

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
AUGUST 21, 1995**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Randy Ayers  
Dr. Colgate Darden  
Mr. Fred Day, Chairman  
Mr. Fred Fore  
Mr. Austin Gilbert  
Mr. Kenneth Goad  
Ms. Reba Kinon  
Mr. Ray Lathan  
Dr. David Maxwell  
Mr. Willard Metcalf  
Mr. Lewis Phillips  
Mr. Bill Stern  
Ms. Debbie Whittle  
Ms. Mim Williams  
Dr. Ray Ramage

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Gregg Jones  
Mr. Edwin Tolbert

**GUESTS**

Dr. James Arrington  
Mr. Jim Byrd  
Dr. Patricia Cormier  
Ms. Susan DeWitt  
Ms. Katherine Fanning  
Dr. Conrad Festa  
Dr. Christine Finnan  
Mr. David Fleming  
Dr. Carol Garrison  
Mr. Sandy Gilliam  
Mr. Stan Godshall  
Dr. Barbara Gottesman  
Mr. Bubba Green  
Mr. Bob Humphreys  
Mr. Kevin Hunt  
Mr. David Hunter

Dr. Richard Ishler  
Dr. Charles Jennett  
Ms. R. Johnson  
Mr. Gary Lashway  
Dr. Harry Matthews  
Mr. Gary McCombs  
Mr. Bob Mellon  
Dr. Peter Mitchell  
Mr. John Newton  
General Clifton Poole  
Mr. William T. Putnam  
Mr. Ron Rhames  
Mr. Charles Shawver  
Mr. Cary Smith  
Dr. Nancy Srenson  
Ms. Ellen Still  
Dr. John Sutusky  
Ms. J. Swanson  
Ms. Janice Trawick  
Mr. Mark Watkins  
Mr. Roger Whaley

**STAFF**

Ms. Camille Brown  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Ms. Kim Corley  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Charlie Fitzsimmons  
Mr. Ivan Guinn  
Ms. Maggie Hicks  
Dr. Lynn Kelley  
Mr. Alan Krech  
Dr. David Loope  
Ms. Lynn Metcalf  
Dr. Gail Morrison  
Dr. Robert Poch  
Commissioner Fred Sheheen  
Mr. John Smalls  
Ms. Yolanda Solone  
Dr. Lovely-Ulmer Sottong  
Dr. Aileen Trainer  
Ms. Julia Wells  
Dr. Nancy-Healy Williams  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

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

Introduction of guests was provided by Mr. Alan Krech.

Mr. Day introduced and welcomed the newest member of the Commission - Mr. Randy Ayers from Pauline, South Carolina.

**1. Approval of Minutes for Meeting of July 6, 1995 - Mr. Day**

Dr. Darden noted an erroneous word and typographical error in the minutes, and the original set of minutes has been corrected to reflect these changes.

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

**2. Special Presentations:**

**Recognition of Dr. John C. Sutusky**

Mr. Sheheen gave a synopsis of Dr. Sutusky's work history at the Commission and commended him on his work and dedicated service. Ms. Kinon also commended Dr. Sutusky on his work and expressed her appreciation. Mr. Sheheen presented Dr. Sutusky with a plaque honoring his service.

**Presentations from Business and Industry and Independent Colleges**

Mr. Day welcomed three representatives from business and industry in South Carolina who made comments to the Commission regarding higher education and its importance to business and industry and to the economic growth and development of this state.

The following individuals spoke:

- a. Mr. Jim Byrd, Jr. - Southern Bell
- b. Mr. Mark Watkins - Union Camp
- c. Mr. Roger Whaley - Nationsbank

Also, Dr. Peter Mitchell, President of Columbia College, addressed the Commission on behalf of the independent colleges and universities of South Carolina. Dr. Mitchell expressed his gratitude to Chairman Day and Mr. Sheheen for consistently including the private colleges in the work of the Commission.

### **3. Committee Reports**

#### **3.01 Report of the Executive Committee**

(No Report)

#### **3.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs - Ms. Williams**

##### **a. Consideration of Establishment of a New Center of Excellence for FY 1995-96**

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve an award to the College of Charleston for \$73,497 for FY 1995-96 and \$160,302 for FY 1996-97 to establish the Center of Excellence in Accelerating Learning.

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

##### **b. Consideration of New Host Site for the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and School Leadership**

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the movement of the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and School Leadership to the University of South Carolina-Columbia as its new host site. The contract will cover a five-year period beginning September 7, 1995, and ending June 30, 2001, and is subject to renewal after that time.

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

#### **3.03 Report of Committee on Access and Equity**

(No Report)

#### **3.04 Report of Committee on Business and Finance**

(No Report)

#### **3.05 Report of Committee on Facilities**

(No Report)

#### **3.06 Report of Committee on Planning and Assessment**

(No Report)

#### **4. Report of the Commissioner - Mr. Sheheen**

##### **1. CHE Work Plan 1995-96**

Mr. Sheheen stated that the plan was mailed to the Commission members and the colleges and universities approximately 30 days ago pursuant to the rule adopted by the Commission.

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Metcalf), and voted to approve the work plan as written.

##### **2. Update on Higher Education Study Committee**

Mr. Sheheen stated that this Committee would be meeting on August 28.

Mr. Day urged the members of the Commission and the news media to attend this meeting.

##### **3. Update on Staff Assignments**

Mr. Sheheen stated that prior to the last Commission meeting, the Commission had taken a 5 percent reduction in funds by action of the Governor.

As a result of the reduction in agency funds, Mr. Sheheen stated that two vacancies in the agency are not being filled, and the duties are being reassigned.

There was one position which was not permanent that was eliminated.

##### **4. Other Announcements**

Mr. Sheheen stated that out-of-town Commission meetings for 1995-96 will be limited to the September 7, 1995, meeting at Winthrop University.

Also, future Commission member mailings will contain documents copied on two sides of the paper to cut down on the use and cost of paper.

## 5. Other Business

### PENDING LEGISLATION ON STUDENT AID:

Mr. Sheheen stated that when the General Assembly decided to keep the Barnwell facility open, it was agreed that proceeds from the facility would be used to support the construction of new school buildings and a higher education student-aid program.

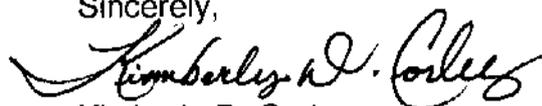
Mr. Sheheen indicated that the Commission previously endorsed a need-based student aid program and conveyed the elements of that program to the General Assembly. Recently, the Commission staff received for comment a draft bill from the Senate Education Committee staff creating a Higher Education Grants Program which, as Mr. Sheheen outlined, differs in three major ways from the need-based program endorsed by the Commission. The differences involve academic requirements, financial criteria, and the participation of the independent colleges and universities in the State.

Mr. Sheheen stated that he had drafted a reply to the Senate Education Committee staff. The reply reviews the Commission's position regarding a State-sponsored financial assistance program for students who wish to enroll in postsecondary institutions in South Carolina. Further, the reply details the three major differences between the Commission's position and the content of the draft bill. Finally, the reply indicates that if the appropriate committees of the House and Senate would like for the Commission to reconsider its position on the points of difference, the Commission would be happy to do so upon the request of the Committee Chairmen.

Before sending the letter of reply, Mr. Sheheen wanted the Commission members to have the opportunity to comment on the matter. Mr. Metcalf indicated that he prefers the more flexible need-based criteria contained in the Commission's original conception of the program rather than the criteria included in the draft bill. Following a brief discussion, the members of the Commission agreed that the Commissioner could proceed with sending his letter to the staff of the Senate Education Committee.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely,



Kimberly D. Corley  
Recording Secretary