

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
December 7, 1995
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Fred L. Day, Chairman
Mr. J. Randolph Ayers
Dr. Colgate W. Darden, III
Mr. Fred C. Fore
Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr.
Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Ms. Reba Anne Kinon
Mr. Ray D. Lathan
Dr. W. David Maxwell
Mr. Willard A. Metcalf
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage
Mr. Bill H. Stern
Ms. Debbie N. Whittle
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert, Sr.

STAFF

Ms. Mary Broadwater
Mr. Michael L. Brown
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Ms. Maggie Hicks
Mr. Douglas I. Holleman
Dr. R. Lynn Kelley
Mr. Raghu Korrapati
Dr. David R. Loope
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Dr. Robert K. Poch
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Ms. Yolanda Solone

Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer
Dr. Karen A. Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Mr. Todd Barnette
Mr. Arthur M. Bjontegard
Mr. Charles A. Brooks
Ms. Donna Collins
Mr. Sam Drew
Mr. John L. Finan
Mr. Dave Fleming
Mr. Sandy Gilliam
Mr. Alan Godfrey
Mr. Stan Godshall
Mr. Wade A. Green
Mr. Jim Hanna
Mr. Walter Hardin
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield
Dr. Sally Horner
Mr. Charlie Jeffcoat
Ms. Rosetta Johnson
Mr. John Malmrose
Dr. James C. Moeser
Mr. John Newton
Ms. Sharon Pothering
Dr. Blanche Premo-Hopkins
Mr. Charles Shawver
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Dr. Jim Vincent
Mr. Neyle Wilson

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

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of November 2, 1995

It was moved (Lathan), seconded (Williams), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of November 2, 1995 be approved as written.

2. Special Announcement

Mr. Sheheen announced that Dr. James Moeser, Provost of the University of South Carolina, has been appointed Chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He added that his departure will be a considerable loss to the University of South Carolina and the State.

3. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Mr. Gilbert reported on the following matter:

Renewal of License of Museum School of Art, Greenville, South Carolina

The Executive Committee recommended that the license for the Greenville County Museum School of Art to award the listed programs be renewed for five years, subject to annual reporting.

Associate of Arts Degree in:

Fine Arts (Painting, Drawing/Printmaking)

Applied Arts (Ceramics, Photography)

No new students will be enrolled in the Fine Arts (Sculpture) and Applied Arts (Advertising Design) curricula, and when the institution reports that the students enrolled graduate, the license will be re-issued removing those two programs.

It was moved (Metcalf), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

3.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

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

Consideration of Proposed Changes to the Regulations for the Determination of Tuition and Fees

In keeping with the authority granted to it in Section 59-112-100, the Commission is required to develop uniform regulations concerning the application of the State's tuition and fee statutes.

In an effort to clarify the application of several sections of the approved regulations, the Committee on Academic Affairs recommended that the Commission approve the attached changes to the State's tuition and fee regulations. (Attachment A)

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

3.04 Report of the Committee on Business and Finance

A. Report on Average Class Size/Faculty ratio as Approved by the Business and Finance Committee

The Business and Finance Committee recommended that the current formula student/faculty ratios be modified based on a scaled approach. The Committee further recommended that this formula change be implemented for the 1997-98 formula, rather than for 1996-97. The one year delay prior to implementation will provide the Commission staff and the institutions the opportunity to ensure that the data and the calculation methodologies are appropriate to yield meaningful ratios for use in the formula.

Additionally, the Business and Finance Committee recommended that 1) the staff calculate the appropriation formula and allocation using the new ratios to demonstrate the possible affect on institutions, and 2) the College and University Business Officers Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs be requested to submit any alternative Student/Faculty ratio plan that might be more desirable prior to June 14, 1996.

At its October 5, 1995 meeting, the Commission voted to table the Business and Finance Committee ratio recommendation until the December 7 meeting, pending the outcome of staff calculations using the actual ratios rather than the formula ratios. The attached table reflects the calculation and fiscal impact on each institution. (Attachment B)

The matter has been discussed by the Executive Committee of the Council of College and University Presidents, and Dr. Ron Ingle, President, has

indicated that the Council will use the stipulated period contained in the recommendation of the Business and Finance Committee to examine alternatives involving southeastern average ratios. The work should be completed by June 14, 1996 and brought back to the Commission. In addition the Council and the Commission agreed that rather than use the term "actual student/faculty ratio," the appropriate term should be "average class size/faculty ratio."

It was moved (Lathan), seconded (Goad), and voted that the Committee's recommendation be approved with Dr. Darden voting in the negative and Ms. Williams abstaining.

B. A Five-Year Plan for Funding Student Opportunities in South Carolina's Public Colleges and Universities

The Commission on Higher Education, in consultation with the Council of College and University Presidents, proposes that appropriations for higher education be increased to 100% of the appropriation formula over the next five years. These increased appropriations are detailed in the attached Plan. (Attachment C)

It was moved (Lathan), seconded (Kinon), and voted to reaffirm the Plan.

3.05 Report of Committee on Facilities

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

Ms. Kinon requested that the following items be considered as a whole:

- A. Horry-Georgetown Technical College - Conway Campus Land Acquisition
- B. Winthrop University - Bookworm Acquisition
- C. USC-Columbia
 - 1. South Campus Housing - West Quadrangle Construction
 - 2. Renovations to Sims Dormitory
 - 3. Student Activity Improvements , P.E. Center
 - 4. Graduate Science Research Center
 - 5. Campus Classroom Renovations
- D. Medical University of SC - Storm Eye Institute Addition
- F. Coastal Carolina University - Student Housing and Food Service Facility

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Stern), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee be approved.

E. Greenville Technical College - Greenville University Center

Greenville Technical College is seeking authorization to increase the previously approved budget by \$3,790,000, change its source of funds, and revise the scope of this previously approved project. Since the General Assembly has approved this project, no Commission action was required.

G. Architectural & Engineering (A&E) Approval Policy

The Committee recommended that for a project where no definite source of funds has been identified, no A&E work beyond the design development stage will be approved. Full A&E work will be approved only when a sufficient source of funds has been identified and the full project has received Commission approval.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Williams), voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

H. Routine Repair, Replacement and Maintenance Projects

USC-Columbia - Capstone Asbestos Abatement/Code Compliance

This request is to increase the budget by \$400,000 to revise the scope in order to combine three projects for a single construction contract bid and to change the project name in order to reflect more accurately the revised scope.

It was moved (Kinon) and seconded (Williams) that the recommendation be approved.

4. Report of the Commissioner

Mr. Sheheen stated that Governor Beasley has proclaimed December 3-9 Higher Education Week to encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the State's public and private colleges and universities for their contributions to the strength and diversity of the State.

Mr. Sheheen reported that the Professor of the Year, Dr. Bill Junkin of Erskine College, was honored with a banquet at which Mr. Metcalf adeptly and gracefully presided. Dr. Junkin was presented an award of \$5,000 which he promptly contributed to Erskine for use in improving technology development.

Mr. Sheheen noted that the Higher Education Study Committee will meet again on December 15 to continue deliberations. Mr. Gilbert is the Commission's representative on this Committee.

5. Other Business

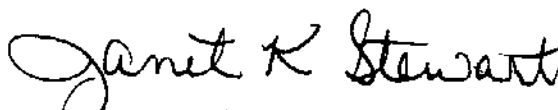
Report on Task Force on Two Year Education - Mr. Phillips gave a brief report on the work of the Two-Year Education Follow-Up Task Force meeting held on November 28. He stated that the next meeting will be held on December 18. An open hearing is planned for January 22 on this subject and a report to the full Commission on February 1, 1996.

Report on Formulating Adult Education Legislation Committee - Mr. Ayers stated that the purpose of this Committee is to address a number of issues raised by a report prepared by the Commission entitled Finding the Forgotten Third: Adult Education for Employment. This report recommends that the administrative responsibility for delivering adult education and training be granted by statute to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the State's sixteen technical colleges. The work of the Committee should be finished by January 23, 1996 to make a recommendation to the General Assembly.

Report on SC Council on Vocational Education and Technical Education - Mr. Goad reported that the Council members have viewed various programs being offered and asked business and industry owners if the schools are doing an effective job of educating students for the types of jobs where their current needs are not met. The Council will visit secondary schools, postsecondary institutions and at least one industry this year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet K. Stewart".

Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary