

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201

Minutes of the Meeting

February 3, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Commission Members Present

Mr. Dalton Floyd, Chairman
Ms. Rosemary Byerly
Mr. Larry Durham
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Mr. Miles Loadholt
Dr. Layton McCurdy
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller
Mr. Daniel Ravenel
Dr. Mick Zais

Commission Members Absent

Mr. Jim Konduros
Ms. DeLoris Oliver
Mr. Jim Sanders
Dr. Doug Forbes

Staff Present

Ms. Rita Allison
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Mike Brown
Mr. Tony Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Dr. Conrad Festa
Ms. Yolanda Hudson
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Dr. Esther Kramer
Dr. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail Morrison
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Sandra Rhyne
Ms. Beth Rogers
Ms. Karen Wham
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Dr. Joe Boykin, Clemson University
Ms. Betty Boatwright, S.C. State University
Dr. Bill Bragdon, U.S.C. – Columbia
Dr. Anthony Coyne, U.S.C. – Sumter
Ms. Betty Davidson, Governor's Office
Dr. Christine Ebert, U.S.C. – Columbia
Ms. Alyson Goff, U.S.C. Intern
Ms. Retta Guthrie, Orangeburg Calhoun
Technical College
Dr. Gary Hanson, Francis Marion University
Mr. Winston Holton, Clemson University
Dr. Sally Horner, Coastal Carolina
University
Mr. Kim Huff, Orangeburg Calhoun
Technical College
Dr. Ron Ingle, Coastal Carolina University
Ms. Karen Jones, Winthrop University
Dr. Roy Jones, Clemson University
Ms. Star Kepner, U.S.C. – Sumter
Mr. Scott Ludlow, State Technical System
Mr. Gary McCombs, College of Charleston
Mr. Rick Moul, PASCAL
Mr. Charlie Schawver, S.C. Budget &
Control Board
Dr. Aileen Trainer, U.S.C.
Ms. Catherine Watt, Clemson University
Mr. Richard Weldon, Coastal Carolina
University
Mr. Bryce Wilson, S.C. Budget & Control
Board

Member of the Press:

no members of the press attended

This meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Floyd. Dr. Lynn Kelley introduced the guests attending the meeting, all of whom are listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Floyd asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 6, 2005. The **motion** was made (Ravenel), **seconded** (Loadholt) and **carried** to approve the minutes as written.

3. Chairman's Report

- Dalton B. Floyd

- Chairman Floyd informed the Commission that a new Commissioner had been named. He is Mr. J. Neal Workman, Jr. of Clemson, S.C. and he will fill the expired term of Ms. DeLoris Oliver.
- Chairman Floyd reminded the Commissioners of the Campus Safety Conference to be held February 23-25, 2005 on the Columbia campus of U.S.C. Dr. Karen Woodfaulk advised the Commissioners that registration forms for the conference were included in their materials for the day and she invited them to complete one if they had not already done so.
- Chairman Floyd gave a brief report on the status the S.C. Higher Education Foundation and encouraged the Commissioners to consider donating to it.
- Chairman Floyd suggested that the Commission meet at one of the institutions in the spring and again in the fall as has been done in the past. He said that the Spring 2005 meeting would most likely take place in May in Charleston.
- Chairman Floyd made reference to a chart that Commissioner Zais had sent to each of the Commissioners regarding need-based aid. It was noted that although the number of scholarships in S. C. have increased in recent years, only 19% of those are designated for need-based aid. It was also stated that \$10 million was requested for scholarship purposes last year and only \$6.8 million was appropriated. \$10 million has again been requested in this year's budget. After some discussion, Commissioner Ravenel recommended that a comprehensive approach be taken in the evaluation of S.C.'s scholarship programs and that a proposal should be developed that will help the General Assembly recognize their importance. He invited Commissioner Zais to attend the meeting of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon where the issue would be discussed at greater length.

4. Committee Reports

4.01 Report of the Executive Committee (No Report)

-Dalton B. Floyd

4.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (No Report)

-Vermelle Johnson

4.03 Report of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services - Dan Ravenel (No Report)

4.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Ms. Rosemary Byerly

A. Interim Capital Projects

Commissioner Byerly reported that staff member, Lynn Metcalf, was not able to attend the Commission meeting as she was representing S.C. at a conference in Washington. She also reported that Ms. Metcalf is one of only 33 Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Systems (IPEDS) trainers in the nation. Commissioner Byerly gave a brief description of the projects listed below, more details on which can be found in **Attachment I**.

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| 1. Coastal Carolina University | - | Campus Roads Improvements |
| 2. College of Charleston | - | Replace Lightsey Roof & Chiller |
| | - | Restore Exterior of Randolph Hall and Porter's Lodge |
| | - | Physical Education and Athletics Center |
| 3. Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College | - | Classroom and Auditorium Construction |
| 4. Technical College of the Lowcountry | - | Jasper Co. Land Purchase |

(The 4th project was not considered as The Technical College of the Lowcountry asked that it be removed for consideration at this time.)

Commissioner Byerly stated that her committee had considered and approved each of these projects. A **motion** was then made (Byerly), and **seconded** (Ravenel) and carried to approve these projects as recommended.

5. Legislative Update

- Rita Allison

Ms. Allison reported that restructuring of Constitutional Officers was an issue being considered in the House and that seat belt regulations and tort reform were among the issues being considered in the Senate. She listed various pieces of legislation that had been filed in the House and in the Senate. She made reference to several recent newspaper articles (**Attachment II**) that pertain to strengthening higher education efforts in South Carolina. She also made reference to some talking points about the state electronic library (**Attachment III**) and said that this information was available for the Commissioners to review. Ms. Allison stated that efforts were in progress to try to move funding for the library to the general fund rather than from lottery money. Ms. Julie Carullo referred to the recent ruling on the Life Sciences Act (Act 187) and indicated that legislation has been filed that would reinstate LIFE scholarship GPA changes and the Trident Technical College Culinary Arts program. She also updated Commissioners on what had taken place with legislation discussed at the last commission meeting as well as informed them about legislation that had been recently filed.

6. Report of the Executive Director**-Conrad Festa**

Dr. Festa reported that he has been working with the Governor's Office and with members of the legislature and that they have demonstrated support for restoration of funding which would enable the Commission on Higher Education's ability to do program review. He stated that he's received greater support from legislators regarding an increase in funding to be used for the purpose of hiring CHE staff to handle scholarship appeals. Dr. Festa also encouraged members of the Commission to not only contribute to the S. C. Higher Education Foundation, but to encourage others to make donations to this very worthy effort.

7. Presentations

"Call Me Mister" – Dr. Roy Jones of Clemson University gave a power point presentation on the "Call Me Mister" program, housed at Clemson University. Designed to recruit, place, and retain African-American males as elementary teachers in South Carolina, the program has been in existence for 5 years and graduated its first students in the Spring of 2004. Currently funded by grants and private donations, the program has requested state funding in the amount of \$1.2 million, although it was stated that it could survive on a minimum of \$700,000. In the discussion that followed Dr. Jones presentation, it was concluded that a comprehensive approach needs to be taken regarding this and other teacher recruitment programs currently offered in South Carolina. The matter was then referred to the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services for review. Commissioner Vermelle Johnson, who has some expertise in this area, offered to work with the committee as well. More detailed information about the "Call Me Mister" program can be found in **Attachment IV**.

Statewide Electronic Library – Dr. Joseph Boykin, also of Clemson University, presented an overview on the current status of the statewide electronic library. A project of the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL), its purpose is to make available to all S.C. college students in a timely fashion a basic core of electronic resources. It is expected that all students will have access to the library by the end of 2005. At that time each college and university in S. C. should see a direct benefit of over \$1 million. Funding required for the project is \$2 million per year for a period of five years. Additional information about the statewide electronic library can be found in **Attachment V**.

8. Other Business

Commissioner Ravenel invited all interested Commissioners to attend the meeting of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services, scheduled for 2:00 p.m. today in Orangeburg on the campus of S.C. State University.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Floyd made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.. It was **seconded** (Loadholt) and **carried**.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Rogers

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.**