

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Coastal Carolina University
Conway, South Carolina
April 3, 1997
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF

Ms. Mary Broadwater
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael L. Brown
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Ms. Margaret L. B. Hicks
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Dr. C. Michael Smith
Ms. Yolanda Solone
Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong

GUESTS

Dr. Robert E. Alexander
Mr. Bradley Anderson
Dr. Pete Barr

Dr. Janis Chesson
Ms. Kay Coleman
Ms. Donna Collins
Mr. Leland DeHart
Dr. Val Dunham
Ms. Margaret Dussor
Dr. Conrad Festa
Mr. David Fleming
Mr. Alan Godfrey
Mr. Stan Godshall
Mr. Mike Gross
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield
Dr. Sally Horner
Mr. David Hunter
Dr. John Idoux
Mr. Charlie Jeffcoat
Ms. Karen Jones
Mr. J. Thornton Kirby
Mr. Jim Kirk
Dr. Dorcas Kitchings
Mr. Scott A. Ludlow
Mr. Howard Lundy
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Dr. Michael McCall
Mr. Gary McCombs
Mr. Robert Mellon
Dr. Isaac S. Metts, Jr.
Mr. Bob Mignone
Mr. William T. Putnam
Dr. Stephen Rogers
Ms. Rose Sheheen
Ms. Patricia Sizemore
Ms. Lindy Smith
Dr. DeWitt Stone
Dr. Mary D. Thornley

Col. Donald Tomasik
Dr. Charmaine Tomzyk
Dr. Jim Vincent
Mr. Lynwood Womack

For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Dr. Ingle welcomed the Commission to Coastal Carolina University and invited members, guests, and staff to a luncheon following the meeting. Mr. Gilbert thanked Dr. Ingle for his hospitality during the Commission's visit to Coastal Carolina University. Mr. Sheheen introduced his wife, Rose, who accompanied him to the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes of Meetings of March 6, 1997

It was moved (Olsen), seconded (Greene), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of March 6, 1997 be approved as written.

2. Committee Reports

3.03 Report of Committee on Access and Equity, Licensing and Veterans Education, and Special Projects

In the absence of Mr. F. Gilbert, chairman of the Committee, Dr. Smith reported that the Access and Equity conference held March 12-14 in Greenville, South Carolina was well attended. Keynote speakers and major presenters addressed the conference theme, "Minority Achievement in Higher Education - Where Are We Going? Where Have We Been?"

3.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

In the absence of Mr. Daniel, chairman of the Committee, Ms. Byerly reported on the following matters:

1. Discussion of Institutional Life-Safety Plans

Ms. Byerly commended Mr. Stern for taking the lead in the pressing issue of fire safety, even though he is not a member of the Committee.

Although existing buildings may not be required to have sprinkler systems, the Commission is concerned that there still exists a serious safety issue for students

living in those dormitories. Current State Engineer regulations require all newly constructed residential facilities to have sprinkler systems, but dormitories built prior to 1988 are not required to be equipped with sprinklers unless major renovations are made. Each institution was requested to submit a summary of the current status of life-safety systems in its facilities and a plan to address any deficiencies.

Another consideration is that dormitories are included in each institution's auxiliary enterprises. Auxiliary enterprises are required by State law to be self supporting. For this reason, in the past, the State has not provided capital funding for auxiliary facilities.

After some discussion, it was moved (Byerly), seconded (Stern), and voted that the Commission strongly encourage each institution to implement all of the life-safety measures as outlined in the respective institutional plans, and that the institutions report annually to the Commission regarding the status of these life-safety plans as part of the annual budget presentations. Also, the Committee recommended that the Commission relate the approval of all auxiliary enterprise capital projects to the unmet needs of projects related to life-safety issues.

Further, the Commission should make a request to the General Assembly for the establishment of a matching pool of \$15 million, to be administered and prioritized by the Commission through the use of an advisory committee made up of representatives from the State Fire Marshall's Office, the Office of the State Engineer, and the Commission staff. This matching pool will be available for institutions to apply for reimbursement of expenditures on a dollar for dollar basis, so that the State will ultimately bear one-half of the total cost. Eligible expenses will be those associated with life-safety improvements to include: fire detection and alarm systems, egress systems, fire suppression systems, and other costs directly related to life-safety improvements.

2. Routine Repair, Replacement, and Maintenance Projects

Clemson University - Jervey Parking Lot Resurface and Repair - The scope of work will include the demolition of the existing parking surfaces, redesign of the parking area, and reconstruction of the area in order to improve efficiency, emergency access, lighting, landscape, and traffic operations and controls. Also, substantial work will also be involved regarding the upgrade of the existing storm water system. The total cost is \$350,000 from Athletic Operating Funds.

An opportunity was provided during the meeting for members to ask questions regarding this project. Since there were no objections, the project will be

forwarded by staff to the Budget and Control Board with a favorable recommendation.

3.05 Report of Committee on Planning & Assessment

It was moved (D. Floyd), seconded (Olsen), and voted that the Commission resolve into a Committee of the Whole to consider the report of the Steering Committee on Performance Funding.

Mr. D. Floyd presented material as approved by the Committee on Planning and Assessment acting as the Steering Committee for Performance Funding. He gave an overview of the proposed Performance Funding Plan (Attachment 1). Mr. Smalls reviewed the intricacies of the funding process. Mr. Floyd stated that the Commission would vote on the Plan at the Commission meeting on May 1.

3. Report of the Executive Director

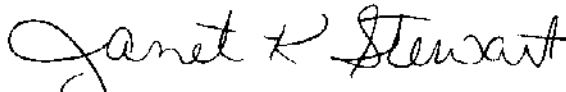
- A. Mr. Sheheen stated that the South Carolina State Library announced the selection of the ten most notable South Carolina state government publications of 1996. The Commission's annual institutional effectiveness report, Minding Our P's and Q's: Indications of Productivity and Quality in South Carolina's Public Colleges and Universities, was on this list.
- B. Mr. Sheheen noted that the Senate Education Committee plans to form a joint committee with members of the House to revise the rules and regulations of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program.

4. Other Business

Mr. A. Gilbert stated that he has asked Ms. Chinnes as a Committee of One to monitor the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary