

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

June 4, 1998
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr., Chairman
Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly
Ms. Dianne Chinnes
Mr. Tim Dangerfield
Dr. Colgate W. Darden, III
Dr. C. Edward Floyd
Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr.
Mr. Frank Gilbert
Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr.
Dr. David Maxwell
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Mr. Winfred S. Greene

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Bill Stern

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Rayburn Barton
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Ms. Betsy Gunter
Dr. Nancy Healy-Williams
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Dr. David Loope
Dr. Gail Morrison
Dr. Mike Raley
Dr. Mike Smith
Ms. Yolanda Solone
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Mr. Roland Alston
Mr. Todd Barnette
Mr. Arthur M. Bjontegard
Ms. Kaye Coleman
Ms. Donna Collins
Dr. Nancy Dunlap
Mr. John L. Finan
Ms. Sharon Fross

Ms. Candace Gosnell
Dr. Susan Graham
Mr. Herman Green
Dr. Ron Hampton
Dr. Joe Heyward
Dr. Mac Holderfield
Dr. Sally Horner
Dr. Jim Hudgins
Dr. David Hunter
Dr. Ron Ingle
Ms. Karen Jones
Mr. Brian Jowers
Mr. Martin Kinard
Mr. Thornton Kirby
Mr. Jim Kirk
Me. Jerry Knighton
Mr. Scott Ludlow
Dr. Howard Lundy
Dr. Harry Matthews
Mr. Earl Mayo
Dr. Mike McCall
Mr. Gary McCombs
Dr. Layton McCurdy
Mr. J. P. McKee
Mr. Tom Olsen
Ms. Lottie Otto
Mr. Don Peterson
Mr. Bill Putnam
Dr. Ronald Rhames
Dr. Linda Salane
Mr. Charles Shawver
Dr. Jackie Skubal
Ms. Lindy Smith
Ms. Myra Smith
Dr. John Stockwell
Dr. John Sutusky
Dr. Marge Tebo-Messina
Col. Don Tomasic
Dr. W. E. Troublefield, Jr.
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Dr. Marcia Welsh
Dr. Carolyn West

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gilbert, who then asked Dr. Lynn Kelley to proceed with the introductions.

1. Introductions

Guests were introduced by Dr. Lynn Kelley and welcomed to the Commission meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

It was **moved (E. Floyd)**, **seconded (Phillips)**, that the minutes of the meeting of May 7, 1998 be approved.

There was discussion about the structure of the Deans' Committee on Medical Education. a **motion** was made (**W. Greene**) that minutes be corrected to show that the proposed structure of that Committee is as follows: ***The CHE will appoint two members. The first will be member of the Commission and/or a designee who is a physician with experience in medical education. The second will be a representative of the business community.*** It was then **carried** that the minutes be approved with this addition.

3. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Chairman Austin Gilbert

No Report

3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

No report

**3.03 Report of the Committee on Access,
Equity & Student Services**

Mr. Frank Gilbert

A. Consideration of Recommendations on the Access & Equity Program

A **motion (Gilbert)** was made on behalf of the Committee that the report be adopted as mailed out. The Executive Summary of the Report is **Attachment I** to these minutes. The motion was **seconded (Phillips)** and **carried**.

A **motion** was made (**Byerly**), **seconded (Phillips)** and **carried** to amend the first sentence under #2 (**Attachment I**) - advisory group membership - to read: ***Appoint an ad hoc statewide access and equity advisory group that includes representatives from the business community, governor's office, general assembly, civic and community groups, Commission on Higher Education, State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, State Department of Education, and college and***

university faculty organizations. The SBTCE was not included in the original report.

The Commission then proceeded to discuss the **original motion as amended**. Mr. Greene requested that the members of the Task Force be recognized. **Chairman Gilbert** suggested the **motion** be dealt with prior to introductions of the Task Force members. There being no further discussion on the motion, it was **carried** as amended.

Chairman Gilbert then recognized Dr. Green from Clemson as Chairman of the Task Force and then all other members of the Task Force present were asked to stand and be recognized.

Dr. Barton reported that a competitive grant system for allocation of funds for Access and Equity Programs was being considered for the upcoming fiscal year rather than simply allocating available funds.

3.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

Ms. R. Byerly

A. Consideration of Recommendations on Mission Resource Requirement

It was recommended at the last Commission meeting that there should be a joint meeting of the Planning and Assessment Committee and the Finance and Facilities Committee. That meeting took place on May 21. After lengthy discussion, the combined committees unanimously approved **column 3 (Attachment II)**, Joint Meeting of Finance & Planning Committee Recommendation with one change as noted. It was **moved (Byerly)**, **seconded (Phillips)** and **carried** to approve the MRR refinements as outlined in Column 3, **Attachment II**. When discussion was called for, **Dr. E. Floyd moved** to amend the joint committee's motion and change the calculation method for **Step 5 (Student Services) of the MRR** from *National Expenditures per FTE student* to *National Expenditures per headcount student*. There was a **second (Olsen)**. Following an explanation of the amendment, the motion to amend was **carried**. **Dr. E. Floyd** expressed further concern, and **moved** that the process for calculating the MRR be reviewed before the next funding cycle. The motion was **seconded (Byerly)** and **carried**.

B. \$250 Tuition Abatement

Attachment III (a revised CLARIFICATION OF CHE POLICY: USING A MINIMUM \$250 SCHLARSHIP AMOUNT TO DETERMINE RESIDENCY IN THE FUNDING MODEL) was handed out. The **motion (Byerly)** was made, **seconded (Olsen)** and **carried** that the revised recommendation be approved. There was some discussion of concern about the tracking of out-of-state students for purposes other than the funding model.

C. Interim Permanent Improvement Projects

Projects were reviewed by staff and the **motion (Byerly)** was made, **seconded (Olsen)** and **carried** to approve those projects as described in **Attachment IV**.

D. Annual Permanent Improvement Plans (APIPS)

All 46 projects were approved by staff and a **motion (Byerly)** was made, **seconded (Chinnes)** and **carried** to approve all 46 projects as described in **Attachment V**.

E. Information update on Life-Safety Plans

The current status of the Life-Safety Plans for each institution is found as **Attachment VI**. These were verbally reviewed in this meeting.

3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding

A. Statewide Strategic Plan

A **motion** was made (**Dangerfield**), **seconded (Darden)** and **carried** to approve the *Strategic Plan for Higher Education* as presented (**Attachment VII**).

B. Recommendations on Act 629

The recommendations from the Council of Presidents' Committee to Review Assessment and Accountability Legislation are found as **Attachment VIII** to these minutes. A **motion (Dangerfield)** was made, **seconded (Darden)** and **carried** to approve these recommendations as written.

4. Report of the Executive Director

Rayburn Barton

A. Legislative Update

Dr. Barton reported that, at this point in time, the budget had still not been finalized. The legislature is scheduled to adjourn today.

B. Management Review Implementation

The Academic Affairs staff is preparing a revision of the Commission policy regarding program approval that will go to the Academic Affairs Committee at their next meeting. There are several changes recommended that take into account and encourage greater use of technology in educational delivery (**Attachment IX**).

Audits: We received the single audit done by the State that covers federal programs administered by entities of State Government. We had no exceptions in that audit. The State auditors have completed their agency audit. We are optimistic about that audit as well, and should have specific results in a few weeks.

C. Palmetto Fellows

Dr. Barton announced that we have been requested to withdraw regulations for next year and retain the three requirements regarding class rank, SAT and GPA. He then asked Dr. Karen Woodfaulk to provide a more specific report which is summarized below:

Palmetto Fellows and Need-Based Grants – As a result of a new proviso, students eligible for Palmetto Fellows Scholarships must have an SAT score of 1200, a 3.5 GPA and rank in the top 5% of their class. The numbers of scholarships awarded and the participating public and independent colleges and universities are in **Attachment X**.

The written report on the distribution of need-based grants is **Attachment XI** to these minutes.


Mr. Winfred Greene requested information as to how many minority students are receiving these grants. Dr. Woodfaulk assured him that this is monitored very carefully and the Commission would be provided a report in the fall after data is received at the end of this summer.

Presidential Presentation: After a brief recess, there was a presentation on Coastal Carolina University by Dr. Ronald Ingle, President of Coastal Carolina University.

5. **Other Business**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Betsy L. Gunter
Recording Secretary

Attachments I-XI