

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
April 4, 1996
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Fred L. Day, Chairman
Mr. J. Randolph Ayers
Dr. Colgate W. Darden, III
Ms. Reba Kinon
Mr. Ray D. Lathan
Dr. W. David Maxwell
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage
Mr. Bill H. Stern
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert, Sr.
Ms. Debbie N. Whittle
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Fred C. Fore
Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Mr. Willard A. Metcalf

STAFF

Ms. Camille T. Brown
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Mr. Ivan F. Guinn
Ms. Maggie Hicks
Mr. Nelson Lindsay
Mr. Raghu B. Korrapati
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Mr. Jeff Richards
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Ms. Yolanda Solone
Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer

Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Dr. Karen G. Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Mr. Carl Bradsher
Mr. Marvin G. Carmichael
Dr. Patricia P. Cormier
Dr. Nancy C. Dunlap
Dr. Conrad Festa
Mr. John L. Finan
Mr. David B. Fleming
Dr. Carol Z. Garrison
Mr. Bob Godfrey
Mr. Fred Hardin
Dr. James L. Hudgins
Mr. David Hunter
Mr. Jim Kirk
Mr. Howard Lundy
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Mr. Earl Mayo
Mr. Gary McCombs
Dr. Tom Parks
Mr. William T. Putnam
Mr. Eddie Shannon
Mr. A. Glenn Shumpert
Dr. Carolyn McIver Smith
Dr. Jane Stephens
Dr. Jim Vincent
Dr. Ruby Watts

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Rusty Barnes
Ms. Susan Biggers
Ms. Mary Rigby
Mr. Bill Robinson
Mr. Steve Yountz

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

Mr. Sheheen announced that the Executive Committee would meet immediately after the Commission meeting regarding the proposed affiliation between the Medical University and Columbia/HCA.

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of March 7, 1996

It was moved (Tolbert), seconded (Williams), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of March 7, 1996 be approved as written.

2. Committee Reports

3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs

Ms. Williams, chairman of the Committee on Academic Affairs, reported on the following matter:

Consideration of Guidelines for the Expanded Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program and the New Need-Based Grants Program

Guidelines have been prepared for the expanded Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program and the new Need-Based Grants Program created under the proposed South Carolina Children's Education Act of 1996, now pending in the General Assembly. The Commission was advised to prepare guidelines to administer both student aid programs for Fall 1996.

Mr. Sheheen emphasized the fact that Commission consideration of the Guidelines would precede adoption of the legislation by the General Assembly. He also noted that if the Commission recommends the distribution of funds to students, such a recommendation would be pursuant to an appropriation for this purpose. He added that these issues could cause complications, particularly since high school seniors are now starting to choose the college or university they will attend in the fall. The Appropriation Bill will not be completed until the first week in June when the General Assembly usually adopts the State budget. He added that all award letters will include a statement clearly indicating that there is no guarantee of funds until the General Assembly acts.

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the proposed Guidelines for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program for FY 1996-97 and that the Guidelines be studied by the Commission to determine if they should be made more inclusive of two-year students in the future.

The Committee recommended also that the Commission approve the Guidelines for the Need-Based Grants Program for FY 1996-97, and that the Commission support a study examining whether two-year and four-year students who take six semester credit hours or more should be included in the Need-Based Grants Program.

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Darden) and voted that the recommendations be approved.

Dr. Hudgins, representing the Council of College and University Presidents, stated that all institutions were represented at a meeting in which the group unanimously agreed on certain recommendations for the two programs. Dr. Hudgins noted the Council's recommendations would be reiterated in a forthcoming letter from Dr. Ingle.

3.05 Committee on Facilities

Ms. Kinon, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matter:

Routine Repair, Replacement and Maintenance Projects

USC-Columbia - Project 9725 - Thomas Cooper Library Retrofit - This request is to increase the existing budget by \$435,715 to continue with phases II and III of this project. Since there were no specific concerns, the project will be forwarded to the Budget and Control Board with a positive recommendation.

3. Report of the Commissioner

A. Coordination of Health Education Programs

Mr. Sheheen stated that Dr. Ramage who represents the Commission on the Deans' Committee on Medical Education would like to report significant developments by the Committee. Dr. Ramage stated that all are aware of radical changes taking place in the area of health care. He reported that the Committee is trying to unite the two medical schools for a common purpose. Dr. Ramage commented that in the future it would be worthwhile to have a Committee on Medical Education, a Committee on Nursing, and a Committee on Allied Health - each devoting time and attention to its own field and being directly responsible to the Commission.

It was moved (Ramage), seconded (Williams) and voted that the matter of medical education and all of its areas be considered by the Committee on Medical Education, and that similar oversight committees should be formed for nursing and allied health.

C. New Chairman of the Commission

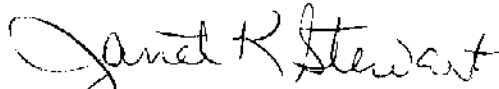
Mr. Sheheen announced that Mr. Gilbert has been nominated to be chairman of the Commission on Higher Education effective July 1, 1996 by the Senate Education Committee and recommended for confirmation to the full Senate.

B. Report on Apprenticeship and OJT Programs

Mr. Guinn gave a brief description on the duties and responsibilities of the Licensing Division. He introduced Mr. Richards who presented two federal programs administered by the Licensing Division: Apprenticeship and On-The-Job-Training Programs. These programs are offered to veterans or other eligible persons as an alternative way to use their Veteran's Administration (G.I. Bill) education benefits.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary