

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
February 1, 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
Ms. Reba Anne Kinon
Dr. W. David Maxwell
Mr. Willard A. Metcalf
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage
Mr. Bill H. Stern
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert, Sr.
Ms. Debbie N. Whittle
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Ray D. Lathan

STAFF

Ms. Mary Broadwater
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael L. Brown
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Mr. Ivan F. Guinn
Ms. Maggie Hicks
Mr. Douglas I. Holleman
Dr. R. Lynn Kelley
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Dr. David Loope
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Dr. Robert K. Poch
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Ms. Yolanda Solone
Ms. Janet K. Stewart

Dr. Aileen C. Trainer
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Ms. Julia E. Wells
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Dr. Margaret Amick
Dr. James Arrington
Mr. Harry Bell
Mr. Arthur M. Bjontegard
Dr. Dianne Brandstadter
Ms. Linda Bryson
Dr. Les Carpenter
Ms. Trisha Caulder
Dr. Cherry Daniel
Dr. Sam Drew
Dr. Nancy C. Dunlap
Mr. Jim Edwards
Dr. Conrad Festa
Ms. Lora Fogel
Mr. John L. Finan
Dr. John Gardner
Dr. Carol Z. Garrison
Dr. Wanda Hayes
Mr. Clyde Hitcher
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield
Dr. Sally Horner
Dr. James L. Hudgins
Mr. David Hunter
Ms. Rosetta Johnson
Dr. Frankie Keels
Mr. Howard Lundy
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Dr. Michael McCall
Mr. Gary McCombs
Dr. Carolyn McIver Smith
Dr. Anne S. McNutt
Mr. Mike Melton

Dr. Jeff Olsen
Dr. Joseph Pappin, III
Ms. Kathy Phillips
Mr. William T. Putnam
Ms. Virginia Ray
Mr. Charles Redmond
Dr. Harold Robbins
Mr. J. Mac Sprott
Ms. Jo Stamm
Dr. Dewitt Stone
Ms. Cheryl Tilman
Col. Donald Tomasik
Dr. Jim Vincent
Mr. Jim Washburn
Mr. William J. Whitener
Mr. Gregg Wood
Mr. Bob Woolridge
Mr. Mark Wright
Ms. Deborah W. Yoho

PRESS

Ms. Amy Keirzek
Ms. Cynthia Murphy
Mr. Bill Robinson

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

Mr. Sheheen announced that the Governor has appointed Major General Thomas R. Olsen, Sr. as a new member to the Commission.

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

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of January 4, 1996 be approved as written.

II. Special Presentation - Highlights of the Institutional Effectiveness Program

Mr. Sheheen noted that the Education Commission of the States has concluded from a nationwide survey that South Carolina is one of ten states leading in the development of accountability policies. Mr. Krech and Dr. Ulmer-Sottong gave brief reports on the P's and Q's Report and the process by which graduation rates are calculated for South Carolina.

III. Committee Reports

3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs

Ms. Williams, chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee, reported on the following matters:

A. Consideration of Report of Task Force on Two-Year Education

Mr. Phillips, chairman of the Task Force, reported that the Task Force's recommendations were adopted by the Committee on Academic Affairs on January 22, 1996 as follows:

1. All remedial/developmental education at both USC-Sumter and USC-Beaufort will be transferred under the direction of a single administrator to the respective co-located technical colleges by the beginning of Fall 1997 semester.

Mr. Tolbert asked if there would be only one administrator for the two campuses. Mr. Sheheen responded that there will be an administrator at each of the two technical college campuses.

2. USC-Union and USC-Salkehatchie will be sites at which the technical colleges will either supply under contract or in partnership with the USC branch campuses noncredit and credit course offerings and some technical degree programs (certificate, diploma, or associate degree level) or some combination thereof. In addition, the Task Force recommended that an informational update report on progress made in identifying prospective programs and courses to be offered at Union and Salkehatchie be made to the Commission at its April 1996 meeting.

3. The Commission will be requested to recommend to the General Assembly that an appropriation in the initial year of \$2.6 million dollars should be provided through the Commission as a subsidy to the University's two-year regional campuses in exchange for their equalizing tuition at the rate charged by the technical colleges.

4. The Commission, USC, and the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education will seek changes in the legislation establishing the co-located

institutions in Beaufort and Sumter so that their geographic service areas will be identical and their local boards will have overlapping membership.

5. The joint associate degree program in Nursing at Sumter will be re-negotiated to provide equity for students and resolve the institutional differences of opinion as to how this program should be managed.

6. The current consortium agreement of the Hilton-Head College Center will be re-negotiated with a guarantee of full participation and cooperation by USC-Beaufort, USC-Columbia, the Technical College of the Lowcountry and other institutions.

7. Interchange and/or cross-employment of teaching faculty in the two systems will be encouraged to maximize faculty utilization and to strengthen programs.

8. An annual response with categories specified in the February 1, 1996 document approved by the Commission will be provided by the two systems to the Commission on further progress made in implementing the provisions contained in the 1994 report.

It was moved (Phillips), seconded (Williams) that the recommendations be approved.

Dr. McCall suggested that Item 4 be delayed for the two local Boards to review the draft legislation within the next month. Mr. Sheheen proposed that the local Boards meet with the Implementation Committee as soon as possible to review the draft legislation so that final legislation can be moved expeditiously to the General Assembly.

The motion was amended (Phillips), seconded (Williams) and voted that the Implementation Committee be given the authority to approve final legislation to be submitted to the General Assembly as soon as possible.

It was voted that the recommendation be approved as amended with Mr. Tolbert voting in the negative.

B. Consideration of Supplemental Guidelines for Determining Tuition Rates for Certain Categories of Non-Resident Aliens

The Commission is responsible for issuing guidelines to clarify which non-immigrant alien visa holders have the capacity to pay in-state tuition and fees. The Commission's Ad Hoc Committee on Residency has revised the existing Supplemental Guidelines as proposed. (Attachment 1)

The Committee on Academic Affairs recommended that the Commission approve the proposed Supplemental Guidelines.

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Goad) and voted that the recommendation be approved.

C. Consideration of Request to Reauthorize Master Social Work USC-Columbia in Korea

The Committee on Academic Affairs recommended that the Commission approve the continuation of the part-time Master of Social Work degree program on site in Korea effective May 1996, for two more cohort cycles through December 2000 provided that:

- 1) no "unique cost" or other special State funding be required or requested;
- 2) no student credit hours generated through coursework offered at Kangnam University in Korea be reported for purposes of formula funding;
- 3) the proposed part-time program continues to be approved by the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation;
- 4) should USC-Columbia desire to extend the program beyond December 2000, it should submit a report by not later than December 1, 2000, which shall include: a) an evaluation of the program, including information on student enrollment, degrees awarded, assessment data, Council on Social Work Education evaluation and accreditation reports, as well as fiscal and collaborative management information, evaluation reports submitted to the accrediting agencies, and any other data the institution judges to be relevant; and b) a written request to the Committee on Academic Affairs to extend the program for another cycle. Otherwise, the part-time program in Korea will automatically be discontinued at the end of the fall semester of the year 2000.

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the Committee's recommendation be approved.

D. Consideration of Annual Reauthorization of Centers, Bureaus, and Institutes

1. The Committee recommended that the Commission grant full approval for the ten centers, bureaus, and institutions listed below, provided that no

“unique cost” or other special funds be required or requested, and provided that the centers, bureaus, and institutes submit a report detailing their achievements, accomplishments, and funding support by June 1, 2002. This information will form the basis of their reauthorization request to the Committee on Academic Affairs for the next seven year cycle (2003-2010).

Clemson

Center for Economic Education
Regional Small Business Development Center

Coastal Carolina

Center for Education and Community

College of Charleston

Early Childhood Development Center

Medical University of South Carolina

Center for Musculoskeletal Diseases

University of South Carolina-Columbia

Institute for Biological Research and Technology
Institute for Superconductivity
Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
National Resource Center for the Freshman Year and Students in Transition
Earth Sciences and Resources Institute

2. The Committee recommended that the Commission grant provisional approval for three years with submission of an enhancement plan requested for the following:

a) The Center for Computer Communication Systems at Clemson should submit a plan to enhance the viability of the Center. The plan should include: 1) the new administrative structure not previously reported in the 1995 survey materials; 2) specific measures to strengthen financial support and operate the Center at an appropriate level of funding to meet its goals and objectives; and 3) a timetable for implementation. The plan should be submitted to the Commission staff by June 30, 1996. Following approval of the plan by Commission staff, the Center will submit a report to the Commission by June 1, 1999 for reauthorization for the next seven year cycle (2000-2007). The evaluation for

reauthorization of the Center will include a review of the mission, goals, and objectives identified in the proposal approved by the Commission, as well as information provided in the plan.

b) The Emerging Technology Development and Marketing Center at Clemson should submit a plan to enhance the viability of the Center. The plan should include: 1) the new administrative structure not previously reported in the 1995 survey materials; 2) specific measures to strengthen financial support and operate the Center at an appropriate level of funding to meet its goals and objectives; and 3) a timetable for implementation. The plan should be submitted to the Commission staff by June 30, 1996. Following approval of the plan by Commission staff, the Center will submit a report to the Commission by June 1, 1999 for reauthorization for the next seven year cycle (2000-2007). The evaluation for reauthorization of the Center will include a review of the mission, goals, and objectives identified in the proposal approved by the Commission, as well as information provided in the plan.

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the Committee's recommendations be approved.

E. Fifth Annual Evaluation of New AA/AS Programs at Nine Technical Colleges for 1994-95

In 1989, the Commission authorized the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education to award the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degree programs to nine technical colleges based largely on two assumptions: 1) an unmet need; 2) these institutions already possessed the curriculum and many of the resources necessary. The nine colleges were Aiken, Denmark, Florence-Darlington, Horry-Georgetown, Orangeburg-Calhoun, Piedmont, Spartanburg, Central Carolina, and the Technical College of the Lowcountry. Approval by the Commission included the proviso that: The SBTCE submit for review and approval by the Commission an annual evaluation of the programs, a description of the characteristics of students enrolled, and an assessment of the impact of the programs at neighboring colleges.

The Committee recommended that the Commission accept this report as the final one for the new nine AA/AS programs, and that these programs in the future be evaluated individually on the same criteria used for other AA/AS associate degree programs.

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Darden), and voted that the Committee's recommendation be approved.

F. Consideration of Institutional Policies on Awarding Credit for Advanced Placement for 1996-97

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the institutional listing of the College Board AP examinations as displayed in Tables I and II (Attachment 2) for which credit will be awarded in 1996-97 for scores of three or higher. (These tables are in keeping with Section 18A.24 of the 1995-96 Appropriations Bill.)

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Darden), and voted that the Committee's recommendation be approved.

G. Informational Report on Off-Campus Course Offerings, Calendar Year 1994

Each year the Commission prepares a report on off-campus courses offered by the public colleges and universities. This year, we were able to use course data reported by the institutions via the Commission on Higher Education Management Information System (CHEMIS). The continued availability and analysis of these data will provide institutions with opportunities for collaboration and cooperation and will allow for maximum use of education resources within the State.

This report is for information only.

H. Informational Report on Bachelor's Degrees Awarded by Discipline in Public and Private Institutions

A brief statistical report of bachelor's degrees awarded by South Carolina institutions over a ten-year period has been prepared using information provided by the institutions. Over the next year, the Committee plans to publish a series of brief statistical reports on subjects pertaining to higher education in South Carolina.

3.03 Report of Committee on Access and Equity

Announcement of Eleventh Annual Access and Equity Conference

Mr. Tolbert, chairman of the Access and Equity Committee, announced that the Eleventh Annual Access and Equity Conference will be held March 17-19 at the Hilton Hotel in North Charleston. The 1996 Conference will be a comprehensive forum on issues related to access and equity in higher education.

3.04 Report of Committee on Business and Finance

Consideration of Certification of Unique Cost Policy

Due to a serious illness in his family, Mr. Lathan, chairman of the Committee on Business and Finance, was unable to attend the meeting. The consideration of certification of unique cost policy will be on the March agenda.

3.05 Report of the Committee on Facilities

Ms. Kinon, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matter for information only:

Clemson University - Martin Hall

Following the State's Emergency Procurement procedures, Clemson University has established this project to replace the HVAC piping in Martin Hall. A portion of Martin Hall has lost heat and additional leaks have appeared that require immediate attention. Since this project has received emergency status, no Commission action is required at this time.

IV. Consideration of Proposed Legislation and Position Paper Regarding the Transfer of Adult Education from the State Department to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

Mr. Ayers, chairman of the Committee on Adult Education Legislation, reported that the Committee has drafted legislation in order for the State of South Carolina to improve the administration and coordination of plans and programs for adult education. Attached are the draft legislation, a position paper on non-statutory recommendations with respect to the transfer of adult education, and letters in support of and against the Committee's action. (Attachment 3)

It was moved (Ayers), seconded (Metcalf), and voted the Commission authorize the Commissioner to share the draft legislation and position paper with legislators, seek sponsors for the legislation, and forward the draft legislation in its final format to the Legislative Council of the General Assembly.


V. Report of the Commissioner

Mr. Sheheen noted that a Subcommittee on Higher Education is scheduled to meet the afternoon of February 1 to consider a bill to limit the number of credit hours to be funded by the State at regular tuition. A twenty-five percent tuition surcharge would be imposed on students taking more than 140 credit hours to complete a baccalaureate degree programs in a four year program at any State-supported college or university. Mr. Sheheen stated that the staff has begun a survey of the credit hours required for earning any degree in the State.

Dr. Ramage stated that the Deans' Committee consists of the Dean of MUSC, the Dean of USC-School of Medicine, and himself as a representative of the Commission. He noted that at a meeting last week, a plan was proposed to increase the membership to five, to include the directors of the two graduate programs in medical education at the two institutions. Dr. Ramage has requested that the two Deans attend the March Commission meeting. He commented that there is a new spirit of collaboration in medical education that he has not witnessed before.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary