

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201

Minutes of the Meeting

September 6, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Commission Members Attending

Dr. Layton McCurdy, Chairman
Col. John Bowden
Dr. Doug Forbes
Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Dr. Louis Lynn
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller
Mr. Daniel Ravenel
Mr. Jim Sanders
Mr. Hood Temple
Mr. Randy Thomas
Mr. Neal Workman
Dr. Mick Zais

Commission Members Absent

Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Mr. Ken Wingate

Staff Present

Mr. Reggie Adams
Ms. Rita Allison
Mr. Arik Bjorn
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Mike Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Alyson Goff
Dr. Paula Gregg
Mr. Gerrick Hampton
Ms. Yolanda Hudson
Ms. Lane Jeselnik
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Ms. Lorna Manglona-Williams
Dr. Gail Morrison
Ms. Beth Rogers
Dr. Garrison Walters
Ms. Karen Wham
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Candy Borchick, University of Phoenix
Ms. Christine Brown, Medical University of S.C.
Mr. Al Cope, Clemson University
Dr. Anthony Coyne, U.S.C. Sumter
Dr. Joe DiPiro, S.C. College of Pharmacy
Mr. Will Garland, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. Tim Hardee, Central Carolina Technical College
Mr. Scott Ludlow, State Technical College
Dr. Leonard Lundquist, Lander University
Mr. John Malmrose, Medical University of S.C.
Mr. J. T. McLawhorn, Columbia Urban League
Dr. Martha Moriarity, U.S.C. Beaufort
Dr. Linda Neely, Lander University
Ms. Sandra Powers, College of Charleston
Mr. Charles Shawver, S.C. Budget & Control Board
Dr. Rob Sheehan, Coastal Carolina University
Ms. Amanda Smith, The Citadel
Dr. Rita Teal, S.C. State University
Dr. Aileen Trainer, U.S.C. Columbia
Dr. Ron White, Columbia College
Ms. Sandy Williams, Coastal Carolina University
Mr. Bryce Wilson, S.C. Budget & Control Board

Members of the Press

none

The meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Introductions

- Lynn Kelley

Dr. Lynn Kelley introduced the guests, all of whom are listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made (Mosteller), **seconded** (Temple), and **carried** to approve the minutes of August 1, 2007.

3. Presentation of Urban League Intern Certificates

- Garrison Walters

Dr. Walters introduced Mr. Michael Brown who provided introductory remarks. Mr. J. T. McLawhorn, President of the Columbia Urban League, described the Summer Work Experience Leadership Program in which several high school students participated when they worked briefly at CHE this summer. Mr. McLawhorn stated that the program engaged the students in a positive work experience and provided them with valuable exposure to the value of a college education. Mr. McLawhorn expressed his appreciation to CHE for having afforded the interns this opportunity. Commissioner Lynn thanked Mr. McLawhorn for his efforts on behalf of young people, and Commissioner Bowden thanked him for the constructive information provided in articles he has written for The State newspaper.

4. Presentation by Dr. Joseph DiPiro, S.C. College of Pharmacy

Dr. DiPiro provided a Power Point presentation on the S.C. College of Pharmacy. This program is a merger of the University of S.C. and the Medical University of S.C. Colleges of Pharmacy, which is the only U.S. example of a merger of this type. A hard copy of this presentation may be found in **Attachment I**.

Following his presentation, Dr. DiPiro entertained questions. In response to Commissioner Sander's questions, he replied that the S.C. College of Pharmacy expects to graduate around 190 students per year and that the demand for pharmacists in S. C. is moderate. Though S. C. is presently close to meeting its demand for pharmacists, it is expected that this need will double by the year 2020.

Dr. McCurdy commented on the vastly expanded role of pharmacists, both currently and in the future, in the management of chronic illness.

In response to Commissioner Lynn's questions, Dr. DiPiro reported that the pharmacy student population consists of approximately 5% African-Americans and is predominately female. 90% of the population are students from within the state, and 10 % from out of state.

In response to Dr. Walters' questions about the changing role of pharmacists and how that is being supported, Dr. DiPiro stated that federal reimbursement for non-product services

by pharmacists is being provided. He further stated that pharmacists are beginning to work in collaborative practices with physicians.

In response to Commissioner Mosteller's question, Dr. DiPiro stated that pharmacy students are surveyed regularly for their feedback on the distance learning component of their studies. Feedback is also solicited in the classroom setting.

In response to Commissioner Temple's question, Dr. DiPiro replied that reaction to the mandatory Doctor of Pharmacy program had been very positive, due primarily to the fact that there currently exists a large number of predominantly older people who are facing problems managing their medications.

In response to Commissioner Lynn and Commissioner Sanders questions, Dr. DiPiro replied that the technical colleges provide the training of pharmacy technicians and that informal collaboration between the S.C. College of Pharmacy and the technical colleges currently exists.

5. Chairman's Report

- Chairman McCurdy

Chairman McCurdy began his report by recognizing Commissioner Lynn who had been featured in an article in the September 2007 edition of the magazine, *Greater Columbia Business Monthly*. He stated that former Governor of South Carolina and U. S. Department of Education Secretary Richard W. Riley had been selected as the 2008 nominee to be inducted into the S.C. Higher Education Hall of Fame. The Lightsey Society's annual Hall of Fame Banquet will take place on a date to be determined in April, 2008. Chairman McCurdy encouraged those Commissioners who had not yet become Society members to consider doing so. Chairman McCurdy reported that the 2008 Campus Safety Conference, hosted by U.S.C. Beaufort, would take place in Hilton Head, February 20 - 22. He commented on the recently released report on last spring's Virginia Tech incident and asked Ms. Karen Wham to send a copy of that report to each Commissioner.

6. Committee Reports

6.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Layton McCurdy

The Executive Committee had no report.

6.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

-Bettie Horne

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing had no report.

6.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

- Cynthia Mosteller

A. Consideration of Proposed Scholarship Regulations

Commissioner Mosteller stated the proposed regulations changes had to do with tightening residency requirements, enhancements of the Palmetto Fellows and LIFE Scholarships, and consistency with regard to loss of scholarships. Detailed information about the proposed changes may be found in **Attachment II**.

At Commissioner Mosteller's request, Dr. Karen Woodfaulk explained that a student's second alcohol or drug-related offense would result in the loss of scholarship for one year. Previously, a student would lose his/her scholarship for one year after only one alcohol or drug-related offense. After that year has expired, however, the student may regain the scholarship if he/she meets the continuing eligibility criteria.

In response to Commissioner Sanders' question about no longer using a student's voter registration to establish residency, Dr. Woodfaulk replied that the reason voter registration cards are no longer used is because it is possible for an individual to possess more than one state's voter registration card, and that several layers of documentation will be used instead in the process of determining residency status.

Commissioner Mosteller provided detailed information about enhancements to the Palmetto Fellows and LIFE scholarships. She noted that the information about these proposed regulation changes was provided for information only and that no vote was necessary.

Following Commissioner Workman's question regarding the number of students who lose their scholarships after the freshman year, discussion took place about scholarship retention, the possibility of offering more scholarship opportunities to average students, and the necessity of increasing need-based aid in South Carolina. At Commissioner Sanders' request, Dr. Woodfaulk agreed to bring to the Commissioners for their review and possible recommendation to the legislature several models for increasing need-based aid.

6.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Daniel Ravenel

A. Consideration of Interim Capital Projects

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| 1. Clemson University | - | President's Park Rotunda Construction |
| 2. Coastal Carolina University | - | Science Building Renovation |
| | - | Student Center Deferred Maintenance |
| 3. Medical University of S.C. | - | 2007 Energy Performance Contract |
| | - | Air Emissions Permit Compliance Improvements |
| | - | Psychiatric Institute Third Floor Main Data Center System Upgrades |
| | - | Thurmond/Gazes Research Building Air Handler Unit Replacement |

B. Lease

1. Medical University of S. C. - Rutledge Tower 11th and 12th Floors

C. FY 2008-09 Budget Request

1. Higher Education Institutions Request
 - a. Below-the-Line Items
2. Agency Request

D. List of Staff Approvals for May - July 2007

A **motion** was made (Ravenel), **seconded** (Sanders), and **carried** to suspend the 48 hour requirement stipulated in the CHE By-laws so that the FY 2008-09 budget request could be approved.

Commissioner Ravenel described the interim capital projects for consideration, details about which may be found in **Attachment III**.

A **motion** was made (Ravenel) and carried to approve collectively the following **recommendation** for each of the projects as listed in item A:

The Committee on Finance and Facilities recommends approval of this project as proposed.

Commissioner Ravenel provided information about the lease as listed in item B, also described in **Attachment III**. A **motion** was made (Ravenel) and carried to accept this lease.

Commissioner Sanders emphasized the importance of having Commissioners review carefully the information about interim capital projects they receive in their monthly commission materials mailings as those items will be the ones upon which action will be taken at that particular meeting because 30 day delay would no longer be observed due to the by-law revision approved last month.

Commissioner Ravenel provided introductory remarks about the FY 2008-09 Budget Request as listed in item C, details about which may be found in **Attachment IV**.

Dr. Walters commented on the process of developing the budget request and explained how improvements are needed in order to more clearly communicate to the citizens of South Carolina what they're getting from higher education. He stated that CHE staff will work with the state's colleges and universities to develop a more comprehensive budget presentation which demonstrates clarity of purpose. He then commented on the key

clements of the budget request which are: 1) institutional core operating needs; 2) need-based aid; 3) statewide collaboratives; and 4) capital needs. Dr. Walters emphasized that a core goal for South Carolina should be raising the number of educated people in the state in order that it may compete in a knowledge-based economy. He stated that a significant increase in need-based aid is a critical element in accomplishing that goal.

Commissioner Ravenel noted that the requested recurring increase for operating needs in the amount of \$108,000,000 included funding for three approved below-the-line projects.

A **motion** was made (Ravenel) to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Finance and Facilities recommends approval of the higher education budget request for FY 2008-09 as broadly defined above with the understanding that as the budget process unfolds, changes to structure and content are likely.

Chairman McCurdy noted this budget request more heavily emphasizes the needs of higher education as a whole rather than the needs of CHE as an agency. Ms. Julie Carullo then responded to several Commissioners' questions about various aspects of budget process. Discussion took place about the importance of clearly communicating how institutional funds will be allocated. At Dr. McCurdy's request, Mr. Gary Glenn agreed to send a parity chart to each of the Commissioners for their review in order to determine if this is, in fact, the most rational way of distributing the money.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

Commission Ravenel called attention to the below-the-line items found on page 22 of **Attachment III**. Mr. Gary Glenn provided details on each of the items and Commissioner Sanders noted the criteria used to determine which below-the-line items are chosen to be recommended for approval.

A **motion** was made (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Finance and Facilities recommends for approval the following three projects which meet the BTL criteria: The Frank L. Roddey Small Business Development project; The S.C. Alliance for Minority Participation (SCAMP) project; and the James E. Clyburn University Transportation Center project. Funding for these projects is included in the CHE budget recommendation for higher education.

Commissioner Ravenel made reference to the List of Staff Approvals for May - July 2007 as found on pages 23 - 25 of Attachment III. He stated that this was provided for information only.

7. Legislative Update

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Julie Carullo stated that her most recent focus had been on the preparation of the budget request as well as other documents, including the Agency Activity Inventory and

the Annual Accountability Report for FY 2006-07.

8. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

A. Agency Accountability Report for FY 2006-07

Dr. Walters called attention to the Annual Accountability Report a copy of which may be found in **Attachment V**. He noted that improving focus on efficiency in accountability reporting is a goal. Dr. Walters commented on several of the meetings he has had since becoming Executive Director, including those with institutional finance and academic officers, and Presidents, as well as with legislative delegations. He commented specifically on his meeting with Mr. George Fletcher of the New Carolina Council on Competitiveness. Dr. Walters stated that this organization does an excellent job of linking national issues and strategies with South Carolina's economic situation and that its recommendations very clearly have higher education threaded through them. Dr. Walters again emphasized the need to develop a carefully focused statewide plan which not only balances responsibilities of the state's institutions to be more efficient and effective, but also speaks to the state's responsibility to help support the institutions as they work to achieve those goals. He stated that the higher education budget must be linked to specific outcomes for South Carolina, and that the work of the newly formed Higher Education Study Committee should help in that regard. Dr. Walters commented that he has been thus far very encouraged about the prospect of engaging all the above-mentioned entities in working toward a common goal.

At Dr. Walters' request, Ms. Julie Carullo described the charge of the Higher Education Study Committee. The first meeting of the committee is to take place on September 11, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. A copy of the charge along with a list of the individuals appointed to the committee may be found in **Attachment VI**.

9. Other Business

There was no other business to consider.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments I - VI

*Attachments are not included in this mailing, but will be filed with the permanent record of these minutes and are available for review upon request.