

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
August 28-29, 1989

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. William J. Whitener, Chairman
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. Walter E. Brooker
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
Mr. Roger E. Henderson
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Ms. Reba Anne Kinon
Mr. Howard Love
Mr. Vernon McGuire
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert, Sr.
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. George L. Brightharp
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Mr. Raymond C. Ramage
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

STAFF

Dr. Jeffrey Bartkovich
Mr. Michael L. Brown
Ms. Saundra E. Carr
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas
Dr. Robert A. Day
Mr. Milton Kimpson
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Dr. James A. Paschal
Mr. Robert K. Poch
Ms. Sarah Reynolds
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Ms. Janet Stewart
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Ms. Judi R. Tillman
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer
Ms. Julia E. Wells

GUESTS

Dr. Robert E. Alexander
Mr. Les Boles
Ms. Katherine Bristow
Dr. Anthony J. Digiorio
Mr. Doug Dobson
Dr. James Drake
Dr. Ronald G. Eaglin
Dr. James B. Edwards
Mr. N. Casey Frederick
Mr. Claybon Harris
Mr. David Hegler
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield
Dr. James B. Holderman
Dr. Larry A. Jackson
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Mr. Herbert Kirsh
Dr. Kenneth Kyre
Mr. David Larson
Col. Ben Legare
Dr. A. Max Lennon
Mr. Harry M. Lightsey, Jr.
Mr. Howard Lundy
Col. Calvin G. Lyon
Dr. W. David Maxwell
Mr. J. P. McKee
Gen. George Meenaghan
Mr. Robert Mellon
Dr. James R. Morris, Jr.
Dr. Terry Peterson
Mr. Donald Peterson
Dr. Olin B. Sansbury, Jr.
Mr. Wyman D. Shealy
Dr. Richard A. Skinner
Dr. Albert E. Smith
Dr. Arthur K. Smith
Dr. Michael Smith
Dr. Thomas C. Stanton
Mr. William E. Troublefield
Ms. Sandy Underwood
Lt. Gen. Claudius E. Watts, III
Dr. Edwin F. Wilde
Mr. Edwin J. Zobel

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Gary Karr

I. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of July 6, 1989

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Phillips), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of July 6, 1989, be adopted as written. Mr. Gallagher requested that the minutes be amended to show that Mr. Marvin Jones was present at the meeting. The motion, as amended, was adopted.

II. Presentation by Greenville Higher Education Center

Dr. James Drake stated that the Greenville Higher Education Center (GHEC) is a consortium of institutions serving Greenville: Clemson University, Furman University, Greenville Technical College, the Medical University of South Carolina, S. C. State College, USC-Columbia, and USC-Spartanburg. Courses are offered in graduate as well as undergraduate programs, mostly during the evening hours. He noted the charge of the Center is to develop and implement cooperatively planned programs for a major metropolitan area in which there is no state-assisted senior institution to provide access for educational opportunity at a reasonable cost.

III. Report of Committee on Access and Equity

a. Report on Graduate Incentive Fellowships

Ms. Kinon stated that two hundred seventeen students at seven institutions in South Carolina received GIF awards totaling \$1,709,333 during the five years extending from Fall, 1982, to Spring, 1987. Four institutions have GIF recipients who have not fulfilled their legal obligations to reside in South Carolina at least one year for each year they received GIF awards. Seven GIF recipients at the four institutions owe a total of \$69,750 because they failed to fulfill residency requirements.

Mr. Kimpson reported that Mr. Emory Smith of the Attorney General's office stated that the GIF contract is between the student and the institution; therefore, the Commission should not be involved in collection of money. Mr. Nathan Kaminski of the Attorney General's office is the contact person to work with institutions if further assistance is needed.

Ms. Kinon stated that this report is for information only.

b. Report on Distribution of Access and Equity Funds

Ms. Kinon asked Mr. Sheheen to give a status report on the Access and Equity funds. Mr. Sheheen stated that \$300,000 was allotted for Access and Equity in Part 4 of the Appropriations Bill, but there was a shortfall in expected revenues. He stated that the staff is extremely reluctant to cut the program any further. When the Commission was notified by the Comptroller General that Part 4 was not to be funded, Mr. Sheheen contacted the Governor's office in order to see if there were other sources of funds that could be made available to remedy the \$300,000 deficit. He also looked at the Commission's budget with respect to discretionary funds that might be available. The Governor's office has under study various sources of grant funding that might fit into this program. Mr. Sheheen stated that there is a very good chance of success or partial success to make up the \$300,000 deficit within a few weeks. At that time, the Commission will notify the institutions of the amount of funds available to them. Mr. Whitener asked the Commission members to help in this effort.

IV. Report on Tri-Star Early Intervention Program

Mr. Kimpson stated that the Commission will request from the General Assembly an appropriation of \$500,000 for FY 1990-91 to support a program of grants to the State's public colleges and universities for the creation and implementation of early intervention projects. The purposes of the program will be to inform young students of their opportunities in higher education, to encourage young students to aspire and prepare early for college, and to assist them in mastering the skills for success in high school as a necessary requirement for participation in higher education.

The proposed program will target sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students and will be entitled the Tri-Star Program. Mr. Askins raised a concern that the program should start in earlier years. Mr. Sheheen noted that the consensus is that this matter should be referred to the Advisory Committee for the Tri-Star Program for consideration of one or more of the programs starting in earlier years.

In anticipation of the appropriation from the General Assembly, the Commission has set aside \$35,000 in FY 1989-90 to fund a series of program planning grants to assist public colleges and universities in assessing needs and preparing proposals for the Tri-Star Program.

V. Report of the Commissioner

Report on Admissions Policies of Boards of Trustees at Public Colleges and Universities

One of the requirements of Act 629 directed the institutions to develop admissions policies which reflect the desired mix of in-state and out-of-state enrollment and to submit these policies to the Commission by July 1, 1989. Each institution has submitted a policy as adopted by its Board of Trustees.

Mr. Sheheen stated that he has discussed Lander's "Ample Access" policy with Dr. Jackson, and a specific percentage is needed in order for the policy to meet the requirements of the law. Dr. Jackson stated that he will take the matter back to the Lander College Board of Trustees to have it readressed in terms of a specific percentage.

It was moved (Jones), seconded (Gallager), and voted that the policies be accepted as information with reference back to the Lander College Board for an amendment.

Mr. Gallager asked that the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education provide the Commission with a report of the differentiation of fees for in-state and out-of-state students.

VI. 1990-91 Appropriation Presentations by Colleges and Universities and SBTCE

Mr. Whitener welcomed the presidents and other representatives of the colleges and universities who were scheduled to present their 1990-91 appropriation requests to the Commission on August 28 and 29. (Exhibit A attached).

Mr. Whitener noted that the Committee on Business and Finance will meet following the meeting of the Commission to consider the appropriation

requests and to develop its recommendations. The Commission is scheduled to meet on Thursday, September 7, to adopt final recommendations to be presented to the Budget and Control Board, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee on September 11.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary