

## MINUTES OF MEETING

### SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1333 Main Street, Suite 200  
Columbia, SC  
September 2, 1999  
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.  
Dr. Larry Jackson  
Dr. Harry Lightsey, Jr.  
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen  
Dr. David E. Shi  
Mr. Bill Stern

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Winfred Greene  
Ms. Cathy Harvin

#### STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Rayburn Barton  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Ms. Renea Connolly  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons

Ms. Betsy Gunter  
Ms. Sherry Hubbard  
Ms. Yolanda Hudson  
Mr. Walter Jackson  
Dr. Lynn Kelley  
Dr. David Loope  
Ms. Lynn Metcalf  
Dr. Gail Morrison  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Ms. Tobi Swartz  
Mr. John Smalls  
Dr. Mike Smith  
Dr. Aileen Trainer  
Ms. Isolene Washington  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

#### GUESTS

Dr. James Arrington  
Ms. Leslie Bomar  
Dr. Diane Bradstatler  
Mr. Don Campbell  
Ms. Mary Jo Cook  
Dr. John Cormier  
Mr. Stan Davis  
Mr. David Fleming  
Dr. Roger Gill  
Dr. Mike Gross

Mr. Kurt Holland  
Dr. Sally Horner  
Dr. David Hunter  
Ms. Karen Jones  
Ms. Star Kepner  
Mr. Thornton Kirby  
Ms. Dorcas Kitchings  
Col. Ben Legare  
Mr. Russell Long  
Dr. Howard Lundy  
Dr. Harry G. Matthews  
Mr. Gary McCombs  
Col. Spike Metts  
Dr. Bob Mignone  
Ms. Jackie Olsen  
Mr. Charlie Parker  
Ms. Faye Pendarvis  
Mr. Don Peterson  
Dr. Joe Pruss  
Mr. Charles Shawyer  
Ms. Gerry Shuler  
Ms. Jackie Skubal  
Dr. Dewitt Stone  
Dr. John Sutusky  
Ms. Christina Torres  
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong  
Dr. Marcia Welsh  
Mr. Richard Williams  
Col. Don Tomasik

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** (Byerly) and **carried** to approve the minutes as submitted, with one correction in attendance, which has been made in the permanent record..

**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 Revised Guidelines for Identification of Accreditation**  
**Agencies**

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Byerly) and **carried** to approve the *Revised Guidelines for Approval of Specialized Accreditation Agencies (Attachment IA)* for immediate implementation.

**B. Consideration of Request to Add Accreditation Agency:**

Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE)

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Floyd) and **carried** to approve the addition of the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) to the official CHE list of specialized accrediting agencies. (**Attachment 1B**).

**C. Consideration of English Fluency in Higher Education Act Report**  
**FY 1998-99**

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Jackson) and **carried** to approve the *English Fluency in Higher Education Act Report (Attachment 1C)* and transmit it to the appropriate committee chairpersons of the General Assembly.

**D. Informational Report: Actions Taken by Committee on Academic Affairs**  
**On behalf of CHE regarding Centers of Excellence and Eisenhower**  
**Professional Development Programs**

The report regarding *Centers of Excellence and Eisenhower Professional Development* programs was offered and accepted by the Commission as information. (**Attachment 1D**)

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

**Ms. Susan Cole**

- A. Informational Report: 1998-99 End-of-the-Year Report for the State Need-Based Grants Program
- B. Informational Report: Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Awards for FY 1999-2000
- C. Informational Report: 1999-2000 Allocations for the Access and Equity Program

With regard to map showing the number of Need-Based Grant recipients in each county in the state, Ms. Cole commented that the students in the poorer counties are not receiving the attention that they deserve. It was her feeling that the high school counselors in these counties could do a better job at helping these children to complete financial aid applications and talk to their parents about scholarships and grants and how to obtain them.

The reports listed above (Attachment IIA, B, C) were offered and accepted as information.

**3.04 Committee on Finance and Facilities**

**Ms. Rosemary Byerly**

**A. Consideration of Interim Capital Projects**

1. <u>College of Charleston</u>			
a.	Central Energy Plant Expansion	-increase budget	\$ 1,800,000
b.	Deferred Maintenance	-increase budget	825,000
2. <u>MUSC</u>			
a.	Vascular Institute Phase I	-change source of funds revise scope/change project name	-0-
b.	Vascular Inst/Emer. Dept. A&E	-establish project	150,000
c.	Parking Garage Development A&E	-establish project	150,000
d.	Hollings Cancer Center Expansion	-increase budget	29,900,000
3. <u>Trident Technical College</u>			
a.	Berkley Vet Tech Building	-establish project	<u>710,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 33,535,000</b>

On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** and **carried** to approve Items A1-3 as presented (ATT IIIA).

**B. Leases**

- 1. MUSC – 158 Rutledge Ave. – Four-year term \$ 218,231.95

On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** to approve Item B as presented (ATT IIIB).

C. Support of Full Funding of Pay Raises for State Employees.

On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** to approve the *State Mandated Pay Raise Resolution (ATT III C)*.

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

A. Consideration of Business Advisory Council Recommendations (ATT IVA)

On behalf of the Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding, a **motion** (Floyd) was made, **seconded** (Gressette) and **carried** a) to continue the representation of the Commission on Higher Education on the Information Council's Committee on Technology and Education and appropriate subcommittees and incorporate technology standards recommendations from the IRC, as appropriate, in the Strategic Plan for Higher Education and b) to ask the Information Resources Council to appoint, or assign to, an appropriate subcommittee the task of working with the Commission on Higher Education, the higher education institutions, and other appropriate entities, to develop a higher education technology plan consistent with the State's other technology planning initiatives.

B. Consideration of Data Verification Report for the College of Charleston

On behalf of the Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding, a **motion** (Floyd) was made, **seconded** (Gressette) and **carried** to approve the Data Verification Report for the College of Charleston (ATT IVB) as submitted.

4. **Report of the Executive Director**

**Rayburn Barton**

◆ **Research Grants/Initiative**

172 research grant applications have been submitted for funding under the \$2.5 million appropriation for research by the General Assembly last session (79 from Clemson University, 21 from Medical USC, 51 from the University of South Carolina). 10% of the \$2.5 million was set aside for the teaching sector. 21 proposals have been received from these institutions.

Proposals will now go through the EPSCoR peer review process. Those recommended for funding will be brought back through the EPSCoR Committee, then to the Academic Affairs Committee in December. Funds will be allocated to the institutions by January.

- ◆ **The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee to review our implementation of Act 359 (Performance Funding)** had its first meeting on Tuesday, August 24. Senator Nikki Setzler is Chairman; Representative Tom Keegan is Vice-Chairman. The other members are: Senator Jim Bryan from Laurens, Representative Harry Stille from Ninety-Six. Mr. Larry Wilson, CEO of PMSC, and Mr. Bob Staton, CEO of Colonial Life Insurance, are the private sector members of the Committee. The Committee asked for an overview of what the Commission has been doing over the last two years. This was basically an organizational meeting and one to brief the Committee on where things are now. Tentative dates for future meetings are October 12, November 9 and December 14. The Committee did indicate they want to look at specific indicators and the way they are defined. The charge of the Committee is to ensure that we are complying with the intent of the legislation.

- ◆ GEAR-UP Grant: CHE received the grant (one of 24 states) that supplements and augments the Higher Education Awareness Program (HEAP). GEAR-UP is intended to reach down to the sixth grade, providing information to students and parents, particularly in those areas where there are students least likely to be successfully prepared to go to college.
- ◆ CHE Quarterly Budget Report: Ending the year with a budget surplus and an increased efficiency in operation of the Finance Division.
- ◆ The Southern Regional Electronic Campus has generated certain policy questions due to the increased use of technology. SREB is forming a policy laboratory to look at these questions. Dr. Roy McTarnegan, a recognized leader in the area of distance learning technology and policy, will address the Commission at the November 4 meeting and then in the afternoon meeting with representatives from the colleges and universities.
- ◆ As you have been informed through the *Friday Notes*, we have been working with the campuses toward a conference on campus safety. The dates for the conference are November 29 and 30, hosted by the College of Charleston.

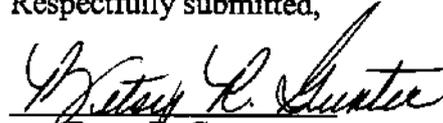
There was a presentation by Dr. Roger Gill, Executive Director of the University Center of Greenville.

#### 5. Other Business

Ms. Chinnnes mentioned a Junior Achievement project in Williamsburg and Clarendon Counties in which part of the students' activities is going to the CHE web site for information on school and scholarships.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Betsy R. Gunter  
Recorder

Attachments I-IV