

MINUTES OF MEETING
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
AUGUST 22, 1994

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Donald Crolley
Mr. Fred Day
Ms. Elaine Freeman
Mr. Austin Gilbert
Mr. Kenneth Goad
Mr. Gregg Jones
Ms. Reba Anne Kinon
Mr. Ray Lathan
Mr. Willard Metcalf
Mr. Bill Stern
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Ms. Deborah Whittle
Ms. Mildred Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Edwin Tolbert, Jr.
Dr. Raymond Ramage

GUESTS

Mr. Harry Bell
Mr. Arthur Bjontegard, Jr.
Ms. Ellen Chamberlain
Dr. Donna Collins
Ms. Susan Dewitt
Mr. John Duffy
Mr. Jim Edwards
Ms. Katherine Fanning
Mr. David Fleming
Mr. Wayne Fogle
Dr. Carol Garrison
Mr. Sandy Gilliam
Mr. Irvin Greene
Mr. William Hubbard

GUESTS (Continued)

Mr. David Hunter
Mr. Gary Hendrick
Col. Jerry Lyons
Dr. James Moeser
Dr. Harry Matthews
Dr. Ann McNutt
Mr. Larry Myers
Mr. Joe Pappin
Dr. Chris Plyler
Dr. Herb Robbins
Mr. Bill Robinson
Mr. Bob Tanner
Ms. Janice Traywick
Mr. W.E. Troublefield, Jr.
Dr. Lee Vickers
Dr. Maria Welsa

STAFF

Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Addie Caldwell
Mr. Charlie Fitzsimons
Mr. Jeff Grace
Ms. Maggie Hicks
Mr. Doug Holleman
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Mr. Alan Krech
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail Morrison
Dr. Robert Poch
Dr. Michael Raley
Mr. Fred Sheheen
Mr. John Smalls
Ms. Yoland Solone
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Dr. John Sutusky
Dr. Aileen Trainer
Ms. Julia Wells
Dr. Nancy-Healy Williams
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

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

Mr. Alan Krech introduced the guests to the Commission monthly meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of August 22, 1994

It was moved (Freeman), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the minutes of July 7, 1994 meeting be approved.

2. Mr. Sheheen requested nominations for Chairman of the Commission. Mr. Ray Lathan and Mr. Austin Gilbert were nominated. Ballots were provided to Commission members and two separate attempts to elect the chairman resulted in tie votes. Mr. Sheheen suggested that election of the Chairman be deferred until the beginning of September Commission meeting.

4. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of Executive Committee

a. Consideration of Recommendations concerning the Report of the Executive Committee to Study Two-Year Education

Before consideration of the recommendations concerning the Report of the Committee to Study Two-Year Education, Mr. Sheheen noted the receipt of two letters from the University of South Carolina, one from Mr. Thomas Stepp, Secretary to the Board of Visitors, and one from Dr. Palms. Copies of the letters were distributed and time was provided for Commission members to read the letters prior to consideration of the Executive Committee recommendations.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the Executive Committee conducted an open forum on August 4, 1994, to discuss both the report of the Committee to Study Two-Year Education and the Executive Committee's recommendations with respect to that report. The presidents of South Carolina's public and private colleges and universities were invited to the forum as were members of the Committee to Study Two-Year Higher Education, the chairpersons of the USC Board of Trustees and the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, and the members of the technical group for the Two-Year Study Committee.

Mr. Gilbert then presented the Executive Committee's first recommendation with regard to the report of the Committee to Study Two-Year Higher Education. The recommendation stated that:

1. The Commission accepts the mission of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education "To provide technical and comprehensive education, special schools, and continuing education with primary emphasis on the economic development of the state" as well as the mission of the regional campuses of USC in Beaufort, Lancaster, Allendale (Salkehatchie), Sumter, and Union to "principally provide the first two years of undergraduate education, including selected Associate Degree

Programs mainly for their locale".

Mr. Lathan asked Dr. McCall to describe the mission of the technical colleges. Dr. McCall responded that the technical college mission is to provide human resource development for economic development. Dr. Moeser added that the mission of the University of South Carolina system is to provide education based solidly in the arts and sciences for the citizens of South Carolina. He indicated further that as the University is a comprehensive doctoral one-level institution, its mission is broad.

Mr. Hubbard stated that while there is some overlap in the work and mission of South Carolina's two year public institutions, the primary question is whether there is any unnecessary duplication to the extent that there are classes that are not full and educational resources directed toward programs that are undersubscribed. Mr. Hubbard said that the Two Year Study Committee did not find any evidence of unnecessary duplication.

Mr. Day moved that the Commission approve the committee report as written and provide the institutions with one year to demonstrate what they can do in terms of interinstitutional cooperation. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. Mr. Sheheen cautioned that a vote of the Commission to approve the report in its entirety would result simultaneously in the acceptance of a ten year moratorium on any further review of the two year education issue.

Mr. Day agreed to modify his substitute motion and moved that "the Commission accept the report of the two year study committee and urge its implementation by the following: the University of South Carolina, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, the Commission on Higher Education, and including the respective boards of the institutions provided that the Commission will review progress quarterly and at the end of one year to further act if any be desired untaken at the end of the year." The motion was seconded. Dr. Crolley questioned the need for quarterly review as it would involve too much paper work and as a review at the end of the year would occur anyway. Mr. Day and other members of the Commission concurred and the motion was modified so as to remove the quarterly progress review. The Commission voted to approve the substitute motion, as amended.²

3.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

There was no report.

3.03 Report of Committee on Access and Equity

a. Consideration of Recommendations for allocating 1994-95 Access and Equity Program Funds

The Committee on Access and Equity recommended the following:

1. That South Carolina State University and Denmark Technical College receive Access and Equity Program funds in amounts specified in Proviso 18.7 (\$116,233 and \$29,036 respectively) for enhancement activities that are described in their Access and

Equity Plans. It was moved (Gilbert), seconded (Day), and voted that the recommendation of the committee be approved.

2. That funds totalling \$290,714 shall be distributed to all other public higher education institutions to implement activities that are described in their Access and Equity plans. The recommended allocation for each institution is the same amount provided in 1993-94. Included in these allocations are funds for Graduate Incentive Scholars in amounts that are the same as were provided in 1993-94. It was moved (Day) seconded (Whittle), and voted that the recommendation of the committee be approved.
3. Institutions receiving Access and Equity Program allocations in 1994-95 will continue to be required to match these funds on a dollar for dollar basis. It was moved (Kinon) (seconded) (Day) and voted that the recommendation of the committee be approved.
4. After the availability of new funds (\$100,000) is certified on or about August 30, 1994, these funds will be used for a competitive grant program to address educational pipeline issues that affect minority participation and achievement in higher education.
 - A. At least \$50,000 will support five exemplary projects that address educational pipeline issues, including projects designed to expand partnerships between public higher education institutions and public high schools in the State. Remaining funds will be used for grants of up to \$5,000 each to support exemplary projects that demonstrate strategies for achieving and maintaining campus climates where cultural diversity and the presence of minorities are valued aspects of institutional life.
 - B. Guidelines for the Competitive Grants Program and a call for proposals from public colleges and universities will be distributed by September 1, 1994. Deadline for receipt of proposals is September 30; and announcement of grant awards will be made by October 21 for projects to be completed by June 30, 1995. (Proviso: The Commission will delegate authority the Access and Equity Committee for final and timely approval of grant awards.)

It was moved (Goad) seconded (Williams) and voted that the recommendation of the of the committee be approved.

3.04 **Report of Committee on Business and Finance**

There was no report of this Committee

3.05 **Report of Committee on Facilities**

a. **Central Carolina Technical College Learning Resource Center Addition**

Central Carolina Technical College requests approval to establish a project for \$3,360,000 to add 37,000 gross square feet of space to the existing General Education Building. The existing 20,000 square foot building will be refurbished as part of the project. As planned, the expanded facility will be used to house a comprehensive learning resource center the College wants to establish.

The estimated total project cost consists of \$142,000 for professional services, \$75,000 for site work, \$2,693,000 for new construction, \$400,000 in renovations, and \$50,000 for project contingency. The sources of funds include \$2.3 million in institution (tuition) bond funds and \$1,060,000 from local sources (a mix of student fees county appropriations, and auxiliary revenues).

The additional square footage will not impact formula funding for plant maintenance and operations as that is locally funded at the technical colleges.

The Committee recommended that the request of Central Carolina Technical College be approved. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

b. **University of South Carolina Sumter Student Union Expansion.**

The University of South Carolina Sumter proposes a 5,000 square foot addition to the existing Student Union building. The estimated total cost is \$550,000 consisting of \$50,000-architecture and engineering; \$50,000-site work (including utilities); \$250,000 construction (\$50/ft); \$100,000 mechanical; \$50,000 equipment; and \$50,000-contingency. The sources of funds are \$330,000 institutions bonds (tuition), \$50,000 renovation reserve, and \$170,000 tuition bond excess debt service.

The tuition bonds will not require an increase in tuition fees.

With the construction of this new space, and space use changes of existing spaces, the net formula funding impact will be an increase of approximately \$7,500. The Committee recommended that the request University of South Carolina Sumter be approved as proposed.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Freeman) and voted that the recommendation of the committee for the expansion of USC-Sumter.

6. Report of the Commissioner

- a. Mr. Sheheen stated that in the aftermath of the shooting at South Carolina State University, Dr. Hatton does not feel comfortable leaving the campus today and has asked to make her presentation at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday.
- b. The president of the College of Charleston called and indicated that one of his colleagues on the Court of Appeals died and the funeral is scheduled 12:00 noon Thursday. President Sanders has requested that his appearance be scheduled earlier in the day so that he can attend the service.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

At the beginning of the August 23, 1994 meeting, Mr. Fred Day was nominated as chairman of the Commission. The nominations were closed and Mr. Day elected by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,



Addie Caldwell
Recording Secretary