

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

*Minutes of the Meeting*

April 3, 2003  
10:30 a.m.

**Commission Members Present**

Mr. Dalton Floyd, Chairman  
Ms. Rosemary Byerly  
Ms. Dianne Chinnes  
Ms. Sue Cole  
Mr. Larry Durham  
Dr. John Griffith  
Dr. Vermelle Johnson  
Mr. James Konduros  
Mr. Miles Loadholt  
Gen. Tom Olsen  
Mr. Daniel Ravenel  
Mr. Carl Solomon  
Dr. Roger Stevenson

**Commission Members Absent**

Ms. DeLoris Oliver

**Staff Present**

Ms. Joann Biga  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Bichevia Green  
Ms. Betsy Gunter  
Dr. Nancy Healy  
Ms. Sherry Hubbard  
Ms. Yolanda Hudson  
Mr. Alan Krech  
Ms. Lynn Metcalf  
Dr. Gail Morrison  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Mr. John Smalls

Ms. Jan Stewart  
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Dr. Rayburn Barton  
Mr. Bill Bragdon  
Dr. Rus Bumba  
Mr. Andy Fink  
Mr. David Fleming  
Mr. Christopher Hobson  
Ms. Judy Hrinda  
Ms. Shannon Hunnicutt  
Mr. David Hunter  
Ms. Karen Jones  
Ms. Dorcas Kitchings  
Ms. Leandra Livesay  
Mr. Scott Ludlow  
Dr. Harry Matthews  
Mr. Gary McCombs  
Dr. Bill McDonald  
Mr. Bob Mellon  
Mr. Larry Mulhall  
Ms. Jackie Olsen  
Mr. Charlie Parker  
Ms. Tricia Phaup  
Ms. Susan Prior  
Mr. Marc Shook  
Dr. Jackie Skubal  
Ms. Michelle Smith  
Representative Harry Stille  
Dr. Rita Teal  
Mr. Jonathon Trail  
Ms. Tara Wilkinson  
Mr. Frank Zebedis

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

The Commission on Higher Education met on April 3, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room at Commission on Higher Education offices.

## I. Introductions

Mr. Alan Krech introduced the guests attending the meeting.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Floyd asked for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. That **motion** was made by Mr. Durham and **seconded** by Mr. Ravenel. During discussion, the question was raised if the motion made by Mr. Ravenel in favor of beginning the self study was stated correctly – that this was to be only an internal study. Mr. Ravenel's motion was amended to indicate that the study was to include a governance and accountability study as well as an evaluation of internal operations. Mr. Smalls explained that a self study of Commission functions would be included in the overall study to determine state goals for higher education, governance and accountability.

The motion to approve as amended was unanimously **carried**.

## Chairman's Report

- ◆ Chairman Floyd gave an update on the status of the Blue Ribbon Commission and reported that CHE has requested proposals from two consultants to bid on the Request for Proposals (RFP). The Proposals are in two parts. Part I (the Blue Ribbon Commission), funded by the Foundation for Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), will be charged with setting the public agenda for higher education in South Carolina. The expected kickoff date is June 13. **Attachment I**
- ◆ The proposal is being considered by two independent consultants.
- ◆ After completion of Part 1, the governance study and an accountability study would then be undertaken, assisted by the independent consultant. The Blue Ribbon Commission's goals and agenda would be used both for the governance study and the accountability study.
- ◆ It is hoped that preliminary reports and discussion of outcomes and progress of all the groups would be available for the Commission retreat on October 3, 2003. Drafts of proposals would be discussed at that time. Any further revisions, etc. would be made by December in order to have a Commission vote by January, prior to the beginning of the 2004 legislative session.

Chairman Floyd distributed a *Summary of House Bill 3899* and explained that this is the breakaway bill the research universities have submitted. It (1) removes the three research universities from all CHE authority, (2) reduces the CHE membership to 13 by removing the research representatives from the commission; (3) creates the SC Research Oversight Council, with six of the nine members coming from boards of trustees of the research institutions (three would be at-large Legislative appointments). It defines the research institutions' missions, coordinates budget requests and allows research institutions to add grant-funded FTEs. The

complete summary is **Attachment II**. It also shifts staffing and support for Research Centers of Excellence Reviews Board from CHE to Council.

**Commendation of Excellence in Campus Safety Awards** were presented to: the University of South Carolina for their programs *Sexual Health & Violence Prevention Program* and *Campus Safety & Awareness Initiative*, Winthrop University for *Community Oriented Policing Model – COPS*, Presbyterian College for *Residence Life Program*.

### **3. Committee Reports**

#### **3.01 Report of the Executive Committee** (No Report)

#### **3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing** (No Report)

#### **3.03 Report of the Committee on Student Services** - Ms. Sue Cole

##### **A. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the Regulations for the Determination of Rates for Tuition and Fees**

Ms. Cole explained that the Student Services Division is charged with providing technical assistance to residency officers throughout the public and private sector. After statewide meetings with residency officers, the Division undertook the task of updating the residency regulations. The regulation language has been incorporated to address: 1) the role that residency plays in the eligibility criteria of the State's tuition assistance/scholarship programs; 2) residency implications of the non-traditional family; and 3) time-line inferences that were open to interpretation with activity-based criteria. The regulations also added or modified several definitions including family domicile, full-time employment, guardian, parent, spouse, joint custody, loans and court ordered payment. The regulations were amended to include Coast Guard as part of the United States Armed Forces.

All of these amendments were approved by state residency officers.

On behalf of the Committee on Student Services, a **motion** was made (Coles), **seconded** (Byerly) and carried to approve the following recommendation:

*The Student Services Committee recommends that the Commission on Higher Education approve the proposed amendments to the regulations for the Determination of Rates for Tuition and Fees. If approved, the amended regulation will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval under the Administrative Procedures Act.*

#### **3.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities** - Ms. Rosemary Byerly (No Report)

#### **3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding** (No Report)

#### 4. Report of the Interim Executive Director

Mr. Smalls reported on the recent Access & Equity conference held in Columbia. Ms. Cole, Ms. Chinnes and Ms. Oliver were all on the program. It was a good conference and well attended by Access & Equity officers in the state.

Today Dr. Woodfaulk will make a presentation on the state scholarship programs. Over the past five years, a number of merit-based scholarships have been established. In 1996 there was one merit-based scholarship, the Palmetto Fellows amounting to about \$400,000. Now there are four merit-based scholarships amounting to \$125 million. The Student Services Division coordinates these scholarships. Dr. Karen Woodfaulk made a presentation on the scholarship programs and the concerns created by gaps in available funding for South Carolina students. The illustrations and summary from that presentation is **Attachment IV**.

**State Representative Harry Stille**, Chairman of the Post-Secondary Sub-Committee, House Education and Public Works Committee was guest speaker and discussed his views on higher education today. He commended the Commission staff on the work they do and shared his views of higher education in South Carolina today. **Attachment V** is the draft data for a study undertaken to assess retention and graduation rates for public institutional cohorts, freshman admissions for public institutions, and institutional faculty dealing with faculty class loads and other faculty obligations. He emphasized that "Our goal is quality public higher education for those who pay the costs—the student, parent and taxpayer."

#### 5. Other Business

Dr. Griffith requested an executive session to discuss a personnel matter and asked the Directors to remain for this session. Following the executive session, the commissioners reconvened and, with no motion resulting from the executive session, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Betsy Gunter*

Recording Secretary

#### Attachments I-V

\*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.