

MINUTES OF MEETING
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
JUNE 1, 1995
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA - BEAUFORT

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Donald Crolley
Dr. Colgate Darden
Mr. Fred Day
Mr. Fred Fore
Ms. Elaine Freeman
Mr. Austin Gilbert
Mr. Kenneth Goad
Ms. Reba Kinon
Dr. David Maxwell
Mr. Willard Metcalf
Dr. Ray Ramage
Mr. Edwin Tolbert
Ms. Mim Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Gregg Jones
Mr. Ray Lathan
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Mr. Bill Stern
Ms. Debbie Whittle

GUESTS

Mr. Todd Barnette
Dr. Fred Bassett
Mr. Bob Broadhead
Mr. Tony Broadshaw
Mr. Jim Cato
Dr. Ellen Chankins
Mr. Stan Cotshall
Dr. Ray Darby
Dr. Conrad Festa
Ms. Brenda Hood
Dr. Sally LaPonte
Dr. W. Marvin Dulaney
Dr. Harry Matthews
Mr. Gary McCombs
Dr. Anne McNutt
Dr. Lela Mulis
Dr. S. Nitje
Ms. Monica Scott
Mr. Charles Shawver
Dr. Jim Shinn
Col. Donald Tomasik
Mr. W.E. Troublefield, Jr.
Dr. Mary Webb
Mr. Mark Wright

STAFF

Ms. Kimberly Corley
Mr. Ivan Guinn
Ms. Petula Hendley
Ms. Maggie Hicks
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Michael Raley
Mr. Fred Sheheen
Ms. Yolanda Solone
Ms. Amy Sparks (Intern)
Dr. John Sutusky
Dr. Aileen Trainer

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

Introduction of guests was provided by Dr. Aileen Trainer.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 4, 1995 - Mr. Day

Mr. Sheheen stated that section 3.02 (#4) of the minutes dated May 4, 1995, was erroneous. These minutes noted that an Associate in Public Service, Legal Assistant/Paralegal for Horry-Georgetown Technical College was approved; however, this should be an Associate in Health Science, Pharmacy Technology for Midlands Technical College.

Also, the minutes of May 4, 1995, stated Dr. Gregg Jones was not present; however, Dr. Jones was present.

(The original set of minutes was corrected to reflect these changes.)

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

2. Special Presentations

Mr. Sheheen stated that this would be an appropriate time for the Commission to formalize and approve the following two resolutions that the staff was instructed to draw up at the previous meeting:

- a. Ms. Freeman was a recipient of the 1994-95 Elizabeth O'Neil Verner award provided by the South Carolina Arts Commission. Mr. Sheheen read a resolution written by the staff of the Commission and presented this to her, and the Commission expressed its deepest admiration and congratulations for her contributions to the arts in South Carolina.

It was moved (Crolley), seconded (Maxwell) and voted unanimously that the resolution be approved.

- b. Mr. Phillip Prince, who completed his service as president of Clemson University, was acknowledged for his excellence in administrative efficiency, among his many other responsibilities, by a resolution. The Commission stated its gratitude for his significant and substantial contribution to Clemson University and the state of South Carolina.

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

3. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of the Executive Committee
(No Report)

3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs
(No Report)

3.03 Report of the Commission on Access and Equity - Mr.
Tolbert

1. Update on Higher Education Awareness Program - Dr.
Michael Raley

Dr. Raley stated that in 1992, the program (HEAP) was started in schools with eighth graders. He also stated there are 251 schools with eighth grades which are participating; 54 institutions which include 20 private colleges, and all of the public colleges and universities in the state. He said HEAP just completed its second year of full implementation, and the budget has held steady for the last 2 years with no increase requested for next year.

Also, there will be a workshop for higher education representatives in July and one for school and district personnel in September. These workshops will orient new representatives to the program. September workshops will focus on getting businesses involved in the schools to support parent programs. Dr. Raley stated that there is currently research in pre-post surveys of students, telephone surveys of parents of eighth graders, and surveys of schools and higher education staff representatives. There will be changes in HEAP materials based on survey responses, but the changes are relatively minor.

Mr. Metcalf stated he participated in several on-sight visits with Dr. Raley and was impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment of the staff in the schools.

Several Commission members expressed an interest in joining Dr. Raley on some on-sight visits.

Dr. Raley introduced Ms. Amy Sparks as the new intern for the Access and Equity Division.

3.04 Report of Committee on Business and Finance
(No Report)

3.05 Report of Committee on Facilities - Ms. Kinon
(1994-95 Interim Requests)

1. College of Charleston
a. Student Housing Property Acquisitions

The College of Charleston is seeking authorization to purchase two currently leased facilities located at 298-300 Meeting Street and authorization to purchase the 65 Coming Street property. The estimated total project cost is \$1,150,300. The sources of funds include \$10,000 student housing, \$856,800 commercial loan paid from student housing fees, and \$283,500 housing revenue bonds, and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of the project as proposed provided that the Division of General Services, Property Management reviews and finds acceptable a level II environmental study of the Meeting Street property.

b. Deferred Maintenance

The College of Charleston is seeking authorization to establish a project to begin the process of addressing the College's deferred maintenance needs. The estimated total project cost is \$600,000. The source of funds is appropriated State, and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The College plans to address various buildings on campus defined in the Study as having deferred maintenance needs. Many of the buildings the College will address, however, are not listed in the Study. A large number of the College's smaller buildings were excluded from the Study, as buildings under 3,000 gross square feet were not evaluated.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

c. **Sears Renovation - Basement Floor**

The College of Charleston is seeking authorization to renovate the Sears Building's basement floor. The estimated total project cost is \$500,000. The source of funds is appropriated State, and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval this project as proposed.

d. **Avery Research Center Purchase and Renovation**

The College of Charleston is seeking authorization to increase the budget for this previously approved project by \$772,891. The revised estimated project total is \$2,631,073. The sources of funds are \$985,000 Capital Improvement Bonds (CIB), \$521,000 appropriated State, \$402,182 insurance proceeds, and \$722,891 private monies and grants, and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed provided the following:

1. The College provides appropriate documentation guaranteeing fund sources for the remaining unsolicited \$356,891 to the Committee on Facilities prior to proceeding beyond the design phase of the project; and
2. The Committee be authorized to add these funds to the project at that time.

e. **Warren and St. Phillips Street Parking Lease Renewal**

The College of Charleston is seeking authorization to renew an existing lease for the Warren and St. Phillip Street's parking lot. The one year term has an annual rate of \$69,300. This represents an increase of \$4,620 over the 1994-95 rate, and there is no formula funding implication.

The Committee recommends approval of the lease renewal as proposed.

It was moved (Darden), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendations for proposals

3.05.1.a-e be approved.

2. **Lander
Master Lease Renewal**

Lander University is requesting approval to renew its existing lease with the Lander Foundation for all property in the current lease which has been acquired by the Foundation for ultimate sale to the University. The current master lease agreement between the University and Foundation is scheduled to expire on June 30 of this year.

The Committee recommends approval of the lease as proposed.

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

3. **SC State**

South Carolina State University is seeking approval to purchase the Horne Motors Lot located across Russell Street and the railroad line from the main Campus entrance. The total purchase cost is estimated at \$275,000. This reported cost does not include funds the University plans to expend to improve the existing building on this site. The source of funds is auxiliary, and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends the request for acquisition be approved as proposed.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

4. **Trident Technical College
Building 100 HVAC Renovation**

Trident Technical College is seeking authorization to revise the scope and increase the budget of this previously approved project by \$400,000. The revised estimated total project cost is \$900,000. The source of funds is local (mixture of county allocations, student fees, and auxiliary revenues).

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

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

5. USC-Beaufort/Technical College of the Lowcountry
Hilton Head College Center Lease Renewal

The University of South Carolina - Beaufort and the Technical College of the Lowcountry are seeking renewal of the shared lease of the Kiawah Building on Hilton Head Island. The Building houses the Hilton Head Center, a consortium providing higher education access to Hilton Head residents. For 1994-95, \$142,387 was allocated. Any rent costs in excess of an annual State allocation must be borne by the institutions.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Crolley), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

6. USC-Columbia
a. South Campus Housing - West Quadrangle
Construction

The University of South Carolina is seeking authorization to construct student housing on the corner of Sumter and Wheat Streets. The estimated total project cost is \$14,000,000. The source of funds is housing revenue bonds, and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of the project as proposed.

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

b. Maxcy College Renovation

USC-Columbia is seeking authorization to renovate Maxcy College dormitory located on the historic Horseshoe block of the campus. The estimated total project cost is \$4,800,000, and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of the project as proposed.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

7. 1995-96 APIP's (> \$250,000)

A. The Citadel

1. Replacement of Murray Barracks

The Citadel is seeking authorization to demolish and replace Murray Barracks, the second phase of the total barracks replacement. The estimated total project cost is \$14,676,000. The source for funds is housing revenue bonds, and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of this project with reaffirmation that should pending lawsuits require barracks modifications such changes could be accomplished at modest expense.

2. Post Office Construction

The Citadel is seeking authorization to construct a 3,800 square foot post office facility. The estimated total project cost is \$468,000. The source of funds is \$468,000 in auxiliary funds generated from long distance telephone revenues, and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of the project as proposed.

3. Rifle Range Construction

The Citadel is seeking authorization to construct a new ten point indoor rifle range. The estimated total project cost is \$530,000. The source of funds is gifts. (This project will impact annual formula funding by approximately \$33,382.)

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed provided that when the project is formally established, the Citadel submits appropriate documentation to staff guaranteeing the gifts fund source.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendations for 7.A. 1-3 be approved.

B. Clemson**1. Service & Support Facility-Renovation**

Clemson University is seeking authorization to renovate approximately 11,000 gross square feet in the Service and Support Facility. The estimated total project cost is \$600,000. This will not require a tuition fee increase, and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

2. Dormitory Upgrades

Clemson University is seeking authorization to upgrade Bryan Mall and Lever Hall Dormitory. The estimated total project cost is \$650,000. The source of funds is housing revenues, and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

3. McAdams and Riggs Halls Reroof

Clemson University is seeking authorization to reroof McAdams and Riggs Halls. The estimated total project cost is \$1,125,000. The sources of funds are \$425,000 plant improvement reserves and \$700,000 excess debt service (tuition), and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

4. Rhodes Engineering Research Center-Structural Remediation

Clemson University is seeking authorization to perform structural remediation for Rhodes Engineering Research Center. The estimated total project cost is \$520,000. The source of funds is excess debt service (tuition). This will not cause a tuition fee increase, and no formula impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Williams), and

voted that the recommendations for 3.05 7.B.1-4 be approved.

C. MUSC

1. Hospital Renovation Phase Ten

The Medical University is seeking authorization to renovate and upgrade portions of the Hospital related to Phase Ten Renovations. The estimated total project cost is \$1,980,000. The sources of funds are \$1,650,000 hospital operating funds, \$330,000 hospital revenue bond, and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

2. Basic Science Building Renovation - Physiology

The Medical University is seeking authorization to renovate and upgrade approximately 10,000 square feet of laboratory and office space on the fourth floor of the Basic Science Building. The estimated total project cost is \$1,319,500. The source of funds is indirect costs, and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

3. Exterior Waterproof / Energy Management / Roof / Repair

The Medical University is seeking authorization to waterproof exteriors, upgrade energy management systems, and repair the roofs of several academic buildings. The estimated total budget is \$2,700,000. The source of funds is excess debt service (tuition), and no formula funding implications will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

4. Implementation of Infectious Waste Disposal Technology

The Medical University is seeking authorization to acquire technology for the disposal of infectious waste. The total estimated project cost is \$1,000,000. The sources of funds are \$180,000 excess debt service (tuition) and \$820,000 hospital

revenue.

These funds source amounts reflect the percent education and general (18%) and hospital (82%) generation of infectious waste. This project will impact annual formula funding by approximately \$21,208.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

5. Research Building Exterior Repair

The Medical University is seeking authorization to repair the exterior brick walls of the Research Building. The total estimated project cost is \$1,000,000. The source of funds is excess debt service (tuition), and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

6. Portable Water System Upgrade

The Medical University is seeking authorization to upgrade the potable water supply system in all academic buildings. The estimated total project cost is \$250,000. The source of funds is excess debt service (tuition), and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

7. Harborview Tower Code Upgrades

The Medical University is seeking authorization to bring the Harborview Office Tower building into compliance with fire and safety codes. The total estimated project cost is \$1,000,000. The source of funds is excess debt service (tuition), and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

8. Alumni House-Rework Exterior

The Medical University is seeking authorization to rework the exterior of the Alumni House, including

window replacement. The total estimated project cost is \$700,000. The source of funds is debt service (tuition), and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

9. BCD/Baruch HVAC Replacements

The Medical University is seeking authorization to replace the convectors and air handlers in the BCD (Bank) building and the HVAC system in Baruch Auditorium. The estimated total project cost is \$600,000. The sources of funds are \$570,000 excess debt service (tuition) and \$30,000 hospital revenues, and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

10. Basic Science Building-Replace Fire Doors

The Medical University is seeking authorization to replace all existing fire doors within the Basic Science building. The total estimated project cost is \$350,000. The source of funds is excess debt service (tuition), and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the recommendations for 3.05 7.C.1-10 be approved.

D. SC State

1. Hodge Hall Renovations

South Carolina State University is seeking authorization to renovate Hodge Hall (excluding annex). The estimated total project cost is \$1,600,000. The sources of funds are \$1,178,400 Federal (National Science Foundation) and \$421,600 other (capital project fund-excess debt service tuition), and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed provided that when the project is

formally established, SC State submit appropriate documentation to staff guaranteeing the Federal source of funds.

2. Campus Parking

SC State University is seeking authorization to construct approximately 250 parking spaces on the South side of Campus adjoining Russell Street, behind Truth Hall, Battiste Hall and Mitchell Hall. The estimated total project cost is \$400,000. The sources of funds include \$300,000 - auxiliary (housing improvement) and \$100,000 other (capital project fund - excess debt service tuition), and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of the project as proposed.

3. New Dormitory

SC State University is seeking authorization to construct a new high rise dormitory on Campus. The estimated total project cost is \$5,000,000. The sources of funds include \$4,000,000 housing revenue bonds and \$1,000,000 auxiliary (housing), and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of the project as proposed.

4. Camp Harry Daniels Construction

SC State University is seeking authorization to construct a Job Training Facility on the grounds of the Camp Harry Daniels, located near Lake Marion in Calhoun County. The estimated total project cost is \$407,000. The source of funds is appropriated Federal.

The Committee recommends approval of the project as proposed provided that when the project is formally established, SC State submit appropriate documentation to staff guaranteeing the Federal source of funds.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendations for 3.05 D.1-4 be approved.

E. Midlands (Beltline)

1. Mechanical System Replacement

Midlands Technical College is seeking authorization to replace the mechanical systems in two buildings at its Beltline Campus. The estimated total project cost is \$325,000. The source of funds is annual county funds provided to the College, and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends that the approval of this project as proposed.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Fore), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

F. Trident (Main)

1. Building 200 Renovations

Trident Technical College is seeking authorization to renovate Building 200. The estimated project cost is \$1,700,000. The source of funds is local (mixture of student fees, county allocations, and auxiliary revenues), and no formula funding impact will result from this project.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

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

G. USC Medical School

1. Classroom Addition

USC Medical School is seeking authorization to construct a new classroom facility. The estimated total project cost is \$700,000. The source of funds is excess debt service (Medical School tuition), and this project will impact annual formula funding by \$40,073.

The Committee recommends approval of this project as proposed.

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

8. Advisory Committee on Facilities Recommendations

The Advisory Committee on Facilities, at its October 23, 1993, meeting appointed an ad hoc Committee on Institutional Relief in order to consider this item. (The ad hoc Committee met several times during the fall and early winter and presented its final report to the Advisory Committee on Facilities at its February 7, 1995, meeting.) At that meeting, the Advisory Committee adopted the following for presentation to the Committee on Facilities and ultimately the Commission.

In response to the Advisory Committee review requested by the Commission, the following actions are recommended:

- a. Institutions be permitted to present master plans that outline proposed land acquisitions to the Facilities Committee and Commission for conceptual approval. The granting of conceptual approval shall be good for an initial five-year-period and may be renewed by action of the Commission. If the plan is endorsed by the Commission, then future land acquisitions, provided they were included in the master plan presentation and had received Property Management acceptance of the environmental study and appraisal, and no student fee increase is required, would be considered by the Facilities staff and would not require additional review by the Facilities Committee or Commission. Staff would report any acquisition activity to the Committee on Facilities at least quarterly.
- b. The Commission, on behalf of the colleges and universities, requests the Budget and Control Board consider increasing to \$25,000 the annual cost limit of leases and renewals requiring State approval.
- c. The Commission increase the level of delegated staff authority for the approval of leases and renewals from \$50,000 to \$100,000 annually with the concurrence of the Chair of the Committee on Facilities.

- d. The Advisory Committee on Facilities be encouraged to finalize a proposal which would expedite Commission action on routine maintenance projects.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Darden), and voted that the above recommendations be approved. (One member voted no.)

Ms. Kinon congratulated Dr. John Sutusky for all of his workmanship and for being an outstanding member of the Commission staff.

Mr. Sheheen asked if Dr. Sutusky would return to the Commission meeting in July for an appropriate and formal presentation citing his marvelous and wonderful work for the Commission, and Mr. Day also congratulated him.

3.06 Report of Committee on Planning and Assessment (No Report)

4. Report of the Commissioner - Mr. Sheheen (Update on SPRE)

The House of Representatives, in the cost-cutting program eliminated all of the funding for SPRE and the Senate granted \$10 million, with \$20 million already being appropriated.

Mr. Sheheen briefed Commission members on the status of current Commission restructuring legislation and outlined differences between the various restructuring proposals. He indicated that Commission members would be kept informed as actions regarding Commission restructuring occurred.

Mr. Day thanked all members who contacted Senate and Representatives to encourage increased funding for higher education.

5. Other Business - Dr. Ramage

1. Dean's Committee on Medical Education - Dr. Ramage

Dr. Ramage stated that on May 16, the Committee met, and now the Committee consist of the two deans from two schools -- Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) and the Medical School in Columbia. (Clemson will also "join hands," and all teaching hospitals will cooperate.)

He stated that all will contribute resources, and the Committee will be looking at what is going on in the nation

concerning medical information, such as what is changing and what is needed. Dr. Ramage stated the biggest concern is PRIMARY CARE, and this will be studied and discussed in great detail.

2. Discussion: News Reports of Program Duplication
at USC and Clemson - Dr. Darden

Dr. Darden stated his concern about newspapers articles on higher education -- many of which are "totally erroneous." He stated that some people, who do not know any better, might believe these reports, and the Commission needs to take some action correcting these errors.

Mr. Sheheen stated that under the state plan, for the first time this year, there is a group of public information officers -- nominated by each of the institutions and working with the Commission -- handling "image problems" and "public information problems" that higher education has encountered in higher education.

Mr. Sheheen stated that he would like to take these concerns and place them with that group in order for them to prepare a proper response for the Commission on Higher Education. He also stated that this is a problem which is not going to go away. It will "only intensify."

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kimberly D. Corley
Recording Secretary