

Minutes
Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing
April 2, 2009

Members Present

Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Chair
Ms. Cindy Mosteller
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Mr. Hood Temple

Members Absent

Mr. Neal Workman

Staff Present

Dr. Tini Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Mr. Arik Bjorn
Ms. Renea Eshelman
Ms. JoAnn Gardner
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Mr. Clint Mullins
Dr. Gail Morrison
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. De’Nitra Reese

Guests

Dr. Michael Amiridis, USC-Columbia
Mr. Kevin Boiter, Piedmont Tech
Dr. John Bowles, USC-Columbia
Dr. Sally Boyd, USC-Columbia
Dr. Barbara Buckner, Coastal Carolina
Dr. Stephen Butler, Troy University
Dr. Cheryl Cox, SC Technical College
System
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC-Sumter
Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus, USC-
Columbia
Ms. Margaret Evans, Embry Riddle
Aero University
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC-Columbia
Dr. Linda Henderson, Coastal Carolina
Dr. Miriam Johnson, USC-Columbia
Dr. Margaret Kroposki, Greenville
Tech/SC D&D Nursing
Dr. Linda May, Coastal Carolina
Dr. Michael Parsons, USC-Beaufort
Dr. Tracy Pierner, Aiken Tech
Dr. Chris Plyler, USC Regional System

Via Teleconference

Dr. Doris Helms
Dr. Debra Jackson

Dr. Dennis Poole, USC-Columbia
Ms. Sandra Powers, College of
Charleston
Dr. Rosanne Pruitt, Clemson/SC D&D
Nursing
Dr. Raymond Sauer, Clemson
Dr. Thomas Seebode, Troy University
at Shaw Air Force Base
Ms. Susan Timmons, Piedmont Tech
Ms. Rachel Vigness, Emory Riddle
Aero Univeristy

Dr. Horne called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. and stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Dr. Morrison asked the Committee if Clemson's program proposal for the Ph.D in Economics could be reviewed first because Drs. Helms and Jackson could not attend the meeting but were available via conference call. The Committee agreed.

Ph.D., Economics, Clemson

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Helms. It was **moved** (Temple) and **seconded** (Scarborough) to accept the staff's recommendation for approval. Mr. Temple asked why there is not a Mission Resource Requirement (MRR) chart in the staff summary. Dr. Morrison stated that after discussion with Clemson, both Clemson and the staff agreed that there was not a need to show the MRR because all the resources are already in place under the umbrella of the existing Ph.D. program in Applied Economics. Mr. Temple asked if the existing (Ph.D., Applied Economics) program would be able to support the cost of the proposed program (Ph.D., Economics). Dr. Morrison stated that Clemson will be able to maintain both programs. She explained that students will take the same core courses in both programs and then will choose the Applied Economic or Economics "majors."

Dr. Horne stated that she wants more of an analysis of what the students will do after graduating. She added that the rubric that is provided mostly explains what the benefits are for the University to have this type of program. Dr. Sauer stated that the primary focus is on research training for students, and this type of degree will provided greater opportunities for student to get jobs in academia. Dr. Morrison stated that this information will be added to the staff write-up.

Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Economics at Clemson University to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided that no “unique cost” or other special state funding be required or requested.

1. Consideration of Minutes of February 5, 2009

Dr. Horne requested a motion to accept the Minutes of February 5, 2009, as distributed. The motion was **moved** (Temple) and **seconded** (Scarborough), and the Committee **voted to accept unanimously the Minutes as distributed.**

2. Consideration of New Program Proposals

a. A.I.T., Radiation Protection Technology, Aiken Tech

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Cox. It was **moved** (Temple) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff’s recommendation for approval. In response to Mr. Temple’s question, Dr. Pierner stated that graduates of the program will be responsible for safety in the nuclear workplace. Dr. Horne asked whether there will be an articulation agreement with other institutions. Dr. Pierner stated that there are plans to create a pathway to an applied health degree and that S.C. State University may be interested in developing a Radiation Protection under-graduate program. Dr. Horne asked what type of assessment will be used to determine student knowledge in this area. Dr. Pierner stated that an exit exam will be established as the standard assessment. He added that one long term goal for this program will be to design a certification exam. Ms. Mosteller asked in what ways students are advised of the work environment risk. Dr. Pierner stated that the entire program is designed to teach students about risk and how to avoid it. Mr. Scarborough stated that with the current economic situation, he was concerned with how this program will maintain funds for the future. Dr. Pierner stated that the program will receive money from several different grants. Dr. Cox added that the technical colleges are mandated by law to meet the workforce needs and that several programs have been canceled that will provide additional funding in other areas.

Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Associate in Industrial Technology degree with a major in Radiation Technology at Aiken Technical College, to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided that no “unique cost” or other special state funding be required or requested.

b. A.I.T., Mechatronics Technology, Piedmont Tech

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Cox. It was **moved** (Mosteller) and **seconded** (Temple) to accept the staff's recommendation for approval. Mr. Boiter stated that BMW requested that this type of program be offered at the technical colleges. He also added that a grant was used to buy all equipment and BMW will assist with training.

Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Associate in Industrial Technology degree with a major in Mechatronics Technology at Piedmont Technical College, to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested.

c. B.A., Studio Art, USC-Beaufort

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Parsons. It was **moved** (Temple) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation for approval. Mr. Temple stated that the program will have a high cost and asked if this high cost will decline in the future. Dr. Parsons stated that the faculty–student ratio will be very low and the program will be offered on two campuses. Dr. Parsons added that the cost of the program could possibly decline within five years. Mr. Temple stated that the library equipment usage is expensive and asked whether it could possibly shared with other programs within the College. Dr. Parson stated that the library fees will be shared with other programs. Dr. Parson stated that the program has received a \$35,000 grant from the Heritage Classic Foundation and that there is a potential donor who plans to donate studio and living space. Dr. Morrison added that this program is being implemented at an appropriate time because New Carolina has identified arts as a cluster for economic development in the lower part of the state.

Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Studio Art at USC-Beaufort's North (Beaufort) and South (Bluffton) campuses, to be implemented in Spring 2010, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested and provided further that prior to implementation of the program the institution terminate the concentration in Art currently offered under the program leading to the Liberal Arts degree.

2d. B.A., Organizational Leadership, USC-Columbia

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Plyler. It was **moved** (Temple) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation for approval. Dr. Horne asked why this program is not a Bachelor of Science degree. Dr. Plyler stated that with the concentrations, the program is a better fit within a Bachelor of Arts degree. Ms. Mosteller asked whether the program's Community Organization course was an ideological course. Dr. Plyler stated that this course focuses on the leadership role in the workplace and on how a community organizes itself. This course does not have any political content. Mr. Temple asked whether this program is designed to reach the underserved populations in South Carolina. Dr. Plyler stated that this program is not a business program but focuses on the management of local government.

Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Organizational Leadership at USC-Columbia, to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested.

2e. B.S.E., Engineering Science, USC-Columbia

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Amiridis. It was **moved** (Mosteller) and **seconded** (Temple) to accept the staff's recommendation for approval. Dr. Horne asked how this program was developed. Dr. Amiridis stated that USC-Columbia wanted to develop an engineering program that will give students the flexibility to begin their studies in a graduate professional field such as law, medicine and or education, while completing an undergraduate engineering degree. Dr. Amiridis stated that students will be able to take some graduate courses while in the undergraduate program. He further stated that engineering majors will be able to declare their major earlier which will resolve issues with the scholarship enhancement programs.

Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree with a major in Engineering Science, to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested.

2f. B.S.W., Social Work, USC-Columbia

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Poole. It was **moved** (Temple) and **seconded** (Scarborough) to accept the staff's recommendation for approval.

Without any discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Bachelor of Social Work degree at USC-Columbia, to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested.

2g. B.A., Economics, Coastal Carolina

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Henderson. It was **moved** (Temple) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation for approval. Since library resources are important for this program, Ms. Mosteller suggested contacting the General Assembly to express support of PASCAL. Dr. Henderson stated that the program will operate at very low cost because Coastal Carolina already has a BA/BS degree in economics offers by the School of Business and these two program share faculty and facilities. Dr. Henderson added that offering this program will allow arts and science majors to take economic courses.

Without further discussion, the Committee, **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Economics at Coastal Carolina University, to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested.

2h. M.Ed., Educational Leadership, Coastal Carolina

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Buckner. It was **moved** (Temple) and **seconded** (Scarborough) to accept the staff's recommendation for approval. Mr. Scarborough asked whether this program is essential at Coastal since it is already offered on-line by USC-Columbia. Dr. Buckner stated that several local districts have requested that this program be offered through a face-to-face delivery system on-site at Coastal Carolina.

Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership at Coastal Carolina University, to be implemented in Fall 2009, provided that 1) no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested; 2) the program be approved by the State Board of

Education prior to implementation; and 3) Coastal Carolina seek appropriate national recognition by the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC).

3. Consideration of Amendment to Existing License

a. Troy University to Add New Program at its sites in Sumter, Charleston, and Rock Hill: M.S., Education, Elementary Education (non-certification)

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Drs. Seabode and Butler. It was **moved** (Mosteller) and **seconded** (Scarborough) to accept the staff's recommendation for approval. In response to Dr. Horne's question, Dr. Seabode stated that a close analysis of need for this program in these geographical areas was conducted, and the study showed that the communities needed this program. Dr. Butler added that teacher certification is a requirement for admission into this program.

Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission approval of the amendment to the license of Troy University to offer program leading to the Master of Science degree in Education with a concentration in Elementary Education at its sites in Sumter, Charleston, and Rock Hill, to be implemented as soon as justified by enrollments.

b. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to Add New Site in Rock Hill: A.S., Aviation Maintenance; A.S., Professional Aeronautics; and A.S., Technical Management; B.S. Aviation Maintenance; B.S., Professional Aeronautics, and B.S., Technical Management; Master of Aeronautical Science; M.S., Management; M.S., Project Management; and M.S., Technical Management

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Ms. Vigmess and Ms. Evans. It was **moved** (Mosteller) and **seconded** (Scarborough) to accept the staff's recommendation for approval. Dr. Horne asked why there is no mention of the Charlotte airport as a location. Ms. Evans stated that the University has been in conversation with Charlotte Airport officials but was not sure if that should be mentioned since Embry-Riddle is seeking approval in South Carolina. Ms. Vigmess stated that the Rock Hill Airport Director offered the University a good economic deal for use of its facilities. Ms. Mosteller asked whether the University has to follow any Homeland Security Guidelines with admission. Ms. Evans stated that Embry-Riddle students do not but employers of the graduates have guidelines to follow.

Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission approval of an amendment to the license of

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to offer in Rock Hill programs leading to the A.S., Aviation Maintenance; A.S., Professional Aeronautics; and A.S., Technical Management; B.S., Aviation Maintenance; B.S., Professional Aeronautics; and B.S., Technical Management; Master of Aeronautical Science; M.S., Management; M.S., Project Management; and M.S., Technical Management to be implemented in August 2009.

4. Consideration of Annual Report on Admission Standards of First-Time Entering Freshman, FY 2008-09

Dr. Horne introduced the item. It was **moved** (Temple) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation for approval. Dr. Morrison stated that this report has to be approved and sent to the Department of Education, Senate Education Committee, and House of Education and Public Works Committee. Dr. Horne stated that is a difficult report and probably will not be understandable to potential students. Dr. Morrison stated that the report is designed to give students an idea of what to aim for in order to qualify for admissions at the public institutions in South Carolina.

Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission approval of the Admission Standards for First-Time Entering Freshman, FY 2008-09.

5. Consideration of Lottery-Funded Nursing Simulation Proposal, FY 2008-2009

Dr. Horne introduced the item. It was **moved** (Scarborough) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation for approval. Ms. Mosteller asked if these funds are the same as those used for the nursing enhancement funding. Dr. Morrison stated that this is not the same money and that these funds are from lottery unclaimed prize money.

Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to approve** of the proposed "*Integration of Simulation in Nursing Education Programs in South Carolina*" submitted by the South Carolina Council of Deans and Directors of Nursing Education provided that:

1. Funding for the simulation technology and equipment is available through unclaimed lottery prize money at the end of the 2008-2009 fiscal year as stated in legislation;
2. Substantive budget changes, if any, be submitted for approval to the Commission staff; and

3. If a fiscal agent other than the Commission on Higher Education is requested, that institution should be identified in writing to the Commission staff.

6. Consideration of Annual Report for AP Course Acceptance Policies, FY 2008-09

Dr. Horne introduced the item. It was **moved** (Scarborough) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation for approval. Without any discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the report on "*Advanced Placement Course Acceptance Policies, FY 2008-09.*"

7. Informational Report on Fine Arts Unit in College Course Prerequisites

Dr. Horne introduced the item. She stated that this report is presented for information only.

Dr. Horne thanked those in attendance for their participation and staff for their work. Hearing no further business, Dr. Horne adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

De'Nitra C. Reese