

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
January 4, 1996
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Fred L. Day, Chairman
Mr. J. Randolph Ayers
Dr. Colgate W. Darden, III
Mr. Fred C. Fore
Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr.
Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Mr. Ray D. Lathan
Dr. W. David Maxwell
Mr. Willard A. Metcalf
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Mr. Bill H. Stern
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert, Sr.
Ms. Debbie N. Whittle
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Reba Kinon
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage

STAFF

Mr. Michael L. Brown
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Ms. Maggie Hicks
Mr. Douglas I. Holleman
Dr. R. Lynn Kelley
Mr. John J. Krause
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Dr. David R. Loope
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Dr. Robert K. Poch
Dr. T. Michael Raley
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Ms. Yolanda Solone
Ms. Janet K. Stewart

Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong

GUESTS

Mr. Todd E. Barnett
Mr. Arthur M. Bjontegard
Mr. Charles A. Brooks
Dr. Joseph Cabri
Dr. Robert Castleberry
Dr. Dean Cleghorn
Ms. Donna Collins
Mr. Jack Day
Mr. John L. Finan
Ms. Lynn Flander
Mr. N. Casey Frederick
Dr. Carol Z. Garrison
Mr. Sandy Gilliam
Mr. Wade A. Green
Dr. Willie J. Heggins
Dr. Bill Hine
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield
Dr. Sally M. Horner
Dr. Bob Humphries
Mr. Charles Jeffcoat
Mr. Howard Lundy
Col. Calvin G. Lyons
Mr. John C. Malmrose
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Mr. Gary McCombs
Mr. J. P. McKee
Dr. Phil Moore
Mr. Larry Myers
Dr. Jack D. Parson
Dr. Susan Pauly
Mr. Raymond Perkins
Dr. Blanche Premo-Hopkins
Dr. Barbara Price
Mr. William T. Putnam
Mr. Charles Shawver
Dr. Ron Stat

Mr. Huck Thieken
Dr. Ron Thurston
Col. Donald Tomasik
Mr. W. E. Troublefield, Jr.
Dr. Jim Vincent
Dr. Charlene Wages
Dr. Marcia G. Welsh
Dr. Joan Wilkinson
Ms. Starnell Williams
Mr. Mark Wright

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Ms. Mona Breckinridge
Mr. Jeff Jones
Ms. Trinnel Moore
Mr. Brodie Nalle
Mr. Bill Robinson
Ms. Rochelle Stewart

For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of January 4, 1996

It was moved (Goad), seconded (Stern), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of December 7, 1995 be approved as written.

2. Election of Officers for 1996

Mr. Goad nominated Mr. Day for Chairman for 1996. It was moved (Williams), seconded (Metcalf) and voted that nominations be closed, and that Mr. Day be elected by acclamation. Mr. Day was elected Chairman.

Mr. Ayers nominated Mr. Gilbert for Vice Chairman for 1996. It was moved (Williams), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that nominations be closed, and that Mr. Gilbert be elected by acclamation. Mr. Gilbert was elected Vice Chairman.

3. Special Presentations

Report from Conference of South Carolina University Faculty Chairs

Mr. Sheheen stated that several years ago the faculty senate chairs in the senior institutions formed an organization called Conference of South Carolina University Faculty Chairs. Dr. Parsons, the new chair of the Conference, has suggested that the faculty chairs would like an opportunity for a closer working relationship with the Commission. Dr. Parsons noted that the purpose of the Conference is to provide a statewide faculty forum and a collective strong faculty voice in meeting the challenges and goals of higher education in South Carolina. Dr. Heggins, Dr. Thurston, Dr. Welsh, and Dr. Cabri briefly addressed academic tenure, higher education funding, the relationship between public higher education and economic development, and the articulation of research with teaching - which are four of the most pressing issues in public higher education.

Mr. Sheheen stated that, in his opinion, the creation of this organization will fill a void which has long existed in higher education. He stated that the Commission is looking forward to working with the Conference.

4. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Mr. Gilbert reported on the following matter:

The Executive Committee recommended that Southern Illinois University at Carbondale be licensed, subject to required reporting, to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Workforce Education and Development at Westinghouse Savannah River Company in Aiken. Further, that the initial license be for 18 months, and that renewal of the license (for up to an additional three and one-half years) be delegated to the Licensing staff based on the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between Southern Illinois University and Westinghouse Savannah River Company.

It was moved (Gilbert) and seconded (Williams) that the recommendation be approved.

Dr. Premo-Hopkins stated that the Southern Illinois University undergraduate degree offering is in direct competition with USC-Aiken and Aiken Technical College. The faculty of each institution is willing to work with Southern Illinois University but neither has been consulted in this matter.

Mr. Sheheen stated that the Commission is forbidden by Anti-Trust laws from taking competition into consideration as a factor in licensing as it would be a restraint of trade. Also, the South Carolina licensing law is one of the strongest proprietary licensing laws in the United States.

After further discussion, it was voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

3.04 Report of the Committee on Business and Finance

Mr. Lathan, chairman of the Business and Finance Committee, reported on the following matter:

Consideration of Revised Step 12 Funding Policy

The Committee recommended that changes to the Step 12 Funding Policy (Attachment 1), the Unique Cost Criteria (Attachment 2) be approved.

It was moved (Lathan), seconded (Stern), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

3.05 Committee on Facilities

In the absence of Ms. Kinon, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, Mr. Stern reported on the following matter:

A. Report on Capital Project Review Process

During the Commission meeting of October 5, 1995, action was taken which directed the staff to survey all public higher education institutions with respect to capital needs. Since that time, the Committee on Facilities has met and developed a means of communicating to the General Assembly the critical capital needs of the higher education community. The Commission and the institutions fully realize there is no bond bill planned for the foreseeable future. The Facilities Committee determined that the most appropriate course of action would be to reaffirm the Commission's stated priority of deferred maintenance. The 1994 study of deferred maintenance identified \$168 million in educational and general deferred maintenance needs. That study led to a request to the General Assembly for \$42 million in 1995-96 which was not funded. Therefore, the Facilities Committee is proposing that the study serve as a basis for the first part of a capital needs request in the amount of \$42 million. Also the Facilities Committee recognizes that there are circumstances whereby new construction could best meet the capital needs of institutions. Accordingly, the Facilities Committee proposes the inclusion of the second part of a capital request specifically for new construction. A list of \$236 million of new construction projects was reviewed and approved in a rank priority order based on a set of criteria and evaluation points adopted by this Commission in 1992.

Based on these considerations, the Facilities Committee recommended that a dual request be made to the General Assembly with the first priority being the \$42 million installment request for deferred maintenance as the first installment of \$168 million to be appropriated and \$42 million installments biennially as part of a higher education comprehensive study

on deferred maintenance. The second component to be funded after full funding of the first component will be a separate list of ranked new construction projects representing each institution's highest priority in new construction needs.

It was moved (Stern) and seconded (Metcalf) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

It was moved (Darden), seconded (Metcalf) and voted that the motion be amended to include the modified Summary of Capital Improvement Funding Requests (Attachment 3) which included two additional new construction projects and increased the total of ranked new construction projects to \$258 million. It was voted that the recommendation, as amended, be approved.

Mr. Sheheen stated that the recommendation would be submitted to the appropriate committees of the General Assembly under Mr. Day's signature.

- B. Mr. Fore stated that in the past the Commission has expressed concern about projects that are approved for Architectural and Engineering (A & E) money but are never funded for the total project. Based upon that discussion, Mr. Fore asked if the criteria could be studied in order to factor in projects in which the General Assembly or other superior agencies have provided A & E money .

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Metcalf) and voted that prior to future ranking, consideration should be given to projects which have previously received A & E funding.

- C. Mr. Fore requested, although this item is not on the agenda, that immediate consideration be given to Horry-Georgetown Technical College for permission to transfer 70 acres of property at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base. He stated that the Air Base Redevelopment Authority needs to get this request to Washington now.

It was moved (Metcalf), seconded (Gilbert) and voted to suspend the bylaws in order to permit this matter to be added to the agenda.

Mr. Sheheen stated that in a letter from Dr. Kent Sharples dated November 16, 1995, Dr. Sharples requested that the matter come before the Commission at its February meeting in order for the item to be on the Budget and Control Board's agenda in April.

Mr. Stern stated that the Facilities Committee had met immediately prior to the Commission meeting. He read the Committee's recommendation: The Committee recommended approval provided 1) that the acquisition of the land and buildings on the former Myrtle Beach Air Force Base is granted through the public benefit transfer through the U.S. Department of Education; 2) the Division of General Services Property Management find it acceptable or waives the requirement for the environmental study of the property; 3) that the existing Grand Strand Campus be sold at the earliest possible date and the proceeds applied to the renovations of the new Grand Strand campus facilities.

It was moved (Stern) and seconded (Fore) that the recommendation be approved.

Dr. Garrison stated that although the acquisition of the property and the consortium are two separate items, to a certain extent they are intertwined. Mr. Sheheen stated that the staff believes the two items are inextricably inter-related. The staff thought it was acting in good faith based on the above-mentioned letter from Dr. Sharples stipulating the action time-table.

Mr. Fore stated that the Air Base Redevelopment Authority possibly could withdraw their authority if there were a delay in approval by the Commission.

After further discussion, it was voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

3.06 Report of Committee on Planning and Assessment

Mr. Gilbert, chairman of the Committee on Planning and Assessment, reported on the following matters:

A. Report on Planning Process for 1996 and Consideration of 1996 Environmental Scan for the State of South Carolina's Strategic Plan for Higher Education

Dr. Horner gave a brief overview of the planning process and the 1996 Environmental Scan which is primarily a source document for planning. The Committee on Statewide Planning carries out the tasks which have been to develop and bring forward the plan for each year made up of initiatives for that particular year.

B. Reports from Planning Committee

1. Initiative 1

Dr. Ulmer-Sottong stated that this task force has been created to monitor national activity to assess and set standards for higher education. Mostly the task force wants to make sure that South Carolina is not left out of national conversations in terms of accountability and assessment as they move through a variety of places.

2. Initiative 2

Ms. Williams stated that this task force focuses on ways higher education could communicate better with the public. She noted that the task force talked with external constituencies such as the news media, the legislature and people from the business community asking them what they thought about higher education. The task force has developed a structure of information exchange between the colleges and universities and the Commission.

3. Initiative 3

Dr. Holderfield and Dr. Stone gave a report on the following responsibilities assigned to this task force:

a) examine the full spectrum of information technologies, their interconnectedness and opportunities for their application in higher education in South Carolina; b) develop information on the scope and direction of information technology at state and national levels; and c) identify statutory, administrative or fiscal issues which limit the opportunity for higher education in South Carolina to optimize telecommunications technologies to provide the state's citizens the greatest possible opportunity for learning.

D. Consideration of Reports on Act 255 and Summary Report on Institutional Effectiveness: January 1996

Mr. Krech stated that because of the time he would like to come back at another meeting to discuss these reports but would respond to any questions at this time.

Mr. Gilbert stated that a tremendous amount of work has been done on this planning process. It was moved (Gilbert), seconded (Fore), and voted that the Report on Act 255 and Summary Report on Institutional Effectiveness:

January 1996 and the 1996 Environmental Scan for the State of South
Carolina's Strategic Plan for Higher Education be approved.

4. Other Business

A. Two-Year Education Committee

Mr. Phillips reported that the Committee is making progress and is refining previous work. He stated that he hoped to have a report at the February Commission meeting.

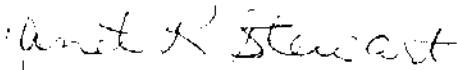
B. Higher Education Study Committee

Mr. Gilbert stated that the Committee is meeting twice a week from now until the end of January in order to meet the deadline for completion of their work.

Mr. Day stated that he would like to reaffirm the current membership of all the standing committees. He asked the chairmen of these committees to meet prior to the February Commission meeting to re-elect the chairman of each committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary