

MINUTES OF MEETING

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC
May 6, 1999
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr.,
Chairman
Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly
Ms. Dianne Chinnes
Ms. Susan Cole
Mr. Tim Dangerfield
Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr.
Mr. Winfred S. Greene
Mr. Lawrence Gressette, Jr.
Dr. Harry Lightsey, Jr.
Mr. Bill Stern

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Frank Gilbert
Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr.
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Rayburn Barton
Ms. Camille Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Charlie FitzsSimons
Ms. Betsy Gunter
Ms. Julie Harden
Ms. Sherry Hubbard
Mr. Alan Krech
Dr. David Loope
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Ms. Isolene Montgomery
Ms. Samantha Pope
Ms. Cherare Robertson
Mr. John Smalls
Dr. Mike Smith
Ms. Tobi Swartz

Dr. Aileen Trainer
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Ms. Betty Barnes
Ms. Katherine Barrett-Duke
Mr. Art Bjontegard
Ms. Betty Boatwright
Dr. Joann Boyd-Scotland
Dr. George Bradley
Mr. Charlie Brooks
Mr. Don Campbell
Mr. Marvin Carmichael
Ms. Ann Clardy
Ms. Mary Jo Cook
Dr. Bob Connelly
Mr. Anthony Coyne
Ms. Betty B. Davidson
Dr. Stan Davis
Mr. Doar Depew
Dr. David Dunlap
Mr. Conrad Festa
Mr. John Finan
Mr. David Fleming
Dr. Don Garrison
Mr. Sandy Gilliam
Mr. Alan Godfrey
Dr. Candace Gosnell
Dr. Susan Graham
Mr. Mike Gross
Dr. David Harpool
Mr. Curt Holland
Dr. Sally Horner
Dr. Jim Hudgins
Dr. David Hunter
Mr. Walter Jackson, II
Mr. Kim Jenerette

Ms. Karen Jones
Ms. Star Kepner
Mr. Thornton Kirby
Mr. Tom Kovar
Mr. Scott Ludlow
Dr. Jean Mahaffey
Mr. Earl Mayo
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Mr. Gary McCombs
Mr. J.P. McKee
Dr. Ann McNutt
Mr. Bob Mellon
Dr. Bob Mignone
Ms. Virginia Noel
Ms. Cathy Novinger
Mr. Charlie Parker
Mr. Don Peterson
Dr. Blanche Premo-Hopkins
Mr. Bruce Ransom
Mr. Robert Richardson
Judge Alexander Sanders
Mr. Charles Shawver
Ms. Laura Shealy
Dr. Dewitt Stone
Ms. Anna Strange
Ms. Inez Tenenbaum
Mr. Steve Terry
Dr. Mary Thornley
Dr. John Sutusky
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Dr. Marcia Welsh
Mr. Richard Williams
Mr. Jimmy Williamson
Mr. Gene Wilson
Mr. Larry Wilson
Mr. Ed Zobel

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 10:30 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.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Committee Reports

**3.01 Report of the Executive Committee
(No Report)**

Chairman Austin Gilbert

**3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs
and Licensing**

Mr. Winfred Greene

A. Consideration of New Program Proposals:

1. A.E.T., Geomatics Technology, Greenville Technical College
2. M.S., Packing Science, Clemson
3. Ph.D., Policy Studies, Clemson
4. N.D., Doctor of Nursing, USC Columbia

A motion was made (Greene), seconded (Floyd), and carried to approve the Committee's recommendations for implementation of the programs listed above with stipulations outlined in **Attachment I**.

B. Consideration of Licensing Requests:

Amendment to current License to add a Columbia Location for Webster University as outlined in **Attachment II**.

A motion was made (Greene), seconded (Byerly) and carried to accept the Committee's recommendation to amend Webster University's current license to include a site in Columbia after the facility is constructed, equipped and inspected.

Mr. Bill Stern asked that the minutes reflect that he **did not** vote.

**C. Consideration of New endowed Professorship in Instructional Technology,
FY 1998-99**

A motion was made (Greene), seconded (Chinnes) and carried to adopt the review panel's selection and award the **Endowed Professorship in Instructional Technology** to Dr. Thomas Smyth (**Attachment III**).

D. Public Hearing for Proposed Regulation to Implement House Bill 3603 – Tasting of Alcoholic Beverages in Culinary Arts Courses

As required under the Administrative Procedures Act, this meeting constitutes the public hearing. There being no questions or comments, the public hearing was concluded and the final regulations will now be submitted. (**Attachment IV**).

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

A. Appeals Process for Palmetto Fellows and LIFE

Dr. Barton commented on the revised Appeals Process - a standard appeals process for Palmetto Fellows and Life Scholarships, including formation of a standing review committee. On behalf of the Committee on Access, Equity and Student Services, a **motion** was made (**Cole**), **seconded** (**Greene**), and **carried**, to endorse the outlined appeals process (**Attachment V**).

B. Demonstration of Electronic College/University Application

There was a short demonstration of a prototype electronic universal application for use by state institutions. While the application is not completed, it is expected to be in use by Fall or early Spring

3.04 Committee on Finance and Facilities

Ms. Rosemary Byerly

A. Facilities Projects

1. College of Charleston

- a. BellSouth HVAC system
- b. New Library Construction

2. Winthrop University

- a. Sims Science Building

3. Florence-Darlington Technical College

- a. BellSouth Building Renovation/Parking Garage Construction

4. York Technical College

- a. Arts/Sciences & Distance Learning Building

There was a **motion** (**Byerly**) made, **seconded** (**Floyd**), and **carried** to approve items 1-4 as proposed. (**Attachment VI**)

5. Information Reports

- a. Update on Deferred Maintenance

Ms. Byerly reported that the Committee has been concerned about the level of deferred maintenance among the institutions. Dr. Barton has a meeting scheduled with Mr. Rick Kelly, the new Executive Director of the Budget and Control Board on May 10 to discuss the possibility of updating the Deferred Maintenance Study (last done in 1994) with a new assessment so we know where each institution currently stands.

b. Update on Life-Safety Plans

The Committee continues to monitor and receive reports on the Life-Safety Plans. The institutions are working very hard to comply.

B. Needs Determination Study

A study is proposed to evaluate and validate the MRR. The Funding Advisory Committee has already met and unanimously supports this report (**Attachment VII**). All institutions are represented on this Committee, which will also be the entity that will monitor and oversee the study.

A **motion (Byerly)** was made, **seconded (Greene)** and **carried** to authorize this study.

C. Reconsideration of the 1999-2000 Allocation Policy

It was reported that this was discussed by the Committee on Finance and Facilities, which made no recommendation to change the Five Star Plan (**Attachment VIII**). It therefore stands as approved by the Commission in November, 1998.

3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding

A. Consideration of Performance Funding Ratings for Year Three

Dr. Mike Smith commented that some scores on faculty measures for campuses of the University of South Carolina may be low due to a change in methodology used to calculate this year's performance compared to the methodology used in establishing historical data. In the interest of time, the University chose not to challenge the affected ratings, but to work with the staff to agree upon an appropriate methodology for use in Year 4. Dr. Smith asked that the record reflect this.

A **motion (Floyd)** was made, **seconded (Greene)** and **carried** to approve the ratings as distributed to the Commission. (**Attachment IX**)

B. Consideration of Role and Mission Statements:

Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Midlands Technical College
Trident Technical College

A **motion (Floyd)** was made, **seconded (Chinnes)** and **carried** to approve these revised mission statements. (**Attachment X**)

C. Mr. Floyd commented that the Committee asked the staff to look into adding some additional criterion reference scoring indicators and some additional sector benchmarks where those do not presently exist. The concern is that, as we continue to move through the performance funding process, we need to base more of the scoring on the attainment of quality rather than the annual improvement.

Chairman Gilbert, at this point, asked that Mr. Larry Wilson make his report on the Task Force appointed by the Commission to review and recommend procedures to implement the recommendations of the Business Advisory Council. That report is **Attachment XI**. There is one remaining item yet to be

addressed – that of Performance Funding – and that portion of the report will be given when the Task Force has completed its discussion after the present legislative session is over. Chairman Gilbert requested that the Executive Director recommend assignment of the recommendations to the Commission standing committees for appropriate action. Chairman Gilbert will make the final assignments.

4. There was a presentation by Ms. Inez Tenenbaum, South Carolina State Superintendent of Education.

5. **Report of the Executive Director**

Rayburn Barton

- a. Amendments to the LIFE Scholarship Regulations recommended by the Senate Education Subcommittee

Dr. Barton reported to the Commission on the letter received from the Senate Education Subcommittee requesting certain changes in the wording of the LIFE Scholarship Regulations and requested that they agree to resubmit the regulations worded as the Subcommittee requested. This was accomplished and the letter from the Senate Subcommittee and the amendments are **Attachment XII**.

- b. FY 2000 Higher Education Budget

The additional funds in the House Budget for Higher Education are \$21,000,000, and for the Senate are \$35,000,000. There is funding in both budgets for the technology and research grant programs. The Senate Finance Committee funded the full request for \$2.5 million for the research grants. The Palmetto Fellows Regulations have been passed in both houses.

- c. Update on Palmetto Fellows

There are 703 scholarships available – 599 in the public sector and 104 in the private sector for the 99-2000 year. The first group accepted 151 of the public scholarships and 67 of the private. The second group of offers for 492 public scholarships and 36 private scholarships were mailed on April 23. Those must be accepted by May 7. Currently the second group has accepted 226 public and 24 private. There are 222 public scholarships and 13 private scholarships still available.

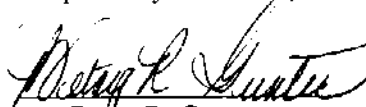
- d. Rhineland-Palatinate/South Carolina Educational Exchange

Dr. Barton stated that he was one of two who went to a conference in Rhineland Phalz. The subject was budgeting. During the time spent there, he visited three universities and was pleased to report there are growing numbers of German students interested in studying in South Carolina. Clemson University is currently developing a partnership in agricultural engineering and there will be an exchange of students beginning in the summer.

6. **Other Business**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Betsy R. Gunter
Recording Secretary