

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
January 7, 1993
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Roger E. Henderson
Mr. Marvin C. Jones

STAFF

Mr. Todd E. Barnette
Mr. Michael L. Brown
Dr. Jeanette Deas
Ms. Renea H. Eshleman
Mr. Charles D. FitzSimons
Dr. R. Lynn Kelley
Mr. John J. Krause
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Dr. Harry Matthews
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Mr. Joseph V. Pendergrass
Dr. Robert K. Poch
Dr. Mike Raley
Mr. Jeff Richards
Dr. Marilyn M. Scannell
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon E. Syrett
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer
Ms. Julia E. Wells
Dr. Karen A. Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Dr. David A. Bell
Mr. Cub Berrian
Mr. Arthur M. Bjontegard
Mr. Les Boles
Dr. Diane Brandstadter
Mr. Ken Brown
Mr. Christopher D. Byrd
Dr. Janis Chesson
Mr. Germette J. Clardy
Dr. William D. Davis
Dr. Edgar L. Dyer
Mr. Donny English
Ms. Katherine Fanning
Dr. George E. Haborak
Dr. Sally M. Horner
Dr. Daniel Howard-Green
Ms. Terri Jenkins
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Mr. James J. Johnson
Mr. Conrad Lawrence
Dr. Albert M. Lyles
Col. Calvin G. Lyons
Gen. George F. Meehaghan
Mr. Fred Paine
Mr. Clark Parker
Dr. Judy Price
Mr. William T. Putnam
Dr. George M. Reeves
Mr. Jonathan Shanks
Dr. Carolyn McIver Smith
Dr. R. Cathcart Smith
Dr. Robert W. Squatriglia
Dr. Paul E. Stanton
Ms. Ellen Still
Mr. Marshall Swanson
Mr. Steve Taylor
Dr. David Underwood
Mr. E. Craig Wall, Jr.
Dr. Wanda Ward

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Ms. Jamie Francis
Ms. Didi Montel
Mr. Barry Myers
Mr. Bill Robinson
Ms. Angela Southard

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

I. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of December 3, 1992

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Freeman) that the third paragraph on page nine be amended to read: Mr. Sheheen stated that the question arises of what is the balance between the need and the positive contribution of attracting out-of-state students and the protection of the taxpayers in South Carolina. He suggested that the formula for out-of-state students be reduced to a level of 25 percent over a six year period. The Commission will study the effects of the prior years' reductions and determine the effects of the reductions on out-of-state student enrollment. If the Commission determines there is an undue adverse effect, it will reconsider its action reducing the out-of-state subsidy. It was moved (Freeman), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of December 3, 1992, be approved as amended.

II. Election of Officers for 1993

Mr. Gallager nominated Dr. Askins for Chairman for 1993. It was moved (Gallager), seconded (Ramage), and voted that nominations be closed and that Dr. Askins be elected by acclamation. Dr. Askins was elected Chairman.

Commission members joined Dr. Askins in expressing appreciation to Mr. Whitener for his outstanding service as Commission Chairman during the past four years.

Ms. Kinon nominated Mr. Turner for Vice Chairman for 1992. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Ramage), and voted that nominations be closed and that Mr. Turner be elected by acclamation. Mr. Turner was elected Vice Chairman.

III. Committee Reports

Mr. Whitener reported on the following matters:

3.01 Report of Executive Committee

a. Report on Recommendation for Separation of Coastal Carolina College from the USC System

The Horry County Higher Education Commission and the administration of Coastal Carolina College have requested an endorsement from the Commission on Higher Education for separation of Coastal Carolina from the University of South Carolina system. A variety of documents involving the proposed separation, including draft legislation have been submitted.

President Palms appointed Interim Provost George M. Reeves and Interim Chancellor Ronald R. Ingle to head a transition team with the chief precept guiding the team's work to be the protection of the rights of students, faculty, and staff. The team has developed

recommended tactics and strategies for a careful and efficient separation of the College from the University of South Carolina System.

The recommended appropriation for Coastal Carolina College will not change in any manner whatsoever with a change in governance, if such a change is enacted by the General Assembly. Coastal Carolina will not request additional funds from the State as a result of the transition of governance. Further, modest tuition and fee increases are projected but as a result of persistent State underfunding of higher education and not as a result of separation from the System.

Institutional mission will not be affected except within the framework of the current process for defining institutional mission for all institutions.

The Executive Committee recommended that the Commission on Higher Education endorse independent status for Coastal Carolina College, provided that no extraordinary state appropriation is either required or requested solely as a result of the change in governance.

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

b. Renewal of License, ITT Technical Institute, Greenville

In July of 1992 the Commission granted ITT Technical Institute a temporary license for one year or until a provisional or regular license is issued, whichever is less. The license was for an Associate of Applied Technology Degree in Electronics Engineering Technology in Greenville, South Carolina.

In November of 1992 the Greenville site director requested that the evaluation for conversion of the license from temporary to a provisional or regular license be made. The staff has reviewed the application materials and visited the facility. The institution has in place a qualified faculty, a library collection sufficient for current needs, competent student services staff, adequate space, equipment, and instructional materials. It is apparent that ITT is committed to high standards and is complying with its plan for implementation at the Greenville facility. The school is now pursuing authority to award the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree.

The Executive Committee recommended that the Commission issue a regular two-year license, subject to annual reporting, granting ITT Technical Institute permission to offer an Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Electronics Engineering Technology in Greenville, South Carolina.

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

3.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

Mr. Turner, chairman of the Committee on Academic Affairs, reported on the following matter:

Consideration of Amendment to Undergraduate Need-based State Supported Student Assistance Program: Private Colleges Participation

At its meeting on December 3, 1992, the Commission endorsed the proposed need-based student assistance program, providing that the staff submit to it at its January meeting a recommendation with respect to whether students electing to attend private institutions should have access to the program. The staff has not yet finalized its recommendations on this matter but will submit its recommendations on this matter to the Commission for consideration at its February meeting.

The Commission also requested that additional avenues of creative funding for this program be explored. The Advisory Committee for Business and Finance will report these ideas to the Commission at its February meeting.

Therefore, this item was deferred.

3.03 Report of the Committee on Access and Equity

Mr. Tolbert reported that the keynote speakers for the Eighth Annual Conference on Minority Access and Equity in Higher Education will be Mr. Paul Delaney, Chair, Department of Journalism, University of Alabama, and Dr. Janet Dickerson, Vice President for Student Affairs, Duke University. The Conference will be held on February 18-19, 1993 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbia.

3.06 Report of Committee on Planning and Assessment

Dr. Askins, chairman of the Committee on Planning and Assessment reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of the 1993 Report on Institutional Roles and Missions Pursuant to Act 255 of 1992

As part of its reporting obligations under Act 255 of 1992, the Commission must collect from the institutions and provide to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 15, 1993, appropriate information relating to each institution's role and mission. In a related but separate procedure, the Commission last summer approved a process proposed by the Advisory Council on Planning for clarifying and differentiating institutional missions. Although that process will not be complete until mid-1993, it did include an invitation for institutions to revise mission statements if they so desired prior to the submission of the Act 255 report.

Upon the recommendation of the Advisory Council on Planning, the Committee on Planning and Assessment agreed to submit the following statement, along with copies of the institutional mission statements, to the Commission to fulfill the Act 255 reporting obligation concerning institutional missions:

- a) For the January 1993 report pursuant to Act 255 of 1992, mission statements submitted by the institutions are forwarded to the Governor and the General Assembly without comment by the Commission.
- b) In the preparation of future annual reports for Act 255, it shall be the policy of the Commission on Higher Education to review institutional mission statements, and include in its report to the Governor and the General Assembly notations, when appropriate, that some mission statements may not be in accord with State Planning.
- c) Nevertheless, the Commission believes that institutional mission statements should be consistent with State Planning for Higher Education.
- d) In the event that an institution's mission statement is inconsistent with State Planning, the CHE will endeavor to negotiate the relevant issues with the institution.
- e) Until such time as those issues are resolved, the Commission will utilize its own interpretation of missions as guidelines for future decisions on planning, programs, budgets, facilities, institutional effectiveness, and other matters assigned by statute to the Commission's jurisdiction.

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve this portion of the Act 255 report for submission to the Governor and the General Assembly.

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

b. Consideration of the 1993 Report on Act 255 of 1992 and Summary Report on Institutional Effectiveness

The 1993 Report on Act 255 of 1992 and Summary Report on Institutional Effectiveness, with the separate report on institutional missions, responds to the requirements of the above act and completes the four year phase-in of all 18 components of the institutional effectiveness program that was developed in response to the Cutting Edge legislation.

The Committee on Planning and Assessment recommended that the Commission approve the 1993 Report on Act 255 of 1992 and Summary Report on Institutional Effectiveness for submission to the Governor and the General Assembly.

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

Ms. Freeman stated that the Committee has been concerned about misinterpretation of some of the data and the temptation to compare institutions when that is not the goal of this report. She commended the staff on the excellent transmittal letter explaining the need to be cautious in certain judgements and the need to read introductory paragraphs and footnotes in the document.

Mr. Whitener commended Alan Krech and his staff and the Commissioner for doing a monumental work. He added that he is better educated about what goes on in higher education in the state after reading this document, and he praised Dr. Askins and his Committee for that.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he would like to see increased attention to admissions standards in schools so that there is a higher graduation rate, greater efforts on behalf of the institutions to counsel and retain students, and a much greater effort to allow students to transfer from school to school. He stated that the document is excellent and took a great deal of time and effort.

Mr. Sheheen noted that he would be remiss if he did not cite the contribution of the S. C. Higher Education Assessment Network which is chaired by Dr. Reid Johnson of Winthrop University. He stated that the Commission appropriated the funds to start the Network, but the institutions themselves have done the work.

Dr. Askins complimented Alan Krech and his staff on the excellent manner with which they performed this task.

4. Report of the Commissioner

- a. Mr. Sheheen noted that Mr. Whitener has been awarded an honorary doctoral degree by Lander University.
- b. Mr. Sheheen stated that the Commission provided in approving the State Plan that the section of the Plan under Future Issues would remain open until December 31, 1992 for submission of issues by the institutions of higher learning. The Commission staff and the Commission added no future topics, but it was left open to the institutions. The Council of College Presidents has submitted a suggestion that a task force be established to monitor and study emerging federal programs and priorities for higher education as they relate to the four over-arching goals in the State Plan.

Mr. Sheheen recommended the following topic to the Commission for inclusion in the State Plan, with reference thereafter to the appropriate advisory groups and committees for implementation:

During the 1993 planning cycle the Commission on Higher Education through the Advisory Council on Planning will establish a task force to monitor and study emerging federal programs, priorities, and opportunities for higher education

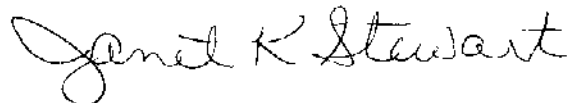
as they relate to the four over-arching goals in the State Plan. The task force should make recommendations that would allow the Commission and the Council of Presidents to respond quickly to the changing context for higher education at the federal level, hence increasing the potential for strengthening the fabric of higher education in South Carolina and for improving the preparation of the State's citizens for the future.

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

- c. Mr. Sheheen reported that the NAACP has filed a complaint with the Justice Department and with others with respect to the investigation of certain incidents at The Citadel. The administration of The Citadel has requested that Mr. Sheheen provide information on this subject to the Commission so that the Commission is fully informed on the situation.
- d. Mr. Sheheen stated that the Education Commission of the States is currently exploring some critical issues related to educational effectiveness and public accountability in undergraduate education. South Carolina and nine other states were selected for this study because some form of qualitative or quantitative performance measures are currently used or being developed to assess student learning outcomes and/or institutional effectiveness related to undergraduate teaching and learning. The ECS believes that these ten states will offer some of the best examples of innovative and alternative policy approaches that may assist other states in charting a course for undergraduate education reform.
- e. Mr. Sheheen referred to a press release of January 7, 1993 about enrollment trends. It contains information that shows what is happening to enrollment in the institutions of higher learning in South Carolina.
- f. Mr. Sheheen commended the State Approving Section of the Commission on Higher Education for its overall quality of the program in the Veterans Affairs Section and recommended that the Commission share some of the methodologies that are used with other states.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary