

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		-0-
	revise scope/change		
	project name		
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>
TOTAL		\$	33,535,000

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 IIC)*.

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.

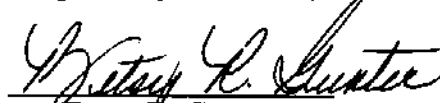
There was a presentation by Dr. Roger Gill, Executive Director of the University Center of Greenville.

5. Other Business

Ms. Chinnes 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