

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
October 9, 1997
10:00 a.m.
Madren Center
Clemson University

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr., Chairman
Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly
Ms. Dianne Chinnce
Mr. Timothy N. Dangerfield
Dr. Colgate W. Darden, III
Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr.
Mr. Frank Gilbert
Mr. Winfred S. Greene
Dr. W. David Maxwell
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. C. Edward Floyd
Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr.
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Mr. Bill H. Stern

STAFF

Dr. Rayburn Barton
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael L. Brown
Mr. Charles D. FitzSimons
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Mr. John E. Smalls
Dr. C. Michael Smith
Ms. Yolanda Solone

Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Ms. Noel Wilson

GUESTS

Mr. Todd E. Barnette
Mr. Gary Bell
Dr. Benton H. Box
Ms. Donna Collins
Ms. Becky Copcland
Dr. Constantine W. Curris
Ms. Barbara Darden
Mr. John L. Finan
Mr. Robert C. Gallager
Mr. Alan Godfrey
Mr. Stan Godshall
Mr. Michael Gorman
Ms. Helen Harvey
Dr. Wanda Hayes
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield
Ms. Sue Hooks
Ms. Karen Jones
Mr. Jim Kirk
Mr. Scott A. Ludlow
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Ms. Patty McAbee
Mr. Gary McCombs
Mr. Jack McKenzie
Ms. Lila Meeks
Mr. Bob Mellon
Dr. Jerome D. Odom

Rep. Clementa C. Pinckney
Dr. Chris P. Plyler
Dr. Steffen Rogers
Mr. Jim Schneider
Dr. DeWitt Stone
Dr. Marge Tebo-Messina
Dr. Dan Terhune
Mr. Pat Thornton
Mr. Chuck Toney
Mr. W. E. Troublefield, Jr.
Dr. Don Tyner
Dr. David G. Underwood
Dr. Jane Upshaw
Dr. Lenzy Wallace
Mr. Ed West

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Dave Brightenstein
Ms. Kimberly Davis
Mr. Bill Robinson

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

Dr. Curris welcomed the Commission to Clemson University and invited members, guests, and staff to a luncheon following the meeting. Mr. A. Gilbert thanked Dr. Curris for his hospitality during the Commission's visit to Clemson University.

I. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of August 25, 1997

It was moved (Olsen), seconded (Byerly), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of August 25, 1997 be approved as written.

II. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of Executive Committee

Palmetto Fellows Appeals

The Appeals Committee reviewed one appeal from a student who did not meet the eligibility requirements to continue to receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship for the 1997-98 academic year. The Appeals Committee recommended that the student's Palmetto Fellows Scholarship be suspended for the 1997 fall term. In addition, he must meet the eligibility criteria at the end of the 1997 fall term to reinstate the scholarship award for the 1998 spring term. If he does not meet the eligibility criteria at the end of the 1997 fall term, the scholarship will be discontinued permanently.

Another appeal reviewed was from a student who accepted the scholarship during the initial awarding in one sector but wished to change to another sector. The Appeals Committee recommended that the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship for this student not be transferred from the private sector to the public sector.

The Executive Committee approved the recommendations of the Appeals Committee.

3.03 Report of Committee on Access and Equity, Licensing and Veterans Education, and Special Projects

Mr. F. Gilbert, chairman of the Committee, reported on the following matter:

Licensing of Columbia Junior College, Columbia, SC, Under New Ownership of South College of Carolina, Inc.

Columbia Junior College was recently sold to John T. South, III. Chapter 58 of Title 59, Section 50, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, states that in the event of the sale of an institution, the license is not transferable, and the new owner must comply with the licensing requirements. The license application is for South College of Carolina, Inc., d/b/a Columbia Junior College.

The Committee recommended that the Commission grant a five-year license to South College of Carolina, Inc. d/b/a Columbia Junior College subject to annual reporting as required by the Commission. It was moved (F. Gilbert), seconded (Darden), and voted that recommendation be approved.

3.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

Ms. Byerly, chairman of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, reported on the following matters:

A. Consideration of Life-Safety Systems for Residential Facilities

In April, 1997, the Commission adopted a recommendation to establish a matching pool of \$15 million dollars to be available to institutions to apply for reimbursement of expenditures for the implementation of life-safety systems in residential facilities. The request was made to the General Assembly but was not funded for FY 1997-98.

The Committee recommended that the Commission strongly encourage each institution to implement all of the life-safety measures as outlined in

the respective institutional plans, and that the institutions report annually to the Commission regarding the status of these life-safety plans as part of the annual budget presentations. Also, the Commission will relate the approval of all auxiliary enterprise capital projects to the unmet needs of projects related to life-safety issues.

The Committee further recommended that the Life Safety Advisory Committee, which met with CHE staff and determined that, in general, plans for implementing life-safety systems in residential facilities appear to be sound and reasonable, will assist the Commission by assessing the relative hazards and appropriateness of the proposed modifications.

It was moved (Byerly), seconded (F. Gilbert), and voted that the recommendations be approved.

B. Consideration of Depreciation Reserve Funds for Facilities Maintenance

The Commission adopted a policy in January 1997 that all facility recommendations on new projects will include an estimate of a reasonable depreciation reserve fund for each project.

The Committee recommended that 2.5% of the construction costs of the facility be used to provide a reasonable estimate of a depreciation reserve fund unless the type of construction justifies a different percentage. It was moved (Byerly), seconded (Olsen), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

C. Interim Projects

1. Clemson University - Martin Hall HVAC Piping Replacement

Clemson is requesting approval to increase the budget for Martin Hall-HVAC pipe replacement to cover the total asbestos abatement including replacement of ceilings and light fixtures. The increase is \$850,000.

The Committee recommended approval of this request as proposed.

2. Clemson University - Recycle/Maintenance Building Construction

Clemson is requested approval to construct a building to house a recycling department and a hazardous materials department. The total cost is \$312,000. Given the function and construction of this facility, a

reasonable estimate of a depreciation reserve fund for maintenance of this facility would be approximately \$7,000.

3. Clemson University - Athletic Facilities - Construction/Renovation
Phase I

The Clemson University Athletic Department plans a phased upgrade of current athletic facilities to include renovations, as well as demolition and replacement with new construction if required. Clemson's master plan for athletic facilities includes improvements to Memorial Stadium, track facilities, the baseball stadium, support facilities, and Littlejohn Coliseum. The total cost will be \$6,300,000.

The Committee recommended approval of this request as proposed.

4. College of Charleston - Construction of Outdoor Athletic Center

The Commission approved a ground lease of approximately 35 acres of land at Patriot's Point to be used for the development of intercollegiate athletic facilities. The lease agreement included improvements of \$3,000,000 to be funded by the town of Mt. Pleasant. Final cost estimates indicate that an additional \$3,500,000 is required to complete the project.

The Committee recommended approval of this request as proposed.

5. College of Charleston - Construction of Sailing Center

The College's Sailing Center currently is located at the City Marina. After thorough investigation and evaluation, the College has chosen to relocate its Sailing Center to the new marina being constructed at Patriot's Point. All of the College's outdoor athletic facilities will be located there when the Sports Complex is completed. The Leasing Office of the State Property Management Division is currently working with the College on a proposed lease with Charleston Harbor Partners for a site at Patriot's Point on which to construct the Center. The total cost is \$380,000.

The Committee recommended approval of this request, provided that the Leasing Office finds the lease agreement and the rate acceptable, and provided that sufficient funds are raised from private sources to pay for construction of the Sailing Center.

The Committee recommended approval of this request as proposed.

6. Medical University of South Carolina - Basic Sciences Building Renovations

MUSC was granted approval in its 1992-93 Annual Permanent Improvement Plan to begin work which would ultimately lead to the phased renovation of the entire sixth floor of the Basic Sciences Building. The requested increase is to complete the sixth floor laboratory renovations for the Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy. The increase is \$345,000.

The Committee recommended approval of the project.

7. Medical University of South Carolina - Anatomic Pathology Services Relocation - Children's Hospital

This project was approved in 1996 to consolidate pathology and lab medicine personnel. As originally approved, this two-phase project would relocate several dispersed lab functions and faculty offices into the Children's Hospital. The original estimate needs to be increased by \$550,000 in order to complete the construction of the Anatomic Pathology Laboratories.

The inclusion of the aerial crosswalk connecting the Children's Hospital to Rutledge Avenue Tower requires additional renovations to establish a central interior corridor and modifications to surrounding offices and laboratories as required by the new corridor. The changes are expected to total \$560,000.

The Committee recommended approval of this request as proposed.

8. USC-Columbia - Greek Housing

The proposed project calls for the development of a Greek Village for the University of South Carolina at Columbia. The University Master Plan recommends that the Village be located in the south campus area with the development of a traditional "Greek Row" on half-acre lots facing Whaley Street. While the University will own the land for the Greek Village, construction and maintenance costs for the houses will rest entirely with the fraternities and sororities which occupy the houses.

The scope of work that will be funded with this project includes the survey and subdivision of existing property into individual lots and the

installation of the required infrastructure for the project. The budget for this project is \$3,000,000 from housing revenue bonds.

The Committee recommended approval of this request as proposed.

9. USC-Spartanburg - Parking Lot Replacement (A&E)

The proposed project is for an architectural and engineering study to design the Performing Arts Center parking lot to include curbs and gutters with landscaping. The work is in accordance with the University's Master Plan. The budget for the A&E work is \$16,000.

The Committee recommended approval of this request as proposed.

10. USC-Beaufort - New River Project (A&E)

USC-Beaufort is requesting A&E funds through design and development for the construction of a building located on land donated to the USC Development Foundation by Union Camp Corporation. The goal for the long term is to consolidate all USC Low Country operations at the New River site. The facility will be fully capable of receiving and/or down-linking all distance education broadcasts through the University, SCETV, etc.

Funds have already been set aside for A&E work which will be \$370,000.

The Committee recommended approval of the A&E work with the understanding that the following provisions be addressed when the institution requests approval from the Commission to proceed with construction of the New River facility: 1) the title to the property will be transferred from the USC-Development Foundation to USC; 2) the institution will proceed with its goal of consolidating all of USC's low country operations at the New River site; and 3) in addition to being a neutral site capable of receiving and/or down linking distance education broadcasts, the institution will investigate the possibility of using the New River location for the offering of non-competing courses by USC-Beaufort, TCLC, and other institutions in the State.

11. Aiken Technical College - Purchase of Adjacent Land

Aiken Technical College requested approval to purchase additional land adjacent to the campus. The College plans to use this property to secure long-term growth options, to meet near-term building needs for additional

program space, to improve campus access roads, and to construct a new entrance/exit for the campus. An environmental study did not indicate anything that would have an adverse environmental impact on the subject property. The purchase price of the property is \$642,840 from a bank loan and capital fees.

The Committee recommended approval of this request as proposed.

12. Florence-Darlington Technical College - Purchase of CP&L Building

Florence-Darlington Technical College is requesting approval to purchase a single story building in Hartsville. The institution has been leasing classroom space there since 1990. A significant increase in industry training at the Hartsville site and the cost savings of purchasing instead of leasing makes this request feasible. The cost of the facility is \$325,000.

The Committee recommended approval of this request subject to approval by the State Tech Board on September 24.

It was moved (Byerly), seconded (Olsen), and voted that the above 12 projects be approved.

D. Consideration of Routine Repair, Replacement, and Maintenance Projects

The following projects were considered under the routine Repair, Replacement, and Maintenance Policy of the Commission:

1. USC-Columbia - Patterson Hall Cosmetic Refurbishment
2. USC-Columbia - Capstone Renovation
3. USC-Columbia - South Tower Renovations
4. Medical University of South Carolina - Library Renovations

An opportunity was provided during the meeting for members to ask questions regarding these projects. Since there were no objections, the projects will be forwarded by staff to the Budget and Control Board with a favorable recommendation.

E. Consideration of 1998-99 Formula

The existing formula serves as a basis for making requests to the General Assembly until implementation of the Mission Resource Requirement funding model in 1999-2000. No changes are recommended for the formula for 1998-99. Full formula funding as approved by the

Commission in 1997-98 is \$910,928,700. Over the next several weeks, staff will calculate full-formula funding for 1998-99 to include Fall 1997 actual enrollment data.

The Committee recommended, therefore, that the request to the General Assembly for operating budgets of the institutions will be the \$910,928,700, plus the activity increases for Fall 1997.

F. Consideration of the "Below-the-Line" Items

Items 1-6 have been previously approved by the General Assembly as recurring costs. The Committee recommended the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) inflationary increase of 3.18% for each of them.

1. Southeast Manufacturing Technology Center (SMTTC), USC-Columbia
The increase is \$57,240.

2. The Frank L. Roddey Small Business Development Center, USC-Columbia - The increase is \$27,815.

3. The Penn Center, USC-Beaufort - The increase is \$5,538.

4. Rural Physician Program, AHEC - The increase is \$28,191.

5. SC Nursing Recruitment Center, AHEC - The increase is \$1,261.

6. Felton Lab, SC State University - The increase is \$20,670.

It was moved (Byerly), seconded (Olsen), and voted that the above items 1-6 be approved.

Items 7-12 are legislatively mandated by statute and are housed at USC-Columbia. They were previously funded as Step 12, but since Step 12 has been eliminated, it is necessary to submit them as below-the-line requests. These items are recurring.

7. Palmetto Poison Control Center - The total is \$279,943.

8. School Improvement Council Assistance - The total is \$140,959.

9. SC Center for Gerontology - The total is \$53,251.

10. SC Law Enforcement Census - The total is \$111,787.

11. SC Institute of Archeology and Anthropology - The total is \$642,019.
12. Institute of Public Affairs - The total is \$1,236,904.

It was moved (Byerly), seconded (F. Gilbert), and voted that the above items 7-12 be approved.

Legislative Items Previously Approved - Non-Recurring

Two items were approved for non-recurring cost by the General Assembly during the 1997 session of the General Assembly.

13. Law Library, USC-Columbia - The Law Library is requesting appropriations of \$400,000 for library materials. The General Assembly provided a one-time appropriations of \$330,000 for 1996-97 and \$400,000 for 1997-98.

Recommendation: Funding for all academic libraries (including the law library) is generated through the institution's regular operating budget request. Extraordinary funding is not considered except under very special circumstances. However, the Legislature has provided extraordinary funding for the past two years to assist the law library in restoring its weakened collections. The fact that the Legislature has provided extraordinary funding for the past two years implies a commitment to assist the Law Library in bringing its collections up to standard. In light of this, the Committee recommended approval of the institution's request for one additional year. However, Committee recommended that in the future, extraordinary funding not be requested or approved for activities which are included in the institution's funding for continuing operations.

14. Business School Accreditation, SC State University - The request is for funding needed to upgrade the management education programs at SC State University so that the School of Business can qualify for AACSB accreditation.

Recommendation: Funding for accreditation is generated through the institution's regular operating budget request. Extraordinary funding is not considered except under very special circumstances. However, the Legislature provided \$500,000 of a \$1.5 million (over 3 years) investment in extraordinary funding last year to assist the School of Business in obtaining its accreditation.

Because the Legislature has provided extraordinary funding last year and because the School of Business has already attained candidacy status and with the understanding that all processes and activities must be implemented for accreditation before 1999, the Committee recommended approval of that request.

It was moved (Byerly), seconded (Olsen), and voted that the above items 13 and 14 be approved.

Items 15-19 are new requests and were reviewed individually.

- 15. Juvenile Justice Training Office, USC-Union
- 16. Business School Accreditation, Lander University
- 17. Restoration of Previous Under funding, Clemson University
- 18. Center for Advanced Engineering Fiber & Film, Clemson University
- 19. Russian Studies Exchange Program, Clemson University

The Committee recommended that these items be disapproved. It was moved (Byerly), seconded (Olsen), and voted that the above items 15-19 be disapproved.

- G. Status of Refinements to Mission Resource Requirement (MRR) Funding Model

The Funding Advisory Committee has met to discuss possible refinements to the MRR and has agreed that by March 1, 1998, the Committee will submit its recommendations for refinements to the Finance and Facilities Committee.

- H. Status of Using Student/Faculty Ratios Based on University of Delaware Study

Because national student/faculty ratio data will not be available until Spring 1998, the existing student/faculty ratios will be used for the 1998-99 MRR. National student/faculty ratios, developed from the Delaware Study, will be considered for implementation in the 1999/2000 MRR.

- I. Consideration of Requested Increases to CHE Budget for FY 1998-99

The Commission on Higher Education budget needs for FY 1998-99 were presented and will be submitted to the Governor in October. Dr. Barton requested authorization to revisit the budget so that certain administrative

funds could be used for staffing requirements in line with performance funding.

It was moved (Byerly), seconded (Olsen), and voted that the FY 1998-99 Commission on Higher Education budget be approved and that the staff has the option to come before the Commission for a revision in the budget for staffing requirements.

J. Consideration of Appropriate Percentage for Funds above FY 1996-97 Base

For FY 1998-99, the Committee recommended that all monies above \$642 million (the 1996-97 base designated by Act 359) be considered new monies. The Committee recommended that of these new monies, 75 percent be allocated to performance funding and 25 percent be allocated to formula.

It was moved (Byerly), seconded (Darden), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

3.05 Report of Committee on Planning and Assessment

Recommended Measures and Sector Benchmarks, Year Two 1997-98

A. Mr. Floyd presented recommended measures and sector benchmarks for evaluation year two, 1997-98. Consideration was given to changes affecting rating, changes in measures and benchmarks for indicators continuing from year one, and measures and sector benchmarks for new indicators.

1. Changes affecting rating system - Y/N Indicators - **Recommendation:** Award ratings between 5 and 1, according the rating scale, to represent degrees of compliance with a yes/no indicator.

2. Changes in measures and benchmarks for indicators continuing from year one

3A1 Average class size -- **Recommendation:** Change the measure to use two figures, the average class size for lower division lecture classes and upper division lecture classes. **Sector benchmark:** Data are being compiled to recommend sector benchmarks comparable to those developed for year one. **Directional arrow:** converge on mid-point.

5A Percentage of administrative costs as compared to academic costs - **Recommendation:** Include scholarship costs in academic costs. **Sector benchmark:** The new sector benchmark, reflecting the higher percentage of academic costs when scholarships are included, would be:

Proposed Academic Cost Benchmarks

80%	Research universities
65%	Teaching universities
65%	Two-year branches of USC
65%	Technical Colleges

Directional arrows: Up

6A SAT and ACT scores of student body - **Recommendation:** Keep the measures and benchmarks unchanged from year one. This has the advantage of providing consistency between year one and year two. The measure clearly identifies institutions which attract a higher proportion of students who perform well on the SAT and ACT tests. **Sector benchmarks:** Unchanged from year one for research universities and teaching universities. The sector benchmark for two year branches of USC would change from 50% to 33.3% to provide a more realistic benchmark for those institutions. Also, the Mean SAT score for first time entering freshmen will be presented, for informational purposes only. **Directional arrow:** Up

6D Priority on enrolling in-state students - **Recommendation:** For year two and following years the total undergraduate student body will be used. For the purposes of this measure, "in-state students" would include all legal residents, plus all other categories of non-resident students who are treated as in-state students for fee purposes as defined in statute. The measure would not be applicable to the technical colleges and the two year branches of USC. The sector benchmark would need to be changed to reflect the higher percentages resulting from including all in-state undergraduate students and all who are in-state for fee purposes, rather than just legal residency. Although the indicator will not apply to two year institutions, data will be presented for information purposes. **Sector benchmark:** Unchanged from year one. **Directional arrow:** Up

8Ca Percentage of other race students - **Recommendation:** a) Replace the percentage point increase with the figure for overall enrollment of other race students. B) Add the annual retention rate for other race students, compared to all other students, as an additional factor. Retention would be defined as percentage of students enrolled in the fall semester of one year who are enrolled the following fall or have completed their programs.

Sector benchmark: There would be no sector benchmark for either part of this sub-measure. **Directional arrow:** Up, until an institution's enrollment reaches the percentage other race in the service area population (technical colleges and two-year branches) or the state (teaching and research universities).

8Cb Total credit hours generated off-campus in counties where no comparable program is offered by a public institution - **Recommendation:** This sub-measure would be suspended pending the development of a state-wide plan for off-campus course offerings, after which this measure can be reconfigured to reflect the extent of compliance with the plan.

8Cc The total number of credit hours generated in-state through distance education - **Recommendation:** This sub-measure would be suspended until a state-wide distance education plan is developed, after which this measure can be reconfigured to reflect the extent of compliance with the plan.

9B Amount of public and private sector grants - **Recommendation:** Have this indicator applicable only to institutions that conduct sponsored research at a level of \$1 million or more annually. (It is also recommended that research be included in one of the measures for credentials of faculty, which is scheduled to be implemented in year three, so that research other than sponsored research can be reflected in performance ratings.) **Sector benchmark:** The sector benchmark remains the same as in year one, 105% of the rolling, weighted average of the previous three years (weighted 60% most recent year, 30% next most recent year, and 10% for the year before that). **Directional arrow:** Up

It was moved (Floyd), seconded (Olsen), and voted that the above recommendations be approved.

3. Measures and sector benchmarks for new indicators

IA Expenditure of funds to achieve institutional mission -

Recommendation: The institution would select the one ratio, from the following eight, which, in accordance with its mission, it wanted to show movement over a period of time. The ratios are instruction, research, public service, academic support, student services, institutional support, operation and maintenance of plant, and scholarships and fellowships compared to total E&G expenditures. The institution would propose its institutional benchmark just for the ratio it selected, explaining in the rationale the impact on the other ratios and the institution's intentions with

regard to that ratio over the next three years. **Sector benchmark:** There would be no sector benchmark for this indicator. **Directional arrow:** Proposed by institution.

ID Adoption of a strategic plan - **Recommendation:** The measure as approved by the Commission last year would be implemented as a yes/no indicator. For year two, institutions would submit in February the planning documents they have in the past submitted in June and append to them the benchmarks and rationales for them for the 22 indicators applicable in year two. **Sector benchmark:** Yes, indicating compliance with all parts of the measure which are applicable in year two.

IIB Performance review system for faculty - **Recommendation:** The measure would be the extent to which the performance review system as outlined in the measure has been implemented at the institution. Implementation would be understood to mean approved by the institution as an overall system, with portions implemented or scheduled to be implemented in 1997-98 and full implementation of all parts beginning with the 1998-99 year. **Sector benchmark:** 100% implementation. **Directional arrow:** Up to 100%

IIE Availability of faculty to students outside the classroom - **Recommendation:** The indicator would be a yes/no for year two. A yes would indicate that the two survey questions as described in the measure would be included on appropriate surveys and course evaluations and administered at least in the spring of 1998. Thereafter, the question regarding availability of faculty outside the classroom would be administered in every section of every course in the fall and spring terms. The question on advisors would be administered in the spring term. **Sector benchmark:** Yes, indicating implementation. Thereafter the sector benchmark would be established in relation to the optimum survey results.

VIB High school standing, grade point averages, and activities of the student body - **Recommendation:** The "X" should be defined as 3.0. **Sector benchmark:** Because of the lack of currently available data, there should be no sector benchmark in year one. **Directional arrow:** Up. Appropriate sector benchmarks can be established after year two. This measures would not apply to the technical college.

VIIA Graduation rate - **Recommendation:** This measure as approved by the Commission will be used for year two. **Sector benchmark:** Because complete data for the previous year for all parts of the graduation rate formula are not available, there would be no sector benchmark for year

two. In future years, appropriate sector benchmarks can be established.
Directional arrow: Up.

VIIF Credit hours earned of graduates - **Recommendation:** The measure should be used as approved by the Commission with the exception that only first-time entering freshmen cohorts would be used in the measure, excluding transfers-in and college credits earned in high school. Also developmental courses would be excluded. **Sector benchmark:** 110% of the hours required in the program. **Directional arrow:** Down.

IXA Financial support for reform in teacher education -

Recommendation: The measure should be changed to the grants and awards, and cash matching contributions from the institution and other sources, expended to support teacher preparation or training, including applied research, professional development and training grants. **Sector benchmark:** The benchmark would be the same as the benchmark for IXB, 105% of the weighted rolling average of the previous three years. The weighting would be 60% for the most recent year, 30% for the next most recent year, and 10% for the year before that. **Directional arrow:** Up.

It was moved (Floyd), seconded (Greene), and voted that the above recommendations be approved.

B. Consideration of Mission Statements Recommended for Approval

The Committee recommended that mission statements of the following institutions be approved:

Lander University
Medical University of South Carolina
Chesterfield-Marlboro TC
Horry-Georgetown TC
Midlands TC
Piedmont TC
Spartanburg TC
Technical College of the Lowcountry
Tri-County TC
Trident TC
York TC

It was moved (Floyd), seconded (Byerly), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

III. Report of the Executive Director

- A. Update on Statewide Area Meetings - Dr. Barton stated that he has completed four of twelve statewide meetings. He is pleased with the positive support for the Commission's plan for higher education in South Carolina.
- B. Revised Application for Palmetto Fellows - A revised application for Palmetto Fellows has been created for the next cycle of applicants. Dr. Barton noted that there will be a change in the application having to do with class rank. The Advisory Committee will meet to develop a uniform means for the high schools to calculate the class rank.

It was moved (Olsen), seconded (Darden), and voted that the application be approved .

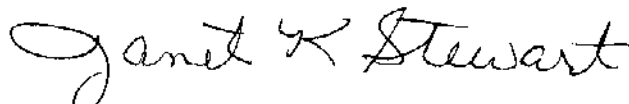
- C. Press Conference for Professor of the Year - Dr. Barton apprised the members that immediately following the November Commission meeting Governor Beasley will hold a press conference to announce the Professor of the Year.

IV. Other Business

Dr. Steffen Rogers, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, introduced Dr. James H. Leylek, a Mechanical Engineering Professor at Clemson, who made a presentation on faculty research projects which also involve students. He indicates that projects like these will have a positive impact on industries in South Carolina.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary