

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

March 4, 1999

10:00 a.m.

The Citadel
Coward Hall, Riverview Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr.,
Chairman
Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly
Ms. Dianne Chinnes
Ms. Susan Cole
Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr.
Mr. Frank Gilbert
Mr. Winfred S. Greene
Dr. Harry Lightsey, Jr.
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Tim Dangerfield
Mr. Lawrence Gressette,
Jr.
Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr.
Mr. Bill Stern

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Rayburn Barton
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Betsy Gunter
Ms. Yolanda Hudson

Mr. Alan Krech
Dr. Gail Morrison
Mr. John Smalls
Dr. Mike Smith
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Dr. John Brighton
Mr. Douglas Carlisle
Mr. Andrew Cohn
Mr. Dan Dukes
Dr. Conrad Festa
Mr. David Fleming
Mr. Casey Frederick
Ms. Sharon Fross
Mr. Robert Gallagher
Ms. Beth Gilbert
Mr. Tom Hallman
Mr. Curt Holland
Dr. David Hunter
Ms. Karen Jones
Mr. Stephen Jones
Mr. Thornton Kirby

Ms. Star Kepner
Mr. Kepner
Mr. Jerry Knighton
Mr. Russell Long
Dr. Siegfried Magiera
Mr. Gary McCombs
Mr. J.P. McKee
Ms. Chris Meed
Mr. Bob Mellon
Col. Spike Metts
Ms. Tom Olsen
Ms. Phyllis Meyers
Mr. Charles Parker
Ms. Faye Pendarvis
Ms. Jackie Skubal
Ms. Lindy Smith
Dr. John Sutusky
Dr. Kumar Taucasi
Mr. Steve Yton

**MEMBERS OF THE
PRESS PRESENT**

Sybil Fix
Castal Down

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Gilbert, who then asked Mr. Alan Krech to proceed with the introductions.

1. **Introductions**

Guests were introduced and welcomed to the Commission meeting.

Chairman Gilbert introduced Professor Dr. Seigfried Magiera of Speyer University in Germany. He also expressed thanks to Gen. Grinalds for the gracious manner in which the Commission members were entertained on Wednesday night at the President's home.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A **motion** was made (Olsen), **seconded** (Chinnes) and **carried** to approve the minutes as submitted.

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

No Report

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

Mr. Frank Gilbert

The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Report on the Access and Equity Program (**Attachment I**) was introduced by Mr. Stephen Jones of the Medical University of South Carolina, read and interpreted by Mr. Jerry Knighton of Clemson University, and summarized by Ms. Julia Wells, recently retired Access and Equity Officer at the Commission on Higher Education. This report in its entirety was presented to the Commission as information. A **motion** (F. Gilbert) was made, **seconded** (Chinnes) and **carried** to accept this report today as information, to be acted upon at the April 1st meeting of the Commission.

Committee Chairman Frank Gilbert expressed thanks to the Committee and to Ms. Julia Wells for the work on this report.

3.04 **Committee on Finance and Facilities**

Ms. Rosemary Byerly

A. **Interim Projects**

Committee Chair Byerly summarized the procedure used by the committee to recommend approval of the Interim Projects. A **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Greene) and **carried** to approve the facilities projects as detailed in **Attachment IIa**.

B. **Facilities Tour**

Plans for the March 22 Facilities Tour to Florence-Darlington Technical College and Francis Marion University (**Attachment IIb**) were presented and accepted as information.

3.03 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding

Committee Chairman Floyd read the Staff Recommendations (discussed in full in **Attachment III**). There was an opportunity for questions and/or discussion and there was none. A motion was made (Floyd), **seconded** (Chinnes) and **carried** that the Staff Recommendations be approved.

There was a report on the Electronic Application Committee (**Attachment IV**) offered as information only.

4. Report of the Executive Director

Rayburn Barton

1. Legislative Update

The House Ways and Means Committee has forwarded a budget to the full House for debate and vote. The budget the Committee is recommending contains \$21,000,000 in new monies for performance funding, \$150,000,000 in capitol projects, an item for a shortfall in the LIFE Scholarship Program (\$743,000); and recommended, for the first time, funding for Competitive Technology and Competitive Research Grant Programs (\$500,000) each.

2. Access & Equity Officer Search

The search for a new Access & Equity Officer is underway and the process of gathering information and screening applicants has begun.

3. K-16 Collaboration


The CHE Staff is working closely with State Superintendent Inez Tenenbaum and the Governor's Education Advisory Committee in areas of improvement in teacher education and earlier introduction to students and parents concerning the importance of and preparation for higher education. Several potential federal programs and grant possibilities were discussed.

5. Other Business

Dr. Barton announced the Access and Equity Conference in Hilton Head March 17-20. He also informed the Commission that the Resolution adopted by the Commission in honor of Ms. Julia Wells' service to the Commission had been delivered to her. Ms. Wells then thanked the Commission for that honor.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Betsy R. Gunter
Recording Secretary