

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
January 8, 1998  
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr., Chairman  
Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly  
Ms. Dianne Chinnes  
Mr. Timothy N. Dangerfield  
Dr. Colgate W. Darden, III  
Dr. C. Edward Floyd  
Mr. Frank Gilbert  
Mr. Winfred S. Greene  
Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr.  
Mr. Bill H. Stern

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr.  
Dr. W. David Maxwell  
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen  
Mr. Lewis Phillips

STAFF

Dr. Rayburn Barton  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Dr. Nancy Healy-Williams  
Ms. Sherry Hubbard  
Dr. R. Lynn Kelley  
Mr. Alan S. Krech  
Dr. David R. Loope  
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf  
Dr. Gail M. Morrison

Mr. John E. Smalls  
Ms. Yolanda Solone  
Ms. Janet K. Stewart  
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong  
Ms. Veronica Whetsell  
Ms. Noel Wilson  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Mr. Arthur M. Bjontegard  
Dr. Betsy E. Brown  
Ms. Betty B. Davidson  
Dr. Leroy Davis  
Mr. David Fleming  
Mr. Sandy Gilliam  
Dr. Harry G. Matthews  
Mr. Gary M. McCombs  
Mr. Bob Mellon  
Dr. Isaac S. Metts, Jr.  
Dr. Blanche Premo-Hopkins  
Mr. William T. Putnam  
Ms. Jordi Rabon  
Ms. Mary Robertson  
Dr. DeWitt Stone  
Dr. John C. Sutusky  
Dr. Marcia G. Welsh

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Bill Robinson

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

I. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of December 4, 1997

It was moved (Greene), seconded (Chinnes), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of December 4, 1997 be approved as written.

II. Public Hearing on Palmetto Fellows

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, a public hearing is included as part of the proposed regulations for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program. Interested persons were given the opportunity to make an oral statement, including suggestions for modification or submission of a written statement. There being none, the hearing was concluded.

III. Committee Reports

3.05 Report of Committee on Planning and Assessment

Consideration of Annual Institutional Effectiveness Report (P's & Q's)

The Planning and Assessment Committee considered the Annual Institutional Effectiveness Report by conference call on January 7 due to the time constraints in delivering this report to the Legislature on January 15. The Committee recommended that the report be approved with the caveat that corrections will be made as necessary. It was moved (Stern), seconded (Dangerfield), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

IV. Report of the Executive Director

A. CHE Committee Names - Dr. Barton stated that at the last meeting, he informed the Commission of a structural reorganization of the Commission office pursuant to the Budget and Control Board's Management Review. Because of this, there need to be technical changes in the Committees to reflect the reorganization. He recommended that the Access and Equity Committee be combined with Student Services to form the Access, Equity and Student Services Committee. Ms. Chinnes asked if this would mean a change in the Commission's By-Laws. Dr. Barton stated that he would bring a formal amendment to the next meeting for approval of the name change in the By-Laws if such action were necessary.

B. Access and Equity Conference - Dr. Barton stated that the Thirteenth Annual Access and Equity Conference will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel in Columbia

on March 18-20. Mr. F. Gilbert added that on March 18, there will be a focus group on Review and Recommendations for the Access and Equity Program. The March 20th luncheon will be sponsored by the South Carolina Professional Association for Access and Equity.

- C. Academic Affairs Reports - Dr. Barton stated that there are reports that either could be discontinued or combined with another to lessen the reporting requirements on the institutions. Academic Affairs has made a list of such reports (Attachment 1) and will annually review their reporting requirements.
- D. CHE Conference Room - Dr. Barton stated that the Commission's chairs in the conference room can be re-upholstered at a total cost of \$4,163.57, and that this can be done the last two weeks of January. It was moved (F. Gilbert), seconded (Byerly), and voted that the expenditure for reupholstering be approved.
- E. CHE Mission Statement - Dr. Barton stated that a revised CHE Mission Statement will be mailed to Commission members for review.
- V. Presentation - Mr. A. Gilbert welcomed Dr. Leroy Davis, President of South Carolina State University, who gave a presentation on South Carolina State University.
- VI. Other Business - Mr. Stern requested a progress report from the institutions on the implementation of life-safety plans. Mr. Smalls stated that the institutions are to report to the Commission annually regarding the status of these life-safety plans, and the plans will be provided during their annual budget presentations.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet K. Stewart  
Recording Secretary