

MINUTES OF MEETING

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC

October 7, 1999
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr.,
Chairman
Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly
Ms. Susan Cole
Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr.
Mr. Lawrence Gressette, Jr.
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen
Dr. David E. Shi

Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Ms. Betsy Gunter
Ms. Yolanda Hudson
Mr. Walter Jackson
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Ms. Isalene Montgomery
Dr. Gail Morrison
Ms. Samantha Pope
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Jan Stewart
Ms. Tobi Swartz
Mr. John Smalls
Dr. Mike Smith
Dr. Aileen Trainer
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Ms. Mary Jo Cook
Mr. John Finan
DR. Ron Garrick
Dr. Susan Graham
Dr. Ralph Green
Dr. Mike Gross
Dr. David Hess
Dr. Joseph Heyward
Ms. Jennifer Jennings
Mr. Thornton Kirby
Mr. Tom Kovar
Mr. Scott Ludlow
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Mr. Gary McCombs
Col. Spike Metts
Mr. Bob Mellon
Ms. Jackie Olsen
Dr. Janice Poda
Mr. Charles Shawyer
Dr. Dewitt Stone
Dr. John Sutusky
Ms. Catherine Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Dianne Chinnes
Mr. Winfred Greene
Dr. Larry Jackson
Dr. Harry Lightsey, Jr.
Mr. Bill Stern

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Rayburn Barton
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Renea Connolly
Ms. Lorinda Copeland

GUESTS

Dr. Russ Bumba
Dr. Joe Burke
Mr. Don Campbell
Dr. Douglas Carlisle
Ms. Mary Cheeseborough

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. Charlie FitzSimons to proceed with the introductions.

1. Introductions

Guests were introduced and welcomed to the Commission meeting.

Dr. Barton recognized Mr. Gary Glenn, formerly of the SC Department of Education, who joined the CHE staff as of this past week and will be working with data verification in the Performance Funding area.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made (Olsen), seconded (Floyd) 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
(No Report)**

Ms. Dianne Chinnes

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

Ms. Susan Cole

The Committee met immediately prior to the Commission meeting.

A. Access and Equity Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Report

Mr. Walter Jackson reported that the committee began looking at previously tabled items in the Report and primarily examined tabled item #5, the budget item requesting an increase of \$4.1 million. Dr. Barton further explained that CHE's budget request for Access & Equity had been reviewed by the SC Department of Education to be sure we were not duplicating efforts. They were fully supportive and while there are some similarities, no duplicate services exist. (**Attachment I**).

B. Consideration of Audit Procedures for Scholarship and Grants Programs:

The Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services recommends that the Committee be authorized to hear and render final decisions on unresolved audit resolution issues, and audit appeals for the scholarship and grant programs (LIFE, Palmetto Fellows and Need-Based Grant) administered by the Commission on Higher Education. Final resolutions will be submitted to the full Commission for information. (**Attachment II**). This was provided as information only at this time.

C. Consideration of Teacher Education/Recruitment Programs: Annual Reports

1. Minority Access to Teacher Education (MATE), Benedict College (**ATT IIIa**)
The Committee recommends an increase of \$42,832 (or 20.8%) for FY 2000-2001, for a total appropriation of \$248,832.
2. South Carolina Center for Teacher Recruitment (SCCTR), Rock Hill, SC (**ATT IIIb**)
The Committee recommends an increase of \$1,359,209 over FY 1999-2000 (or 148.56%), for a total appropriation of \$2,648,219 for FY 2000-2001.
3. SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-RRMT), South Carolina State University (**ATT IIIc**)
The Committee recommends an increase of \$102,607 (or 39.3%) for FY 2000-2001, for a total appropriation of \$363,607.

A **motion** (Cole) was made, **seconded** (Harvin) and **carried** to recommend increased funding for the programs listed above as outlined in **Attachments IIIa, IIIb, and IIIc**.

3.04 Committee on Finance and Facilities

Ms. Rosemary Byerly

A. Consideration of 2000-2001 Budget Request

1. FY 2000-2001 CHE Operating Budget

Attachment IV to these minutes is the Executive Summary of the 2000-2001 Budget Request in priority order. These were briefly explained by Ms. Byerly (Chair), who then asked that they be considered as a group.

2. Budget Requests for the Colleges and Universities (**ATT IVa**)

Mr. Smalls discussed the budget requests at length as outlined in the attachment IVa. A "Revised Priority #6 was distributed, to be discussed separately. A **motion** was made (Byerly), **seconded** (Cole) and **carried** to make one change to increase Priority #10 (SCMEP) to \$2.3 million and approve the budget requests in the priority order submitted with the exception of Priority #6. The "Revised Priority #6 (**ATT IVb**) was then discussed and a **motion** (Byerly) made, **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** to approve as revised.

3. Exceptional Capital Requests

Ms. Byerly explained that 59 requests for Exceptional Capital Projects were received for 2000-2001. According to CHE policy, these requests are accepted in years when there is no bond bill, and are submitted to the General Assembly without rank or priority by CHE staff. If a bond bill materializes during the recommended funding period, the requests become subject to normal bond request procedures and included and/or ranked with other requests as required.

Mr. Smalls stated that the Exceptional Capital Project requests for 1999-2000 were ... "presented to the General Assembly unranked and unprioritized" by CHE staff. However, CHE subsequently received letters from the Governor's Office and Representatives Henry Brown and Tom Keegan requesting the Commission to prioritize the list. As requested, the Commission ranked and prioritized the list of projects, which were then considered in the 1999-2000 Bond Bill.

The Committee recommends that the 2000-2001 requests be presented to the General Assembly without prioritizing by CHE staff, per CHE policy.

A **motion** was made (Byerly), **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** to submit the 2000-2001 list of exceptional capital requests to the Governor's office unprioritized.

Ms. Byerly commented that, to date, the Committee has completed facilities tours of 20 of the State's 33 public colleges and universities. The Committee expects to complete tours of the remaining 13 institutions during the calendar year 2000.

3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding (No Report)

4. Report of the Executive Director

Rayburn Barton

- ◆ **MRR Validation Study:** The contract, working with the Budget & Control Board staff has been let to MGT of America. The project is being overseen by the Funding Advisory Committee. A couple of weeks ago the representatives from that group met with the Funding Advisory Committee and their work has begun.
- ◆ **State Auditor's Report:** Dr. Barton reported the state audit for this year will be without findings and thanked John Smalls and his staff for that accomplishment.
- ◆ **Technology Issues:** Dr. Roy McTarneghan of the SREB Policy Laboratory is to make a presentation to the Commission at the November meeting and will meet with institutional representatives on the same afternoon.
- ◆ **Ad Hoc Committee on Performance Funding:** This committee has had one meeting with appropriate Commission staff. The second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12; the Committee will review in detail the indicators and definitions we are using and the rating process. They are scheduled to have four more meetings prior to the beginning of the legislative session. Their report date is January 1, 2001.
- ◆ **Legislative Facilities Tours:** The final tour in conjunction with Senator Keegan's subcommittee is scheduled for October 12 at Winthrop University and that will conclude the facility tours looking specifically at deferred maintenance issues.
- ◆ **Campus Safety Conference:** The Campus Safety Conference at the College of Charleston, co-sponsored by the Commission and several of the institutions, is scheduled for November 29 and 30. To date, eighty persons have registered.

- ◆ Professor of the Year Awards: The Professor of the Year Luncheon will occur immediately following the Commission meeting on November 4.

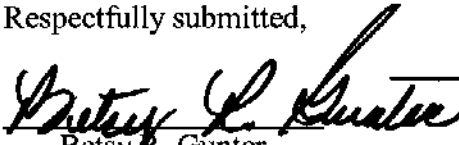
Following the Report of the Executive Director, Chairman Gilbert recognized Dr. William Moran's announcement of his retirement in the summer of 2000. He recapped briefly Dr. Moran's career as college president and highlighted some of his accomplishments during his terms as president.

There was a presentation by Dr. William C. Moran, President of Lander University.

5. Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Betsy R. Gunter
Recorder

Attachments I-IVc