

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

### **SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

**1333 Main Street, Suite 200**

**Columbia, SC**

**July 6, 2000**

**10:30 a.m.**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr., Chairman  
Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly  
Ms. Dianne Chinnes  
Ms. Lorraine Dimery  
Mr. Lawrence Gressette, Jr.  
Ms. Cathy Harvin  
Dr. Larry Jackson  
Dr. Harry Lightsey, Jr.  
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen  
Mr. Dan Ravenel  
Mr. Carl Solomon

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ms. Susan Cole  
Dr. David E. Shi

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Dr. Rayburn Barton  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Ms. Sandra Carr  
Ms. Renee Connolly  
Ms. Lorinda Copeland  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Bichevia Green  
Ms. Betsy Gunter  
Ms. Julie Hardin  
Ms. Sherry Hubbard  
Ms. Yolanda Hudson  
Mr. Walter Jackson  
Mr. Alan Krech  
Ms. Lynn Metcalf

Dr. Gail Morrison  
Christina Pandimos  
Mr. John Smalls  
Dr. Mike Smith  
Ms. Jan Stewart  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

#### **GUESTS**

Dr. Frank Bonner  
Dr. Diane Bradstetter  
Ms. Kara Browder  
Dr. Russ Bumba  
Ms. Bridgett Burlis  
Mr. Jim Byrd  
Ms. Mary Jo Cook  
Mr. Robert Cuttino  
Ms. Betty Davidson  
Mr. Conrad Festa  
Mr. John Finan  
Ms. Linda Floyd  
Mr. Harrison Ford  
Mr. Casey Frederick  
Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr.  
Ms. Beth Gilbert  
Dr. Susan Gwinn  
Mr. Tom Higard  
Dr. Ray Greenberg  
Dr. David Hunter  
Mr. Darin Junck  
Ms. Star Kepner  
Mr. Thornton Kirby  
Dr. Carol Lancaster  
Ms. Amanda Maggaud  
Ms. Casey Martin  
Mr. Bob Mellon

Col. Spike Metts  
Dr. Bob Mignone  
Mr. Anthony Negbenebar  
Dr. Blanch Premo-Hopkins  
Dr. Judy Prince  
Mr. Charles Shawver  
Dr. Sabre Slaughter  
Dr. John Sutusky

Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong  
Dr. Marcia Welsh  
Mr. Richard Williams  
Dr. Jimmy Williamson

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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 Floyd.

The first item addressed was presentation of the "Order of the Palmetto" award from the Governor's Office to Austin Gilbert for his service to the state of South Carolina as member and Chairman of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education over the past eight years.

Mr. Charlie FitzSimons was then asked to proceed with the introductions of guests.

**1. Introductions**

Guests were introduced and welcomed to the Commission meeting.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made (Harvin), seconded (Lightsey) and carried to approve the minutes as submitted.

**Chairman's Report**

**- Mr. D. Floyd**

- ◆ **Committee Assignments**  
Committee assignments have been made and the list is Attachment I to these minutes.
- ◆ **Committee Meeting Dates**  
Committee meetings will, in the future, take place either prior to the Commission meetings or on the third Tuesday of each month.
- ◆ **The Fund for the Improvement of PostSecondary Education (FIPSE) Conference**  
The FIPSE Conference will take place September 20-22 at the Hilton Harbor Resort at Patriot's Point, Charleston

**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 New Program Proposal  
B.A., Information Management and Systems, USC Spartanburg  
at Spartanburg and the University Center of Greenville

Mrs. Chinnes reported that this program has been approved by the USC Board of Trustees, the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs and the Academic Affairs Committee. In summary, the program is needed and has been supported. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** was made (Chinnes), **seconded** and **carried**. to approve this program. (ATT II A)

It was suggested by Chairman Floyd, with approval expressed by the members, that Ms. Chinnes present all eight items and offer the opportunity after each for discussion, if necessary, and otherwise approve as a group.

- B. Consideration of the Medical University of South Carolina's  
Follow-up Report to CHE Consultants' Evaluation of  
Existing Programs in Life Sciences, FY 1997-98

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that Commission grant full program approval to the program leading to the PhD in Experimental Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina. (ATT II B)

- C. Consideration of *Guidelines for the SC Research Initiative Competitive  
Grants Program*, FY 2000-01

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that Commission approve the revised *Guidelines*. (ATT II C)

- D. Consideration of CHE Consultants' Evaluation of Existing Programs  
In Family and Consumer Sciences, FY 1999-2000

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that Commission approve the following suggestions made by the Commission's consultant team on existing programs in family and consumer sciences and recommends to the Commission

1. that South Carolina State University collaborate with Winthrop University, the Medical University of South Carolina, and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control on finding accredited dietetic internship openings for students enrolled in human nutrition programs at South Carolina State University;
2. that South Carolina State University and Winthrop University collaborate with Clemson University, the Medical University of South Carolina, and/or the

- University of South Carolina Columbia to explore the possibility of making available a doctorate in human nutrition to South Carolinians, and
3. that the following programs be awarded full approval status:

**South Carolina State University:**

BS in Family and Consumer Sciences Business  
BS in Nutrition and Food Management  
MS in Nutritional Sciences  
MS in Individual and Family Development

**Winthrop University:**

BS in Human Nutrition  
MS in Human Nutrition (ATT II D)

**E. Consideration of Annual Report on Compliance with the English Fluency Act in Higher Education, FY 1999-2000**

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that Commission approve this report (ATT II E) and transmit it to the appropriate committee chairpersons of the General Assembly

**F. Consideration of New Center of Excellence Awards, FY 2000-2001**

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that the Commission (1) accept the Review Panel's recommendation and award the grant to Winthrop University to establish the Center of Excellence in Early Childhood Education and 2) authorize the staff to negotiate the final award with Winthrop. **Attachments:** Center Proposal Abstracts, Center of Excellence Review Panel Report. (ATT II F)

**G. Consideration of Request for Initial License: Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC – M.B.A., Business Administration at Spartanburg**

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that Commission grant initial licensure for five years to Gardner-Webb University to offer a program leading to the M.B.A. degree at the Spartanburg Regional Medical Center in Spartanburg. (ATT II G)

**H. Informational Report on the Academic Common Market, FY 1999-2000**  
This report was presented to the Commission for information only. (ATT II H)

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

**-Dr. Larry Jackson**

**A. South Carolina Student Loan Regulations**

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that Commission approve the request of the South

Carolina Student Loan Corporation to change the regulations of the South Carolina Teachers Loan Program (TLP) and approve emergency regulations that implement the changes to the South Carolina Teachers Loan Program recently enacted by the South Carolina General Assembly. (ATT III A)

**B. Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and Need-based Grant Regulations**

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that Commission approve the proposed revisions to the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and Need-based Grant Regulations (ATT III B). Upon approval by the Commission, the revised regulations will be submitted the General Assembly for approval under the Administrative Procedures Act.

On behalf of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services, a **motion** (Jackson) was made, **seconded** (Byerly) and **carried** to approve the recommendations of the Committee.

**3.04 Committee on Finance and Facilities**

**-Ms. Rosemary Byerly**

**A. Consideration of Florence-Darlington Technical College Land Acquisition (ATT IV)**

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends approval of this request provided that the land acquisition is approved by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education at its meeting on July 19, and the Budget and Control Board finds the appraisal and the environmental studies satisfactory.

After brief discussion, on behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** to approve the recommendation of the Committee.

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

**- Mr. Dalton Floyd**

**A. Consideration of Performance Funding Standards**

Before presenting the committee's recommendations, Mr. Floyd explained the standards at length, going through the material provided. He further explained that the committee's recommendation represents a substantial effort to base the standards on the best available data, including, where possible, national peer data. The committee's recommendations for the research sector are made with the understanding that some issues involving peers for that sector are still being resolved.

The committee, therefore, recommends the standards for the research sector be approved in concept, pending confirmation of the peers.

On behalf of the committee, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** (with one member abstaining), to approve the standards as presented in the materials reviewed.

Mr. Gressette requested that a letter received from the research universities (ATT V) be made a part of the record.

**B. Consideration of Performance Improvement Funding Proposals**

The second item of business is a recommendation by the committee in response to proposals submitted by eligible institutions. The committee made these recommendations prior to the General Assembly's final action on the budget, anticipating that there would be some residual dollars unexpended. The committee is to consider the allocation of the residual dollars at its next meeting.

The committee recommends the following allocation of performance improvement funding for FY2000-2001, as described in the attachments to the agenda:

**\$950,000 to the Research Universities** to enhance the recruitment and retention of minority faculty members

**\$162,640 to Coastal Carolina University** to support accreditation of the computer science program

**\$59,050 to Francis Marion University** to improve performance on the teacher examinations

**\$110,460 to Lander University** to support accreditation of the business program

**\$32,100 to the USC regional campuses** to provide video conferencing to enhance the sharing of resources across the campuses

**\$406,490 to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education** to improve performance of institutions through such means as the delivery of courses through distance education and through competitive proposals from individual institutions scoring in the achieves category of overall performance

On behalf of the Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding, a motion (Byerly) was made, seconded (Olsen) and carried to approve the recommendations of the committee.

#### **4. Report of the Business Advisory Council**

Mr. Larry Wilson, Chairman of the Business Advisory Council was unable to attend this meeting and, in his absence, Ms. Dianne Chinnes delivered the report of the May 17, 2000 meeting of the Business Advisory Council.

The Council report in full is **Attachment VI**. Briefly, the recommendations of the Business Advisory Council are as follows:

1. Additional members should be appointed to the Council;
2. the Council endorses the concept of Performance Funding and recommends that, after seeking input from all sectors, the CHE staff develop two sets of recommendations for refining performance funding: those that can be made by the Commission and those that would require action by the General Assembly;
3. the Commission should explore the possibility of establishing an educational foundation; and
4. The Commission should reconvene the ad hoc Teacher Education Committee and, working with its institutional members and staff from the State Department of Education, the Education Oversight Committee, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, SC Educational Television, the SC Distance Education Partnership and the business community toward professional development activities responsive to the needs of the business community.

**5. Report of the Executive Director**

**Rayburn Barton**

- ◆ FY 2000-2001 Budget Overview – There were \$13,000,300 added to the LIFE Scholarship program. We received an increase in the research grant program from \$2.5 to \$4 million. In the performance funding area, we received \$22 million new dollars.
- ◆ Trusteeship Conference Update – A planning committee with representatives from all sectors is working on this project. The Madren Center at Clemson will be the site of the event on September 6 and will have facilitators from the Association of Governing Boards. Governor Hodges has been invited. This conference will be offered at no cost to the institutions. There will also be a Commission planning session in the afternoon following the Commission meeting on September 7.
- ◆ Palmetto Fellow Update – For the 2000-2001 academic year, 778 scholarships have been awarded. 614 of those went to public institutions, 162 went to private. All 778 available have been awarded and accepted.

Dr. Raymond Greenberg, President of the Medical University of South Carolina made a presentation on the Medical University.


**6. Other Business**

- ◆ Election of Officers: Nominations for Vice Chair were opened and Ms. Dianne Chinnes was nominated by Ms. Cathy Harvin; the nomination was seconded by Mr. Lawrence Gressette. Dr. Larry Jackson made a motion and Harry Lightsey seconded the motion that nominations be closed. The motion carried. Dianne Chinnes is therefore the Vice Chair of the Commission.
- ◆ Committee Chairs: Standing Committee appointments were made and the committees will convene and elect their chairs.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Betsy R. Gunter  
Recorder

ATT: I-VI

**Please Note:** Attachments II-VI are on file with the official copy of the Minutes in the offices of the Commission at 1333 Main Street. The supporting documents were distributed prior to the meeting and during the meeting and will not be redistributed here.