

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
APRIL 6, 1995**

MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE - AIRPORT CAMPUS

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Donald Crolley
Mr. Fred Day
Mr. Fred Fore
Ms. Elaine Freeman
Mr. Austin Gilbert, Jr.
Mr. Kenneth Goad
Ms. Reba B. Kinon
Mr. Ray Lathan
Dr. David Maxwell
Mr. Willard Metcalf
Mr. Bill Stern
Ms. Debbie Whittle

GUESTS

Dr. Ron Bailey
Mr. Harry Bell
Ms. Jennifer China
Mr. Bob Gallagher
Dr. Carol Garrison
Mr. Sandy Gilliam
Ms. Lynn Glander
Mrs. Kenneth Goad
Dr. Wanda Hayes
Dr. James Hudgins
Mr. Bob Humphries
Mr. David Hunter
Mr. Howard Lundy
Mr. Arthur M. Bjontegard
Dr. Jean Mahaffey
Dr. Harry Matthews
Dr. Mike McCall
Mr. Ted McClure
Ms. Bridget McCormick
Mr. Larry Myers

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Colgate Darden
Dr. Gregg Jones
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Dr. Ray Ramage
Mr. Edwin Tolbert
Ms. Mim Williams

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Bill Robinson

Mr. Phil Pensce *Prince*
Dr. Jerry Reel
Mr. Ron Rhames
Mr. Bob Stoltz
Mr. William T. Putnam
Dr. F. Wajeesh

STAFF

Ms. Mary Broadwater
Ms. Kimberly Corley
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Ivan Gulnn
Ms. Maggie Hicks
Mr. Doug Holleman
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Mr. Al Krech
Dr. Gail Morrison
Dr. Michael Raley
Mr. Fred Sheheen
Ms. Betty Simmons
Mr. John Smalls
Ms. Yolanda Solone
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Ms. Julia Wells

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

Introduction of guests was provided by Mr. Krech and Dr. James Hudgins.

The Commission meeting of April 6, 1995, was chaired by Chairman Fred Day.

1. Approval of Minutes for Meeting Dated March 2, 1995

It was moved (Lathan), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the minutes be approved.

2. Special Presentation - Dr. Hudgins
Midlands Technical College

Dr. Hudgins, President of Midlands Technical College, welcomed the Commission on Higher Education to the campus.

He presented a videotape to take everyone on a "tour of the campus" and to present a survey of the programs offered. (He stated the tape is two years old, and some of the facts are out-of-date such as the enrollment which is, at this time, for the fall -- 9350.)

He also presented literature on the college which detailed the academic programs. Dr. Hudgins also thanked the Commission for the partnership which both have had in the past.

Mr. Day commended Dr. Hudgins on the services the technical colleges provide to the State.

3. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of the Executive Committee - Mr. Gilbert
Appointment to the South Carolina Aquarium Board of Directors

Mr. Gilbert reported the Committee met this morning and considered a Commission member appointment to the South Carolina Aquarium Board of Directors. The Committee recommended that Chairman Fred Day represent the Commission on the Aquarium Board.

It was moved (Gilbert), seconded (Kinon), and voted that Chairman Day be the representative for the Commission.

- 3.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs
(No Report)
- 3.03 Report of Committee on Access and Equity
(No Report)
- 3.04 Report of Committee on Business and Finance - Mr. Lathan
Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), Report on Higher
Education - Mr. Stoltz

Mr. Lathan asked John Smalls, Associate Commissioner for Finance, to introduce Mr. Bob Stoltz, Vice President for Policy at the Southern Regional Education Board.

Mr. Smalls stated this presentation was given by one of Mr. Stoltz's colleagues, approximately three weeks ago, to the Senate Education Committee and then again in West Palm Beach where representatives from fifteen states met to exchange financial data.

Mr. Stoltz stated that periodically, about twice every two years, the SREB produces a report called, FACT BOOK ON HIGHER EDUCATION - SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHLIGHTS. (Mr. Stoltz presented to Chairman Day a copy which just had been released.)

Mr. Stoltz presented information that came from the FACT BOOK and also from data files relative to South Carolina.

After the presentation, Mr. Smalls stated that the Commission had been presented twenty-five extra copies of the report which could be distributed to others such as members of the General Assembly.

*Mr. Fore made a motion to send this information, which is in consolidated form, to the General Assembly. The motion was seconded, (Goad) and voted.

- 3.05 Report of Committee on Facilities - Ms. Kinon

Ms. Kinon moved that the following two (2) resolutions be adopted:

(Ms. Kinon complimented Dr. John Sutusky, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, on his leadership, dedication, ability, and significant contributions to the Commission.)

FIRST RESOLUTION:

Dr. Sutusky has been appointed to the staff of the Medical University of South Carolina effective July 1, 1995, and "Be it therefore resolved that the Commission on Higher Education expresses its sincere appreciation to him for his dedicated service to higher education in South Carolina and wishes him continued success in his new assignment and any future endeavors he undertakes."

Dr. Sutusky was presented a plaque for his accomplishments.

*It was moved (Kinon), and seconded (Metcalf) and voted that the resolution be adopted.

SECOND RESOLUTION:

"Being it hereby resolved that the Commission on Higher Education hereby requests the Commissioner to maintain the present structure insofar as the structure affecting the Facilities Committee thereby keeping the Facilities Committee independent and separate from the other four (4) committees."

Dr. Maxwell inquired about the reason for the resolution, and Ms. Kinon responded that she was concerned that a decision to be made by the Commissioner in May 1995 could determine the fate of the Facilities Committee. Therefore, she believed a resolution preserving the Facilities Committee as a separate entity was necessary.

Dr. Maxwell asked who currently has the authority to change the Commission's standing committee structure. As there was uncertainty about who had the authority, Dr. Crolley requested that Ms. Kinon's motion be amended so that the matter of who has the authority to modify the standing committee structure can be considered by the Executive Committee.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Crolley), and voted that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee, and that a report be made back to the Commission.

- 3.06 Report of Committee on Planning and Assessment - Mr. Gilbert
a. Consideration of Recommendation on Institutional Effectiveness-1995

It was recommended that the following recommendation be approved:

~~"Despite considerable improvements, South Carolina's senior institutions with student athletes on grants-in-aid should continue to support and demand academic success for their students in all sports."~~

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

4. Report of the Commissioner - Mr. Sheheen

(1) Restructuring Legislation

The Senate passed the "Setzler Bill" which went to the House of Representatives, and the House Education Committee removed the text of the bill in its entirety and inserted the House version in its place.

The House Education and Public Works Committee reported an alternative piece of Legislation which states that all current members of the Commission will serve their full terms, and that upon the expiration of the terms of the at-large members, the Governor will appoint trustees from the colleges and universities until the number of trustees reaches "6."

The Governor has not yet stated his position on reorganization.

The Attorney General ruled that the members of the Board of Trustees will not be considered "dual office holders." However, the Ethics Commission ruled that such members will need to excuse themselves due to potential conflicts-of-interest when the Commission acts on items relevant to their affiliated institutions.

The House Appropriations bill has been passed with a five percent cut (2.5 percent per year) for each agency (including higher education institutions).

Preliminary action in the Senate indicates that the Commission's percentage cut of 2.5 percent will be restored, and the colleges and universities will receive additional funding.

(2) Student Aid Bill

The Senate Education Committee considered a bill to establish a need-based student aid plan for students in South Carolina and has reported that bill out "unanimously."

The Commission would not award the grants. The grants would be awarded by the student-aid offices at the campus level. Public and private institutions would be able to participate.

(3) Formula Funding Outlook

Mr. Sheheen noted that he and some college and university presidents met with Senator Drummond, and there is good reason to believe that the Senate will recommend appropriating more funds to higher education than did the House.

(4) Academic Tenure Bill

A bill has been introduced in the House to abolish academic tenure.

The bill has thirty-eight (38) sponsors. David Loope, staff member, is handling the research on this matter.

In reference to each report, Mr. Sheheen stated he will keep all members apprised on the developments.

5. Other Business

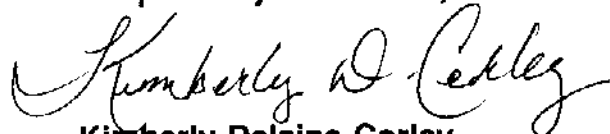
Chairman Day thanked everyone for the cards, calls, and flowers during his recent illness.

There was a report on Ms. Williams' recent illness, and her successful recovery.

Ms. Freeman stated that after this meeting, an ad hoc task force would be meeting to discuss methods which can be used positively to elaborate on institutional effectiveness as it relates to the public colleges, universities, and technical colleges.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kimberly D. Corley".

Kimberly Delaine Corley
Recording Secretary