

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**  
February 5, 1998  
10:30 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr., Chairman  
Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly  
Ms. Dianne Chinnes  
Dr. Colgate W. Darden, III  
Dr. C. Edward Floyd  
Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr.  
Mr. Winfred S. Greene  
Dr. David Maxwell  
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen  
Mr. Lewis Phillips  
Mr. Bill Stern

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mr. Tim Dangerfield  
Mr. Frank Gilbert  
Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr.

**STAFF**

Dr. Rayburn Barton  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Charles Fitzsimons  
Ms. Betsy Gunter  
Dr. Nancy Healy-Williams  
Mr. Raghu Korrapati  
Mr. John Krause  
Mr. Alan Krech  
Dr. David Loope  
Ms. Lynn Metcalf  
Dr. Gail Morrison  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Mr. John Smalls  
Ms. Yolanda Solone  
Dr. Aileen Trainer  
Ms. Julia Wells  
Ms. Noel Wilson  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**GUESTS**

Dr. James Arrington  
Dr. John Cormier  
Dr. Jim Deavor  
Dr. Robert Dukes  
Dr. Bruce Dunlap  
Mr. Clifton Elliott  
Dr. Conrad Festa  
Mr. John Finan  
Mr. David Fleming  
Mr. Sandy Gilliam  
Mr. Alan Godfrey  
Dr. Barbara Hankenson  
Mr. Cantey Heath  
Dr. Skip Hendricks  
Dr. Sally Horner  
Dr. David Hunter  
Ms. Karen Jones  
Dr. Michael Katuna  
Mr. Thornton Kirby  
Mr. Jim Kirk  
Mr. Bob Lyon  
Dr. Harry G. Matthews  
Mr. Gary McCombs  
Dr. Bob Mellon  
Dr. Bob Mignone  
Mr. Charlic Phlegar  
Dr. Blanche Premo-Hopkins  
Mr. William T. Putnam  
Ms. Mary Roberson  
Mr. Charles Shawver  
Mr. Dwayne Shiling  
Dr. Dewitt Stone  
Dr. John Sutusky  
Col. Don Tamasik  
Dr. Marge Tebo-Mesina  
Dr. Lee Vickers  
Dr. John Warner  
Dr. Marcia Welsh  
Ms. Carolyn West

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 by Chairman Gilbert, who then asked that Mr. Alan Krecch proceed with the introductions.

**1. Introductions**

Guests were introduced by Mr. Krecch and welcomed to the Commission.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

It was **moved** (Stern) and **seconded** (Phillips), and **voted** that the minutes of the meeting of January 8, 1998 be approved as written.

**3. Committee Reports**

Mr. Gilbert (Chairman) requested that, due to time lines required under the Administrative Procedures Act and the fact that the Executive Committee met this morning, the 48-hour time requirement for written committee recommendations be waived in order to present the report of the Executive committee at this time. Request was unanimously approved.

**3.01 Report of the Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee recommended that regulations for the South Carolina Academic Endowment Incentive Act of 1997/South Carolina Higher Education Matching Gift Fund be approved.

There was a **motion** made (Chinnes), **seconded** (Byerly), and **carried** to accept the regulations as written (Attachment I).

**3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing - Winfred Greene**

A copy of the Report of the Committee is Attachment I to these minutes.

a. Consideration of Request for Proposals for New Endowed Professorship in Instructional Technology

It was **moved** (Greene), **seconded** (Phillips) and **carried** to approve the recommendation of the Committee (**Attachment II**).

b. Consideration of Grant Proposals for the Dwight D. Eisenhower "Great Expectations" Project

It was **moved** (Greene), **seconded** (Phillips) and **carried** to approve the recommendations of the Committee (**Attachment II**).

c. Consideration of Evaluation of Existing Programs in Physical Sciences  
(Chemistry, Physics, and Geology)

It was **moved** (Greene), **seconded** (Phillips) and **carried** to approve the recommendation of the Committee (**Attachment II**).

d. Consideration of "Principles of Good Practice" and "Common Standards"  
Documents

It was **moved** (Greene), **seconded** (Phillips) and **carried** to approve the recommendation of the Committee (**Attachment II**).

Additionally, Chairman Gilbert and Mr. Greene presented plaques as "Commendation for Excellence" awards to the Chemistry Program at the University of South Carolina Columbia, the Health Physics Program at Francis Marion University, and the Chemistry, Geology and Physics Programs at the College of Charleston, recognizing attainment of superior academic quality.

### **3.03 Report of Committee on Access, Equity and Student Services**

No Report

### **3.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities** Rosemary Byerly

A copy of the report and recommendation of the Committee is **Attachment III** to these minutes.

Request for the Medical Center Emergency Room Expansion at MUSC.

It was **moved** (Byerly), **seconded** (Greene) and **carried** that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

### **3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding**

a. Consideration of Mission Statements for:  
USC Spartanburg  
Winthrop University  
Aiken Technical College  
Denmark Technical College  
Florence/Darlington Technical college  
Greenville Technical College

It was **moved** (D. Floyd), **seconded** (Darden) and **carried** that the mission statements of these institutions be approved (**Attachment IVa**). More mission statements will be considered at the February 17 meeting of the Committee on Planning, Assessment, and Performance funding.

b. Consideration of Proposed Institutional Benchmarks

Dr. Mike Smith was asked to explain the screening process for the proposed institutional benchmarks. The screening was done by computer spreadsheet and by hand. The staff, without knowledge of institutions' actual performance, reviewed the proposed benchmarks with five basic questions. This process is outlined by Dr. Smith and the process, along with the resulting flow chart is **Attachment IVb** to these minutes.

There was one correction made in the Report Card of USC Columbia, Item 9A: **150%** be changed to **50%** and with that correction, it was **moved** (D. Floyd), **seconded** (Darden) and **carried** that the benchmarks as they appear on **Attachment V** be approved.

Mr. D. Floyd had three further comments: 1) Adjustments to the measures and sector benchmarks for year 3 (as well as some that have been looked at again from years 1 and 2) are to be taken up by the committee on **February 17 and 18. The Planning and Assessment Committee** will meet at **10 o'clock on February 17** and then meet jointly with the **Access and Equity Committee at 1:30; on February 18 at 10 o'clock** meet jointly with the **Committee on Academic Affairs** and at **1:30 on February 18** meet with the **Committee on Finance**. 2) A Proviso from the Governor's office relating to performance funding for the next fiscal year calls for \$250,000,000 to be distributed through performance funding. That is a substantially larger figure than anticipated for 1998-99. 3) At the request of the Senate Education Committee, regulations submitted last year on performance funding were withdrawn and modified in accordance with action already taken by the Commission. Those modified regulations should go back to the Commission within 30 days from January 21 (**February 20**).

Dr. Barton further explained that once the Commission is asked by a legislative committee to modify and send back regulations, it must be done within 30 days of the date the Commission was notified. Since this falls before the next scheduled full Commission meeting, this could be accomplished either by calling a full meeting or by delegating the responsibility to the Executive Committee. He suggested that either option might be accomplished by conference call rather than calling a full meeting for one item.

A **motion** was made, (D. Floyd), **seconded**, and after discussion, **carried** to delegate the responsibility of approving new guidelines to the **Executive Committee** to be dealt with on February 18 when the members of the Executive Committee will be present at the Commission for other meetings. All CHE members who are not present may join the meeting by conference call.

4. **Report of the Executive Director**

**Rayburn Barton**

Dr. Barton reported on progress being made by two committees in implementing the recommendations of the Budget & Control Board Management Review. The first, under the auspices of the Council of Presidents is looking at potential modifications to the requirements of Act 629 and Act 255. A second internal **Policy Review Committee** is looking at all Commission regulations and policies. Following Commission action on the recommendations of these committees, we will develop a policy and procedures manual where all the rules and policies of the Commission can be easily located.

Dr. Barton also commented on the audit report, stating his conviction that procedures have been implemented to deal with the findings, which will result in cleaner future audits.

Copies of the KPMG Performance Audit have been distributed for review. Particular note should be taken of the recommendation that, in partnership with the private sector, we conduct a market survey to determine that new and existing programs are producing graduates to fill employment needs. A response to the recommendations of the Performance Audit is being prepared for your consideration.

There will be a proposal supporting the proviso in the Governor's budget that calls for implementation this year of \$250 million of the higher education appropriation based on 22 indicators. It will recommend to the legislature \$20 million in additional funding to implement that proviso in a way that would have a revenue-neutral impact on the institutions.

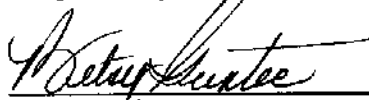
The House has passed the **Life Scholarship Program** that, in its current form, calls for this Commission to develop the rules and regulations for the program. First year funding will be approximately \$18 million.

It was announced by Chairman Gilbert that Dr. DiGiorgio, who is on the agenda, had a schedule conflict and would not be present today. Dr. J. Warner, Professor, Clemson University was introduced and made a presentation on *The Impact of Higher Education on Graduates' Earnings*, based on a research project conducted by one of his graduate students.

5. **Other Business**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

  
Betsy R. Gunter  
Recording Secretary