

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

1333 Main Street, Suite 200

Columbia, South Carolina

December 7, 2000

10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr., Chairman
Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly
Ms. Dianne Chinnes
Ms. Susan Cole
Ms. Lorraine Dimery
Mr. Lawrence Gressette, Jr.
Ms. Cathy Harvin
Dr. Larry Jackson
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen
Mr. Dan Ravenel
Mr. Carl Solomon

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Harry Lightsey, Jr.
Dr. David E. Shi

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Rayburn Barton
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Betsy Gunter
Ms. Julie Harden
Ms. Yolanda Hudson
Mr. Alan Krech
Dr. David Loope
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Ms. Christina Pandimos
Mr. Joe Pearman
Mr. John Smalls
Dr. Mike Smith
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Dr. Corey Amaker
Ms. Betty Boatwright
Mr. Bob Boozer
Dr. Joanne Boyd-Scotland
Mr. Bill Bradgon
Dr. Dianne Bradstadter
Ms. Bridgett Burliss
Ms. Joanne Burt
Mr. Pat Carmody
Dr. Anthony Coyne
Mr. Robert Cuttino
Mr. Stan Davis
Ms. Heidi Doble
Mr. Daniel Dukes
Ms. Susan Edwards
Dr. Peter Ewell
Mr. Dave Fleming
Mr. Mike Fox
Mr. Tim Garner
Dr. Susan Guinn
Mr. Gary Hanson
Mr. Tom Higard
Ms. Jennifer Holland
Dr. David Hunter
Ms. Karen Jones
Ms. Star Kepner
Mr. Thornton Kirby
Ms. Dorcas Kitchings
Mr. Jack Kresslein
Dr. Carol Lancaster
Mr. Russell Long
Mr. Scott Ludlow
Dr. Harry Matthews
Mr. Bob Mellon
Col. Spike Metts
Ms. Phyllis Myers
Dr. Charles Parker
Ms. Rose Pellat

Mr. Gerry Shuler
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Ms. Rita Teal
Dr. Marcia Welsh

Dr. Ralph White

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 Floyd.

1. Introductions

Mr. Charlie FitzSimons was then asked to proceed with the introduction of guests.

Approval of Minutes

A **motion** (Harvin) was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes as submitted.

Chairman's Report

- ◆ CHE has been notified that the Legislative Audit Council, upon the request of the requisite number of members of the General Assembly, plans to audit the South Carolina Performance Funding process. The audit Plan, outlining scope, objectives, and timeline for the audit is expected by January, 2001.
- ◆ Larry Wilson, Paula Bethea, Cathy Harvin, and Tim Dangerfield have agreed to serve as Incorporators for the Foundation. All necessary forms and information have been filed with the Secretary of State and the Incorporators will meet in December or January to select the remaining trustees.
- ◆ The CHE meeting scheduled for January, 2001 has been cancelled due to the lack of substantive agenda items. The Finance and Facilities Committee and the Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding Committee are encouraged to meet in January to deal with performance funding requests, the allocation process, and the MGT Validation Study recommendations.
- ◆ The CHE GEAR UP Program will host a Celebration of programs and collaborations on February 7, 2001 at the Sheraton Hotel in Columbia with over 600 students and adults expected to participate.
- ◆ The 2001 South Carolina Safety Forum is February 26-28 at the Madren Center on the Clemson University Campus.
- ◆ The higher education community will host its first "Higher Education Day" for the SC Legislature on March 14, 2001. Plans include a press conference with the Governor, meetings with legislative delegations, and a luncheon with members of the General Assembly.

Outline for Chairman's Report is ATT I.

2. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of the Executive Committee (No Report)

Chairman Dalton Floyd

3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Dr. Larry Jackson

At an earlier meeting this morning of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, the following three items were discussed at length and will therefore be presented here briefly for approval.

A. Consideration of Nominee to Deans' Committee on Medical Education

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing a **motion** (Jackson) was made, **seconded** and **carried** to appoint Dr. Paul J. Hletko to the Deans' Committee on Medical Education. His CV is **ATT II**.

B. Consideration of S.C. Research Initiative Competitive Grants Proposals

In this the second year that the Commission on Higher Education has held its competition for the South Carolina Research Initiative Grant (SCRIG) program, a total of 86 completed grant proposals was received by the September 25, 2000 deadline. A total of 33 proposals (38% of the total) were recommended by the selection panel for funding. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Jackson) was made, **seconded**, and **carried** to approve the recommendations of the selection panel as outlined in **Attachment III**.

C. Consideration of Proposals to Establish a Statewide Higher Education Center for Information Technology

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Jackson) was made to approve the allocation of \$4 million for the establishment of a Statewide Education Center for Information Technology. The staff recommended that three grants be made as follows: Research universities \$2.75; technical colleges \$1 million; to College of Charleston to cover service to business community in the lower part of the state, \$.25 million. The Center will be housed at USC Columbia and the Commission will receive a proposal concerning the makeup of the board and the work of that committee.

Dr. Barton discussed the following points prior to approval by the Commission:

- 1) Because of the holiday season, we request some flexibility with the January 3 deadline for submission of the cooperative proposal.
- 2) The allocation outlined is for the first year; if the request for funding in subsequent years proves successful, dollar amounts for allocations would be decided and

recommended by the board to be put in place. Those allocations will not be the same as are recommended here.

- 3) The wording in the proposal is for equitable representation on the Board. We will be working with the institutions to bring the Board to you for consideration and approval, asking that you allow us a little extra time if necessary to accomplish that.

Ms. Chinnes asked that the research sector, the College of Charleston and Midlands Technical College be applauded for their collaborative effort on this project.

Dr. Jackson repeated his motion that the recommendation be approved; the motion was **seconded** and **carried**.

Information Item:

Dr. Jackson provided the opportunity for explanation of the information distributed (ATT IV b) during the Committee meeting. Dr. Barton explained that, while \$12 million was requested for research last year, we were successful in getting \$4 million. .5 million of the \$4 million was the grants allocated to faculty that were just approved. An additional \$1.5 million requested is to be allocated to the universities for infrastructure to meet their individual needs; thus those are different at each campus. All research dollars, via proviso, have to be divided or allocated 90% to the research sector, 10% to the teaching sector. Of the remaining \$1.5 million in the total of \$4 million, will be allocated as outlined on the schedule and the way that is done is 90-10 split and the amount going to each institution is based on research expenditures. The numbers in ATT IV b reflect the percentages based on research expenditure averages at each institution over the last two years.

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

Ms. Sue Cole

A. Consideration of Amended Regulations for the SC Student Loan Program

Ms. Cole explained that, in ATT V a (provided) the changes to be made are minor changes; 1) they wish to amend one section to allow borrowers to cancel their loans either at the previous state percentages or the set dollar amount specified in the statute; 2) the second is to allow borrowers to cancel their loans if they teach in a subject area described as critical either at the time the loan was obtained or after the loan was obtained; and 3) to change the language throughout the regulations to allow loans for students who are changing careers and wish to enter the teaching profession, no matter what their age.

On behalf of the Committee on Access, Equity and Student Services, a **motion** (Cole) was made, **seconded** and **carried** to approve the recommended changes to the regulations as presented.

B. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and South Carolina Need-based Grant Regulations

The sections of the Palmetto Fellows Regulations under revision include a Uniform Grading Scale in the eligibility criteria which was recently approved by the General Assembly and to clarify sections in the regulations regarding internships, cooperative work programs, travel study programs, national or international exchange programs, to ensure that the full time academic credit is awarded by these programs and approved by the student's home institution. (ATT V b)

In the Need-based Grant Program, the amendments are to clarify the language to ensure that the students meet the minimum credit hours and to allow the students to use the Need-based Grant for students enrolled in the Pharm. D program as long as the student has not received a bachelor's degree.

On behalf of the Committee, a **motion** (Cole) was made, **seconded** and **carried** to approve the revisions to the regulations for both the Palmetto Fellows and Need-based Grant programs as presented.

3.04 Committee on Finance and Facilities

-Ms. Rosemary Byerly

(No Report)

3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding

- Gen. Tom Olsen

- A. Informational report on A Closer Look at Higher Education in South Carolina: Institutional Effectiveness, Accountability, and Performance, January 2001 edition.

The format for the 2001 edition of the above publication remains the same as the 2000 edition. That format is outlined in ATT VI.

- B. Consideration of proposed goals for Indicator 1D (ATT VII a).

Each institutions proposed two goals for Indicator 1D (institutional strategic plan). The staff and institutional representatives have worked to clarify the goals and measurements for them and all institutions have appropriate goals recommended by the staff, as reflected in the updated chart (ATT VII b). There remains only one institution pending category and, pending Commission action, each institution will be in compliance with Indicator 1D for performance funding.

On behalf of the Committee, a **motion** (Olsen) was made, **seconded** and **carried** to approve the recommendation as presented in the chart and the update to the chart.

- C. Consideration of summary reports on data verification for Greenville Technical College and Midlands Technical College

On behalf of the Committee, a **motion** (Olsen) was made, **seconded** and **carried** to accept as information, the summary reports on data verification for Greenville Technical college and Midlands Technical College as presented (ATT VIII).

D. Consideration of revisions of indicators measured and scored for annual performance funding assessment

The staff and the Committee have been working for almost a year on revising the Performance Funding Indicators in order to reduce the number of indicators. The Summary of the proposed process taking place is ATT IX and is offered at this time for information, with no action required at this time. It is the recommendation of the Committee that the staff continue to work with the institutional representatives to develop an implementation time line for the proposed changes in the indicators and that a formal Committee recommendation be brought to the Commission for consideration at the February meeting.

Dr. Smith introduced Dr. Peter Ewell from Colorado, who was a consultant on this project and he further explained the process and commented that the staff has done a very good job in combining and individualizing indicators and, as a result, have a very workable proposal underway.

4. Public Hearing on Regulations Pursuant to Act 359 of 1996

The proposed regulations(ATT X) were approved by the Commission at the October 5th meeting and published in the *State Register* on October 27, 2000 to allow for a 30-day public comment period.

Dr. Smith reported that with reference to the above regulation the requisite period of time has passed and there have been no public comment. Chairman Floyd asked if there were any public comments on the matter and, there being none, accepted the **motion** to approve the regulations as they re presented in ATT X to be forwarded to the General Assembly for appropriate action by them.

5. There was a presentation by Mr. Pat Carmody of CollegeNET on the Common Electronic Application.

6. Report of the Executive Director

Rayburn Barton

- ◆ **National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education State Report Cards**
South Carolina, while not where we want to be, did not do that badly. In the five areas measured in these report cards, we did better than the majority of the states in the SREB region.
- ◆ **Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Distance Learning Policy Laboratory**
We continue to participate in the SREB Distance Learning Policy Laboratory. An issue that will be on the "front burner" this year is out of state tuition as a barrier to colleges and universities offering courses electronically. There will be an effort on the part of each state in the SREB to remove the barriers—particularly out-of-state tuition—that are an inhibitor to colleges and universities offering our courses outside the state. South Carolina has become one of the most active states participants in the Southern Regional Electronic Campus.

♦ **Campus Safety Conference**

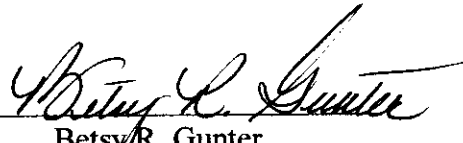
The second annual Campus Safety Conference will be February 26-28 at the Madren Center on the Clemson University Campus.

Chairman Floyd encouraged all Commissioners to participate in the Safety Conference and also added a reminder of the planned Higher Education Day in the Legislature.

Following the report from the Executive Director, there was a presentation by Dr. Daniel Ball, President of Lander University.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Betsy R. Gunter
Recording Secretary

Attachments I-X - Filed with permanent record of these minutes, once approved, at the Commission on Higher Education Offices. Available for review upon request.