

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

July 9, 1998
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr., Chairman
Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly
Ms. Dianne Chinnes
Ms. Susan Cole
Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr.
Mr. Frank Gilbert
Mr. Winfred S. Greene
Mr. Lawrence M. Gressette, Jr.
Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr.
Dr. Harry Lightsey, Jr.
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen
Mr. Bill Stern

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Tim Dangerfield

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Rayburn Barton
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Ms. Betsy Gunter
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Mr. Alan Krech
Dr. David Loope
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Mike Raley
Mr. John Smalls
Ms. Julia Wells
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Mr. Roland Alston
Dr. Robert Alexander
Ms. Amy Aring
Mr. Harry Bell
Mr. Arthur M. Bjontegard
Mr. Don Campbell
Mr. Douglas Carlisle
Ms. Chris Crumbo
Ms. Deborah Cureton
Ms. Betty B. Davidson
Dr. Nancy Dunlap
Ms. Susie Edwards

Mr. David Fleming
Mr. Sid Gauldin
Dr. Candace Gosnell
Ms. Susan Graham
Ms. Ellen Hayden
Dr. Joe Heyward
Mr. Hunter Howard
Dr. Jim Hudgins
Dr. David Hunter
Dr. Roy Isabel
Dr. Rick Johnson
Ms. Karen Jones
Ms. Star Kepner
Mr. Martin Kinard
Mr. Thornton Kirby
Mr. Jerry Knighton
Dr. Diedre Martin
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Dr. Mike McCall
Mr. Gary McCombs
Ms. Francis McCullough
Mr. J. P. McKee
Dr. Carol McMahon
Dr. Bob Mellon
Col. Spike Metts
Dr. Bob Mignone
Dr. Phyllis Myers
Ms. Cathy Novinger
Dr. Jerry Odom
Ms. Jackie Olsen
Dr. Joe Pappin
Mr. Charlie Parker
Dr. Faye Pendarvis
Dr. Blanche Premo-Hopkins
Mr. William Putnam
Ms. Vanessa Ruiz
Ms. Laura Shealy
Dr. Dick Shelton
Dr. Jackie Skubal
Dr. Oran Smith
Ms. Stephanie Stevenson
Ms. Rita Teal
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Dr. Lee Vickers
Dr. Lex Walters
Dr. Carolyn West
Dr. Leon Wiles
Dr. Jimmy Williamson

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by Chairman Gilbert, who then asked Mr. Alan Krech to proceed with the introductions.

1. Introductions

Guests were introduced and welcomed to the Commission meeting. Chairman Gilbert then introduced the three new Commission members: Ms. Susan Cole, Dr. Harry Lightsey and Mr. Lawrence Gressette; and welcomed them to the Commission.

1 (a) Changes to the agenda

Chairman Gilbert asked that the Midland Technical College request to offer an associate degree in Computer Technology be addressed under Item 5 (Other Business). It was also agreed that Dalton Floyd will continue for another year as Commission Vice-Chair.

2. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made and **seconded** (F. Gilbert) to approve the minutes. One name correction was made to the original copy of the minutes as requested by Mr. Gilbert and the motion was **carried**. The Minutes were approved with one correction.

3. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Chairman Austin Gilbert

A. Palmetto Fellows Appeals

The Executive Committee considered 4 appeals at its meeting on June 4, 1998; two (Brunson and Tyson) were denied and two (Emenker and Lanford) were approved.

B. Consideration of the Administrative Memorandum of Understanding between the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education and the Rhineland-Palatinate Ministry for Education, Science and Continuing Education.

The Committee approved the Memorandum of Understanding as drafted. A copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting and the Memorandum of Understanding are **Attachment I and II** to these minutes.

A **motion** ((D. Floyd) was made, **seconded** (Olsen), and **carried** to send this Memorandum of Understanding to Germany for review and consideration by the Rhineland-Palatinate Ministry for Education.

3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

No report

**3.03 Report of the Committee on Access, Equity
& Student Services Mr. Frank Gilbert**

**A. Consideration of Process for Allocating 1998-99
Access & Equity Program Funds**

Mr. Frank Gilbert, Chairman of the Committee on Access, Equity & Student Services reported that the committee voted to table their recommendation pending further consideration and therefore had no report at this time.

Chairman Austin Gilbert suggested that the Committee reconvene, make a decision on the recommendation (**Attachment III**), and implement that decision within the next two weeks. It was decided that the Committee would meet during the week of July 13 in order to accomplish this.

3.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities Ms. R. Byerly

No Report

**3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment
and Performance Funding Mr. D. Floyd**

A. Consideration of Ratings for Year 2 of Performance Funding

It was reported that all institutions have approved mission statements and that licensing and certification exam results compare well nationally. A motion (Floyd) was made that the Committee's recommendations on the *Rating Process, Year Two Performance Funding (Attachment IV)* and the *Summary of Proposed Adjustments to the Committee Recommendation (Attachment V)* distributed during the meeting be approved. The motion was seconded (Stern), and carried.

A draft of a Performance Funding Calendar for 1998-99 (**Attachment VI**) was distributed for consideration and possibly approval by the next Commission meeting.

4. Report of the Executive Director Rayburn Barton

A. Legislative Update

Dr. Barton reported that a proviso allowing students from the three German states with which SC has a sister state relationship to attend our State public institutions at in-state tuition rates was approved by the legislature.

B. Management Review Implementation

A July 9 memo from Dr. Barton to Commission members to update them on the implementation of the Management Review recommendations is **Attachment VII**.

Dr. Barton added that the manual containing the rules and policies that deal with programs and the responsibilities of the Commission, particularly in the area of Academic Affairs and distance learning using technology, is being prepared and should be completed by January 1999.

The quarterly budget report (**Attachment VIII**) was presented and it was reported that on the most recent State auditor's draft report, progress has been made. The number of findings has been reduced by almost 50% over the last year

Dr. Barton provided an update on the Palmetto Fellows Program: 960 met requirements, 879 offered scholarships, and 616 accepted. There were 39 in alternate group upgraded to Palmetto Fellow status, 25 accepted, 1 declined.

Dr. Barton also reported on the new LIFE Scholarship Program. There have been two meetings with admissions representatives from all the institutions in the state, both public and private concerning implementation of that program. A set of guidelines and regulations have been sent out to the institutions.

CHE staff has been in correspondence with the private institutions of the State with respect to the reporting requirements for the LIFE Scholarship Program. The private institutions will become a part of our management information system. Data that is required by that scholarship program will be reported electronically in order for us to comply with the requirements of the legislation.

C. Presentations

The following individuals were introduced and made presentations to the Commission:

Mr. Hunter Howard, South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, presented *Skills That Work: A New Assessment of South Carolina's Work Force*. A report on the availability of a prepared workforce in South Carolina.


Dr. Robert Alexander, University of South Carolina Aiken.

5. Other Business

The Commission considered the request from Midlands Technical College to waive the existing approval policy (to apply a draft policy under development) permitting them to offer a computer technology and telecommunications systems management major leading to an associate degree in Computer Technology at any site in the Commission-approved service area. (See **Attachment IX**). There was a motion (Chinnes) to do so, second (Olsen) and the motion was carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Betsy R. Gunter
Recording Secretary