

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
DECEMBER 1, 1994**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Don Crolley
Dr. Colgate Darden
Mr. Fred Day
Mr. Fred Fore
Ms. Elaine Freeman
Mr. Kenneth Goad
Dr. Gregg Jones
Ms. Reba Kinon
Mr. Ray Lathan
Dr. David Maxwell
Mr. Willard Metcalf
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Dr. Ray Ramage
Mr. Edwin Tolbert

GUESTS

Dr. Margaret Amick
Dr. Ron Bailey
Mr. Harry Bell
Mr. Arthur M. Bjontegard
Ms. Donna Collins
Mr. Dan Dukes
Mr. David Fleming
Mr. Bob Gallagher
Dr. Carol Garrison
Dr. Don Garrison
Mr. Sandy Gilliam
Mr. Mike Groz
Dr. Sally Horner
Dr. Ed Jackson
Mr. Charlie Jeffcoat
Mr. Tom Lewis
Dr. Harry Matthews
Mr. Gary McCombs
Mr. Larry Myers
Dr. Fred Payne
Dr. Chris Plyler
Judge Alexander M. Sanders, Jr.
Ms. Marilyn Sarow
Dr. Monica Scott
Ms. Cindy Smith
Mr. Charles Shawver
Dr. John C. Stockwell
Mr. Don Tyner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Austin Gilbert
Mr. Bill Stern
Ms. Debbie Whittle
Ms. Mim Williams

STAFF

Ms. Mary Broadwater
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Kim Corley
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Mr. Jeff Grace
Ms. Petula Hendley
Ms. Maggie Hicks
Mr. Raghu Korrapati
Mr. Alan Krech
Dr. Gail Morrison
Mr. Joseph Pendergrass
Dr. Robert Poch
Mr. Fred Sheheen
Mr. John Smalls
Ms. Yolonda Solone
Dr. John Sutusky
Ms. Julia Wells
* Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong

MEMBER(S) OF THE PRESS

Mr. Bill Robinson

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

Introduction of guests was provided by Mr. Krech.

1. **Approval of Minutes for Meeting of November 3, 1994:**

*It was moved (Goad), seconded (Freeman), and voted that minutes of the November 3, 1994, meeting be approved as written.

2. **Special Presentations:**

No special presentations were presented.

3. **Committee Reports:**

Mr. Sheheen presented ITT Technical Institute 's report in Mr. Gilbert's absence.

(3.01) **Report of the Executive Committee:**

a. CONSIDERATION OF LICENSE RENEWAL

1. **ITT Technical Institute - Greenville**

The Committee recommended that the Commission renew the license for ITT Technical Institute, Greenville, for a period of five years, subject to annual reporting, to offer an Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Electronics Engineering Technology and Computer Aided Drafting Technology.

*It was moved (Darden), seconded (Lathan), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

(3.02) **Report of Committee on Academic Affairs**
(No Report)

(3.03) **Report of Committee on Access and Equity**
(No Report)

(3.04) **Report of Committee on Business and Finance**
(No Report)

(3.05) **Report of Committee on Facilities - Ms. Kinon**

a. State Board for Comprehensive and Technical Education

1. Tri-County Technical College Health/Science Laboratory Building
2. Trident Technical College Wetteran Office Building and Warehouse Renovations

b. University of South Carolina System

1. USC-Columbia
 - a. Business Administration Building Asbestos Abatement
 - b. Preston College Conversion, Residential College
 - c. Sims Dormitory Renovations
2. USC-Beaufort, Improvements to Existing Facilities
3. USC-Spartanburg, Campus Life Center

Mr. Sheheen recognized Dr. John Stockwell as the new Chancellor of USC-Spartanburg.

*It was moved (Crolley), seconded (Freeman), and voted that the following recommendations [the recommendations being that of the projects as proposed] be approved:

- (3.05) a. 1.
- (3.05) b. 1. a.
- (3.05) b. 1. b.
- (3.05) b. 2.
- (3.05) b. 3.

With regard to agenda item (3.05).a.2., Mr. Goad questioned the total size of the warehouse and the use of it. Dr. Sutusky responded that the total size of the warehouse is 229,000 square feet. He also stated that at the time the College purchased the warehouse, the Committee was made aware that a substantial portion of that 229,000 square feet was to be leased for the next several years for commercial purposes, where the income would be applied toward the purchase price of the land/property.

*It was moved (Metcalf), seconded (Crolley), and voted that the recommendation of approval of the project as proposed be approved for the following:

(3.05). a. 2.

Mr. Goad questioned the number of students in Sims dormitory and what happens to the students when renovations are taking place.

Mr. Charles Jeffcoat from USC replied that he was not certain of the exact number of students living in Sims dormitory, but he stated that the dorms usually hold between 150-250 students. He said that the renovations will be done during the 10 weeks in the summer when the dorm will be unoccupied.

There was also a concern by Mr. Lathan as to why 20% is continually being spent for architectural/engineering renovations.

Mr. Jeffcoat responded that 21% is not architectural/engineering fees. It also includes other costs such as surveying and testing of projects. Architectural fees usually run between six and twelve percent (on the buildings). (Sims dormitory has been cleaned of any asbestos.)

Mr. Tolbert questioned if the housing revenues would create an increase in student fees.

Mr. Jeffcoat said that he could not say if student-housing fees would increase in the upcoming year, but the fees have increased modestly in the past few years (about 4 and one-half percent). The monies, for this project are currently in place in a reserve building fund. Mr. Jeffcoat does not anticipate this project causing an increase in housing fees.

Mr. Sheheen questioned Mr. Jeffcoat's previous statement by asking if he correctly understood that this money is in reserve from housing fees already collected.

Mr. Jeffcoat replied that there is money there already being used now for building renovations (housing revenues).

*It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the recommendation of approval of the project as proposed be approved for the following:

3.05.b.1.c.

c. College of Charleston, Bishop England High School Property Acquisition

Mr. Sheheen stated that this was "a major project." He requested some discussion prior to Commission action.

Mr. Sheheen made several remarks on behalf of the staff.

First, Mr. Sheheen noted that representatives of the Commission have been down to the peninsula and repeatedly have looked at the property, its desirability, and the necessity of the College of Charleston having that property. He stated that the College is "land bound," and it is in the center of the city. From the viewpoint of the staff, the acquisition of the property is "absolutely vital" for the College. Mr. Sheheen stated that the Commission should look not only at the immediate needs of the College but also at the long-range needs of the institution. Purchasing this land is critical to the future of the College, and to pass up the opportunity to obtain real estate of such strategic value would be an "unwise decision."

Mr. Sheheen noted that it is a complicated situation, but the transactions with the hierarchy of the Catholic church should be as accommodating as possible.

He said he believed the College has agreed that once the financing method has been identified, that method will "come back to the Commission."

He also noted that the staff is concerned as to whether the purchase would cause an increase in student fees. If it does, then the Commission will want to review that.

Mr. Sheheen reiterated that, "to pass up the opportunity for the College of Charleston to get a 'prime piece' of real estate, and the only one, is an unwise decision."

President Sanders stated his opinion on the merits of the issue and complimented Mr. Sheheen on his addressing the issue well. President Sanders said that the price of the acquisition not only has to be approved by the Commission but also by the Budget and Control Board. He stated that the appraisal on this property has been subjected to substantial scrutiny. The staff at the Budget and Control Board has scrutinized the project and with the appraisers, has gone over the figures with the appraiser that the College obtained to arrive at the price. The appraiser has "refigured" his numbers at the request and direction of the Budget and Control Board's appraisers.

He stated that the Catholic Church appraised the property at 12 million dollars. But the College told the Church that "under no circumstances would they pay more than 9 million dollars, with that figure being their own 'idea' of what should be paid." The appraisal finally came to be approximately \$8,940,000; therefore, he can only presume that would be the price they could go forward on. President Sanders stated he is confident about the price since it has been looked at for four years.

President Sanders stated that he does not have a contract with the Church at present but noted that he would not be going forward with this process if there were already a disagreement in standing. He stated he could not have a contract anyway until he has all of the approvals which include the Commission and Budget and Control Board.

The Joint Bond and Review Committee has approved this, but the Budget and Control Board has not met and will not meet until the Commission has acted on this.

President Sanders then spoke about the method of payment.

He said that the College would like to buy the property pursuant to the funds supplied by the State, either through a bond bill or capital-improvement funds which have accumulated and are available for that purpose. If those funds are not available, he stated they do have the means to purchase the property within the institution's own resources. He stated that the College currently is accumulating enough monies through the existing student fees to purchase the property and pay for it through its own bond issue or through a loan of some kind. But he stated he would rather not do that, since it would take almost all of the monies the College has, and, therefore, no money would be left for any other purposes.

With regard to the physical property, President Sanders stated that the average number of square feet per student is 247 among the various institutions in the State. He stated that Carolina has 276 sq. ft., Winthrop has 316 sq. ft., Lander has 248 sq. ft., Citadel has 267. He then stated that the College of Charleston has 149 sq. ft. per student.

President Sanders also noted that the Commission will get to see the method of financing the purchase.

Mr. Sheheen stated the purpose for approving this request is that President Sanders has to sign a contract with the Church. The Church cannot construct alternative facilities for occupancy by the high school unless it has an affirmed sale for the property. The nine 9 million dollars are going to be applied toward a new high school campus in the Charleston area. Sanders is willing to sign the contract with the stipulation that the financing is subject to approval of State authority.

It was questioned as to when occupancy would take place, and President Sanders stated, probably two years.

*It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation be approved as proposed.

- (3.06) Report of Committee on Planning and Assessment
(No Report)
- (3.07) Report of State Occupational Training Advisory Committee

a. Consideration of Report on Articulation between Public School Districts and Technical Colleges - Goad

Mr. Goad stated that during the meeting of November 17, 1994, the State Council on Vocational and Technical Education voted to recommend to the Commission that the report on Articulation between Public School Districts and Technical Colleges be approved for dissemination. Therefore, Mr. Goad stated he would like to submit to the Commission for its approval A REVIEW OF APPLIED ACADEMIC AND OCCUPATIONAL/VOCATIONAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES, October, 1994.

Mr. Sheheen stated that on July 1, 1993, the General Assembly transferred two functions to the Commission. The Council on Vocational and Technical Education, which is constituted separately from the Commission but is served by the staff of the Commission. (Mr. Goad is the Chairman of that Council and the State Occupational Training and Advisory Committee.) The law stipulates that seven members of that thirteen-member body be members of the Commission, and the Governor appoints them because they have to meet certain Federal criteria. The State function in that agency which was brought to the Commission is called the State Occupational Training and Advisory Committee. The Commission is the State Occupational Training and Advisory Committee. That Committee was created by a law in 1986. Now the Commission has to discharge the functions under the 1986 law -- one, of which, is to monitor these agreements.

Mr. Sheheen stated that this is the first time this Committee has reported to the Commission acting as the State Occupational Training and Advisory Committee.

It was moved (Metcalf), and seconded (Crolley) to approve the report.

There was a concern as to whether the Tech Prep Coordinator (#10 on Page 28 of A REVIEW OF APPLIED ACADEMIC AND OCCUPATIONAL/VOCATIONAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS) is the proper person to attempt to handle this responsibility because of the time demands involved.

Mr. Krech said that Dr. Taylor (who helped to prepare the report) and he discussed that particular issue. Mr. Krech stated that he believes the "biggest problem" that the Tech Prep Coordinator has is not so much the "time problem" as it is the "authority problem." He says that the Tech Prep Coordinator does not have a great deal of authority, but in the sense of being the "primary coordinating vehicle," the Tech Prep consortia for those different districts is the ideal place to work with articulation -- which is now being done through the consortia in most of the districts. He stated that the Tech Prep Coordinator is the logical person to do most of the work to make this happen. It is going to require the technical college presidents and school district superintendents to give that person the authority to make it work.

Mr. Sheheen then asked Mr. Goad as to whether any of the technical representatives or college personnel commented on any of these concerns. Mr. Goad replied that they did not. Therefore, Mr. Goad felt as though they were willing to take on the job.

*Mr. Sheheen asked that the following be placed in a form of a motion to amend the original motion: When the report is disseminated, each of the entities, for whom action is recommended by the Commission, shall give a "date specific" to reply, so that timely action will occur.

*It was moved (Goad), seconded (Metcalf) and voted that the motion, as amended, be approved.

4. Report of the Commissioner - Mr. Sheheen

- Meetings with the Respective Institutional Advisory Committees Concerning Reporting Requirements and Consultative Functions:

Mr. Sheheen stated that after the events of the General Assembly of 1994, the Commission's work plan included a comprehensive review of all our reporting requirements, functions, and methodologies in order to ensure that undo burdens are not placed on the institutions.

As an example, Mr. Sheheen stated that the Academic Affairs Division was charged "to consult and collaborate with the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs and other appropriate institutional representatives to revise the Commission's policies and procedures for approval of new programs." This was referred to the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs, and a subcommittee of the Advisory Committee reported revised program approval procedures to the Academic Affairs Committee and to the full Commission. The revised procedures were adopted by the Commission at the last meeting.

Mr. Sheheen stated there were two review processes for quality of academic programs, and the suggestion was that the two processes be consolidated.

The status is as follows: A task force of CHE staff and institutional representatives has prepared a report which contains several recommendations for revamping the review process for existing programs. This task force report will be submitted to the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs for review at its January meeting. Then, the report will come before the Commission.

In reference to the Access and Equity Division, Mr. Sheheen stated that Higher Education Awareness Program Advisory Committee met and was unanimous in the opinion that the institutional reporting requirements for the Program were not burdensome, and the Committee is pleased with the way the Program is functioning.

The Access and Equity institutional representatives met on November 16, 1994, to discuss the advisory role of the representatives and the reporting requirements of the new Access and Equity Program ("A Fresh Approach") adopted by the Commission last February.

The representatives were pleased with the reduction in program-reporting requirements -- particularly the movement from an annual to five-year cycle on the submission of institutional access and equity plans. Also, they agreed it would be useful to share program-related experiences with each other, and Julia Wells is facilitating this process.

The Facilities' Advisory Committee agreed to an ad hoc committee consider this matter and to present recommendations, if any, for action no later than the end of this calendar year. The Facilities' Advisory Committee has not received a recommendation, but it anticipates action by January 1, 1995. If substantive changes in the procedures are suggested, the changes will come before the Commission for approval.

In reference to the Finance Division, Mr. Sheheen noted that the finance institutional officers are satisfied with the exchange of information between the Commission and the colleges and universities, and the only suggestion, with regard to the Finance division, is to allow the finance officers to access the formula for their institutions on diskette, which the staff is happy to accommodate.

In reference to Planning and Assessment and Vocational and Technical Education, the subject is on the agenda for December 20, 1994, when the Committee meets.

Mr. Sheheen stated it appears some of the problems have been solved, and a report will be presented on the final outcome.

-Joint Meeting of the College and University Boards of Trustees, Presidents, and the Commission on Higher Education (S.C. State University, December 15)

Mr. Sheheen stated the meeting will take place at 10:00 A.M., and it will address issues identified commonly by the trustees, presidents and members of the Commission.

Mr. Sheheen thanked South Carolina State University for hosting that meeting.

-Professor of the Year Award Ceremony and Luncheon
(December 16)

Mr. Sheheen stated that Governor Campbell will present the Professor of the Year Award for 1994 to Dr. James Wynn of the Medical University of South Carolina on December 16, 1994, in the Governor's Office. A luncheon in his honor will then be held at the University of South Carolina.

-January 1995 Commission Meeting at the Medical
University of South Carolina

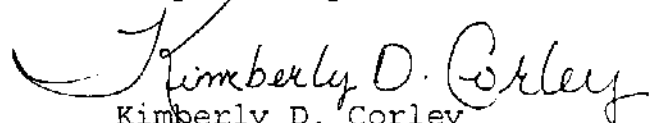
The election of the Commission officers will take place at this meeting.

5. **Other Business:**

Margaret Amick, a member of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education staff was congratulated on recently receiving her doctorate.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kimberly D. Corley
Recording Secretary