

MINUTES OF MEETING

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC

December 2, 1999
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.
Ms. Cathy Harvin
Dr. Harry Lightsey, Jr.
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen

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
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Mr. David Flemming
Mr. Robert Gallagher
Ms. Ann Gregory
Mr. Walter Harden
Mr. Kurt Holland
Col. Curt Holland
Dr. Sally Horner
Dr. Jim Hudgins
Dr. David Hunter
Ms. Jennifer Jones-Gaddy
Mr. Thornton Kirby
Mr. Russell Long
Mr. Scott Ludlow
Mr. Gary McCombs
Mr. J.P. McGee
Mr. Bob Mellon
Dr. Bob Mignone
Ms. Jackie Olsen
Mr. Charles Parker
Mr. Charles Shawver
Mr. Gary Shuler
Dr. Dewitt Stone
Dr. John Sutusky
Col. Don Tomasik
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Dr. Marcia Welsh
Mr. Richard Williams
Mr. Blair Willingham

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Winfred Greene
Dr. Larry Jackson
Dr. David E. Shi
Mr. Bill Stern

STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS

Mr. Rick Bailey
Ms. Betty Boatwright
Dr. Diane Brandstedter
Mr. Don Campbell
Dr. Douglas Carlisle
Mr. Bob Connelly
Ms. Mary Jo Cook
Dr. John Cormier
Mr. John Finan

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.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

Ms. Dianne Chinnes

A. Consideration of the S.C. Research Initiative Grant Awards FY 1999-2000

The Commission received 94 Research Initiative proposals. Grants were made to 30 projects from six institutions:

USC	\$824,272	College of Charleston	91,900
Clemson	580,732	Coastal Carolina University	91,800
MUSC	808,996	The Citadel	62,300

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Cole), and **carried** to allow the institutions to use the total amount designated for the institution, with the ability to allocate those funds among the projects in accord with the rank order shown on the Funding Recommendation Table (ATT I) with final budget allocation to be approved by the Commission staff.

B. Consideration of the S.C. Instructional Technology Initiative grant Awards FY 1999-2000

The Commission received 67 Instructional Technology Initiative proposals. Grants were made to 47 projects from 18 institutions:

Clemson	\$ 64,310	USC Aiken	13,681
College of Charleston	9,900	USC Spartanburg	68,186
Coastal Carolina	40,637	USC Lancaster	11,993
Lander	12,000	Central Carolina Tech	9,000
MUSC	19,757	Denmark Tech	11,058
USC Columbia	34,409	Florence-Darlington Tech	11,500

Midlands Tech	20,250	Tri-County Tech	5,940
Piedmont Tech	38,742	Trident Tech	10,287
Spartanburg Tech	11,350	York Tech	7,000

Attachment II is the Funding Recommendation Table listing individual proposals.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Harvin) and **carried** to approve the above proposals.

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

-Ms. Susan Cole

A. Consideration of Changes to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Program Regulations

The SC Student Loan Corporation (SCSLC) has requested that the Commission on Higher Education adjust the interest rate on loans made through the SC Teacher Loan Program (TLP). Their request is to: a) reduce the interest rate to a level in line with other loan programs while retaining a sufficient premium margin (2%) to encourage borrowers to repay the loan through teaching service, and b) tie the TLP interest rate to the Stafford Student Loan Program loan interest rate plus two percent to allow for fluctuations in the TLP loan rate as national rates change.

The SCSLC has also requested a change in the language of the regulations regarding the conditions of loan cancellation under the TLP to allow for cancellation of repayment requirements based on the addition of new critical needs areas between the time a student takes a loan and the time they start teaching in a critical need area (**ATT III**).

On behalf of the Committee on Access, Equity & Student Services, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Gressette) and **carried** to bring about those requested changes.

3.04 Committee on Finance and Facilities

-Ms. Rosemary Byerly

A. Consideration of Interim Facilities Projects

1. College of Charleston

- a. Bishop England HS - decrease/close/transfer to Library
- b. New Library Construction - increase
- c. Renovation of Early Childhood Center

2. Exceptional Capital Project Changes/Additions

- a. College of Charleston - Change - Renovate Existing Science Facility
- b. Winthrop University - Add - Waterproofing/Roof Repair - Rutledge Building

A **motion** was made (Byerly), **seconded** (Chinnes) and **carried** to approve the Interim Facilities Projects as presented in **Attachment IV**.

B. Consideration of Criteria for Ranking Capital Requests

In response to a request from the Legislature, the Commission has adopted a list of criteria and a process for rating and scoring the institutions' exceptional capital project requests. **Attachment V** is the revised document adopted by the Committee and a **motion** was made (Byerly), **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** to adopt the Revised Criteria and Process. **Mr. Gressette**, as a matter of record, opposed.

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

- Mr. D. Floyd

A. Consideration of the Revised Strategic Plan for Higher Education

This plan (ATT VII) is an update of the plan approved by the Commission in 1998. It reflects actions the Commission has taken since then, including approval of recommendations from the Business Advisory Council. The Committee recommends this plan to the Commission with the understanding that it will also be reviewed by the Council of Presidents at the Council's December 7 meeting.

On behalf of the Committee on Planning, Assessment & Performance Funding, a **motion** (Floyd) was made, **seconded** (Cole) and **carried** to approve this plan pending approval by the Council of Presidents.

B. Consideration of Deferred Benchmarks for 1999-2000

1. MUSC – Indicators 5D and 3B
2. USC Columbia, USC Aiken, USC Spartanburg and Regional Campuses – Indicator 3B
3. Indicators 7A1b, 7A1c, 7B3, 7C3

These benchmarks (ATT VII) for the current year were deferred due to data issues. On behalf of the Committee, a **motion** was made (Floyd), **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** to now approve those benchmarks.

C. Consideration of Data Verification Reports

1. USC Columbia
2. USC Aiken
3. USC Spartanburg
4. USC Regional Campuses
5. Lander University

The Committee has reviewed data verification reports listed above (ATT VII) and found them to be generally consistent with observations and findings in other reports, noting some procedural and documentation issues in areas such as residency and test scores. Visits to all senior institutions will be concluded this summer and all technical colleges, conducted with the State Board for Comprehensive Education, by December, 2000.

On behalf of the Committee, a **motion** (Floyd) was made, **seconded** (Chinnes), and **carried** to approve these reports.

**D. Consideration of the Institutional Effectiveness Report:
"A Closer Look at Higher Education in South Carolina"**

This report (ATT VIII), which the Commission is required to make each year, has been reformatted to provide better visual display of data and to incorporate additional performance funding data. The report is organized by critical success factor. The copy distributed is in draft form, since some corrections, in response to a review by institutional representatives, are still being made.

On behalf of the Committee, the **motion** was made, **seconded** (Chinnes), and **carried** to approve the report, with the understanding that technical corrections and formatting adjustments will be made prior to publication.

5. Report of the Executive Director

Rayburn Barton

- ◆ Deferred Maintenance Engineering Study – working with the Budget and Control Board on a proposal for a new Deferred Maintenance in Higher Education, which will be presented to the Commission at the next meeting as a proposal.
- ◆ MRR Validation Study: Status Report – MGT is doing a validation study of our funding model. The Funding Advisory Committee is working with the consultants and is actually administering that process. All data for the study has been collected and provided to the institutions. The consultants have spent a week in South Carolina visiting each of the four-year campuses and have met with the state technical institutions, working through the state technical board staff. To date, they have developed a preliminary listing of peer institutions for each institution in the state and those have been provided to the institutions and we are working currently with the consultants to develop those. They will shortly begin analyzing the data and that will be available to the Commission soon after the first of the year.
- ◆ The Ad Hoc Committee on Performance Funding – this committee, looking at our implementation of performance funding, has another meeting scheduled, after which they will issue an interim report on our implementation. To date, those meetings have gone very well.
- ◆ Campus Safety Forum Follow-up – the conference was held at the College of Charleston on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Mr. Floyd was the Commission member who was present both days and thus will give the report.

Mr. Floyd reported that this was the first campus safety forum to be held, with 23 institutional representatives and staff participating in a planning committee formed last July. The forum was a day and a half and there were 153 college and university administrators, staff, faculty, students, and parents from the state and the region in attendance. The institutions seemed very excited and two of them have already offered to host a future forum. Many communicated their desire to make this forum an annual event.

There was a presentation on the South Carolina State Board for Technical and

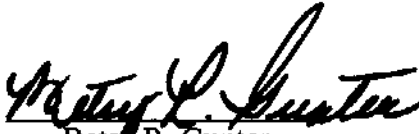
Comprehensive Education by Dr. Jim Hudgins.

6. **Other Business**

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

The announcement was made that, during lunch time, a demonstration of the electronic application form would be set up for anyone who wished to participate.

Respectfully submitted,


Betsy R. Gunter
Recorder

ATT I-VIII