

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
August 27-28, 1990

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. William J. Whitener, Chairman
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Mr. Fred L. Day
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Ms. Reba A. Kinon
Dr. Harry W. Miley, Jr.
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert, Sr.
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Elaine Freeman
Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Mr. Roger E. Henderson
Mr. Lewis Phillips

STAFF

Mr. Todd E. Barnette
Dr. Jeffrey P. Bartkovich
Mr. Michael L. Brown
Ms. Sandra Carr
Dr. Robert A. Day
Dr. Jeanette Deas
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Dr. Robert K. Poch
Mr. Jeff Richards
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Mr. Leonard Sternbach
Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer
Ms. Julia Wells

GUESTS

Dr. David Bell
Mr. Les Boles
Mr. George Brighttharp
Ms. Katherine Bristow
Dr. Dean Cleghorn
Dr. Anthony DiGiorgio
Dr. Ronald Eaglin
Dr. James B. Edwards
Mr. James Edwards
Dr. Paul Fidler
Ms. Pearl Givens
Dr. Karry Guillory
Mr. Vincent F. Halter
Dr. Earl B. Higgins
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield
Dr. Larry A. Jackson
Ms. Terri Jenkins
Mr. Brad Jones
Dr. Kenneth Kyre
Ms. Margaret Lamb
Mr. David Larson
Col. Ben Legare
Dr. A. Max Lennon
Dr. Harry M. Lightsey, Jr.
Dr. Albert M. Lyles
Col. Calvin G. Lyons
Dr. James R. Morris, Jr.
Dr. Marcus Newberry
Dr. Walton Owens
Dr. Terry Peterson
Mr. William Putnam
Dr. George M. Reeves
Dr. Augustus Rogers
Dr. Robert Sabalis
Dr. Olin Sansbury
Mr. Wyman Shealy
Dr. Richard A. Skinner
Dr. Arthur K. Smith
Mr. Chris Smith
Ms. Margaret Smith
Dr. Thomas C. Stanton
Ms. Ellen Still
Mr. William Troublefield
Lt. Gen. Claudius E. Watts
Ms. Dru Welch

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Bill Robinson

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

I. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of July 12, 1990

It was moved (Gallager), seconded (P. Freeman), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of July 12, 1990, be approved as written.

II. Recognition of Recent Appointees to the Commission

Mr. Whitener recognized the new Commission members: Mr. Fred L. Day succeeding Mr. McGuire, Mrs. Elaine Freeman succeeding Mr. Turner, Mr. Harry W. Miley, Jr. succeeding Mr. Love, and Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr. succeeding Mr. Brightharp. He thanked Mr. Brightharp for years of service as a member of the Commission from June 1983 to July 1990.

III. Consideration of Re-Allocation of Cutting Edge Funds, FY 90-91

Mr. Sheheen reported that although Cutting Edge (Act 629, 1988) programs were funded at \$5 million in each of the first two years, the Appropriations Act for FY 90-91 included only \$3.5 million for these programs. Of this amount, none was included in the regular portion to be funded from new State revenues, \$0.5 million was included in the Capital Reserve portion and \$3.0 million in the Supplemental portion. On August 8, the Comptroller General announced that the final casting of the State's books for FY 89-90 permitted, in accord with rules adopted by the General Assembly, funding of no line items in the Supplemental portion and of a limited few in the Capital Reserve portion.

The result is that the Commission's appropriation for FY 90-91 for all Cutting Edge activities is \$0.5 million, or 10% of the amount appropriated in FY 89-90. It will therefore be necessary for the Commission to revisit its tentative allocation adopted on July 12.

Mr. Sheheen recommended that the \$500,000 appropriated to the Commission for this purpose for FY 90-91 be allocated as follows:

- 1) Palmetto Fellows Program: \$332,500 - This will enable this program to be continued at the level anticipated earlier, permitting up to 93 awards for continuing Fellows, and up to 40 awards for new Fellows. Elimination or reduction of this scholarship program at this date would work an undue hardship on more than 140 deserving young South Carolinians.
- 2) Professor of the Year Award: \$5,000
- 3) CHE Administration: \$162,500 - This amount will be used, as in the past two years, to provide the consultants reviewing proposals for FY 91-92, for expenses of meetings such as those honoring the Professor of the Year and new Palmetto Fellows, and, most critical to us, for salaries for three FTE positions authorized in FY 88 but

funded only through this item. Other administrative expenses associated with the Cutting Edge programs such as staff, increased mailing, copying and travel costs, will continue to be absorbed from the regular budget.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Miley), and voted that Mr. Sheheen's recommendations be adopted.

III. Report of Committee on Access and Equity

Ms. Kinon reported on the following matters:

A. Consideration of Allocation for Access and Equity

The Legislature appropriated \$1,200,000 for the Access and Equity Program in fiscal year 90-92. The appropriation from supplemental funds was tentative and dependent on whether projected revenues would be realized. The Commission learned that supplemental funds (\$704,189) would not be available; therefore, the total appropriation for the Access and Equity Program for the 90-91 fiscal year is \$495,181. The \$495,181 from recurring funds includes a proviso that earmarks \$132,000 for S. C. State College and \$33,000 for Denmark Technical College, leaving a balance of \$330,181. The proviso also states:

...With the funds appropriated herein for formula funding increases, the colleges and universities shall supplement their access and equity programs so as to provide, at a minimum, the same level of minority recruitment activities as provided during the prior fiscal year.

The Access and Equity Committee recommends that:

- 1) the allocation of Access and Equity Program funds shall be consistent with the contents of the proviso included in the 1990-91 Appropriations Bill. Accordingly,
 - S. C. State College shall receive an allocation of \$132,000;
 - Denmark Technical College shall receive an allocation of \$33,000; and
 - in the opinion of the Commission, colleges and universities are required by the General Assembly to provide, at minimum, the same level of support for Access and Equity activities in FY 90-91 as was provided in FY 89-90. A final progress report and quarterly expenditure reports for mandated Access and Equity activities should be submitted on forms provided by the Commission's staff. The final expenditure report for each institution should show that the requirements of the proviso have been fulfilled.
- 2) the limited resources that are available from the Commission for the Access and Equity Program in FY 90-91 will be used for allocations to support Graduate Incentive Fellowships and Other Race Grants at senior institutions and College/High School Partnership Projects at two year institutions. Each two year institution will

receive an allocation of \$2,500 for its College/High School Partnership Project. These allocations are shown as Exhibit A.

3) All institutions must match, on a dollar for dollar basis, the FY 1990-91 allocations for Graduate Incentive Fellowships, Other Race Grants, and College/High School Partnership Projects in order to qualify for Commission funding.

It was moved (Kinon) and seconded (Askins) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Mr. Gallager questioned the Commission's telling the institutions what to do with the funds and requiring a match. Mr. Sheheen stated that the matter comes down to a commitment to students who are receiving Graduate Incentive Fellowships and Other Race Grants. The Commission's first concern was not to interrupt the educational programs of students who had anticipated receiving the grants.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Askins), and voted to divide the question and vote on recommendation #2 and #3 before voting on #1.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Askins), and voted that recommendation #2 of the Committee be adopted.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Jones), and voted that recommendation #3 of the Committee be adopted as amended. The amended recommendation is as follows: All institutions are requested to match, on a dollar for dollar basis, the FY 1990-91 allocations for Graduate Incentive Fellowships, Other Race Grants, and College/High School Partnership Projects.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Gallager), and voted that recommendation #1 of the Committee be adopted as amended. The amendment was that the third paragraph in #1 be deleted and replaced with: Institutions must submit to the Commission a report of activities at the end of the fiscal year on implementation of 15.10, the proviso to the 1990-91 Appropriations Bill (Exhibit B).

B. Report of On-Site Reviews of Access and Equity Programs

On-site reviews of Access and Equity Program activities were conducted at 33 public institutions during 1990. The on-site reviews provided opportunities for the review team and college officials to examine the goals, strategies, and outcomes of Access and Equity Program efforts on each campus. The team was impressed with 1) the number and quality of minority recruitment and retention activities that were being implemented on campuses and 2) the demonstrated commitment of college officials, faculty, and staff to increase minority student enrollment and minority student achievement.

As a result of having visited the 33 institutions, the review team offers the following observations: 1) The team feels that there is a need for continued efforts to ensure that minority student access and success will have a place of high priority on higher education's

agenda in our State, both financially and programatically. 2) The team feels that the institutions need to develop and maintain institutional environment where cultural diversity and the presence of minorities are valued aspects of institutional life.

The three remaining institutions will be visited this fall.

This report was submitted for information only.

IV. Report of the Commissioner

A. Report on Institute for Educational Management, Harvard University

Mr. Sheheen expressed gratitude to the Commission for his being able to attend the Institute. He stated that the class was made up of 95 people from the United States and 6 foreign countries. Mr. Sheheen stated the items of deepest impact were Harvard's quality of curriculum and faculty, the development of case studies, the depth of inquiry into subject matter, and breadth of discussion.

B. Conference on Enhancing the Quality of Teaching in Postsecondary Institutions

Mr. Sheheen noted that the Commission and the University of South Carolina are sponsoring a national conference early next year on "Enhancing the Quality of Teaching in Colleges and Universities."

C. Personnel Changes

Mr. Sheheen announced that Dr. Frank Kinard is retiring on October 31, 1990, and Dr. Gail Morrison will succeed him as Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs at that time.

V. 1990-91 Appropriation Presentations by Colleges and Universities and SBTCE

Mr. Whitener welcomed the presidents and other representatives of the colleges and universities who were scheduled to present their 1991-92 appropriation requests to the Commission on August 27 and 28. (Exhibit C)

Mr. Whitener noted that the Committee on Business and Finance will meet following the meeting of the Commission to consider the appropriation requests and to develop its recommendations. The Commission is scheduled to meet on Thursday, September 6, to adopt final recommendations to be presented to the Budget and Control Board, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee on September 7.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary