

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 2, 1995**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Donald Crolley
Dr. Colgate Darden
Mr. Fred Fore
Ms. Elaine Freeman
Mr. Austin Gilbert, Jr.
Mr. Kenneth Goad
Dr. Gregg Jones
Ms. Reba B. Kinon
Mr. Ray Lathan
Dr. David Maxwell
Mr. Willard Metcalf
Dr. Ray Ramage
Mr. Bill Stern
Mr. Edwin Tolbert
Ms. Debbie Whittle
Ms. Mim Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Fred Day

GUESTS

Ms. Barbara Adams
Dr. Margaret Amick
Dr. Ron Bailey
Dr. Doug Dobson
Mr. Dan Dukcs
Ms. Katherine Fanning
Dr. Conrad Festa
Mr. David Fleming
Dr. Carol Garrison
Mr. Sandy Gilliam
Ms. Lynn Glander
Dr. Diane Harwell
Dr. Joe Heyward
Mr. David Larson

continued, GUESTS

Col. Jerry Lyons
Dr. James C. Moeser
Ms. June Moorhead
Mr. Henry Nodes
Mr. Raymond Perkins
Ms. Joanne Porter
Mr. William T. Putnam
Ms. Marilyn Sarow
Mr. Charles Shawver
Mr. M. Shekawat
Mr. Cary Smith
Col. Donald Tomask
Ms. Janice Trawick
Dr. Ralph White
Mr. Fred Wian

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Ms. Maggie Hicks
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Mr. Al Krech
Dr. David Loope
Dr. Gail Morrison
Dr. Robert Poch
Dr. Michael Raley
Mr. Fred Shoheen
Ms. Yolanda Solone
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Dr. Aileen Trainer
Dr. Nancy Healy-Williams
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk
Dr. John Sutusky

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

Introduction of guests was provided by Mr. Krech.

The Commission meeting of February 2, 1995, was chaired by Vice Chairman Austin Gilbert.

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of January 5, 1995

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the minutes of January 5, 1995, be approved.

2. Special Presentation

Mr. Gilbert recognized Ms. Freeman who is recipient of the Elizabeth O'Neil Verner Award awarded by the South Carolina Arts Commission and Mr. Metcalf who was awarded the Order of the Palmetto by Governor Campbell.

3. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of the Executive Committee - Mr. Lathan

(Recommendations on Restructuring)

The Executive Committee recommended a one-year moratorium on restructuring measures and the immediate appointment of a Committee of the Commission to engage in conversations with the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Office of the Governor, the Council of Public Higher Education Board Chairs, and other interested entities on the future of higher education coordination and governance in South Carolina.

It was moved (Lathan), seconded (Williams) and voted that the recommendation be approved.

Consideration of Proposed Changes to License Regulations

These regulations were previously given out to the members of the Commission, and the Executive Committee recommends that the regulations proposed by the staff be adopted by the full Commission.

It was moved (Lathan), seconded (Phillips), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

3.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs - Ms. Williams

The following items were approved immediately with no dissent: 3.02.a.3; 3.02.e.; 3.02.f.; 3.02.g.; 3.02.h.

a.3. Consideration of New Program Proposal M.A.T., Social Studies Strand, The Citadel

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed program leading to the M.A.T. degree with a strand in Social Studies favorably for implementation in the fall of 1995, provided that: 1) no "unique cost" or other special State funding be required or requested; and 2) no new students are accepted into the strand in history after the summer of 1995.

e. Consideration of Institutional Policies for Awarding Credit for Advanced Placement for 1995-96

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the institutions' policies on awarding credit for Advanced Placement as being in keeping with the provisions of the Education Improvement Act (1984) and the Commission's 1985 Advanced Placement Policy.

f. Informational Report on South Carolina Advanced Placement Performance for 1994

(Only a report for the Commission to review and consider.)

g. Informational Report on Endowed Professorships in Teacher Education

(Only a report for the Commission's Information.)

h. Informational Report on the Guidelines for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Education Act Grants' Programs, Project Year 1995-96

(Only a report for Commission's Consideration.)

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Phillips), and voted that the above-listed items be approved.

3.02. continued, Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

The following items were discussed before being approved:
3.02.a.1.; 3.02.a.2.; 3.02.b.; 3.02.c.; 3.02.d.

a.1. Consideration of New Program Proposal Center for Electrochemical Engineering, USC-Columbia

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed Center for Electrochemical Engineering favorably for implementation on July 1, 1995, provided that no "unique cost" or other special funds other than the \$500,000 for FY 1995-96 approved by the Commission at its October 6, 1994, meeting be required or requested. The Committee also recommends that the Center be terminated by June 1, 2002, unless specifically reauthorized by the Committee on Academic Affairs following submission of a report by June 1, 2001, detailing the achievements, accomplishments, and funding support for the Center.

Dr. Maxwell stated that this speaks for the procedure and classification rather than to the merits of the program itself unlike the appropriate and necessary conditions for classifying this as a Step 12 item. He stated that this Center is represented for "unique cost funding" even though there has been no determination that the proposed activity will give rise to unique cost of any type. He said that nowhere in the proposal is there a claim or contention that the proposed activity will give rise to unique cost and stated that Step 12 itself requires that there must be in the proposal a contention that the proposed activity will give rise to unique cost. He said that in the proposal there is no such unique cost, and although the proposed activity might itself be "unique" implies nothing about the uniqueness of the cost of this activity.

Dr. James Moeser from the University of Columbia-SC responded to Dr. Maxwell's statement by saying that he believes that Dr. Maxwell is addressing the issue of Step 12 funding, but that is not the question before the Commission because that funding has already been approved by the vote of the Commission. He stated that the question is the approval of these two (2) centers, and he is prepared to discuss the Centers on their merits, but he stated he does not know how to respond to an issue that has already been decided by the Commission.

Mr. Sheheen then stated that he believed that Dr. Maxwell can halt this if he disagrees with the Step 12 funding because the Commission's approval of the Step 12 funding was contingent upon the approval of the Center, and if he stops the approval of the Center, he can stop the approval of the Step 12 funding. The Commission clearly stated on the approval of the Step 12 funding it was contingent on the Commission approving the Center.

Dr. Maxwell then asked where in the proposal does it make it qualify for Step 12 funding? Where does it cause or activate unique cost?

Dr. Moeser replied that from a standpoint of practicality, he would like to argue this Center on its merits and said that Dr. Ralph White, who is the author of this proposal, is ready to do so.

Mr. Lathan stated that conversations have been held about the Step 12 "getting out of hand," and the issue has gone back and forth, but he stated that this was approved by the Business and Finance Committee and was, in turn, approved by the full Commission, and at that point, there were no questions raised about this proposal.

****It was moved (Williams) that the Committee recommendation be approved and a hand vote was taken. Dr. Maxwell and Mr. Tolbert voted no. The motion passed.**

Mr. Lathan invited Dr. Maxwell to come to the next Business and Finance Committee to make his position clear on Step 12 funding, and Mr. Lathan agreed to give Dr. Maxwell notice of that.

**a.2. Consideration of New Program Proposal
Center for Violence and Substance Abuse, USC-Columbia**

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed Center for Southern Regional Violence and Substance Abuse Prevention at USC-Columbia for implementation on July 1, 1995, provided that:

- 1) it is understood that the program approval of the proposed Center does not constitute an endorsement of five years (5) for Step 12 funding, and that the requests for Step 12 funding for subsequent years will be evaluated on an annual basis in light of the Center's specific accomplishments; and
- 2) the Center be terminated by June 1, 2002, unless specifically reauthorized by the Committee on Academic Affairs following the submission of a report by June 1, 2001, detailing the achievements, accomplishments, and funding support raised for the Center.

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Phillips), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

Dr. Maxwell again noted his concern about the unique cost and Step 12 funding.

b. Consideration of Proposal to Change Process for Evaluation of Existing Programs

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the Proposed changes to the Commission's Program Review process as well as the Institutional Effectiveness program for implementation beginning with the FY 1995-96 program evaluation cycle.

It was moved (Gilbert), seconded (Crolley), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

Mr. Tolbert questioned the sites' visits. He wanted to know what changes which are being done by the Commission.

Dr. Gail Morrison replied that there are two kinds of changes affecting this. (A detailed description of the proposed changes was attached to Agenda Item 3.02.b. in mail out for the February meeting.)

c. Consideration of Proposal for Supplemental Appropriation for Services under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the following proposal: In order to enhance compliance with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education requests a one-time, supplemental appropriation of \$525,000 to assist the State's thirty-three (33) public, postsecondary institutions in providing critical basic instructional services to their students with disabilities.

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the proposal be approved.

d. Consideration of Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs, 1993

The Committee recommends that the following recommendations be approved:

1. USC-Lancaster be recognized for its efforts to complete the merger of its two (2) business-related degree programs consistent with the timetable of June 30, 1995.
2. Central Carolina Technical College be recognized for its timely suspension of two degree programs and its reconstituting of these programs at the diploma level.
3. The staff of the State Board for Technical and Comprehension Education (SBTCE) in conjunction with the staffs of the technical colleges conduct a study on the savings and reallocations of resources which might have come about from the cancellation of degree programs beginning with the annual report in 1990 through the current reporting year cycle represented by this report. This report will be due March 1, 1996.

4. The staff of the SBTCE conduct a study on the feasibility a consolidating a variety of discrete degree programs into "tracks" of study within more generic degree programs in order to minimize administrative probation for these programs and to increase faculty cooperation and curricular flexibility. This report will be due March 1, 1996.
5. All future requests for probation extended beyond the third year (3) be accompanied by a statement from the president of the institution which, at a minimum, provides the reasons the program was unable to correct deficiencies within the expected three-year period, reasons why the program is expected to become viable (i.e., to regain "good" status), and provides a date certain by which this will be expected to occur.
6. The staff of the SBTCE and the technical colleges conduct a study to assess the reasons for the decline of the Automotive Technology degree and whether this decline can and/or should be reversed. This report is due March 1, 1996.
7. The recommendations for the status of the programs as contained in this report be adopted.

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Phillips), and voted that the above recommendations be approved.

***Mr. Lathan made an amendment to the motion that recommendation number 6 be amended to become an optional report to be filed by the technical staff or schools rather than a mandatory study to be turned into the staff.

It was moved (Lathan), seconded (Freeman) and voted that the amendment to the motion be approved.

***It was voted that the amended motion be approved.

3.03 Report of Committee on Access and Equity - Mr. Tolbert

Mr. Tolbert said that the Tenth Annual Conference on Development and Implementation for Successful Programs would be held February 8-10 in Myrtle Beach, and the theme for the Conference is as follows: Today's Investment - Tomorrow's Success. One of the speakers will be Dr. Proctor, a Martin Luther King, Jr., distinguished professor from Duke University

3.05 Report of Committee on Facilities - Ms. Kinon

The Committee recommends that the acquisitions be approved as proposed (Citadel's Property Acquisitions). (The Citadel is proposing to purchase two small lots with houses in very close proximity to the campus. These will be used for faculty and staff quarters. The total costs for these acquisitions will be paid from private funds donated to the Citadel, and given this property will be placed in the above-specified use, there is no formula funding implication.)

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Goad), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

(This is a request from South Carolina State, and Ms. Kinon requested that the Commission waiver rule for the consideration of this proposal -- since it is a custom for the members to be notified at least one week in advance about proposal, but the Ms. Kinon said the Committee was unable to do so.)

***Ms. Kinon made a motion to waive this rule, and it was seconded, (Crolley) and voted.

The Committee recommends approval of the project as proposed provided the University disposes of this property upon construction of the planned new on-campus dormitories or if an alternative use is desired secures Commission approval in advance (South Carolina State University Russell Street Inn Acquisition).

The University intends to use this building as a dormitory, and the justification for this is the need for additional beds since enrollments have increased significantly over the past ten years, and the availability of on-campus housing has not kept pace with this growth. (The source of funds is excess debt service [housing].) (No unique costs are being requested.)

Mr. Sheheen stated that if this recommendation were not brought before the Commission today and approved, the University would have to sign another lease, then it would have to be brought before the Commission again in March. For the sake of not breaking the rules of the Commission which require that this be "in the hands of the members 48 hours in advance, the Commission would require the institution to sign an extension of a lease for three more months which the monies could be applied toward the purchase price, so he stated his immense desire that the Commission should approve this immediately.

Mr. Lathan called the following question: " Has the Facilities Committee had an adequate opportunity to study this situation, and do they think this violates any guidelines on Deferred Maintenance.

Ms. Kinon replied that they had received the materials ahead of time, and there are no violations on guidelines on the Deferred Maintenance.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Crolley), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

3.06 Report of Committee on Planning Assessment - (No Report)

4. Report of the Commissioner - Mr. Sheheen

Mr. Sheheen stated his concern on the Assessment situation on the colleges and universities. He said that the Ways and Means Sub-committee has requested the institutions to project a 5 percent cut in their budgets for the next fiscal year, and the Commission has coordinated a collection of that information for presentation to the Ways and Means Committee.

Also, in the Governor's address, the Governor requested a 5 percent cut to be extended over a two-year period (2 and 1/2 percent each year). The Governor did, however, exempt public education in his remarks. The Commission has requested in the presentation to the Ways and Means Sub-committee the following two items: (1) the definition of public education be broadened to include higher education and; (2) instead of achieving a 5 percent reduction to the agents that the Government may be looking for, that the Government not just simply look at the current year's funding but look at the history of funding over the past 5 years, and those agencies and activities which have taken a more severe "cut" be treated more generously than those which have not.

Mr. Sheheen stated that higher education has had more severe cuts, and the Ways and Means Sub-committee has asked the Commission to document this, and this is in process with the Budget Division of the State Budget and Control Board.

Mr. Sheheen stated that he believes the Commission should continue the arguments and presentations, and there have already been four meetings with the Sub-committee, and Mr. Sheheen said that he thinks the Committee is being responsive and open about considering the various data and other materials being presented. The Sub-committee will make its initial report to the full Ways and Means Committee on February 13, 1995.

Mr. Sheheen stated that the 5% cut places the operating budget of the institutions of higher learning in South Carolina below where it was in 1990.

5. Other Business
(None)

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Kimberly D. Corley
Recording Secretary