

**Minutes**  
**Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing**  
**April 6, 2006**

**Members Present**

Dr. Vermelle J. Johnson, Chair  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne  
Ms. Cyndi Mosteller

**Members Absent**

Dr. Vermelle Johnson

**Staff Present**

Ms. JoAnn Biga  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Dr. Paula Gregg  
Ms. Lane Jeselnik  
Dr. Lynn Kelley  
Dr. Gail Morrison  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Ms. De'Nitra Reese  
Dr. Donald Tetreault

**Guests Present**

Dr. Royce Caines, Lander  
Ms. Beth Carter, Saint Leo University  
Dr. Jonathan Cormier, MUSC  
Dr. Anthony Coyne USC-Sumter  
Dr. Cheryl Cox, SCTCS  
Dr. Christine Ebert, USC-Columbia  
Dr. Doug Ferguson, College of Charleston  
Dr. Gail Joyner-Fleming, S.C. State  
Dr. Patricia Frye, S.C. State  
Dr. Michael S. Helmick, Technical College of the Lowcountry  
Dr. Elise Jorgens, College of Charleston  
Dr. Lisa Kenyon, Technical College of the Lowcountry  
Dr. Leonard Lundquist, Lander  
Dr. Bud Marchant, Piedmont Tech.  
Dr. Gregory A. McPherson, S.C. State  
Ms. Janice Oden, Saint Leo University  
Dr. Suzanne Ozment, USC-Aiken  
Dr. David Persky, Saint Leo University

Ms. Marge Sapp, Technical College of the Lowcountry  
Dr. Thomas Seebode, Troy State University  
Dr. Thomas Thompson, S.C. State  
Dr. Aileen Trainer, USC-Columbia  
Mr. Jonathan Walsh, S.C. State

Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.; and stated that it was being held in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. Dr. Johnson then asked all guests to introduce themselves.

## **1. Consideration of Minutes of February 2, 2006**

Dr. Horne **moved** that the minutes of February 2, 2006, be accepted as distributed. The motion was **seconded** by Ms. Mosteller and was **approved** unanimously.

## **2. Consideration of New Program Proposals**

### **2.a. A.A., Horticultural Technology, Piedmont Tech (new)**

Dr. Johnson introduced the program. She introduced Dr. Marchant as the institutional representative available to respond to questions about the program. Dr. Marchant stated that currently no accrediting body exists for this type of program. Dr. Horne stated that she was impressed with the program and asked if the institution had considered adding a Spanish course in the program. Dr. Marchant stated that Spanish will be included in the course curriculum. Without further discussion, it was **moved** (Horne) and **seconded** (Mosteller) and the Committee **voted to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the A.A. degree in Horticultural Technology at Piedmont Technical College for implementation in Fall 2006.

### **2.b. A.H.S., Physical Therapist Assistant, Technical College of the Lowcountry, (new)**

Dr. Johnson introduced the program. She introduced Dr. Cox as the institutional representative available to respond to questions about the program. Dr. Morrison stated that there was a correction to the State Appropriations chart. Ms. Mosteller stated that the program cost appeared larger than normal for this type of program. Dr. Cox stated that the institution has requested in-kind contributions with Beaufort Memorial Hospital for space and partnerships with other medical facilities to reduce the cost of the program. Without further discussion, it was **moved** (Horne) and **seconded** (Mosteller) and the Committee **voted to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the A.H.S. degree in Physical Therapist Assistant at Technical College of the Lowcountry for implementation in Fall 2006.

### **2.c. B.S., On-Line Criminal Justice Management, Lander (new)**

Dr. Johnson introduced the program. Ms. Mosteller inquired if this were the first on-line program Lander will be offering. Dr. Lundquist stated that Lander was the first institution in the state to offer an on-line nursing program and this will be the second on-

line program offering of Lander. Dr. Mosteller inquired if the cost per credit hour for on-line courses is different than those of traditional courses. Dr. Lundquist responded that the cost is the same. With no further discussion, it was **moved** (Mosteller) and **seconded** (Horne) and the Committee **voted to commend unanimously to the Commission** the program leading to the B.S. degree On-Line in Criminal Justice Management at Lander University for implementation in Fall 2006.

## **2.d. M.A., Communication, College of Charleston**

Dr. Johnson introduced the program. Ms. Mosteller inquired whether the College would possibly offer this program on the main campus. Dr. Morrison stated that the program is being offered at the main campus and that the college also requested to offer the program at the North Charleston campus to give students more locational flexibility. Dr. Morrison stated that the staff recommendation will be changed to reflect the program being offered at both campuses. Dr. Jorgens stated that this program is being offered as a result of a Chamber of Commerce survey. There is a need in the state for a general communication degree. With no further discussion; it was **moved** (Horne) and **seconded** (Mosteller) and the Committee **voted to commend unanimously to the Commission** the program leading to the M.A. in Communication by the College of Charleston at the Lowcountry Graduate and possibly, some time in the future, on the main campus.

## **3. Consideration of Licensing Request for Initial License Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, FL, at Sumter to offer:**

A.A., in Liberal Arts: B.A. in (1) Business Administration, (2) Criminal Justice, and (3) Human Resources Administration; and B.S. in Computer Information Systems

Dr. Johnson introduced this program. Dr. Morrison stated that Saint Leo University is SACS accredited, and has been offering programs on Shaw Air Force Military Base. She stated over 50% of current students are civilians and now Saint Leo University wants to offer the program off the military base. Dr. Horne inquired why the University is interested in moving the site location of this program. Dr. Horne inquired to which library the students at Saint Leo University have access. Ms. Oden stated that the university has access to several academic libraries in the Sumter area. With no further discussion, it was **moved** (Horne) and **seconded** (Mosteller) and the Committee **voted to commend unanimously to the Commission** the licensure request of the program leading to the A.A., in Liberal Arts: B.A. in (1) Business Administration, (2) Criminal Justice, and (3) Human Resources Administration; and (4) the B.S. in Computer Information Systems, by Saint Leo University at Sumter.

## **4. Consideration of Improving Teaching Quality Competitive Grant Awards, FY 2006-07**

Dr. Morrison introduced the item. Ms. Mosteller suggested that the project director's name be omitted from the report. Dr. Horne stated that she was disappointed that her five favorite proposals (all of which were proposing to work with critical need districts) were not funded. Dr. Gregg explained that the three programs funded were selected because they were of the best quality that followed the federal guidelines.

Without further discussion, it was **moved** (Horne) and **seconded** (Mosteller) and the Committee **voted to commend unanimously to the Commission** the 2006-07 Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Awards.

**5. Consideration of Centers of Excellence (Education) Competitive Grant Awards, FY 2006-07**

Dr. Morrison introduced the report. Dr. Horne inquired whether or not accurate grammar is being taught to students. Dr. Gregg responded that the understanding of new literacy will be used to improve student achievement in vocabulary and written expression. Without further discussion, it was **moved** (Mosteller) and **seconded** (Horne) and the Committee **voted to commend favorably to the Commission** the Review Panel's recommendation to approve an award to the College of Charleston to establish the Center of Excellence for the Advancement of New Literacies in Middle Grades.

**6. Consideration of Follow-Up Reports to NCATE Evaluation**

- a. South Carolina State
- b. USC-Aiken

Dr. Morrison briefly reviewed the report and stated there was a correction on Page 11 of the report. The Social Studies component should be removed. Without any discussion, it was **moved** (Horne) and **seconded** (Mosteller) and the Committee **voted to commend favorably to the Commission** the NCATE/State Partnership Program Progress Report for South Carolina State University and University of South Carolina-Aiken.

**7. Consideration of Annual Report on Admissions Standards for First-Time Entering Freshman, Fall 2005**

Dr. Morrison introduced the report. Dr. Horne stated that the pre-college high school curriculum expectations need to be clarified so that students will be able to meet them. Dr. Morrison stated that the Expanded ACAP Committee is discussing this issue and trying to understand why this trend is declining instead of improving. Dr. Horne also suggested that the second recommendation of this report be deleted. Without further discussion, it was **moved** (Mosteller) and **seconded** (Horne) and the Committee **voted to commend favorably to the Commission** the Annual Report on Admissions Standards for First Time Entering Freshman for Fall 2005 as amended by removing the second recommendation.

**8. Consideration of Annual Report on Advanced Placement Course Acceptance Policies, FY 2005-06**

Dr. Morrison introduced the report. Without any discussion, it was **moved** (Mosteller) and **seconded** (Horne) and the Committee **voted to commend favorably to the Commission** the Annual Report on Advanced Placement Course Acceptance Policies for FY 2005-06.

**9. Informational Report on Approved and Terminated Programs, FY 2005-06**

Dr. Morrison introduced the report. Dr. Horne suggested that a chart be added to the report to show the number of programs per institution added in relationship to the number of programs terminated. Dr. Morrison stated that most of the terminated programs were requested to be terminated by the institution. Some were terminated because of productivity standards not being met and teacher education programs were terminated because the institutions knew they would not meet NCATE Standards. Without further discussion, it was **moved** (Mosteller) and **seconded** (Horne) and the Committee **voted to commend favorably to the Commission** the Informational Report on Approved and Terminated Programs, FY 2005-06.

## **10. Other**

Hearing no further business, Dr. Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn. It was **moved** (Horne) and **seconded** (Mosteller) and **the Committee voted to adjourn** at 3:32 p.m.