

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
June 5, 1997  
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly  
Ms. Dianne Chinnes  
Dr. Colgate W. Darden, III  
Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr.  
Mr. Winfred S. Greene  
Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr.  
Dr. W. David Maxwell  
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen  
Mr. Lewis Phillips  
Mr. Bill H. Stern

Dr. David Loope  
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf  
Dr. Gail M. Morrison  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Mr. Jeff Richards  
Mr. John E. Smalls  
Dr. C. Michael Smith  
Ms. Yolanda Solone  
Ms. Janet K. Stewart  
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer  
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong  
Dr. Karen G. Woodfaulk

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. C. Edward Floyd  
Mr. Frank Gilbert  
Mr. R. Austin Gilbert

STAFF

Dr. Rayburn Barton  
Mr. Fred Boynton  
Ms. Mary Broadwater  
Mr. Michael L. Brown  
Ms. Sandra Carr  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Charles D. FitzSimons  
Dr. Nancy Healy-Williams  
Ms. Margaret L. B. Hicks  
Ms. Sherry Hubbard  
Dr. R. Lynn Kelley  
Mr. Raghu Korrapati  
Mr. John Krause  
Mr. Alan S. Krech

GUESTS

Mr. Gene Allen  
Dr. James Arrington  
Mr. Todd E. Barnette  
Dr. Thom Beebe  
Mr. John Bowman  
Dr. C. Leslie Carpenter  
Ms. Melanic Carter  
Ms. Donna Collins  
Dr. John F. Cormier  
Mr. Timothy Dangerfield  
Ms. Betty B. Davidson  
Dr. Stan Davis  
Dr. David F. Dunlap  
Mr. David Fleming  
Mr. Thomas Fox  
Mr. Henry Giles  
Mr. Stan Godshall  
Dr. Tom Hallman  
Dr. David Harpool  
Dr. Wanda Hayes  
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield

Dr. Sally Horner  
Dr. James L. Hudgins  
Mr. Bob Humphreys  
Mr. Charlie Jeffcoat  
Ms. Karen Jones  
Mr. Thornton Kirby  
Dr. Harry G. Matthews  
Mr. Bob McBeth  
Dr. Michael McCall  
Mr. Gary McCombs  
Col. Isaac S. Metts, Jr.  
Mr. Archie Owens  
Dr. Joseph Pappin, III  
Dr. Susan Pauly  
Mr. Don Peterson  
Mr. William T. Putnam  
Ms. Monica Scott  
Mr. Charles Shawver  
Ms. Lindy Smith  
Dr. Ron Stadt  
Dr. DeWitt Stone

Dr. John C. Sutusky  
Mr. Jonathan Trail  
Dr. James Vincent  
Ms. Sandra Wade  
Mr. Neyle Wilson  
Mr. Mark Wright  
Ms. Andrea Wyrosdick

#### MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Ms. Kim Curtis  
Mr. Lou Krasz  
Mr. Bill Robinson

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

In the absence of Mr. A. Gilbert, chairman, Mr. Dalton Floyd presided. He introduced and welcomed Dr. Rayburn Barton, the new executive director who will be in his position full-time effective June 23. Dr. Barton stated that he looks forward to working with the people in South Carolina.

#### I. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of May 1, 1997

Ms. Chinnnes stated that on page 7, line 2, Need-Based Grant Program should be deleted. It was moved (Greene), seconded (Olsen), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of May 1, 1997 be approved as corrected.

#### II. Committee Reports

##### 3.03 Report of Committee on Access and Equity, Licensing, Veterans Affairs and Special Projects

In the absence of Mr. F. Gilbert, chairman of the Committee, Gen. Olsen reported on the following matters:

- A. Renewal of License - University of Maryland at Westinghouse Savannah River Company, Aiken - Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental & Hazardous Materials Management

The Committee recommended that the license of the University of Maryland be renewed to offer a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental and Hazardous Materials Management at the Westinghouse Savannah River Company in Aiken. The license period will end on April 30, 1998. Any proposals for new activities would be presented to the Committee and the Commission for approval.

It was moved (Olsen), seconded (Byerly), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

- B. Request to Amend License -Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, IL (SIUC) to include non employees in the Bachelor of Science degree program in Workforce Education and Development at Westinghouse Savannah River Company (WSRC) Aiken, South Carolina

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve an amendment of the provisions for licensure of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, subject to required reporting, to allow enrollment of non-employees. The recommended period of licensure is 18 months, with renewal of the license (not beyond December 31, 2000) delegated to the Licensing staff contingent upon renewal of arrangements between SIUC and WSRC.

It was moved (Olsen), seconded (Byerly), and voted that recommendation be approved.

### 3.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

Ms. Byerly, chairman of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, reported on the following matters:

A. Interim Projects

1. Clemson University

a) Jervy Athletic Center Addition - The University has completed this project below the proposed budget and wishes to close the project, returning the remaining funds to the original sources.

These include \$171,870 of athletic operating funds and \$2,524,687 of private donations.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

b) Littlejohn Coliseum Annex A&E - This project is for the architectural and engineering design phase of a projected three phase project. IPTAY and Athletics will be responsible for funding the A&E portion of this project, not to exceed \$500,000.

The Committee recommended approval provided that the A&E work does not proceed beyond the design development stage, and that the University return to the Commission for full project approval once a source of funds for the construction of the facility has been identified.

2. College of Charleston

a) Stern Student Center Water Intrusion Repairs - This project was established as part of the College's 1993-94 APIP. The project scope was originally intended to address moisture intrusion into the interior of the Student Center. The College is now requesting approval to increase the project budget to \$1 million for further renovation to the building as the result of formal studies.

The Committee recommended approval of this project.

b) Center for Entrepreneurship - The College was awarded \$1 million in the 1994 Supplemental Appropriations Bill and \$300,000 in the 1995 Supplemental Appropriations Bill in order to provide the necessary facilities to house the Center for Entrepreneurship. The College is now requesting approval to add \$750,000 for the completion of the entire building.

The Committee recommended approval of this project.

c) Program/Academic Conversions - Various Campus Facilities - This project was a part of the College's 1993-94 APIP for \$262,000 to convert existing campus space into teaching laboratories for Science. The project budget was increased in 1996 to \$447,000 for continuing the conversion of space throughout campus for use as classroom, laboratory, and office space to meet changing curricular needs. A second increase of \$100,000 will be

used for the conversion of storage space in the Sears Building into art studios, and the conversion of under-utilized space in the Science Center to student research space and offices.

The Committee recommended approval of this project as proposed.

3. Medical University of South Carolina

a) Baruch Auditorium Renovations - This project was established as part of the University's 1996-97 AIP for the total refurbishment/renovation of Baruch Auditorium. The scope was revised in early 1997 in order to meet code requirements for the facility's restrooms which are not in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The University is proposing an increase of \$315,000 to accept the low bid and reserve some funds for contingency.

The Committee recommended approval of this project as proposed.

b) College of Pharmacy Feasibility/Planning Studies - The project was established to measure the feasibility for rehabilitation of Buildings E and F which currently house the College of Pharmacy. The University is now proposing to increase this project budget in order to commence the first phase involving the renovation of research laboratories located on the third floor of Building E. The total estimated project cost is \$14 million.

The Committee recommended approval of this project as proposed.

4. USC-Columbia

a) Housing Facilities Code Compliance - This project was established in 1993 to bring various housing facilities into code compliance in the areas of fire alarm systems and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Work was expected at that time to occur over a four year period. Significant progress has been made in the installation and upgrading of fire alarm systems and ADA upgrades, but an increase is required for continuation of the project. The total revised amount will be \$4,800,000.

The Committee recommended approval of this project as proposed.

b) Wellness/Fitness Center A&E - The project is for the design of a Wellness/Fitness Center on the Columbia campus. A feasibility study has indicated a project budget of approximately \$33 million will be required to complete the Center. Funding sources for the project construction have not been finalized.

The Committee recommended approval provided that the A&E work does not proceed beyond the design development stage, and that the University returns to the Commission for full project approval once a source of funds for the construction of the facility has been identified. The A&E cost is \$750,000 from institution bonds.

c) South Campus Housing - East Quadrangle - This project is for the construction of a new housing facility which will be located adjacent to the housing facility currently being constructed on the corner of Sumter and Wheat Streets. This construction is included in the "New Student Housing and Redevelopment of the Booker T. Washington Area" which is an extension to the University's Master Plan. The total cost is \$19,800,000 from housing revenue bonds.

The Committee recommended approval of the project.

5. USC-Lancaster - Auditorium/Classroom Building

This project was established in 1994 to design and construct a 25,000 square foot facility to include an auditorium with adjoining general purpose classrooms. This increase is to allow the construction of the project to proceed with an increased scope for a 62,500 square foot facility. University officials expect that the private donations will be available to fund all payments. In the event that all private donations pledged do not materialize, the University will issue tuition bonds to fund the difference required. The total project cost is \$7,620,000.

The Committee recommended approval of this project as proposed.

6. Horry-Georgetown Technical College - Georgetown Campus Renovations A&E

This project is for the architectural and engineering services for the renovation of the College's building on the Georgetown campus.

The A&E cost is \$81,300. The anticipated sources of funds will be approximately one-half from the 1997-98 Capital Improvement Bond Bill and the other half from the Georgetown County Council. This project will result in a joint initiative between Horry-Georgetown Technical College and Coastal Carolina University to plan, design and construct the renovation of the existing facility which will provide a joint facility for educational offerings of the two institutions.

The Committee recommended approval of this project provided that the A&E work does not proceed beyond the design development stage, and that the College returns to the Commission for full project approval once a source of funds for the renovations has been identified.

7. Spartanburg Technical College - Disposal of Dent Property

This project requests approval to sell or lease the Dent property which has an appraised value of \$686,000. The College is also seeking approval to use the proceeds from the sale or lease of this property to offset all expenses related to the sale or lease and for future campus development.

The Division of General Services, Property Management, has not completed its review of the appraisal of the property. The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education will consider this project at its June meeting.

The Committee recommended approval of this project as proposed provided that the Division of General Services, Property Management finds acceptable the appraisal of the property, and the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education approves this project at its June 25, 1997 meeting.

It was moved (Byerly), seconded (Olsen), and voted that the above projects be approved.

B. 1997-98 Annual Permanent Improvement Plan (APIP)

1. Clemson University

a) Manning Hall - Install Sprinkler System - This project calls for the installation of an automatic fire suppression system and related

work for all eleven floors of the Manning Hall Dormitory. The total cost is \$650,000 from housing improvement funds.

The Committee recommended approval of this project as proposed.

b) Smith Hall Asbestos Abatement - This project calls for asbestos abatement in all public areas of Smith Hall. Associated work will include replacement of the existing carpet. The asbestos abatement will allow for more feasible installation of an automatic fire suppression system in a subsequent summer. The total cost is \$600,000 from housing improvement funds.

The Committee recommended approval of this project as proposed.

2. Coastal Carolina University

a) Residence Hall Construction Phase II - This project calls for the construction of a residence hall adjacent to the housing facility which was completed in 1996. Construction of this facility is in accordance with the University's Master Plan. Total cost will be \$8,500,000 from housing revenue bonds.

The Committee recommended approval of this project.

b) Welcome Center - This project calls for the construction of a facility on College Boulevard which will house an information center, the Department of Law Enforcement and Safety, and the Department of Extended Learning. The total cost will be \$2,500,000 from revenue bonds.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

c) Laundry Facility - This project calls for the construction of a laundry facility in a central location for the residential student population. The total cost is \$500,000 from auxiliary revenue bonds.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

d) Environmental Chemistry Laboratory Renovation - This project calls for the renovation of the existing environmental chemistry laboratory in the Science Building. Sixty percent of the project

budget will be funded by a National Science Foundation grant. The total cost will be \$500,000.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

e) Williams Brice P.E. Center Improvements - This project calls for the renovation of three areas - improved seating for the gymnasium, improvements to the pool area, and reconfiguration of a locker room - in the Williams Brice P.E. Center. The total cost is \$425,000 from county and institutional capital project funds.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

3. College of Charleston

a) Steam and Chilled Water Line Replacement - This project consists of removing and replacing underground steam and chilled water distribution lines along St. Philip and Coming Streets, replacing valves in various manholes, and reinsulating pipes. The total cost is \$1,500,000 (\$750,000 from plant improvement fees and \$750,000 from auxiliary enterprise funds).

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

b) Science Center HVAC Upgrades - This project involves providing new air handling equipment and duct systems for all sections of the Science Center. The total cost is \$500,000 from plant improvement fees.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

4. Medical University of South Carolina

a) Classroom Upgrades - This project represents phase two of a project established as part of its 1996-97 APIP. Phase two represents a continuation of upgrades to classrooms at a cost of \$1,000,000 from University generated funds.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

b) Basic Science Building Laboratory Renovations - This project calls for the redesign of laboratory spaces on the fourth and fifth floors in order to meet research needs and to provide the

departments of Biochemistry and Physiology with modern and state-of-the-art laboratories and associated spaces. Total cost is \$5,000,000 from University generated funds.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

c) Basic Science Building 02 Classrooms - This project calls for the installation of new air handling units in four "02" classrooms. University officials have indicated that this project and the Basic Science Building Infrastructure project are complementary. The total cost is \$450,000 from excess debt service.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

d) Medical Center Operating Rooms - This project is for the renovation of space in the Main and Children's Hospitals for conversion into new operating rooms which are in demand due to increases in patient volumes. The cost is \$6,400,000 from hospital generated revenue.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

e) Electrophysiology Laboratory Replacement - This project consists of the replacement of an adult electrophysiology laboratory which will be equipped to accommodate adult and pediatric patients. The total cost is \$1,100,000 from hospital generated revenue.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

f) Medical Center Flooring - This project involves the removal and replacement of the flooring on floors five through ten of the Main Hospital and floors seven and eight of the Children's Hospital. The total cost is \$2,300,000 from hospital generated revenue.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

g) Main Hospital Fourth Floor Improvements - This project is for improvements to the fourth floor of the Main Hospital to bring this floor up to the standards of appearance for the remainder of the Medical Center. The total cost is \$2,400,000 from hospital generated revenue.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

h) Children's Hospital Exterior Waterproofing - Water infiltration has continued unabated for the past several years in the area of all window placements. The solution requires the removal of all windows, replacement of flashing, and reinstallation of brick and the original windows. The total cost is \$3,000,000 from hospital generated revenue.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

5. SC State University - Living Learning Center Dormitory - This project is for the construction of a new 400 bed Living Learning Center. The concept of the Center is to combine the living and learning environment of college life into one facility. The total cost is \$12,000,000 from housing revenue bonds.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

6. USC-Medical School - Building No. Three Refurbishment - This project involves the phased repair/renovation of Building No. Three which was added to the School of Medicine's lease with the Veteran's Administration in 1994. This phase includes the addition of a new classroom, exterior painting, and minor interior repairs. The cost of this phase is \$500,000 from appropriated State funds.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

7. Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College - HVAC Replacement - This project is for Phase II of the multi phase plan to replace the HVAC systems for eight campus buildings. The total cost is \$450,000 from local funds.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

It was moved (Byerly), seconded (Olsen), and voted that the above projects be approved.

- C. Capital Improvement Bond (CIB) - Projects Requiring Commission Approval

1. Aiken Technical College - This project is for the construction of an Information Technology Training Center to house simultaneous industrial training sessions, computer technology teaching and training classes, a fully automated information resource center providing videoconferencing and library/media resources, and an assessment center. The total cost is \$5,100,000 (\$4,300,000 from capital improvement bonds and \$800,000 from Aiken Tech Foundation).

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

2. Florence-Darlington Technical College - Bell South Building Renovation/Parking Garage - The proposed renovations will accommodate a biology lab, classrooms, radiology lab, distance learning, nursing lab, surgical lab, respiratory lab and medical lab. Also included is the design of a 500 space parking garage. The total cost is \$7,700,000 (\$5,700,000 from capital improvement bonds and \$2,000,000 local).

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

3. York Technical College - Arts, Science, and Distance Learning Building - This project is for the construction of a combination Arts, Science and Distance Learning Building. The total cost is \$5,500,000 (\$2,500,000 capital improvement bonds and \$3,000,000 local appropriations/private).

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed.

It was moved (Byerly), seconded (Olsen), and voted that the above projects be approved.

D. Routine Repair, Replacement, and Maintenance Project

Clemson University - Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Cover Replacement - This project was established in response to a DHEC inspection which resulted in a notice of violation regarding an antiquated and corroded digester tank cover. The University now proposes to increase the budget and revise the scope of work to fund replacement of additional equipment to be in compliance with all DHEC regulations.

An opportunity was provided during the meeting for members to ask questions regarding this project. Since there were no objections, the

project will be forwarded by staff to the Budget and Control Board with a favorable recommendation.

E. Summary of 1997 Capital Improvement Bond (CIB) Projects

A summary of the 1997 Capital Improvement Bond Bill Projects was presented.

F. Report for Information Only - Emergency Permanent Improvement Project

Medical University of South Carolina - Storm Eye Institute - Replacement of Air Handlers - This project calls for the replacement of air handlers in the Storm Eye Institute and was declared an emergency by MUSC on the basis of public health and safety for patients. The total cost is \$500,000 from hospital operating revenue. This report is for information only.

G. Definition of APIP Process

In order for the institutions and the Commission to come to a better understanding and also to address consistency of the APIP process, Ms. Byerly stated that the Committee would revisit the issue.

3.06 Report of Committee on Planning and Assessment

Mr. Floyd gave an update on the legislation dealing with Performance Funding. He also invited Commission members to attend a 2:30 meeting in the afternoon to revisit sector benchmarks adopted by the Committee and to participate in further discussion.

III. Other Business

A. Resolution on Costs of Higher Education

Mr. Floyd stated that tuition and required fees for South Carolina full-time in-state undergraduates are among the highest in the Southern Regional Education Board states and the Nation. He distributed data supporting this.

Mr. Stern proposed a resolution on holding tuition and required fees in the public colleges and universities over the next two years. After considerable discussion, it was moved (Stern), seconded (Byerly), and voted to adopt the following revised resolution:

WHEREAS: The costs of higher education have increased dramatically and South Carolina has the second highest tuition charges of the states in the Southeastern Region;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Commission on Higher Education will work with the public colleges and universities in the State to hold tuition and required fees over the next two years while the Commission and the institutions work with the General Assembly to insure adequate State support for higher education in the future.

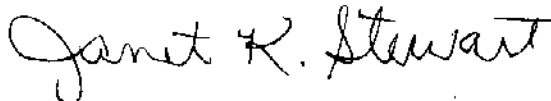
B. Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program Status

Ms. Chinnes stated that there were numerous complaints about the process, the criteria, the poor communications, and the administration. She stated we could learn a lot from what was said in the public hearings and from the survey done by the Guidance Counselors. Ms. Chinnes further stated that in the future we have to avoid any possibility of a repeat performance and diligent oversight will be imperative. Dr. Morrison stated that the Commission is also charged under another proviso with reworking the guidelines for selection and working with subcommittees that have been appointed by the Legislature for 1998-99. This will come to the Commission for consideration for next year.

Dr. Barton volunteered to work with Dr. Morrison and others on the staff to try to pull together a meeting of the legislative staff, legislators, and possibly the governor's education advisor to receive clear instructions for continuation of this program for the 1998-99 academic year.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Janet K. Stewart  
Recording Secretary