

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
1333 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

***Called Meeting by Telephone Conference Call
9:00 a.m.
December 9, 2003***

MINUTES

The Telephone Conference call convened at 9:00 a.m., originating from Dr. Festa's office, with twelve of the fourteen Commissioners calling in. Prior to this meeting, a document, *Summary of Items Recommended for Consideration*, was sent to commissioners for review and the conference call today was to approve this document in order for Dr. Festa to be able to distribute it prior to the next legislative session.

A copy of the document as it was presented originally is **Attachment I** and the document with recommended changes is **Attachment II**.

Commissioners Calling In:

Dalton B. Floyd
Rosemary Byerly
Susan B. Cole
Larry Durham
Douglas Forbes
John Griffith
Jim Konduros
Miles Loadholt
DeLoris Oliver
Tom Olsen
Dan Ravenel
Roger Stevenson

Commissioners Unavailable

Austin Gilbert
Vermelle Johnson

Staff Present

Michael Brown
Charlie FitzSimons
Betsy Gunter
Gail Morrison
Julie Wahl
Karen Woodfaulk

Press

Jeff Stensland – *The State*

The document under discussion was discussed point by point with several editing suggestions.

Dr. Festa explained that this document is not relinquishing the accountability reporting process by the institutions, but rather combining Act 255 and Act 359 requirements and eliminating the tie between performance and funding.

After completion of the discussion, a **motion** was made (Olsen), **seconded** (Byerly) and **carried** with no further discussion and no opposition, to accept the paper (with recommended changes) for consideration and formal approval at the January 8, 2004 meeting of the Commission. It was agreed that the revised form of this paper be distributed to the college and university presidents and could be used in discussions with legislators.

There being no other business, the conference call was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Betsy Gunter, Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS: I and II