

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

March 3, 1994
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr., Chairman
Mr. Fred L. Day
Ms. Elaine Freeman
Mr. Robert C. Gallager
Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Mr. R. Austin Gilbert
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Ms. Reba Anne Kinon
Mr. Ray D. Lathan
Mr. Henry D. McMaster
Mr. Edward T. McMullen, Jr.
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert, Sr.
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.

STAFF

Mr. Ronald R. Bass
Mr. Fred W. Boynton
Ms. Saundra E. Carr
Ms. Renea H. Eshleman
Mr. Charles D. FitzSimons
Mr. Ivan F. Guinn
Dr. R. Lynn Kelley
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf
Dr. Gail L. Morrison
Dr. Robert K. Poch
Dr. Michael Raley
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer
Dr. Lovely K. Ulmer-Sottong
Ms. Julia E. Wells
Ms. Carol Ann Williams
Ms. Janet T. Williams

GUESTS

Mr. Mel Barnette
Mr. Todd Barnette
Dr. Jerome V. Bennett
Mr. Arthur M. Bjontegard
Mr. John R. Broadhead
Ms. Pat Calkins
Dr. Les Carpenter
Ms. Donna Collins
Ms. Connie Cribb
Dr. Robert W. Denton
Mr. Daniel S. Dukes, IV
Dr. David Dunlap
Ms. Katherine Fanning
Dr. Conrad Festa
Mr. David Fleming
Mr. Wayne Fogel
Mr. N. Casey Frederick
Dr. Carol Garrison
Mr. Sandy Gilliam
Dr. Sharon Hoffman
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield
Dr. Sally Horner
Ms. Beverly Howard
Dr. James L. Hudgins
Mr. Charles Jeffcoat
Ms. Terri Jenkins
Dr. J. Charles Jennett
Mr. Paul Johnson
Col. Ben W. Legare
Mr. John Manley
Adj. Gen. T. Eston Marchant
Dr. Michael McCall
Mr. Robert Merritt
Dr. Peter Mitchell
Dr. James C. Moeser
Mr. Larry Myers
Mr. William T. Putnam
Dr. Herbert Robbins
Mr. Charles Shawver
Col. Robert Smart
Dr. Carolyn McIver Smith
Dr. Carol Stewart
Dr. Lex Walters

Dr. Karen A. Woodfaulk

Dr. Wanda Ward

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Bryant Heyward

Ms. Linda Meggett

Mr. Bill Robinson

Mr. Bob Tanner

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

Dr. Askins welcomed the guests and staff members to the Commission's monthly meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of February 3, 1994

It was moved (Tolbert) and seconded (Kinon) that the minutes of the meeting of February 3, 1994, be approved.

Ms. Freeman referred to page eight of the minutes, which describes the Commission's discussion concerning recent restructuring proposals. She asked if, in the views of the other Commission members, the minutes accurately reflect the intent of the discussion on restructuring. The Commission members agreed that the minutes are accurate.

It was voted that the minutes be approved.

2. Special Presentations

Mr. Sheheen listed the materials that had been distributed to each Commission member: updated lists of the Commission members and of all colleges and universities in South Carolina; a document summarizing the mission, role, and actions of the Commission on Higher Education; a list of the members of the Business Advisory Council; a list of reports required by the Commission or by federal or state law; and a report on the economy in Greenwood.

3. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of Executive Committee

a. Free Tuition for Members of the National Guard on a Space Available Basis

Mr. Gallagher summarized the proposal, which is intended to replace the National Guard tuition assistance program already in existence.

The program depends on excess capacity, with the availability of seats to be determined on a course by course basis during registration.

The Committee recommended that the program as described be adopted.

It was moved (Gallagher) and seconded (Tolbert) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

General Marchant stated that the S.C. National Guard is currently at only 98.7% of its authorized strength, a fact that may weigh against it in the event of downsizing. He

described the proposed plan as a "golden opportunity to keep up and stay ahead."

Ms. Freeman questioned whether excess capacity currently exists.

General Marchant replied that it does exist and that he would estimate that 1,000 National Guard members would participate in the program during the first year.

Mr. Lathan questioned the depiction of the program as "cost neutral" and as "returning the \$180,000 appropriation to state government that is presently allocated to the S.C. Military Department for tuition assistance." Mr. Lathan called such savings "illusory," since more than \$180,000 would be required to provide all National Guard members with free tuition.

Mr. Gallagher said that since the program would rely on excess capacity, there would be no loss of revenue. He also stated that provisions could perhaps be made to prevent these students from being included as part of appropriations requests.

Mr. Lathan stated that he would support a provision that the students be accepted only if they are not funded through the formula. He also expressed his concern that there is no limit to the number of students enrolled as part of the program.

Mr. Gallagher affirmed that exceptions could be made in the formula so that the students would not be funded.

Dr. Askins asked the representatives of the institutions to respond to the proposal.

Dr. Holderfield stated that he had both budgetary and academic concerns and that the Guardsmen should not be put in the position of "scavenging" for leftover courses. He advised referring the proposal back to the Committee.

Dr. Horner questioned the mechanics of the program, stating that there is never any excess capacity in the core curriculum for degree programs.

It was moved (Gallagher) and seconded (Goad) that the proposal be referred to the Committee on Business and Finance and the Committee on Academic Affairs for further consideration, with the Committees to report to the Commission at its April meeting.

Ms. Freeman asked whether the institutions would be involved in discussions concerning the program, and Dr. Askins responded that they would.

General Marchant noted that each institution would administer the program independently, rather than following a standard operating procedure for all institutions.

Mr. Sheheen asked if General Marchant would also have an opportunity to appear before the Committees, and Dr. Askins replied that he would.

It was voted that the motion be approved.

b. Recommendations from the Commission to the General Assembly on Restructuring Proposals for Higher Education

Mr. Gallagher presented a document which was drafted by the Executive Committee in response to the General Assembly's request for the Commission's recommendations concerning restructuring.

Dr. Askins explained that Representative Townsend of the House Subcommittee on Education had requested the Commission's position be communicated to him by February 28. Dr. Askins explained that due to staff error, the entire Commission had not been informed of the Executive Committee meeting and that the Committee itself had drafted the document. Dr. Askins also stated that Senator Setzler has requested the Commission's position on governance be presented at a hearing on March 9.

Ms. Freeman stated that as a result of the Commission's discussion concerning restructuring at its February meeting, she had concluded that all Commission members were guaranteed an opportunity to meet and discuss the response. She said that she was "gravely disappointed" that only the Executive Committee had been involved.

Dr. Askins accepted the blame for the oversight but said that Representative Townsend's request had required immediate action and that there had not been enough time to convene the full Commission.

Mr. McMullen stated that he shared Ms. Freeman's concern, calling it "extremely unfortunate" that all members had not been able to participate.

Mr. Lathan agreed and asked if those not involved in the original discussion would have the opportunity to "recraft" the response.

Dr. Askins affirmed that they would.

Dr. Ramage, Mr. Goad, and Mr. McMaster also expressed their disappointment that they had not been involved in drafting the response.

Mr. Lathan stated that he objected to all references to the Moore-Courson bill and to the creation of a Council of Public College and University Trustees as described on page six of the response. In addition, he stated that he would advocate changing the word "approve" to "set" on page five, items two and three.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the Executive Committee's recommendation of a new coordinating council had resulted from the strained relationship which has existed between the Commission and the Council of Presidents during the past year. According to Mr. Gallagher, the Committee viewed the creation of the council as a way to open a line of communication between the Commission and the trustees.

Ms. Williams also expressed her opposition to the establishment of a coordinating council, suggesting that the Commission arrange meetings with the trustees in order to ensure communication between the two groups.

Ms. Freeman noted that a new council would essentially be a duplication of the Council of Presidents. She commented that the Commission is "too far removed" from the daily struggles of the institutions for it to be effective as a governing body.

Ms. Williams said that she would support an arrangement whereby the Council of Presidents and the trustees would present their views to the Commission, but not on a statutory basis.

Mr. Gilbert argued that the Commission does not dictate, but rather, gathers information. He further stated that he views the Commission as being close to, not removed from, the students. Ms. Kinon agreed.

Mr. McMullen stated that increasing the regulatory powers of the Commission would turn it into a board of regents. He said that he opposes the Committee's response because it would increase the Commission's regulatory oversight.

Mr. Jones noted that the statutes which establish the Commission obligate it to advise the General Assembly on issues concerning higher education. He stated that the response basically presents recommendations for a coordinating board and for a governing board and gives the General Assembly the right to decide between the two.

It was moved (McMaster) and seconded (Freeman) that the motion be tabled in order to give Commission members time to study the document and to be prepared with amendments for the April meeting.

The Commission voted against the motion, by a vote of ten to four.

Mr. Merritt, speaking on behalf of Senator Drummond, commented that he appreciates the Commission's "open and honest debate" concerning the governance of higher education.

Mr. Lathan moved that the word "approve" in item two on page five be changed to "set."

Mr. Gilbert seconded the motion.

It was voted that the motion be approved, by a vote of eight to six.

Mr. Lathan moved that the word "approve" in item three on page five be changed to "set."

Ms. Williams seconded the motion.

It was voted that the motion be approved, by a vote of eight to six.

Mr. Lathan moved that the two unnumbered paragraphs on page five be deleted and that the remaining items be renumbered.

Mr. Gilbert seconded the motion.

Mr. McMullen noted that the paragraphs confirm "the informational purpose" of the response and as such, should not be deleted.

The Commission voted against the motion, by a vote of seven to five with two abstentions.

Mr. Lathan moved to strike any mention of the Moore-Courson bill and of the establishment of a trustee council, with the remaining passages edited to conform.

Mr. Gilbert seconded the motion.

It was voted that the recommendation be approved.

Ms. Williams stated that her main concern was that the phrase "by statute" be deleted from the third paragraph concerning Institutional Policy Influence.

Mr. Tolbert proposed replacing the phrase with "by the Commission on Higher Education."

Mr. Lathan stated that the Commission should not be bound by the specifications concerning the composition of the council.

It was voted that the motion be approved, by a vote of twelve to zero with two abstentions.

Mr. McMullen moved that "Powers of Statewide Agency" be changed to "Powers of Board of Regents."

Mr. McMaster seconded the motion.

Mr. Lathan said that he opposed the change, due to its inflammatory nature.

The Commission voted against the motion, by a vote of eleven to two, with one abstention.

The Commission voted to approve the original motion as amended, by a vote of ten to four.

Mr. Gallagher noted that Mr. Turner had asked him to inform the Commission that he objected to the response as drafted.

Mr. McMullen asked if those Commission members not in agreement with the response could address their concerns to the General Assembly in a written document.

Dr. Askins affirmed that they could do so.

Mr. Sheheen noted that all materials concerning the restructuring proposals had been forwarded to Commission members in a timely fashion.

Dr. Jennett advised that adoption of the recommendations in their current form would constitute a substantive change and would necessitate reaccreditation.

c. Renewal of License: Universal Technical Institute (UTI), Houston, Texas

Mr. Gallagher stated that the Commission's licensing staff has reviewed the materials submitted by UTI and has concluded that the institution meets all requirements for licensure.

The Committee recommended that the license of UTI of Houston, Texas, be renewed for five years, subject to annual reporting as requested by the Commission.

It was moved (Gallagher), seconded (Gilbert), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

d. Renewal of License: Nashville Auto-Diesel College, Nashville, Tennessee

The Committee recommended that the license of Nashville Auto-Diesel College, Nashville, Tennessee, be renewed for

five years, subject to annual reporting as requested by the Commission.

It was moved (Gallager), seconded (Gilbert), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

3.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

- a. Ph.D., Nursing, USC-Columbia: Modification to Proposal to Allow Participation by MUSC

The Committee submitted the proposal, which responds to the Commission's decision in 1992 that development of a new, free-standing Ph.D. in Nursing at MUSC would be both unnecessary and expensive, since such a program already exists at USC-Columbia.

The Committee recommended that the Commission accept the participation of the Nursing faculty at the Medical University of South Carolina in doctoral education in Nursing using the interinstitutional agreement between USC and MUSC as the basis for this participation. Specifically, acceptance of this agreement will commit USC and MUSC to:

Establishment of an advisory Ph.D. committee including faculty from both USC and MUSC;

Administration of the degree program by USC's Graduate School for admission, progression, and graduation processes;

Cooperation in recruiting students into the Ph.D. program;

Faculty remaining a part of their respective institutions;

Faculty compensation and travel expenses to be borne by the faculty member's institution;

Awarding a degree jointly from USC and MUSC to any student who completes 50% or more of their coursework at MUSC during the time period of the agreement;

Revisiting of this interinstitutional agreement by August 31, 1998.

The Committee further recommended that the Medical University of South Carolina be requested to study the impact on and opportunity costs to baccalaureate and master's degree programs in nursing, created by participation in doctoral education by the Nursing faculty.

It was moved (Williams) and seconded (Ramage) that the recommendation be approved.

Mr. Lathan questioned the purpose of the proposal.

Dr. Morrison responded that the proposal must receive Commission approval because participation in the single Ph.D. program by the MUSC faculty constitutes a substantive change in the program as authorized by the Commission in 1986. She further stated that a cooperative effort between the institutions would maximize resources.

Mr. Lathan questioned the cost of the program.

Dr. Morrison stated that although the program will involve some additional costs, it will remain "cost-efficient."

It was voted that the recommendations of the Committee be approved.

b. Consideration of Evaluation of Programs in English, Comparative Literature, and Linguistics FY 1992-93

Ms. Williams presented the evaluations of six program consultants concerning various academic programs.

The Committee recommended that the Commission grant full approval to the following programs and that the institutions be requested to pay particular attention to the program-specific recommendations and suggestions made by the consultants:

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| Coastal Carolina | B.A., English |
| The Citadel | B.A., English |
| Clemson | B.A., English M.A., English M.A., Professional Communication |
| College of Charleston | B.A., English |
| Francis Marion | B.A., English |
| Lander University | B.A., English |
| South Carolina State | B.A., English |
| USC-Aiken | B.A., English |
| USC-Columbia | Graduate Certificate, Teaching English as a Foreign Language B.A., English |

M.A., English
 Ph.D., English
 M.F.A., Creative Writing
 M.A., Comparative Literature
 Ph.D., Comparative Literature
 M.A., Linguistics
 Ph.D., Linguistics

USC-Spartanburg

B.A., English

Winthrop

B.A., English
 B.S., Science Communications
 M.A., English

It was moved (Williams) and seconded (Day) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

Mr. Gilbert cited page 117 of the report which describes various problems associated with movable walls in Francis Marion classrooms. He stated that the Commission should address these problems.

Mr. Lathan asked why the evaluations were done.

Dr. Askins responded that they were part of a seven-year cycle of program reviews which the Commission has instituted since the 1970's.

Mr. Lathan commented that tenured professors typically comprise the review teams and that their comments are too predictable. He suggested that involving people from other professions, including the business sector, would produce more satisfactory results.

Mr. Sheheen noted that the subject of program reviews would be discussed under agenda item 3.02 g.

It was voted that the recommendation be approved.

c. Reauthorization of the Penn Education Partnership Center, University of South Carolina

Centers, bureaus, and institutes are now customarily approved to operate for five or six years. At the end of that time the Commission analyzes the unit's progress and decides whether to authorize another cycle, called a "sunsetting cycle."

Ms. Williams reported that the Penn Education Partnership Center, the first center approved under the Commission's sunset policy, is scheduled for reauthorization.

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the Penn Education Partnership Center for a six-year cycle until

June 30, 2000, provided that the Center submit by June 30, 1999, a report detailing the achievements, accomplishments, and funding support for the Center which will be used by the Committee to evaluate the Center for continuation to a third cycle.

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

d. Follow-up Consideration of Items To Study of Centers, Institutes, and Bureaus

Ms. Williams presented summaries of the follow-up reports from seven units which had previously shown deficiencies.

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the centers, institutes, and bureaus listed below for continuation, provided that the Committee reauthorizes each unit within a year of the submission of a required report (due date listed below) or the unit will automatically be terminated. The report should summarize the accomplishments of the unit to date as they relate to its approved mission, funding support for the unit, and a justification as to why the unit should be continued. The institution may submit any other information in its report which it judges relevant to evaluate the unit.

Clemson University

Recreation, Travel, and Tourism Institute June 1, 2000

South Carolina State University

Center for Economic Education June 1, 2000

USC-Columbia

Center for Fracture Mechanics

and Nondestructive Analysis June 1, 2000

Cancer Research Institute June 1, 2000

Center for Rural Education June 1, 1997

The Committee recommended that the Commission provisionally approve Clemson University's Environmental Research Center. The Center should submit a report to the Committee by September 1, 1994, detailing the implementation plans for the Center. In addition, the Center should submit a second report to the Committee by September 1, 1995, indicating that the Center is fully operational. If either of these reports is not submitted by the due dates listed above, the Center will automatically terminate.

The Committee recommended that the Commission provisionally approve Clemson University's Institute for Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Research. The Institute should submit a report to the Committee by September 1, 1994, detailing the implementation plans for the Center. In

addition, the Institute should submit a report to the Committee by September 1, 1995, indicating that the Institute is fully operational. If either of these reports is not submitted by the due dates listed above, the Institute will automatically terminate.

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

e. Consideration of Supplemental Guidelines for Determining Tuition Rates for Certain Categories of Non-Resident Aliens

Ms. Williams presented the Guidelines which supplement paragraph five of the CHE Guidelines for Determination of Rates and Fees, approved by the Commission on April 1, 1993. The list of non-immigrant visa classifications allow the holder to be classified for tuition and fee purposes as an in-state resident.

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the guidelines as submitted.

It was moved (Williams) and seconded (Goad) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

Mr. Gallager questioned the origin of the list.

Dr. Morrison responded that the original list of applicable visa categories was developed by the Maryland Attorney General's office and that it meets the criteria identified by the Supreme Court.

Mr. Lathan advised a close inspection of the classifications.

Mr. Sheheen suggested that using the national criteria would be more time-efficient than establishing new criteria.

It was voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

f. Consideration of Institutional Requests for Program Exemptions to Commission's Program Productivity Standards

Ms. Williams described the Academic Programs Productivity Study, which was designed to determine the productivity of programs at four-year institutions. The study allows institutions to justify programs which do not meet the standards, and it requires the Commission to either make a decision to exempt programs on the basis of these justifications or to recommend some other course of action.

The Committee presented copies of the justifications submitted by 25 degree programs currently not in compliance with the productivity standards.

The Committee recommended that the Commission accept for information the decision of MUSC to discontinue its M.S. Nursing-Community Health.

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the programs listed below for continuation. The institutions have filed corrected data with CHE staff from data previously reported. Thus, these programs are in actuality in compliance with at least one of the Minimum Standards for Degree Productivity for the initial period (1987-91) covered by the study.

MUSC

Ph.D., Anatomy
Ph.D., Biochemistry
Ph.D., Pathology
Ph.D., Pharmacology

South Carolina State

B.S., Home Economics Education
M.S., Nutrition Science

USC-Columbia

B.S., Italian

The Committee recommended that Clemson's B.S. degree in Textile Chemistry and the College of Charleston's B.S. degree in Biochemistry be granted full approval.

Although enrollment and degrees awarded had not increased for this program, the Committee recommended that Clemson's M.S. degree in Biochemistry be granted approval. The program leading to the M.S. in Biochemistry is offered to students who cannot complete the course of study leading to the Ph.D. in Biochemistry, and it is awarded to recognize the completion of course credit hour requirements. Because the same faculty and resources are used in the undergraduate and graduate biochemistry programs, the M.S. degree in Biochemistry is offered without additional cost to the University or the State as a "stop-out" program.

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve as exceptions USC-Columbia's B.A. degree in Classics and its B.A. degree in Classical Greek, recognizing that these programs contribute significantly to the curriculum, and that even with the program enhancements that have been made (i.e., program restructuring, plans to hire additional faculty, additional resources), demand for these programs is likely to remain small given their unique characteristics.

The Committee recommended that for the remaining programs under study the staff include service enrollment for 1987-1991 not previously included for four programs, and where applicable, collect service enrollment data for 1992

and 1993. These data along with additional information provided during the Committee meeting will be used to formulate recommendations for consideration by the Committee during its Spring meeting. These programs are as follows:

Clemson

B.S., Plant Pathology
B.S., Pharmaceutical Science
M.S., Textile Chemistry
M.S., Textile Science
M.S., Plant Pathology
M.S., Agricultural Engineering
Ph.D., Plant Pathology
Ph.D., Engineering
Mechanics

Francis Marion

B.S., Engineering Technology

MUSC

Ph.D., Physiology

South Carolina State

B.S., Food and Nutrition
B.A., Art (Printmaking)
B.A., Dramatic Arts

USC-Columbia

B.A., African American Studies
B.A., Latin American Studies
M.A., Applied History (Art)
M.M., Music History
Ph.D., Biostatistics
Ph.D., Speech Language Pathology and Audiology
Ed.D., Student Personnel

Winthrop

M.S., Biology
M.A., Spanish

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee be approved.

- g. Consideration of Council of Presidents/Council of Chief Academic Officers Proposal for "Quality-Focused Program Review: Accountability and Efficiency in South Carolina Higher Education"

Ms. Williams submitted a proposal concerning program reviews which was developed by the Council of Chief Academic Officers and was approved by the Council of Presidents.

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the proposal in principle, with the understanding that the

Commission's task force develop a methodology for implementation if feasible.

It was moved (Williams) and seconded (Ramage) that the recommendation be approved.

Mr. Sheheen noted that the proposal establishes new policy principles and that any new procedures for program reviews would need to be adopted by the Commission at a later date.

It was voted that the recommendation be approved.

h. Consideration of Institutional Policies for Awarding Credit for Advanced Placement (AP) 1993-94 and 1994-95

The public institutions implemented the approved changes in AP policies by Fall 1993, with the exception of USC-Columbia, Clemson, and the College of Charleston. These three institutions requested permission to delay implementation until Fall 1994 since their 1993 student catalogs were already printed and transcripts for admissions had been audited in accordance with previously approved AP policies.

Ms. Williams submitted a list of institutional advanced placement policies for 1993-94, including various revisions, additions, and deletions.

The Committee recommended that the Commission accept the institutions' policies on awarding credit for AP as being in keeping with the provisions of the Education Improvement Act (1984) and the Commission's 1985 policy. It was moved (Williams), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

i. Consideration of a Revision to Policy Limiting Advanced Placement Credit by Discipline

Ms. Williams summarized two changes made in Advanced Placement Policy in February 1993 and stated that questions had arisen concerning the application of the first AP policy which states that "In no instance shall an institution be allowed to award more than six to eight credits in any one discipline area." The Advisory Committee on Academic Programs proposed that the wording of the policy be changed in order to allow institutions to give appropriate credit in skill-level courses such as foreign language, while maintaining limits on the number of AP credits awarded for courses that require higher levels of content.

The Committee recommended that the Commission amend the AP policy concerning credit limitation by discipline as follows:

"In no instance shall an institution be required to award more than six to eight credits in any one discipline."

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

- j. 1. South Carolina Advanced Placement Performance Report for 1993

Ms. Williams presented the Report to the Commission members for information only. The Report provides specific information concerning: 1) 1993 AP Exam Participation Statistics; 2) AP Score Distribution by Total and by Ethnic Group; 3) AP Score Distribution by Gender; and 4) Summary of AP Scores Reported to In-State Institutions.

2. Collaborative Agreements for Delivery of Academic Programs

Ms. Williams expressed the Commission's support of collaboration among institutions in the delivery of degree programs. She described two recent collaborative efforts; one involving S.C. State University and the Citadel to provide a degree in Educational Administration and the other, Clemson and USC-Columbia to offer an Ed.D./Ph.D. in Educational Administration/Leadership.

3. Summary of Institutional Offerings Via ETV for Spring 1994

Ms. Williams presented Commission members with schedules of higher education courses on the ETV network for Spring 1994.

4. A Summary of Activities Related to the Library Directors' Forum (LDF)

Ms. Williams reported that the LDF had developed a plan that would unite all of the State's public research libraries into an electronic network of existing networks. The plan was approved by the full Commission on January 6, 1994.

During a retreat planned for Spring 1994, the LDF plans to discuss the assessment and evaluation of libraries in public higher education.

The report praised the LDF's efforts and stated that "for the first time in South Carolina history, all public higher education institutions' libraries are represented and working together within a single

organization."

5. Report on Grant Activities: Education Commission of the States Project, and South Carolina Collaboratives for Excellence in Teacher Preparation in Mathematics and Science

Ms. Williams reported that approximately two years ago, the Education Commission of the States (ECS) had contacted the Commissioner of Higher Education and the State Superintendent of Education concerning South Carolina's participation in a "Systemic Educational Reform" initiative.

ECS wished to coordinate the efforts of several pilot states that had made a strong commitment to reform the K-12 educational system.

In July 1993, a "study group" was formed which has since met several times with ECS representatives to consider the components of a workplan that might be developed into a proposal.

Ms. Williams submitted the outline of a draft proposal which will be submitted to the Council on Educational Collaboration for that group's oversight. The first draft of the South Carolina proposal is scheduled to be presented to the Council in March.

Ms. Williams also reported that the Commission has been asked by the South Carolina College and University Science and Mathematics Educators to serve as the fiscal agent for an effort to secure funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF). Funding for the NSF program, called "Collaboratives for Excellence in Teacher Preparation," will range from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 per year up to five years and will focus on improving the preparation of teachers in science and mathematics in South Carolina.

Ms. Williams submitted a draft of a concept paper on which the South Carolina proposal will be based.

3.03 Report of Committee on Access and Equity

There was no report of the Committee.

3.04 Report of Committee on Business and Finance

There was no report of the Committee.

3.05 Report of Committee on Facilities

a. 1995 Overall Permanent Improvement Plan CME Project Evaluation Form

In anticipation of a 1995 Capital Improvement Bond Bill, the Facilities Advisory Committee was charged to review the criteria used in 1990 and to recommend changes, if any. She noted that the Committee had recommended three changes to the criteria:

1. The weighted value of Criteria 2 is reduced from 30 to 25 points.
2. The weighted value of Criteria 6 is increased from 20 to 25 points.
3. Criteria 7 has been expanded to include the category of student support space, and institutional support has been substituted for administrative support space. Institutional support is simply a more inclusive category than administrative support.

The Committee recommended that the Commission adopt the evaluation criteria approved by the Facilities Advisory Committee and the staff.

It was moved (Kinon) and seconded (Williams) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

Mr. Jones commented that perhaps the criteria was better before it was changed and that the new criteria puts more emphasis on new construction.

Dr. Sutusky stated that if the criteria reverted to its original form, he did not think the Advisory Committee on Facilities would object.

Mr. Lathan moved that the changes listed in items one and two be deleted.

Mr. Tolbert seconded the motion.

It was voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved with the deletion of the changes listed in items one and two.

b. Francis Marion University Stokes Administration Building Expansion/Asbestos Abatement/Renovation

Ms. Kinon reported that Francis Marion University is seeking approval to add \$837,000 to its existing project budget in order to proceed with Phase V of the plan of work.

The Committee recommended that Phase V of this project be approved as proposed.

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

Mr. Gilbert commented that for just a fraction of the cost of the project, which involves an administrative building, the problem caused by the temporary walls in a classroom building could be resolved.

Mr. Frederick stated that he thought the problems caused by the wall system had been overexaggerated and that the health hazards referred to in the consultants' report consisted of one professor's complaints of a headache. Mr. Frederick further stated that if funding were available, projects other than the wall system would be given priority.

Mr. Lathan suggested that the recommendation be approved with the proviso that the wall situation be further examined.

Mr. Frederick noted that although the wall system is not the best, it "does not inhibit the classroom experience."

Mr. Gilbert disagreed, saying that after seeing the problem and discussing it with the professors, he thinks it should be addressed.

Mr. Gilbert moved that the recommendation be approved provided that Francis Marion address the problems caused by inadequate walls in the English department.

Mr. Lathan seconded the motion.

Mr. Jones commented that the Commission should not make value judgments for the institutions.

Mr. Gallager noted that refurbishing an administration building should be given a lower priority than refurbishing an educational building.

Dr. Sutusky noted that although he has not inspected the wall system at Francis Marion, movable walls often offer institutions more flexibility.

Mr. Sheheen suggested that the Commission approve the project provided that the problems with the wall system be addressed according to the recommendation of the consultants' report.

Mr. Frederick affirmed that he would investigate the deficiencies of the wall system.

Mr. Gilbert withdrew his motion.

Mr. Lathan withdrew his second.

Mr. Gallagher questioned the priority given to the renovation of the administration building.

Dr. Sutusky stated that the project is of relatively high priority. Since two-thirds of the renovation is already complete, institutional representatives feel that functionally and aesthetically the work needs to be finished.

It was voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

Mr. Gilbert reiterated his concern about the wall system and stated that he would expect a report to be forthcoming.

c. MUSC Storm Eye Institute Expansion

Ms. Kinon reported that MUSC is seeking State approvals to expand the existing Storm Eye Institute facility through the construction of a 30,000 gross square foot addition. This proposed addition was determined by the University to be the most effective and efficient, given the Ophthalmology Department's interrelated roles of teaching, research, and patient care.

The Committee recommended that the project be approved as proposed.

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

d. South Carolina State University Land Acquisitions

South Carolina State is seeking to acquire nine parcels of land within the campus boundaries for parking, boundary demarkation, and general campus beautification.

The Committee recommended that these acquisitions be approved as proposed.

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

e. University of South Carolina West Side Stadium Addition

USC-Columbia is requesting State approvals to establish a project to provide premium club seating, private boxes, and an improved press area on the west side of Williams-Brice Stadium. The project is intended to both enhance the stadium and to provide increased revenue for the athletic department.

The Committee recommended that the request be approved as proposed with the understanding that actual construction

will not begin until the University has successfully leased the private boxes.

It was moved (Kinon) and seconded (Day) that the recommendation be approved.

Mr. Jeffcoat stated that USC-Columbia has already received leasing commitments for 17 of the 18 private boxes.

It was voted that the recommendation be approved.

f. Trident Technical College Building 100 HVAC Renovation

Trident Technical College has requested approval to expend approximately \$500,000 to replace the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system (HVAC) in one of its buildings.

The Committee recommended that the request be approved as proposed.

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

g. Central Carolina Technical College Learning Resource Center Addition

Central Carolina Technical College has requested approval for a \$3,360,000 project to expand and refurbish its General Education Building.

Ms. Kinon presented a description of the project and a discussion of the history and current status of coordination efforts between the Sumter Colleges.

The Committee recommended that the request be approved provided:

1. This action not be contrary to Commission actions resulting in its consideration of the Report of the Committee to Study Two-Year Education; and,
2. The institutional CEO's reestablish efforts to formally coordinate collection development between the schools submitting a policy and procedure to effect such coordination no later than June 1, 1994.

It was moved (Kinon) and seconded (Day) that the recommendation be approved.

Mr. Jones moved that the proposal be tabled until the Report of the Committee to Study Two-Year Education can be addressed.

Mr. Goad seconded the motion.

The motion was tabled, by a vote of ten to one, with one abstention.

3.06 Report of Committee on Planning and Assessment

There was no report of the Committee.

4. Report of the Commissioner

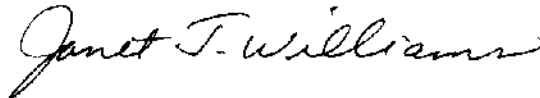
Mr. Sheheen reported that the Senate Education Committee will hold a hearing on March 9 to consider restructuring proposals. He told the Commission members that the staff would send each of them a formal notice of the hearing.

Mr. Sheheen submitted a table detailing 1994-95 budget allocations for higher education (attachment A). He stressed the severity of the funding situation, with 3,700 new students to be funded with a \$20 million decline in appropriations. He commented that the Commission and the institutions should shift their attention from restructuring to funding.

5. Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary