

**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