Institution License Act of 1993**

**Attachment II** describes the proposed changes in Law and Regulations governing nonpublic postsecondary institutions that operate or solicit in South Carolina and detailing the additional changes. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** and **carried** to approve the two new proposed changes to the law and regulations governing nonpublic postsecondary institutions as described in page 1 of **Attachment II** and authorize the staff to pursue legislative approval in compliance with the Administrative Procedures Act.

#### **C. Consideration of CHE Consultants' Evaluations of Existing Programs in Nursing**

In October, 1999, consultants evaluated all nursing programs at public 4-year universities in South Carolina. The consultants were asked to evaluate and give either: Commendation of Excellence, Continued Approval, Provisional Approval, or Termination. Seven institutions were

reviewed (35 programs). There was one provisional, 25 continued approval, and 10 commendations of excellence. **Attachment III** details the programs reviewed by the consultants at each institution and provides the recommended status for each program. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** and **carried** to approve the following recommendations regarding the review of existing academic programs in nursing:

- a. the approval of the consultant team's recommendations that all nursing programs reviewed at Clemson University, Lander University, University of South Carolina Aiken, University of South Carolina Spartanburg, and the Medical University of South Carolina, and all off-site programs offered by these institutions at the University Center of Greenville, Francis Marion University, USC Beaufort, or by distance education, be granted Continuing Approval.
- b. The approval of the consultant team's recommendation that the Master's of Nurse anesthesia (MNA) program at the University of South Carolina's School of Medicine and the BSN-Completion program at South Carolina State University be granted Continuing Approval.
- c. The approval of the consultant team's recommendation that the BSN-Generic program at South Carolina State University be granted Provisional Approval, until such time that it is granted full approval by the State Board of Nursing.
- d. The approval of the consultant team's recommendation that all programs of study in nursing which were offered through USC Columbia's College of Nursing be granted a Commendation of Excellence.

**D. Consideration of Guidelines for SC Research Initiative Grants Program, FY 2001-02**

**Attachment IV** contains the proposed *Guidelines for SC Research Initiative Grants Program, FY 2001-2002*. The *Guidelines* are substantially the same as last year's, which were substantively revised. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded**, and **carried** to approve the *Guidelines* as presented in Attachment IV in the event that they are needed.

**E. Informational Report on Revised Study of Program Development, FY 1989-1999**

**Attachment V**, the Executive Summary of a study about program development trends, is provided for your information. This past fall we conducted an extensive study about program development trends among programs added or deleted between 1989 and 1999. The entire study, as revised and updated, will be placed on our web site in the near future.

**F. Presentation of Commendation of Excellence Awards in Nursing**

The following programs were presented Commendation of Excellence Awards in Nursing:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Generic & Completion, USC-Columbia
- Master of Science in Nursing Administration, USC-Columbia
- Post Master Certificate in Nursing Administration via Distance Education, USC-Columbia

- Post Master Certificate in Nursing Administration, USC-Columbia
- Master of Science in Clinical Nursing, USC-Columbia
- Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science, USC-Columbia
- Master of Science in Nursing-Community Mental Health and Psych, USC-Columbia
- Master of Science in Health Nursing, USC-Columbia
- Post Master Certificate in Advanced Practice Nursing via Distance Education, USC-Columbia
- Post Master Certificate in Advanced Practice Nursing, USC-Columbia.

**3.03 Report of the Committee on Access, Equity  
& Student Services**  
(No Report)

-Ms. Sue Cole

**3.04 Committee on Finance and Facilities**

-Mr. Daniel Ravenel

**A. Facilities Projects**

**1. Interim Facilities Projects**

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| a. Clemson University - Memorial Stadium Athletic Field | -Increase          |
| b. USC-Columbia - Coll. of Journalism NewsPlex Constr.  | -Establish         |
| c. Central Carolina TC – Shaw Property Donation         | -Accept Donation   |
| d. Midlands TC – Wade Martin Add. & Renov.              | -Incr/Revise Scope |
| e. Medical University                                   |                    |
| Lease Renewal- 475 Parking Spaces                       |                    |
| Lease Renewal- 794 Parking Spaces                       |                    |
| f. USC Columbia – Lease Renewal – 900 Assembly Street   |                    |

Attachment VI contains descriptions of the above interim facilities projects; On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Ravenel) was made, **seconded** and **carried** to approve the above projects.

**B. Annual Permanent Improvement Plans (APIPs) 2001**

**Clemson University:**

Holtzendorff Hall Exterior Renov.	Renovate	950,000
Cooper Library HVAC Improve.	Renovate	1,200,000
Athletic Facilities	Renovate/Construct	10,000,000
Littlejohn Coliseum	Renovations/Addition	1,500,000
Shoebox Dormitories Bldg. Systems	Renovate	700,000
Clemson House Renovations	Renovate	900,000

**Coastal Carolina:**

R. Cathcart Smith Sci. Ctr.	Add/Renovate	35,200,000
Atlantic Center Renovation	Renovation	1,200,000
Singleton Bldg. Renovation	Renovation	5,885,000
Waites Island Research Facility	New Construction	1,800,000

## Francis Marion:

Founders Hall Renovation	Repair/Renovate/Replace	2,500,000
McNair Scil Bldg/Cauthen Ed.		
Media Center Auditoria Ren.	Repair/Renovate/Replace	727,000
Deferred Maintenance Project	Deferred Maintenance	1,475,250

## Medical University

Replace Campus High Voltage Feeders	Repair/Replacement	2,300,000
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## SC State

Whittaker Library Expansion. Renov. Add/Renovation		12,000,000
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## Greenville Technical College

Student Center/Admin. Renovation	Renovation	1,500,000
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## Northeastern Technical College

Dillon Site	New Construction	587,062
Bennetsville Site	New Construction	600,737

## Trident Technical College

Bldgs. 100, 500, & 800	Re-roofing	625,000
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On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Ravenel), was made, **seconded**, and **carried** to approve the above projects as they are outlined in **Attachment VI**.

## C. Information Items:

1. Annual Status Report on Life Safety Issues
2. Reminder:
  - USC-Columbia Tour Following CHE Meeting

**D. Consideration of Collection of CHEMIS Data from Private Institutions**

On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** was made (Ravenel), **seconded** and **carried** to approve the staff's request to collect CHEMIS Data from private institutions. Dr. Jim Byrd has discussed this with several of the private institutions and, at this point, there has been no objection from the private institutions to providing us this information.

There was some discussion of this topic, but all were in agreement that this would be beneficial to the institution and to the Commission. (ATT VII)

### 3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding

- Gen. Tom Olsen

#### A. Consideration of Percentage Scores for Performance Rating System

On behalf of the Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding, a **motion** (Olsen) was made, **seconded**, and **carried** to approve the staff recommendation as follows:

Substantially Exceeds	100%
Exceeds	94%
Achieves	86%
Does Not Achieve	-3% prior year, adjusted*
Substantially Does Not Achieve	-5% prior year, adjusted*

\*The prior year is adjusted as directed by action of the General Assembly. Institutions performing in the Does Not Achieve and Substantially Does Not Achieve categories are eligible to apply for reimbursement of up to two-thirds of their disincentive amount to address performance weaknesses. (**Attachment VIII**)

#### 4. Report of the Executive Director

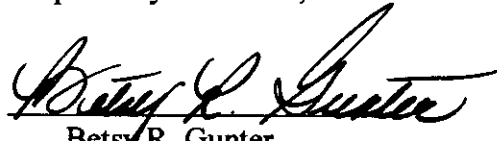
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- ◆ The House has passed a budget with approximately \$80 million reduction in institutional funding. This ranges from 2.5% at the Medical University to up to 19% at some institutions, the average being about 11%. The Senate Finance Committee budget reflects an average 9% reduction in higher education, approximately \$66 million reductions if you look at all of the institutions. That will be debated by the full Senate the week of May 14.
- ◆ The Lottery: The House last night rejected one version with amendments. They will take up the same bill today.
- ◆ About two weeks ago, Governor Hodges' office received a letter from the US Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, informing him that there has been a formal complaint filed against the higher education system in this state, alleging that we are operating a system that is guilty of racial discrimination. We expect to hear, in the next two weeks, from the Atlanta office as to the particulars. We have notified the Office of Civil Rights that they will have our full cooperation.
- ◆ Dr. Lightsey and the Baruch Foundation at Hobcaw have offered to hold a reception during the fall meeting of the Trustee Chairs, college and university presidents and the Commission October 11. Plans for that event will be forthcoming.

**Presentation:** Dr. Virginia Uldrick, President, South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, presented a short video and talked at some length about the activities and accomplishments of the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Betsy R. Gunter  
Recording Secretary

#### Attachments I-VIII

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