

MINUTES OF MEETING

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC

May 4, 2000
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

Ms. Cathy Harvin

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Rayburn Barton
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Renee Connolly
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Renea Eshleman
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Betsy Gunter
Ms. Julie Harden
Dr. Nancy Healy-Williams
Ms. Yolanda Hudson
Mr. Walter Jackson
Dr. David Loope
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Mike Raley
Mr. John Smalls
Ms. Jan Stewart

GUESTS

Mr. Arthur M. Bjontegard
Dr. Diane Bradstettler
Ms. Mary Jo Cook
Ms. Julie Corner
Ms. Betty Davidson
Mr. Stan Davis
Dr. David Hunter
Dr. Perry Gasque-Carter
Ms. Donna Collins
Mr. Charlie Jeffcoat
Ms. Brenda Jones
Ms. Karen Jones
Ms. Star Kepner
Mr. Joseph Kennedy
Ms. Dorcas Kitchings
Mr. John Kruse
Mr. Gary McCombs
Mr. J.P. McKee
Mr. Bob Mellon
Dr. Bob Mignone
Dr. Harry Matthews
Dr. Blanch Premo-Hopkins
Mr. Ron Rhames
Mr. Charles Shawver
Dr. John Sutusky
Ms. Rita Teal
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Dr. Marcia Welsh
Mr. Richard Williams

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Ms. Chris Schweikart/The State
Ms. Charlene Gunnells/Charleston Post &
Courier
Jennifer Holland/Associated Press

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 10:40 a.m. by Chairman Gilbert, who then asked Mr. Charlie FtizSimons to proceed with the introductions.

1. Introductions

Guests were introduced and welcomed to the Commission meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made (Olsen), **seconded** (Byerly) 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

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

- Ms. D. Chinnes

A. Consideration of New Program Proposals:

1. A.I.T., Diesel Technology, Florence-Darlington Tech
2. A.H.S., Respiratory Care, Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech
3. A.Bus., Funeral Services, Piedmont Tech
4. A.H.S., Respiratory Care, Tri-County Tech
5. A.P.S., Human Services, Trident Tech
6. M.A., Psychology, USC-Columbia
7. M.M., Conducting, Winthrop

These seven program proposals were reviewed at the meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs. It was agreed that all seven program proposals would be considered in one motion.

Recommendation: In each case, the Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the Commission approve them provided no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested. In #3, (A.Bus., funeral Services, Trident Tech.) there was the added provision that this specialization within the current general technology program be permanently discontinued.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Cole) and **carried** to approve the seven program proposals listed above. (ATT I)

B. Consideration of Request for Amendment of License for ITT Technical Institute,

Greenville

A.A.S., Information Technology (Computer Network Systems, Multimedia, Software Applications and Programming, and Web Development)

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that the Commission approve amendment of ITT Technical Institution's license to offer programs leading to the A.A.S. degree in Information Technology with specializations in Computer Network Systems, Multimedia, Software Applications and Programming, and Web Development.

On behalf of the Committee, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Floyd) and **carried** to approve the recommendation of the Committee on Academic Affairs. (ATT II)

C. Consideration of Request for Initial License for Miller - Motte Business College, Clarksville, TN

A.A.S., Accounting

A.A.S., Business Management

A.A.S., Medical Assisting

A.A.S., Microcomputer Applications with concentrations in Microcomputer Applications Assistant and Systems Network Engineer

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that the Commission approve initial licensure for five years of Miller-Motte Business College to offer the A.A.S. in Accounting, Business, Management, Medical Assisting, and Microcomputer Applications with concentrations in Microcomputer Applications Assistant and Systems Network Engineer, provided that accreditation is sought at the earliest opportunity for the Medical Assisting program. Further, the Committee recommends that the Commission authorize the staff to issue the license after the facility is renovated, equipped, and inspected.

The Committee has detailed background on the school. With regard to the Medical Assisting program, it was noted that in order to obtain accreditation from the CAAHP, one class has to graduate. Therefore, in the motion, this will be referenced. When discussed in the Committee meeting, the MMBC official assured the staff that they will seek this accreditation as soon as their eligibility is established.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made and **seconded** (Cole) and **carried** to approve the initial license for five years for Miller-Motte to offer the A.A.S. in accounting, business management, medical assisting and microcomputer applications with concentrations as stated in ATT III, provided accreditation is sought at the earliest opportunity for the Medical Assisting program, and further that the Commission authorize staff to issue the license after the facility is renovated, equipped, and inspected.

During the discussion phase of the motion, Dr. Jackson asked about the delivery system, e.g., through distance learning or physical location in SC. The school will have a physical location in Charleston. With no other questions or discussion, the **motion** was voted on and **carried**.

D. Consideration of Follow-up Reports to CHE Consultants' Evaluations

1. Life Sciences
2. Physical Sciences

Ms. Chinnnes referred to the background in ATT IV; in 1998, outside evaluators (external consultants) evaluated the colleges. The colleges did an internal analysis and responded. Based on the colleges' responses and the external consultants' recommendations, the Committee on Academic Affairs met, discussed these, and made the following recommendations:

RE: Life Sciences

Recommendations: The Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the Commission:

1. Grant full program approval to the following programs:
 - Clemson University MS/PhD Biochemistry
2. Endorse the decision of Clemson University to terminate the program leading to the MS/PhD degrees in Nutritional Sciences as of Spring Semester 2000;
3. Endorse Clemson University's decision to terminate the following programs, effective October 1, 2000, with no new students admitted after the Fall 2000 semester;
 - MS/PhD, Plant Pathology
 - MS, Botany
 - MS, Horticulture
 - M.S./Ph.D., Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences
 - MS/PhD, Plant Physiology. (ATT IV)

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnnes) was made, **seconded** (Byerly) and **carried** to accept the recommendations of the Committee as fully stated in **Attachment IV**. Those recommendations include granting full approval to the M.S. and Ph.D. in Textiles and Polymer Science at Clemson University and the B.S. in Chemistry at South Carolina State University; Francis Marion University's decision to merge its two physics majors into a single program leading to the B.S. degree in Physics with Computational Physics and Health Physics tracks; and endorsing Clemson's decision to terminate the B.S. in Textile Science, the M.S. in Textile chemistry, and the M.S. in Textile Science.

RE: Physical Sciences

Recommendations: The Committee recommends that the Commission:

1. Grant full approval to the following programs:
 - ◆ the new M.S. in Textiles, fiber, and Polymer Science (created by program merger), Clemson University
 - ◆ the newly renamed Ph.D. in Textiles, Fiber and Polymer Science, Clemson University
 - ◆ the B.S. in Chemistry, South Carolina State University
2. Accept as information the following:
 - ◆ Francis Marion University's decision to merge its two physics majors into a single program leading to the B.S. degree in Physics with two tracks (i.e., Computational

Physics and Health Physics).

- ◆ Clemson's decision to terminate:
 - a) the B.S. in Textile Science, to be effective at the end of Fall Semester 2000 (with students able to complete the program through Summer 2003);
 - b) the M.S. in Textile chemistry to be effective immediately (with no students remaining in the program); and
 - c) the M.S. in Textile Science to be effective at the end of Spring Semester 2000 (with no students remaining in the program). (ATT V)

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Byerly) and **carried** to accept these recommendations (ATT V).

E. Consideration of Guidelines for Eisenhower Professional Development Competitive Grants Program, Project Year 2000-01

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that the Commission approve these *Guidelines*, which will be issued in August 2000 or as soon as it is known whether or not the program will continue.

Ms. Chinnes stated that the Commission has been responsible for this program since 1984, its purpose being to provide funds to the states for improving instruction and teachers' skills in mathematics and science and to provide access to and participation in such instruction for all students.

The changes to the Guidelines (ATT VI) are indicated by strikeovers and additions are underlined. It is important to note, however, on the Dwight Eisenhower Competitive Grant Program, that at this time it is not known whether it will continue or not. Because of the timelines required of the colleges, approval of the Commission is needed in case the program is continued.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Jackson) and **carried** to approve the attached *Guidelines*, to be issued in August, 2000, or whenever it is known whether or not the program will continue.

F. Consideration of Guidelines for Centers of Excellence Competitive Grants Program FY 2001-02

Also established in 1984, this program provides for the establishment of a contract program with public or private colleges in South Carolina to foster the development of "Centers of Excellence" in particular areas of need related to teacher education programs. **Attachment VII** contains a summary of the criteria contained in the *Guidelines* and the *Guidelines* themselves.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that the Commission approve these *Guidelines*.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Gressette) and **carried** to approve these *Guidelines* (ATT VII).

3.03 Report of the Committee on Access, Equity & Student Services -Ms. Susan Cole
(No Report)

3.04 Committee on Finance and Facilities -Ms. Rosemary Byerly

A. Interim Facilities Projects:

1. <u>Clemson Univ.</u> -Athletic Facility Constr./Renov. Incr./Rev. Scope	\$ 1,000,000
2. <u>USC-Columbia</u> -Engineering Shop Bldg. Constr. Establish	800,000
3. <u>Spartanburg TC</u> -Student Life Bldg. Incr./Rev. Scope	850,000
4. <u>USC Columbia</u> -Strom Thurmond Fitness and Wellness Center Increase Budget	<u>2,874,000</u>
	\$ 2,650,000

The four Interim Facilities Projects are outlined in **Attachment VIII** were considered in one motion. In Item 1, it was decided that while into the renovation, it would be wise to also construct access avenues for handicapped and emergency personnel.

On behalf of the Committee, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Cole) and **carried** to approve these Interim Facilities Projects as presented.

B. Annual Permanent Improvement Plans (APIP) 2000-2001:

1. Coastal Carolina:		
Science Center Addition/Renovation	Add/Renovate	27,700,000
Multi-purpose Athletic Facility	New Construction	6,000,000
Singleton Bldg. Renovation	Renovation	5,350,000
Waites Island Research Facility	New Construction	<u>1,500,000</u>
		40,550,000
2. Francis Marion:		
Sch. of Ed./Sch. of Business Bldg.	New Construction	8,500,000
3. Medical University:		
Psychiatric Inst. Mech. Sys. Renovate.	Repair/Replacement	1,300,000
4. SC State: Lowman Hall Renovations		
	Add/Renovation	9,500,000
5. USC-Columbia:		
Housing Facilities Code Compliance	Renovation	3,000,000
Bates House Renovation	Renovation	2,050,000
Nursing 125, 127 Renovation	Renovation	650,000
Bus. Admin. 002, 003, 008 Renov.	Renovation	<u>1,275,000</u>
		6,975,000

6. USC-School of Medicine:			
SOM-Animal Resource Facility	Renovation		1,625,000
7. Aiken TC:			
Health and Sciences Building	New Construction		6,658,250
8. Horry-Georgetown TC – Grand Strand Campus:			
Officer's Club Renovation	Renovation		<u>1,927,650</u>
	B. TOTAL		\$77,035,900

These projects were all considered at one time, with the opportunity provided for discussion following the introduction of each project. On behalf of the Committee, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Floyd) and **carried** to approve the above eight projects as presented.

There was an item addressed (**ATT X**) which dealt with the approval of furniture purchase for the Executive Director's office and the new conference room. This request was reviewed by the Committee this morning and did approve it. On behalf of the Committee, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** and **carried** to approve the purchase of furniture for the Palmetto Conference Room and the Executive Director's Office.

C. Information Report: Report of Status of Life Safety Issues, 2000

Informational Report on Status of Life Safety Issues, 2000 is **Attachment XI**.

D. Preliminary Report on the Validation Study of the MRR by MGT

A copy of the presentation provided by Mary McGowan-Moak as a preliminary report is **Attachment XII**. The final report is expected in August.

3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding

- Mr. Dalton Floyd

A. Consideration of Performance Ratings for 1999-2000

The Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding met on April 25 to consider the performance ratings for 1999-2000. The staff sent out preliminary evaluations to the institutions; institutions were asked to respond in writing by April 14 should they have any concerns, which a number of them did. The staff analyzed those responses, had some communication with institutions, made some adjustments and distributed the staff recommendations to the Commission members. The Committee then considered those on April 25. *Summary of Actions* is **Attachment XIII**.

On behalf of the Committee, a **motion** (Floyd) was made, **seconded** (Jackson) and **carried** for the ratings (**ATT XIV**). Note: These ratings were distributed to the Commission members and will not be distributed again with this copy of the minutes, but are retained with the permanent record of these minutes.

B. Consideration of Data Verification Reports

1. The Citadel
2. Francis Marion University
3. Chesterfield Marlboro Technical College
4. Tri-County Technical College
5. Williamsburg Technical College

The Data Verification process is used to clarify procedures and definitions and verify information submitted to the Commission. On behalf of the Committee, a **motion** (Floyd) was made, **seconded** (Jackson) and **carried** to approve the Data Verification Reports listed above.

For information: There will be a meeting of the Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding on June 1 following the Commission meeting, and again on June 20..

5. Report of the Executive Director

Rayburn Barton

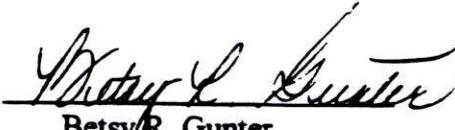
- ◆ Legislative Update – Overview of the budget passed by the Senate Finance Committee to be presented to the full Senate next week, was presented. \$25 million are recommended for performance funding; \$2 million increase in the budget for LIFE scholarships, for a total of \$28.5 million; for access and equity they are recommending an additional \$500,000, which would make available a total of \$1.4 million for that program.
- ◆ Last June the Commission adopted a research initiative to request, over the five-years period, an additional \$25 million new dollars for the research endeavor at the universities within the state. That initiative requested continued funding of \$2.5 million for seed grants for faculty. The Senate is recommending a total of \$5 million for research, a continuation of the \$2.5 million plus an additional amount that would be made available. The seed grants were allocated based on peer review proposals from faculty on a 90/10 formula. On the request this year, the Senate has passed a proviso that would extend that 90/10 formula to all research funds, not just the seed money grants. That will enable, based on proposals coming from South Carolina State, College of Charleston and other institutions in that sector, to compete for those as well. The Senate is recommending to the Finance Committee a \$116 million-dollar bond bill. The Senate will take up the full budget next week and one week after that, a Conference Committee will meet. By early June, the budget will be finalized.
- ◆ The Association of Governing Boards' Conference Proposal has not, as yet, been received. It is expected the last week in May. This conference would be sponsored by the Commission with the Council of Board Chairs and the Council of Public College and University Presidents. As soon as I receive that proposal, I will forward it to you for your consideration as to whether or not you wish to sponsor such an event in the fall.

6. Other Business

Dr. Shi introduced a proposed business concept for a Technology Research Park centered on information technology.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Betsy R. Gunter
Recorder

Please Note: Attachments referred to in these minutes were mailed to you prior to the May 4 Commission meeting. Therefore, they are not attached again here, but are on file and a part of the permanent record of these minutes.

ATT I-XIII – On File: **South Carolina Commission
on Higher Education
1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201**