

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
August 25, 1997
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Chairman
Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly
Ms. Dianne Chinnes
Mr. Timothy N. Dangerfield
Dr. Colgate W. Darden, III
Dr. C. Edward Floyd
Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr.
Mr. Frank Gilbert
Mr. Winfred S. Greene
Dr. W. David Maxwell
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Mr. Bill H. Stern

MEMBER ABSENT

Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr.

STAFF

Dr. Rayburn Barton
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael L. Brown
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Charles D. FitzSimons
Dr. Nancy Healy-Williams
Ms. Sherry Hubbard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Mr. John E. Smalls
Dr. Michael Smith
Ms. Yolanda Solone
Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Ms. Julia E. Wells

Ms. Noel Wilson
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Dr. Robert E. Alexander
Dr. James Arrington
Mr. Harry Bell
Mr. Chris Byrd
Dr. Betsy E. Brown
Dr. C. Leslie Carpenter
Dr. Mary Cheeseboro
Ms. Teresa Childress-Arnold
Dr. John F. Cormier
Dr. Constantine W. Curris
Ms. Cindy Curtis
Dr. Leroy Davis
Ms. Betty B. Davidson
Ms. Naomi Dreher
Mr. John L. Finan
Mr. David Fleming
Mr. Sandy Gilliam
Dr. Charlie W. Gould
Dr. Wanda Hayes
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield
Dr. Sally Horner
Mr. David Hunter
Dr. Ronald R. Ingle
Ms. Karen Jones
Ms. Jennifer Jones-Gaddy
Mr. J. Thornton Kirby
Mr. Jim Kirk
Mr. Howard G. Lundy
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Dr. Michael McCall
Mr. Bob Mellon
Dr. Isaac S. Metts, Jr.
Dr. William C. Moran
Dr. Jerry Odom

Dr. John M. Palms
Mr. Don Peterson
Dr. Blanche Premo-Hopkins
Mr. William T. Putnam
Dr. Gary Senn
Ms. Lindy Smith
Rep. Harry Stille
Dr. John C. Stockwell
Mr. Turner Styons
Dr. Marge Tebo-Messina
Mr. W. E. Troublefield, Jr.
Dr. Lee A. Vickers
Dr. Marcia Welsh
Dr. Melford A. Wilson, Jr.
Mr. Ed Zobel

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Ms. Mona Breckinridge

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

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of July 10, 1997

It was moved (Stern) and seconded (Byerly) that the minutes of the meeting of July 10, 1997 be approved. The motion was amended (Chinnes) and (Dangerfield) that they be recorded as being present at the July 10 meeting. The motion was approved as amended.

2. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Palmetto Fellows Appeals

A. Consideration of Initial Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Appeals

The Appeals Committee recommended that two eligible applicants be awarded Palmetto Fellows Scholarships. The Executive Committee approved the recommendations of the Appeals Committee. These two

students will be informed of the Committee's decision with respect to their individual cases.

B. Consideration of Continuing Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Appeals

The Appeals Committee reviewed 50 appeals for continuing Palmetto Fellows and made recommendations to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee approved all of the recommendations but one. The students will be informed of the Committee's decision with respect to their individual cases.

3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs

Mr. Greene, chairman of the Committee of Academic Affairs, reported on the following matters:

A. Consideration of Proposed Administrative Budget for the Teacher Loan Program FY 1997-98

The General Assembly empowers the Commission to approve budgets for the Teachers Loan Program administered by the South Carolina Student Loan Corporation. The Committee recommended approval of a \$261,925 operating budget for the Teachers Loan Program for FY 1997-98.

B. Consideration of Statewide Evaluation of Teacher Recruitment Programs

An external evaluator conducted the first statewide evaluation of the three EIA-funded teacher recruitment programs: Minority Access to Teacher Education Program, Benedict College; S. C. Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers, S.C. State University; and S. C. Center for Teacher Recruitment, Winthrop. The Committee recommended acceptance of the evaluator's recommendations and supports the proposed responses to the recommendations or courses of action to be explored as agreed to by staff and project directors.

C. Consideration of Centers of Excellence Programs

1. Evaluation of Center of Excellence in Accelerating Learning - During the second year of operation of each center of excellence, a review panel examines the Center to determine if the Center is meeting its goals and has made sufficient progress to be recommended for an additional two years of State funding. The Committee recommended acceptance of the panel's

positive review of this Center at the College of Charleston and recommended continued funding.

2. Proposed Budgets for Centers of Excellence FY 1997-98 - The General Assembly approved a funding increase of \$139,000 for the EIA Centers of Excellence Program for FY 1997-98. The Committee recommended approval of the proposed FY 1997-98 (\$526,850) and FY 1998-99 (\$526,850) budgets for the program which supports four centers.

3. Evaluation of Proposals for a New Center of Excellence - New centers are chosen annually through a competitive grants process, subject to the availability of funds. This year three proposals were submitted for review to a team consisting of an external education consultant and representatives from the K-12 and higher education community and staff from the Commission and the State Department of Education. The Committee recommended that the Commission accept the review team's report and fund a new Center of Excellence in Education Technology at USC-Aiken at \$123,265 for FY 1997-98 and \$133,061 for FY 1998-99.

D. Consideration of Existing Program Evaluation: Dentistry

As part of the Commission cyclical evaluation of exiting programs, an external consultant reviewed MUSC's dentistry programs in concert with the site visit of the professional accrediting team and found them to be very good in content, teaching, and the production of capable graduates at a relatively low cost. The Committee recommended granting full approval to all programs and adopting recommendations that more should be done to attract, retain, and graduate more women and minorities; to promote research; to study student numbers in relationship to the State's needs; and to institute a system of post-tenure review.

E. Consideration of Program Guidelines for FY 1998-99 for Continuation of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program in Mathematics and Sciences

The Committee recommended approval of guidelines for FY 1998-99 for the higher education portion of the U.S. Department of Education's Eisenhower Professional Development Program. Once approved, these guidelines will be distributed to all higher education institutions in the State for the Commission's competitive grants program.

F. Consideration of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program: Guidelines for Submission of Proposals for New Needs

Assessment in Five Discipline Areas for FY 1997-98: The "Great Expectations" Project

The Committee recommended approval of guidelines to establish a new grants program called the "Great Expectations" Program, which will use federal Eisenhower funds to enable grantees to identify the knowledge, skills, and abilities in science, mathematics, English, social sciences, and foreign languages required by public and private colleges in South Carolina of their entering freshmen. In turn, the data and information derived will be used as a primary framework for enhancing professional development activities of pre-service and in-service teachers in phase two of the overarching project, the 1999-2000 Eisenhower Professional Development Program Higher Education Grants Program.

- G. **Consideration of Report on Undergraduate Admissions Standards as Mandated by Acts 137 and 359**

Legislative action taken by the S. C. General Assembly during the 1995 and 1996 legislative sessions mandated a review of minimum undergraduate admissions standards for in-state and out-of-state students. The Committee recommended approval of this report which includes a review of admissions standards in place at all South Carolina public postsecondary institutions and provides recommendations for improvement to be considered by the institutions.

- H. **Consideration of Annual Report on Admissions Standards for First-Time Entering Freshmen for Fall 1996**

Act 629 of 1988, The Cutting Edge, requires that the Commission ensure that minimum admissions standards are maintained by the institutions, and that the Commission, with institutions, monitor the effect of compliance with admissions prerequisites that became effective in fall 1988. The Committee recommended approval of this annual report which summarizes the results of five different reports related to admissions standards and to measures of achievement of first-time entering freshmen for the fall of 1996.

- I. **Consideration of Annual Report on English Fluency in Higher Education Act for FY 1996-97**

The Committee recommended approval of this annual report which is prepared in response to a legislative mandate. Findings show that all but two institutions have complied fully with the provisions of the law so that students at public institutions in South Carolina are aware of their ability to file grievances against faculty

unable to communicate effectively in English. Two complaints were filed this past academic year and both are reported to have been handled satisfactorily.

J. Consideration of Revisions to Regulations for the Need-Based Student Aid Program

The Committee recommended approval of these revisions to the existing regulations for the South Carolina Need-Based Grant Program. The revisions are necessary in order to allow students who enroll part-time to be eligible to receive a need-based grant in keeping with changes made to the program by the General Assembly during the 1997 legislative session.

It was moved (Greene), seconded (Byerly), and voted that the recommendations in 3.02A.-J. be approved.

K. Consideration of Informational Reports

1. Report on Staff Approvals of Program Modifications from January 1996 to May 1997 - This report summarizes the program modifications approved by the staff in keeping with the authority granted to it by the Commission. Modifications include additions of new concentrations, substantive changes in curriculum or degree configuration, and extension of a program to a new site.

2. Annual Summary Report on African-American Teacher Loan Program FY 1996-97 - Section 18A of the 1996-97 Appropriations Bill provides funding for Benedict College and S. C. State University to award forgivable loans to eligible students under the African-American Teacher Loan Program. The Program's primary focus is to increase the number of African-American male teachers in the State. As required by the Regulations governing this program, the Commission is responsible for preparing and submitting to the General Assembly an annual summary report on this program.

3.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

Ms. Byerly, chairman of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, reported on the following matter:

Report on Step 12

At its meeting on August 25, the Committee reviewed the disposition of Step 12 items and answered the concerns of Dr. Maxwell. All Step 12 items which had been previously approved and included in the Appropriation Formula were eliminated from further consideration and funding by Commission action on October 3, 1996. This means that, as of June 30, 1997, there are no more Step 12 items funded through the formula. There may be instances whereby an institution

chooses to continue funding in its operating budget an item that was previously included in Step 12; however, this would be an institutional decision. This serves as the final report in the disposition of Step 12 items.

3.05 Report of Committee on Planning and Assessment

Mr. D. Floyd, chairman of the Committee on Planning and Assessment, reported on the following matters:

- A. Report on Performance Funding - This report was presented at the afternoon meeting. Mr. D. Floyd and Dr. Smith gave a presentation on the Report on Performance Funding, including the process used for rating institutions.

It was moved (D. Floyd), seconded (Byerly), and voted to approve the Report on Performance Funding.

- B. Process for Review of Mission Statements - The staff is beginning a review of mission statements for the Committee to consider at its meeting in late September.
- C. Statewide Planning - The process for producing the Statewide Plan has started, and the Committee will work with the Committee on Statewide Planning, which drafts the Plan for submission to the Advisory Council on Planning.
- D. Time-Line for Performance Funding Process - At the Committee meeting in September, the time-line for Performance Funding for the first, second, and third years should be approved.
- E. Indicators for Second Year - The Higher Education Performance Indicators were distributed for 1997-98, 1998-99, and 1999-2000. Mr. Floyd stated that the Committee recommended 22 indicators for the second year, 1998-99. It was moved (D. Floyd), seconded (Phillips), and voted that The Higher Education Performance Indicators for 1998-99 be approved as presented.
- F. Process Used by the Committee - Dr. Smith reviewed the process used by the Committee to arrive at the recommendations.

3. Report of the Executive Director

- A. Statewide Meetings - Dr. Barton reported that the first statewide meeting was held at the University of South Carolina Aiken and co-hosted by Aiken Technical

College. Dr. Alexander stated that the event was well attended and the message from Dr. Barton was well received.

- B. **Update on Retreat** - The date for the retreat has been confirmed in conjunction with the October 9 Commission meeting at Clemson. The retreat will be held at Clemson's Madren Center immediately following the Commission meeting. The facilitator, Dr. Mary DeKuper, is working closely with the staff and the chairman in fashioning the agenda. Dr. Barton requested suggestions for specific agenda items and topics from CHE members.
- C. **Report on Out-of-State Tuition Waivers** - In response to Representative Kirsh's concern and a question from the Tuition Grants Commission concerning the granting tuition waivers by public higher education institutions, the staff initiated a survey of all institutions requesting information on fee waivers. The staff has reviewed the data from the survey and shared the results with Representative Kirsh and the Tuition Grants Commission.
- D. **School to Work/Workforce Development** - Dr. Barton stated that he believes that higher education has a responsibility to participate in the economic development of the State and in work force preparation. As a new strategic plan is being developed, a theme of increased cooperation between all institutions in the State needs to be addressed.

4. Other Business

a. It was moved (Maxwell) and seconded (Darden) for the purpose of discussion that all Committees of the Commission will make their reports and recommendations to the Commission. The Committee may not act in the name of the Commission unless the Commission has specifically authorized it to act on behalf of the Commission in a particular manner. Dr. Barton stated that the Bylaws of the Commission empower the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Commission. Dr. Maxwell stated that he was concerned about the Executive Committee acting for the Commission. After further discussion, Dr. Darden withdrew his second.

b. Dr. Barton introduced Mr. Chris Byrd, who is part of the Budget and Control Board's program/management review team. Mr. Byrd gave a brief progress report on the review of the Commission. A draft report should be given to Dr. Barton by October 1.

5. Consideration of Performance Ratings

Institutional presidents or other representatives from each sector who wished to address their institution's performance rating were heard. It was moved (Floyd), seconded (Stern), and voted that the technical college performance ratings be approved. It was moved (Floyd), seconded (Byerly), and voted that the teaching universities with the

exception of Coastal Carolina and Lander be approved. Dr. Ingle and Dr. Moran spoke of their institutions' considerations.

It was moved (Olsen) and seconded (Maxwell) that Lander's 8.c.a. (percentage of other race students) be changed from 4 to 5. A substitute motion was made (Stern), seconded (Maxwell), and voted to table the motion. It was moved (Floyd), seconded (Darden), and voted to accept Coastal and Lander's ratings. The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:00 noon.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

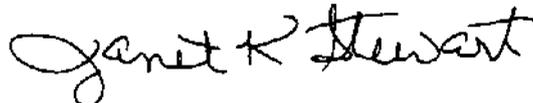
It was moved (Floyd), seconded (Darden), and voted to accept the performance ratings on the two year branches of the University of South Carolina.

It was moved (Greene) and seconded (Dangerfield) to vote on the research universities' performance ratings. Since Dr. Curris was planning to address Clemson's institutional performance rating at 1:45 p.m., it was moved (Floyd), seconded (Byerly), and voted to amend the motion to approve performance ratings only of the University of South Carolina and the Medical University.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. for a brief recess and reconvened at 1:45 p.m. Dr. Curris addressed some concerns that Clemson faces in the next year. It was moved (Floyd), seconded (F. Gilbert), and voted to approve the performance ratings of Clemson University.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary