

**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 McMahan  
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