

Agenda Item 3.05 D
CHE Meeting
September 3, 1998

SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT FUNDING

RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

The three research universities submitted a common proposal, developed with the assistance of Larry Druffel of the South Carolina Research Authority, to foster technology-based research and economic development through the formation of a network of professionals with technology related expertise.

Committee Recommendation:

- Approve funds for \$250,000 of the total of \$250,000 requested in the proposal, on the condition that there be a commitment from the institutions to sustain the program, that consideration be given to increasing the funding for seed projects rather than personnel and administration, and that an evaluation plan be developed and submitted to the Commission on Higher Education.

TEACHING UNIVERSITIES

Proposals were received from The Citadel, Coastal Carolina University, College of Charleston, Lander University, S. C. State University, USC-Aiken, and Winthrop University. The proposals from Coastal Carolina focused on Coastal's Leadership Center; from the College of Charleston, on Minority Student Recruitment; from Lander University, on Accreditation of the Theatre Program; from Winthrop University, on Improving Graduation Rates. The Committee recommends funding the proposals which meet the largest number of preferences as described in the Guidelines: The Citadel, S. C. State University, and USC-Aiken, as indicated below.

Committee Recommendation:

- Approve funding for The Citadel for \$45,124 for a proposal requesting \$76,027 for a program for minority student recruitment and retention, with the understanding that the institution will match this funding with its own funds to cover personnel and material and supplies.
- Approve funding for USC-Aiken for \$6,200 for part two of sections A and B of a proposal for \$21,000 for the retention of minority students. The performance improvement funding would support expanding the "MAPS" program Upper Class Mentor Program and providing crisis management training to the mentors in the program.

- Approve funding for \$13,000 for S. C. State University to improve standardized test scores on NTE subject area tests through assessment, curriculum review, and faculty inservice. This is a pilot project.

REGIONAL CAMPUS

One proposal was received jointly from USC-Beaufort and USC-Union. The focus of the proposal is on campus planning, using a consultant for the Academy for Educational Development and teams of faculty and staff to address deficiencies in performance.

Committee Recommendation:

- Approve funding for the proposal at the requested amount of \$9,500, contingent upon those funds being matched by \$5,500 from the institutions, as indicated in the proposal, and contingent upon an evaluation plan being completed and submitted to the Commission.

TECHNICAL COLLEGES

One proposal was received from State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (SBTCE). The SBTCE proposal focused on "faculty-implemented retention and assessment activities" with a "faculty academy" attended by teams from the technical colleges and funding for activities on individual campuses.

Committee Recommendation:

- Approve funding for the SBTCE proposal for \$62,641.

PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT FUNDING YEAR TWO

Institution	Date Rec'd	Proposal	Amount Requested	Staff Recommended Funding
The Citadel	7/31	The Citadel College Success Institute for At-Risk and Minority Student (Summer 1999)	\$76,027	\$45,124
Clemson University Medical University of S C USC-Columbia	7/31	Research Universities and Economic Development (submitted jointly the research sector universities)	\$250,000	\$250,000
Coastal Carolina University	7/31	Coastal's Leadership Center (EMERGE)	\$20,050	
College of Charleston	8/3	Increasing Educational Opportunities for South Carolinians: A Bridge Program to Attract and Enroll Local Minority Students to the College of Charleston	\$53,360	
Lander University	7/31	Improving the theatre program through development of three facilities. These facilities will improve performance for Indicator 3D by assisting the University in meeting National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST) standards/	\$21,376	
S. C. State University	7/31	Pilot Proposal for Improving the Performance of Students on Standardized Tests	\$80,000	\$13,000
USC-Aiken	7/31	Cap and Gown Program and Extension of MAPS Program (could be implemented which will positively affect Indicator 8C: Retention of Other Race Students	\$21,000	\$6,200
Winthrop University	7/31	A Pilot Project to Improve the Graduation Rate	\$17,000	
USC-Beaufort USC-Union	8/31	To incorporate all strategic goals—including deficient performance indicators—into a comprehensive TQM system on their respective campuses.	\$9,500	\$9,500

Technical Colleges (SBTCE)	7/30	Raise retention and graduation rates of all students with particular emphasis on minority student retention and graduation rates.	\$62,641	\$62,641
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