

MINUTES OF MEETING

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC

November 4, 1999
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr.,
Chairman
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

Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly
Mr. Winfred Greene
Ms. Cathy Harvin

STAFF PRESENT

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

Ms. Betsy Gunter
Dr. Nancy Healy-Williams
Ms. Yolanda Hudson
Mr. Walter Jackson
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Mr. Alan Krech
Dr. David Loope
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Ms. Isalene Montgomery
Dr. Gail Morrison
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Tobi Swartz
Dr. Mike Smith
Dr. Aileen Trainer
Ms. Helen Whetsell
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Dr. Ronald Balance
Mr. Jim Barker
Mr. Don Baron
Ms. Karin Beaty
Ms. Leslie Bomar
Mr. Eddie Brezeale
Dr. Diane Brandstedter
Dr. Susan Brockwell
Dr. Russ Bumba
Dr. Douglas Carlisle

Ms. Diane Carr
Dr. Fred Carter
Mr. Tom Covar
Ms. Betty Davidson
Dr. Edna May Duffy
Mr. David Flemming
Mr. Kurt Holland
Dr. Blanche Premo-Hopkins
Ms. Jennifer Holland
Dr. Sally Horner
Dr. David Hunter
Ms. Star Kepner
Mr. Thornton Kirby
Ms. Sky Kodak
Mr. Gregg Lee
Mr. Ted Lightle
Dr. Charles Love
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Mr. Gary McCombs
Dr. Roy McTarnaghan
Mr. Bob Mellon
Ms. Pat Mozley
Ms. Jackie Olsen
Mr. Charles Palmer
Mr. Charles Parker
Dr. John Re
Judge Alex Sanders
Dr. Jackie Skubal
Dr. Dewitt Stone
Dr. Marcia Welsh
Dr. Melford Wilson

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.

Thornton Kirby of Clemson University introduced the new president, Dr. Jim Barker. Dr. Barker was recently elected president of Clemson University by the Board of Trustees and will assume those duties on December 6, 1999. Dr. Barker was recognized and spoke briefly about some of the goals and priorities of the institution in the immediate future.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

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**
(No Report)

Ms. Dianne Chinnes

A. Consideration of New Program Proposals:

1. A.H.S., Veterinary Technology, Trident Tech
2. B.A., Women's Studies, USC-Columbia
3. B.S., Special Education/Learning Disabilities, USC-Spartanburg
4. M.S., Graphic Communications, Clemson
5. University Transportation Center, S.C. State

Ms. Chinnes explained that, while there was a lengthy report, all agenda items had been mailed prior to the meeting and all five programs under Item A have been approved at the appropriate levels. On behalf of the Committee, based on wording in **Attachment I**, a **motion** was made (Chinnes), **seconded** (Stern) and **carried** to approve these five programs as recommended by the Committee on Academic Affairs.

B. Consideration of License Renewal Requests

1. Cleveland Institute of Electronics, Inc., Cleveland, OH
A.A.S. in Electronics Engineering Technology;
2. Lesley College, Cambridge, MA
M.Ed. in Technology in Education and Curriculum and Instruction (Concentrations in Creative Arts; Early Childhood; and Literacy: Language, Reading, Writing)

3. Forrest Junior College, Anderson, SC
A.A.S. in Business Administration

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Gressette) and **carried** to approve the license renewal requests listed above. (ATT II)

- C. Consideration of Request for Initial Licensure
ECPI College of Technology, Virginia Beach, VA
A.A.S. in Computer and Information Science (Concentrations in Accounting Systems Administration, Information Technology/ Computer Programming, Computer Systems Applications, Information Technology/Networking, and Medical Systems Administration);
A.A.S. in Computer Electronics Technology (Concentrations in Computer Technology and Telecommunications Equipment Technology),

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Stern) and **carried** to approve the request for initial licensure for five years of ECPI College of Technology as outlined in ATT III.

- D. Consideration of Requests to Amend License

1. DeVry Institute of Technology, various locations
B.S. in Computer Engineering Technology
2. Vermont College of Norwich University, Montpelier, VT
Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS),

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** to approve the amendment to the licenses of DeVry's Institute of Technology (various locations) and Vermont College of Norwich University (ATT IV).

- E. Consideration of Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs
FY-1998-99

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Cole) and **carried** to accept the report as presented (ATT V, pg.11).

- F. Consideration of Guidelines for Centers of Excellence Program,
FY 2000-2001

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Lightsey) and **carried** to approve the Guidelines for Centers of Excellence Program found in ATT VI.

- G. Consideration of Proposed Changes to Licensing Law and Regulations

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Lightsey) and **carried** to approve the proposed changes to Law and Regulations Governing

Nonpublic Postsecondary Institutions (ATT VII) and authorizing staff to pursue legislative approval and compliance with the *Administrative Procedures Act*.

H. Consideration of Annual Report on Admission Standards for First-Time Entering Freshmen, Fall 1998

Ms. Chinnes explained that this document (ATT VIII) summarizes five different reports. A correction page was distributed and that correction has been inserted into ATT VIII, pg. 8.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Floyd) and **carried** to accept this report as meeting the stipulations of Act 629 of 1988 and Act 359 of 1996 with respect to reviewing admissions standards and disseminating appropriate information related to admission standards.

I. Consideration of Addition of New Specialized Accreditation Agencies

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** to approve both the CAHEEP (JRC-AT) and the CCNE for inclusion on the list of approved accrediting agencies, provided that the US Department of Education has placed the CCNE on its list of approved accrediting agencies by the end of 1999, and that written assurance from the State Board of Nursing is provided to the effect that accreditations by CCNE is acceptable for the State Board's approval of program graduates to take the NCLEX. (ATT IX)

J. Consideration of Recommendations of the Graduate Teacher Education Task Force

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Jackson) and **carried** to approve the proposed policy concerning graduate courses in education for immediate implementation, and recommends that the institutions publish this policy in appropriate vehicles such as transcripts, catalogues, and course syllabi. (ATT X)

K. Consideration of Revisions to Guidelines for Small Grants Program

On behalf of the Commission on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Cole) and **carried** to approve the revised *Guidelines* for Small Grants Program (ATT XI).

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

-Ms. Susan Cole

A. Informational Report: Scholarship and Grant Programs Audit Appeals

Audit reports on USC Columbia and USC Spartanburg were presented and it was explained that the committee had determined that the LIFE Scholarship awards may have resulted from the institutions not having a clear understanding when the program was initiated as to whether students were awarded based on earning 30 credit hours each year, or the 30/60/90 rule. The Committee therefore moved to grant both institutions a waiver of funds awarded for academic year 1998-99 only. The Committee believes that this waiver does not violate the intent of the law, but recommends that both

institutions adhere to the 30/60/90 credit hour requirements when awarding students for 1999-2000 and subsequent years.
(ATT XII)

B. Proposed Revisions to the Statutes and Regulations for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and the South Carolina Need-Based Grants Programs

Ms. Cole explained that the proposed revisions to the statutes and regulations changes the language so that the wording reads the same for all three scholarships. The language, in the past, has not been consistent for drug and alcohol-related offenses. A vote is needed for this item.

On behalf of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services a **motion** (Cole) was made, **seconded** (Stern) and **carried** to approve these revisions. These revisions will now be submitted to the General Assembly for approval. If the General Assembly approves these recommendations, the regulations for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and South Carolina Need-Based Grants Programs will be amended in order to be consistent.

3.04 Committee on Finance and Facilities
(No Report)

-Ms. Rosemary Byerly

3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding
(No Report)

4. Dr. Barton introduced Dr. Roy McTarnaghan of the Distance Learning Policy Laboratory who presented a brief program on the development of the Distance Learning Policy Laboratory of the Southern Regional Education Board. This laboratory is designed to address education policy issues across state lines.

There was a second presentation by Dr. Fred Carter, President of Francis Marion University.

5. Report of the Executive Director

Rayburn Barton

The Quarterly Budget Report was deferred due to time constraints; however, a copy of this report is ATT IV.

6. Other Business

Chairman Gilbert presented a letter from representative Thomas Keegan, Chair of the Higher Education Subcommittee requesting a prioritization of the institutions' exceptional capital projects requests. (ATT XV)

Chairman Gilbert asked the Commission if there was a consensus for the Committee on Finance and Facilities to review the request and make recommendations concerning criteria by which these projects could be rated. The Commission could then consider the criteria and the question of prioritization at the December meeting. The Commission agreed that this was the logical course of action.

Mr. Gressette voiced his opposition to the Commission being put in a position of prioritization of special projects. Dr. Lightsey expressed his opinion the institutions should be allowed to solicit for funds on their own. It would be more effective for the institutions to be given the opportunity to set their own priorities and try to sell those priorities to the legislature.

Mr. Stern and Ms. Chinnes posed the question to the Chairman as to what the options might be if the Commission chose not to comply with this request. Dr. Barton responded that he would notify Mr. Keegan of the decision of the Commission. They will then be forced to make decisions in terms of the \$460,000,000 in total requests. Mr. Stern said he brought up the question because they (the subcommittee) had prioritized in the past.

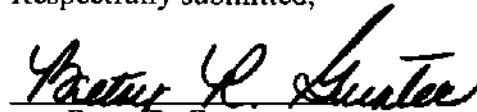
Dr. Barton suggested that if the Commission is going to do this, they should, working with the appropriate institutional committee (Finance Advisory Committee) revisit the criteria used in the past, bring a revised list of criteria to the Commission and, if the group is comfortable with those, proceed with the prioritization procedure during the month of December.

Dr. Lightsey stated that he felt it safe to say, for the record, that last year the Committee on Finance and Facilities voted not to prioritize and that was overruled by the Executive Committee.

Chairman Gilbert assigned the issue to the Committee on Finance and Facilities and they are to return to the full Commission with their recommendation.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,


Betsy R. Gunter
Recorder

Attachments I-XV