

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

April 2, 1998

10:00 a.m.

President's Board Room

College of Charleston

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr., Chairman
Ms. Dianne Chinnes
Dr. Colgate W. Darden, III
Dr. C. Edward Floyd
Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr.
Mr. Frank Gilbert
Mr. Winfred S. Greene
Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly
Mr. Tim Dangerfield
Dr. David Maxwell
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Mr. Bill Stern

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Rayburn Barton
Ms. Betsy Gunter
Mr. Raghu Korrapatti
Mr. Alan Krech
Dr. David Loope
Dr. Gail Morrison
Dr. Mike Smith
Ms. Yolanda Solone
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Ms. Julia Wells

GUESTS

Mr. Andy Abrahms
Dr. James Arrington
Dr. Trisha Bennett
Dr. David Cohen
Dr. John Cormier
Dr. Cherry Daniels
Mr. David Fleming
Ms. Linda Floyd
Dr. Sharon ~~Evans~~ FROSS
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
Mr. Bob Gillis
Dr. Sam Hines
Dr. Mac Holderfield
Dr. Ron Ingle
Dr. Gordon Jones
Ms. Karen Jones
Dr. Sam Jones
Ms. Elizabeth Kassabaum
Mr. Thornton Kirby
Mr. Jim Kirk
Mr. Howard Lundy
Mr. Bob Lyons
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Mr. Gary McCombs
Mr. J.P. McKee
Col. Spike Metts
Dr. Bob Mignone
Dr. Nan Morrison
Dr. Jack Parsons
Dr. Blanche Premo-Hopkins
Mr. William T. Putnam
Judge Alex Sanders
Ms. Laurah Shealy
Ms. Michelle Smith
Mr. Roy Snipe
Dr. Dewitt Stone
Dr. Sue Summer-Kress

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

This month's meeting was hosted by the College of Charleston and was held on campus in the President's Board Room.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gilbert, who then asked that Mr. Alan Krech proceed with the introductions.

1. Introductions

Guests were introduced by Mr. Krech and welcomed to the Commission meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

There was one correction to the minutes of the last meeting requested by Dr. Barton on behalf of Dr. Maxwell. It was Dr. Maxwell's intent, in Section 5, to verify that all honors programs are provided for in the higher education budget formula and not just the honors program at USC.

It was **moved** (Chinnes), **seconded** (Darden), and **carried**, that the minutes of the meeting of February 5, 1998 be approved with this correction noted.

Chairman Gilbert, at this point, made a change in the order of the agenda in order to move Judge Sanders' presentation forward, due to scheduling. He (Chairman Gilbert) also took this opportunity to express the gratitude and appreciation of the entire Commission delegation for the hospitality shown by Judge Sanders and his wife, Zoe Sanders on Wednesday evening.

Judge Sanders then made his presentation.

3. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of the Executive Committee **Chairman Austin Gilbert**

No Report

3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing **Mr. Winfred Greene**

In accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act, a public hearing is included as part of the approval process for regulations. As previously announced and by unanimous agreement, the hearing for proposed regulations for the *SC Academic Endowment Act of 1997* was declared to be in session. Interested persons were given the opportunity to make an oral statement or submit a written statement suggesting modification in the regulations. The hearing was concluded.

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

Mr. Frank Gilbert

The Access & Equity Conference was seen as a success (**Attachment I**).

A Task force to Review and Develop Recommendations for a Strategic Direction, Staffing, and Resource Requirements for the Access & Equity Program has been formed (**Attachment I**) and will submit a report and recommendations for consideration at a later date.

3.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

Ms. R. Byerly

No report

3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding

Statewide Strategic Plan – Mr. Floyd reported that the committee hopes to have a draft for consideration by the May 7 meeting of the Commission.

Performance funding – The Committee meets on April 28 to consider proposed institutional benchmarks.

The committee is considering a performance funding workshop in the fall.

Mr. D. Floyd recognized Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong for her contribution to the development of the performance funding process guidelines, etc. She will be taking a position with USC Aiken.

4. Report of the Executive Director

Rayburn Barton

1. Dr. Barton referred to a copy of a statement on the importance of diversity in higher education released by the American Council on Education that appeared in the *Washington Post* and *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (**Attachment II**). He recommended that CHE formally endorse that statement and request to be added to the published list of endorsees. A **motion (D. Floyd)**, was made, **seconded (W. Greene)**, and **carried**, that the Commission do so.
2. **Legislative Update** – It was reported that a formal presentation was made to the Senate Finance Committee by the Commission in an effort to restore \$6 million to the Commission budget and possibly find additional funds for higher education. There has been no action yet.

Regulations submitted for the Palmetto Fellows Program have been accepted for this year by both the House and the Senate. Debate continues concerning regulations for next year.

3. Budget and Control Board Management Review Implementation – we are well beyond the halfway point in that process. (a) proposed policy changes in Academic affairs with regard to the process for program approval are under consideration and b) the development of the policy manual for the Commission is underway and hopefully will be available in draft form by late Fall. The Implementation Report is due in late April. That report is to go to the Lieutenant Governor and will be made available to the Commission upon completion.
4. Report on the Rheinland-Pfalz Trade Show – Chairman Gilbert gave an initial report on the Conference indicating that all parties were anxious to develop a student exchange program. He briefly discussed some of the difficulties that arise with this process.

Dr. Barton recognized David Loope of the Commission and Sharon Fross of the College of Charleston for their time, effort and expertise in setting up this meeting. It was considered most worthwhile.

There are several issues for which the Commission could act as coordinating body in the process of student exchange; formal recommendations will be presented to the full Commission for consideration.

Report from Council of Presidents Committee to Review Acts 629, 255 & 359

Dr. Ron Ingle reported that his committee has recommendations that will go to the Council of Presidents in April and will then be presented to the Commission staff and then to the Commission.

5. Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy R. Gunter
Recording Secretary

Attachments I-II