

**Advisory Committee on Academic Programs
Minutes of January 18, 2006**

Members Present

Dr. Gail Morrison, Chair
Dr. Reginald Avery, USC-Upstate
Dr. Peter Barr, Coastal Carolina
Dr. Mark Becker, USC-Columbia
Dr. Richard Chapman, Francis Marion
Dr. Cheryl Cox, SC Tech College System
Dr. Ronald Drayton, Midlands Tech
Dr. Doris Helms, Clemson
Dr. Leonard Lundquist, Lander
Dr. Bud Marchant, Piedmont Tech College
Dr. Tom Moore, Winthrop
Dr. Suzanne Ozment, USC-Aiken
Dr. Chris Plyler, USC Regional Campus
Dr. JoAnn Rolle, S.C. State
Dr. Walt Tobin, Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech

Staff Present

Ms. JoAnn Biga
Ms. Renea Eshelman
Dr. Paula Gregg
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. De'Nitra Reese
Dr. Donald Tetreault

Guest Representing Members

Dr. Bob Mignone, College of Charleston
Dr. Martha Moriarty, USC-Beaufort
Dr. Spike Metts, The Citadel

Members Absent

Dr. John Raymond, MUSC

Guests

Dr. Michael Awiridis, USC-Columbia
Dr. Abdel Bayoumi, USC-Columbia
Dr. Duncan Buell, USC-Columbia
Dr. York Bradshaw, USC-Upstate
Mr. Harry Davis, USC-Columbia
Dr. Marsh Dowell, USC-Upstate
Dr. Christine Ebert, USC-Columbia
Dr. J. Ron Faulkenberry, Francis Marion
Dr. Michael S. Helmick, Technical College of
the Lowcountry
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson
Ms. Karen Jones, Winthrop
Ms. Lisa Kenyon, Technical College of the

Lowcountry
Dr. Martine Laberge, Clemson
Dr. Michael Matthews, USC-Columbia
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson
Dr. Larry McCawley, Francis Marion
Dr. Rosanne Pruitt, Clemson
Ms. Marge Sapp, Technical College of the
Lowcountry
Dr. Brenda Thames, Clemson
Dr. Aileen Trainer, USC-Columbia
Dr. Roger Weikle, Winthrop
Dr. Pat Zungoli, Clemson

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. Dr. Morrison introduced the newest member of ACAP, Dr. Jo-Anne Rolle from S.C. State University. Dr. Morrison then requested that members seated at the table introduce themselves.

1. Consideration of Minutes of September 29, 2005

Dr. Morrison requested that the Minutes of September 29, 2005, be accepted as distributed with the editorial change that Dr. Avery be recorded as having been present. The motion was **moved** (Chapman) and **seconded** (Drayton), and the Committee **voted unanimously to accept** the Minutes of September 29, 2005.

2. Consideration of Program Planning Summaries

a. A.A., Horticulture Technology, Piedmont Tech (new)

Dr. Cox introduced the program planning summary. Approval was **moved** (Cox) and **seconded** (Tobin). Without discussion the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the planning summary for Piedmont Technical College to develop a program leading to the A.A. degree in Horticulture, to be implemented in Fall of 2006.

b. A.H.S., Biotechnology, Greenville Tech (new)

Dr. Cox introduced the program planning summary. Approval was **moved** (Cox) and **seconded** (Ozment). Dr. Morrison asked for a description of the curriculum. Dr. Cox stated that the students will require traditional science courses and lab rotations. With no further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the planning summary for Greenville Tech to develop a program leading to the A.H.S. degree in Biotechnology, to be implemented in Fall of 2006.

c. A.H.S., Physical Therapist Assistant, Technical College of the Lowcountry (new)

Dr. Cox introduced the program planning summary. Approval was **moved** (Cox) and **seconded** (Rolle). Dr. Cox stated that there is a shortage of persons in Beaufort in the physical therapy field which has caused a need for Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs). This program will allow students to sit for the Physical Therapist Assistant license examine. Dr. Morrison stated that the final proposal should have specific information on salary for this type of

program. With no further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the planning summary for Technical College of the Lowcountry to develop a program leading to the A.H.S. degree in Physical Therapist Assistant, to be implemented in Fall of 2006.

d. B.S., Soil and Sustainable Crop Systems, Clemson University (new)

Dr. Helms introduced the program planning summary. Approval was **moved** (Helms) and **seconded** (Barr). Dr. Helms stated this program had a name change from Soil, Plant and Environmental Science to Soil and Sustainable Crop Systems. Clemson's Board of Trustees requested this name change. With no further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the planning summary for Clemson University to develop a program leading to the B.S. degree in Soil and Sustainable Crop Systems, to be implemented in Fall of 2006.

e. B.S., Middle Level Education, Francis Marion (new)

Dr. Chapman introduced the program planning summary. Approval was **moved** (Chapman) and **seconded** (Avery). Dr. Chapman stated that this program is being implemented in keeping with the General Assembly's approval middle level certification. With no further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the planning summary for Francis Marion to develop a program leading to the B.S. degree in Middle Level Education, to be implemented in Fall of 2006.

f. B.A., French, German, Classics, and Spanish, USC-Columbia (modification)

Dr. Becker introduced the program planning summary. Approval was **moved** (Becker) and **seconded** (Helms). Dr. Morrison asked if the program was in line with the Department of Education standards. Dr. Becker replied that the program does meet the Department of Education's certification standards. With no further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the planning summary for USC-Columbia to develop a program leading to the B.A. degree in French, German, Classics, and Spanish to be implemented in Fall of 2006.

g. B.A., Commercial Music, USC-Upstate (new)

Dr. Becker introduced the program planning summary. Approval was **moved** (Avery) and **seconded** (Lundquist). Dr. Avery stated that this is not a performance program. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the planning summary for USC-Columbia to develop a program leading to the B.A., degree in Commercial Music to be implemented in Fall of 2006.

h. B.S., Community Health Education, USC-Upstate (new)

Dr. Avery introduced the program planning summary. Approval was **moved** (Avery) and **seconded** (Chapman). Dr. Avery stated that this program is not a teacher certification program. Dr. Jackson noted that Clemson has a program leading to the B.S. degree with a major in Health Science. With no further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the planning summary for USC-Upstate to develop a program leading to the B.S., degree in Community Health Education to be implemented in Fall of 2007.

i. B.S., Information Design, Winthrop (new)

Dr. Moore introduced the program planning summary. Approval was **moved** (Moore) and **seconded** (Cox). Dr. Helms stated that Winthrop may have underestimated the cost of

operating the program, especially the lab cost. Dr. Morrison stated that the final proposal should include more data on employment opportunities for students with this type of degree. With no further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the planning summary for Winthrop to develop a program leading to the B.S., degree in Information Design, to be implemented in Fall of 2007.

j. Ph.D., Nursing with a focus on Genetics and Health Disparities, Clemson (new)

Dr. Helms introduced the program planning summary. Approval was **moved** (Helms) and **seconded** (Barr). Dr. Morrison stated that since there are three Nursing doctoral programs (two Ph.D.s and one DNP) in the state, Clemson may want to change the name of this program to something else because of duplication issues. With no further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the planning summary for Clemson to develop a program leading to the Ph.D., degree in Nursing with a focus on Genetics and Health Disparities, to be implemented in Fall of 2006.

k. Children's Law Center, USC-Columbia (new)

Dr. Helms introduced the program planning summary. Approval was **moved** (Becker) and **seconded** (Lundquist). Dr. Becker stated that the program is already fully staffed and was originally named the Children's Law Office. Without discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the planning summary for USC-Columbia to develop the Children's Law Center, to be implemented immediately.

3. Consideration of New Program Proposals

a. B.S., Bioengineering, Clemson (new)

Dr. Helms introduced the program proposal. Approval was **moved** (Helms) and **seconded** (Becker). Dr. Helms stated that this is a critical program for the State. She said that USC-Columbia and Clemson have been working closely together to develop this type of program at each institution. She stated that this area of study has been in existence for over 40 years and is steadily advancing. Dr. Helms stated that the Clemson faculty for bioengineering will double from 15 to 35. Dr. Rolle inquired about the reasoning for doubling the bioengineering faculty. Dr. Helms stated that the University needs more faculty based on the research efforts of this program. With no further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the planning summary for Clemson to develop a program leading to the B.S., degree in Bioengineering, to be implemented in Fall of 2006.

b. B.S., Biology with an emphasis in Medical Technology, Francis Marion (new)

Dr. Chapman introduced the program proposal. Approval was **moved** (Chapman) and **seconded** (Lundquist). Dr. Chapman stated that this program will be a modification to the B.S. in Biology, Medical Technology option. Dr. Chapman stated that this is a 3 + 1 program. Three years of the program will be in Biology at Francis Marion and the fourth and final year will be at the McLeod Regional Center. With no further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept** the program proposal for Francis Marion to develop a program leading to B.S. degree in Biology with an emphasis in Medical Technology, to be implemented in Spring of 2006.

c. B.S., M.S., and Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering, USC-Columbia (new)

Dr. Becker introduced the program proposal. Approval was **moved** (Becker) and **seconded** (Helms). Dr. Becker stated that these programs were developed at the same time. These degrees will give seamless transitions within the Biomedical Engineering program. Without discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the program proposal for USC-Columbia to develop a program leading to the B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Biomedical Engineering, to be implemented in Fall of 2006.

d. Center on Research on Health Disparities, Clemson (new)

This program was withdrawn at Dr. Helms' request.

4. Discussion of New Program Review Cycle

a. Institutional Effectiveness:

Dr. Morrison stated that the Commission on Higher Education is requesting money for academic program review from the General Assembly. Dr. Morrison requested that those institutions who are currently doing program review send their program review schedules to her.

b. Budget Status:

Dr. Morrison stated that the Governor has removed all funding for the Electronic Library from his budget which he presented to the General Assembly. She encouraged all institutions to ask their lobbyists to speak favorably about the Electronic Library. She stated that the Electronic Library has been reported to be of great assistance to students, faculty, and staff at all our institutions, as well as all South Carolina residents who have chosen to use it.

5. Other

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

Respectfully submitted,

De'Nitra Reese