

Minutes
Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing
December 6, 2007

Members Present

Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Chair
Mr. Hood Temple
Ms. Cindy Mosteller
Mr. Neal Workman

Members Absent

Colonel John Bowden
Mr. Randy Thomas

Guests

Ms. Lisa Bennett, Troy University
Dr. Cynthia Brown, Lesley University
Ms. Marilyn Burstein, Art Institute of
Charleston
Mr. Mowry Clark, Art Institute of
Charleston
Dr. Marsha Dowell, USC-Upstate
Dr. Julie Eggert, Clemson
Dr. Doris Helms, Clemson
Dr. Richard Hilderman, Clemson
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson
Mr. Richard Jerue, Art Institute of
Charleston
Ms. Karen Jones, Winthrop
Dr. Barbara Koons-Wilt, USC-
Columbia
Ms. Robin Peevey, Lesley University
Dr. Rosanne Pruitt, Clemson
Dr. Thomas Seebold, Troy University
Dr. Michael Smith, USC-Columbia

Staff Present

Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. JoAnne Biga
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Renea Eshelman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Jeselnik
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Dr. Gail Morrison
Mr. Clint Mullins
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. De'Nitra Reese
Dr. Garry Walters

Dr. Horne called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. Dr. Horne asked all attendees to introduce themselves.

1. Consideration of Minutes of September 6, 2007

Mr. Workman **moved** that the minutes of September 6, 2007, be accepted as distributed and the motion was **seconded** by Hood. The motion was **approved unanimously**.

2. Consideration of New Programs Proposals

a. Ph.D., Criminology and Criminal Justice, USC-Columbia

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Smith. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation. Ms. Mosteller commented that at the master's level Federal Grants are not as readily available as they are at the doctoral level. Dr. Smith agreed with Ms. Mosteller's comment. Mr. Temple asked what type of employment students might have available upon completion of this proposed degree and whether there are any articulation agreements between two-year colleges and the four-year colleges in this area of the curriculum currently. Dr. Smith stated that the majority of graduates will go into academic positions or will become public policy/public agency researchers. He said a variety of associate degree programs articulate to four-year baccalaureate programs and that the baccalaureate programs are "feeders" to this proposed Ph.D. program.

Mr. Workman asked if an internship will be required before admission into this program. Dr. Smith replied while there is not a requirement for an internship, students will be required to have had some criminal justice background. Dr. Horne asked how the program will be assessed, since it is not accredited nationally by any recognized agency. Dr. Smith replied that the Academy of Criminal Justice will be an avenue available to assess the program. Dr. Trainer added that the College of Arts and Sciences has one of the best internal assessment processes at USC-Columbia, and the program will be administered through that College. Mr. Workman asked what number or percentage of graduates of the proposed program is anticipated to remain in the state of South Carolina upon completion of the degree. Dr. Smith stated that approximately 90 percent will remain in South Carolina. Dr. Smith replied affirmatively to Dr. Horne's question about movement through the entire higher education system within criminology starting at the associate level.

Mr. Hood asked if the Ph.D. program would have any direct connection with law enforcement agency. Dr. Smith replied that the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice works extensively with law enforcement agencies with the bachelor's and master's programs, but will not do so with this program since it is more theory-based. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission USC-Columbia's program leading to

the Ph.D. degree with a major in Criminology and Criminal Justice to be implemented in Spring 2008.

b. Ph.D., Healthcare Genetics, Clemson

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Helms. It was moved (Hood) and seconded (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation. Mr. Temple stated that an understanding of human genetics is important in the Florence area since there is an alarming rate of diabetes. He also added that he and his wife participated in genetics counseling.

Mr. Workman stated that since doctoral programs in the general area of nursing have not previously met enrollment requirements, it was important to hear what Clemson's expectations are for assuring the Commission that this proposed program will meet productivity standards. Dr. Helms replied that the focus in this program is on research rather than on producing nursing faculty; therefore, this program will target a unique group of persons entering it as nurses. Dr. Workman inquired about the retention rate of graduates who remain in South Carolina upon completion of a doctoral program. Dr. Helms stated that most doctoral candidates are international students, and upon completion of their programs, many return to their country of origin. She stated that this is a national problem, not just an issue in South Carolina.

Dr. Morrison inquired about the employment opportunities for these graduates. Dr. Helms stated that the Greenville research centers and doctors in the state will work directly with these students. The students will have the training to develop policy for the people in the community and will work directly with the policy department at Clemson. They can become faculty at a university to teach genetics.

Dr. Morrison asked Dr. Helms to contrast the difference between this program and a program in genetics counseling. Dr. Helms replied that graduates of this program will not be interacting as counselors with patients (as do genetics counselors); instead, they will do the research on patients' genetics issues and communicate directly with the doctors and the genetic counselors.

Dr. Horne observed that the program will not be financially able to meet costs with tuition and state revenue sources during the first five years of its implementation. Dr. Helms stated that the program will meet costs with revenues in the first five years, assuming federal grants are received, as anticipated. She also assured the Committee that after five years she will present the figures to show the positive results of fiscal, enrollment, and graduate data for the program.

Dr. Horne asked why this program could not be offered as a track under the genetics department. Dr. Hilderman explained that the genetics department is

currently working on the cellular level, a much more fundamental level than what this program is proposed to do. He stated that persons entering the proposed program as nurses or biologists would be wholly unprepared to undertake the coursework for the Ph.D. in genetics. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission Clemson's program leading to the Ph.D. degree in Healthcare Genetics to be implemented in Fall 2008.

3. Consideration of Request for Amendments of Existing License to Add New Programs:

a. B.A., Fashion and Retail Management, Art Institute of Charleston

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Mr. Richard Jerue. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation. Dr. Horne inquired about the library resources available for students in the program. Mr. Jerue asked Ms. Burstein to respond. Ms. Burstein stated that the students will have access to text and resources through both on-line library and an interlibrary loan system. Ms. Mosteller inquired about the availability of internships and whether the school has the community's support. Mr. Jerue stated that local merchants are willing to accept interns. He added that the Art Institute's other programs have been very successful with internships. Dr. Horne asked what the default rate was for the student loans at the Institute. Mr. Jerue stated that data will be provided to the staff prior to the Commission's January 2008 meeting. Dr. Morrison reminded all of those in attendance that the next Commission meeting will be held on January 10, 2008, not the first Thursday of January. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission amendment of the existing license of the Art Institute of Charleston to add the Bachelor's of Arts degree in Fashion Merchandising, to be implemented immediately.

b. M.Ed., (1) Elementary Education: Profession and Practice; (2) Mathematics Education; and (3) Science in Education, Lesley University

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Brown. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation. Dr. Horne asked if the institution is approved by in the NCATE (the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education). Dr. Brown stated that Lesley University's education programs are accredited not by NCATE but by TEAC (Teacher Education Accreditation Council), the other federally-recognized teacher education accreditation organization. Dr. Horne inquired as to how students in the program will be assessed. Dr. Brown responded that the institution has a system to draw connections between courses and outcomes; it also gathers data to ensure that students are meeting these outcomes. In response to Dr. Morrison's question, Dr. Brown stated that the mathematics education

program is an on-line program. Ms. Peevey added that the science program is also on-line. She stated that in the future the institution plans to add an on-site, traditional program in the New Hampshire area. All of Lesley University's teacher education programs are being developed to be offered as both traditional programs (at least at one site) and as on-line programs. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission amendment of its existing license to add the program of study leading to the M.Ed. degree with tracks in the following programs:

- 1) Elementary Education: Profession and Practice
- 2) Mathematics Education
- 3) Science in Education

4. Consideration of Request for Amendment of Existing License to Add New Sites:

B.S., Business Administration and Criminal Justice; M.S. Criminal Justice; M.S., Management; M.S., Human Resources Management; M.S., Public Administration at Rock Hill; and B.S. and M.S., Criminal Justice at Turbeville Correctional Institute, Troy University

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Seebode. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation. In response to Dr. Horne's inquiry about the institution's student default rate, Dr. Seebode stated that he would research this data and get the information to CHE staff. Ms. Mosteller asked about the library situation in Sumter. Dr. Seebode stated that the issue was resolved by using the local institutional libraries on a fee basis, in conjunction with the use of Troy University's electronic library resources, which he described as one of the most extensive on-line libraries in the country. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission amendment of Troy's existing license to add new sites for existing licensed degree programs as follows:

B.S., Business Administration and Criminal Justice; M.S. Criminal Justice; M.S., Management; M.S., Human Resources Management; M.S., Public Administration at Rock Hill; and B.S. and M.S., Criminal Justice at Turbeville Correctional Institute

5. Informational Report on Staff Approvals

Dr. Horne asked Dr. Morrison to introduce and discuss this report. Dr. Morrison began by stating that this report was presented for information only. She said that the staff has been concerned that CHE and the Committee on Academic Affairs receive timely and complete information on the items that have been delegated to the staff and that, therefore, do not go before the full Commission. This

report is the first of these reports which will be sent to the Committee quarterly hereafter. Dr. Horne inquired about the programs which might be under consideration. Dr. Morrison stated that all programs in the report have received approval or have been terminated. Program actions which are being considered or studied do not appear in these reports.

6. Annual Report on Academic Common Market, FY 2006-07

Dr. Horne introduced the item. She stated that this report is presented for information only. Dr. Horne stated that the program is more widely known and generates more requests than it has in the past. She congratulated Ms. Biga for the ongoing work she has done on this project.

7. Adjournment

Dr. Horne thanked those in attendance for their participation and staff for their work. Hearing no further business, Dr. Horne adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

De'Nitra C. Reese