

Minutes
Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing
April 3, 2008

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Renea Eshelman
Ms. JoAnne Gardner
Mr. Gary Glenn
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Trena Houpp
Ms. Lane Jeselnik
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Dr. Gail Morrison
Mr. Clint Mullins
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. De'Nitra Reese

Guests

Mr. Lawrence Anderson, Francis Marion
Ms. Julie Brown, Troy University
Ms. Marilyn Burstein, Art Institute of Charleston
Ms. Shirley Butler, Horry-Georgetown Tech
Dr. Richard Chapman, Francis Marion
Dr. Stevie Chepko, Winthrop
Dr. Cheryl Cox, SCTCS
Dr. Marsha Dowell, USC-Upstate
Dr. Michael Evans, Troy University
Mr. Jack Forrest, Remington College
Dr. Jacquie Fraser, USC-Columbia
Mr. Henry Giles, Spartanburg Community College
Dr. Gregory Hand, USC-Columbia
Dr. Katherine Houghn, Art Institute of Charleston
Ms. Karen Jones, Winthrop
Dr. Elise Jorgens, College of Charleston

Mr. Howard Katz, Art Institute of
Charleston
Dr. Joe Krayner, MUSC
Dr. Michael Lanouette, Remington
College
Dr. Learie Luke, S.C. State
Dr. Bud Marchant, Piedmont Tech
Ms. Sandra Powers, College of
Charleston
Dr. Aileen Trainer, USC-Columbia
Dr. Meta VanSickle, College of
Charleston
Dr. Sherill Vaughn, Spartanburg
Community College
Dr. Fran Welch, College of Charleston

Dr. Horne called the meeting to order at 1:05 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 December 6, 2007

Mr. Temple **moved** that the minutes of December 6, 2007, be accepted as distributed and the motion was **seconded** by Mr. Thomas. The motion was **approved unanimously**.

2. Consideration of New Programs Proposals

a. A.H.S., Cardiovascular Technology, Piedmont Tech

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Marchant. It was **moved** (Hood) and **seconded** (Thomas) to accept the staff's recommendation. Mr. Workman asked if any of the general education courses might be taken at other technical schools for transfer to Piedmont Tech. Dr. Marchant replied that students will be allowed to transfer general education courses from other technical colleges to Piedmont Tech. Mr. Hood asked if there will be some collaboration with outside entities to defray the costs of this program. Dr. Marchant replied that Piedmont has received a \$650,000 Duke Endowment grant, that the local hospitals will collaborate with the College, and that the College anticipates other partnerships in the state as the program grows. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Associate in Health Science degree with a major in Cardiovascular Technology at Piedmont

Technical College, to be implemented in Fall 2008, provided that no “unique cost” or other special state funding be required or requested; and provided that the resolution of funding through the Allied Health Initiative is determined by April 21, 2008.

b. A.H.S., Physical Therapy Assistant, Piedmont Tech

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Marchant. It was **moved** (Mr. Hood) and **seconded** (Mr. Thomas) to accept the staff’s recommendation. Without any discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Associate in Health Science degree with a major in Physical Therapy Assistant at Piedmont Technical College, to be implemented in Fall 2008, 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 one-plus-one articulation agreement with Greenville Technical College.

c. A.H.S., Veterinary Technology, Piedmont Tech

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Marchant. It was **moved** (Ms. Mosteller) and **seconded** (Workman) to accept the staff’s recommendation. Mr. Thomas asked for additional clarification on ways that the College plans to minimize the cost of the program. Dr. Marchant replied that the College already operated a veterinary certificate program and that Newberry College has provided equipment from their terminated Veterinary Assistant program which they are closing. In response to Mr. Workman’s inquiry about an articulation agreement between Piedmont Tech and the University of Georgia, Dr. Marchant responded that there is not an agreement at this time. Dr. Morrison added that there is not a state-level articulation agreement for this type program.

Noting that Newberry College offered this program as a baccalaureate degree, Ms. Mosteller requested assurance that students who complete Piedmont’s two-year program will have jobs readily available to them at this degree level. Dr. Marchant responded that graduates of this program will be taking the same national certification exam at the national level which Newberry graduates took and that the certification which results from passing the examination leads to multiple employment opportunities. He stated that the program is offered at both associate and baccalaureate levels.

Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Associate in Health Science degree with a major in Veterinary Technology at Piedmont

Technical College, to be implemented in Fall 2008, provided that no “unique cost” or other special state funding be required or requested.

d. A.I.T., Radiation Protection Technology, Spartanburg Community College

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Ms. Vaughn. It was **moved** (Mr. Temple) and **seconded** (Mr. Workman) to accept the staff’s recommendation. Ms. Mosteller congratulated Spartanburg Community College on the intern collaboration with Duke Energy Company. 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 Protection Technology at Spartanburg Community College, to be implemented in Fall 2008, provided that no “unique cost” or special state funding be required or requested, and provided that the Associate in Occupational Technology degree with a Major in General Technology, Concentration in Radiation Protection Technology, be simultaneously terminated with the implementation of the A.I.T. in Radiation Protection Technology.

e. A.H.S., Occupational Therapy Assistant, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Horry Georgetown Tech

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Ms. Butler. It was **moved** (Mr. Workman) and **seconded** (Mr. Thomas) to accept the staff’s recommendation. Without any discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Associate in Health Science degree with a major in Occupational Therapy Assistant at Horry Georgetown Technical College, to be implemented in Fall 2008, provided that no “unique cost” or special state funding be required or requested.

f. B.S., Secondary Education, College of Charleston

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Welch. It was **moved** (Ms. Mosteller) and **seconded** (Mr. Temple) to accept the staff’s recommendation. Without any discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education as a “cognate major,” which will require a double major in Biology, Chemistry, English, Physics, Mathematics, or in one of the Social Sciences (History, Political Science, and Sociology) at College of Charleston, to be implemented in Fall 2008, provided that no “unique cost” or other special state funding be required or requested and provided further that the current “concentrations” in teacher education under each of the above content majors be deleted by Fall 2008.

g. B.A. and B.S., Public Health, USC-Columbia

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Trainer. It was **moved** (Thomas) and **seconded** (Temple) to accept the staff's recommendation. In response to Dr. Horne's inquiry about budget cuts, Dr. Hand stated that many public health workers are retiring and there is a demand to have young workers who are well educated. He added that the graduates of this program will be replacing those who are retiring. Ms. Mosteller asked if DHEC has expressed a need for this program. Dr. Hand replied affirmatively and stated that DHEC has even proposed to have a certificate program to help those who are currently working in this field receive more on-the-job training. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree or the Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health at USC-Columbia, to be implemented in Fall 2008, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested.

h. B.S., Music Industry, Francis Marion University

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Chapman. It was **moved** (Mr. Temple) and **seconded** (Ms. Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation. Mr. Workman asked if the curriculum might include coursework in acoustics and electronic music. Dr. Anderson replied affirmatively and stated that it will not only have acoustic and electronic music coursework but recording equipment also. Ms. Mosteller asked if graduates will be able to find employment in South Carolina or have to relocate to another state. Dr. Anderson responded that the University anticipates students finding jobs within the state. In response to Dr. Workman's inquiry about prospective employers, Dr. Anderson stated that graduates of this program will have the training to become directors of music at churches and entertainment places throughout the state. Dr. Anderson added that there will also be a focus on the business component of music. Mr. Hood suggested incorporating an internship. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in Music Industry at Francis Marion, to be implemented in Fall 2008, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested, and provided further that a signed articulation agreement with Florence-Darlington Technical College specifying the number of courses and credit hours which will be transferable toward the degree at Francis Marion University be submitted to the Commission as soon as the agreement is made final.

i. B.S., Athletic Training, Winthrop

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Chepko. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Thomas) to accept the staff's recommendation. Without any discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training at Winthrop, to be implemented in Fall 2008, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested, and provided further that the Concentration in Athletic Training within the Bachelor of Science in Physical Education be terminated simultaneously with the approval and implementation of the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training.

j. B.S., Exercise Science, Winthrop

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Chepko. It was **moved** (Thomas) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation. Without any discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science at Winthrop, to be implemented in Fall 2008, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested, and provided further that the concentration in Wellness/Fitness in the program leading to the B.S. degree in Physical Education be terminated simultaneously with the approval and implementation of the Bachelor of Science program in Exercise Science.

k. M.A.T., Early Childhood, Winthrop

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Ms. Jones. It was **moved** (Hood) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation. Dr. Horne stated that she was pleased that the program is a 16-month, rather than two-year, program. Without any discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Master of Arts in Teaching degree in Early Childhood Education at Winthrop, to be implemented in January 2009, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested; and provided further that the program be approved by the State Board of Education prior to implementation and that the program seek appropriate accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

l. M.S.D., Dentistry, MUSC

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Krayner. It was **moved** (Hood) and **seconded** (Workman) to accept the staff's recommendation. Dr. Horne inquired about the relationship between MUSC's hospital and the Dentistry School

for the offering of dental residencies. Dr. Krayner explained that the dental school is modeled after a prototypical dental office in which students have direct contact with patients. In turn, the hospital is designed to treat trauma patients in a clinical setting at the hospital. In response to Dr. Horne's concern about the high number of credit hours in the program, Dr. Krayner stated that the program proposal represents a standard cost which is competitive in this field. He added that most students will receive a stipend and because this is a master's degree program, students will be eligible for Federal financial aid and loans. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the Master of Science degree in Dentistry with tracks in Periodontics, Orthodontics, and Pediatrics, to be implemented in July 2008, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested.

3. Consideration of Request for Initial License

A.A.S., (1) Business Administration; (2) Computer and Network Administration; and (3) Criminal Justice, at Columbia Campus, Remington College, Mobile AL

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Mr. Forest. It was **moved** (Mosteller) and **seconded** (Workman) to accept the staff's recommendation. Mr. Hood noted that the tuition is expensive and asked if Remington College will be competing for students with the state's technical colleges. Mr. Forest replied that Remington College targets a different type of student than the typical students at technical colleges. He added that the typical Remington student needs to have a smaller environment with more personal contact with professors. In response to Ms. Mosteller's inquiry about the availability of loans, Mr. Forest stated that Remington offers some interest-free loans to students. The students who receive these loans can begin paying back the money while they are in school. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission initial licensure for five years to Remington College—Mobile Campus to establish a branch campus in Columbia, South Carolina to offer programs leading to the Associate of Applied Science degree in (1) Business Administration, (2) Computer Network Administration, and (3) Criminal Justice. Advertising will begin immediately upon approval by the Commission, and implementation of the programs will occur when an appropriate facility is completed and as soon as enrollments justify the implementation. The Committee also acted to delegate to staff the final authorization to license the Columbia site once the facility has been developed and approved.

4. Consideration of Requests for Amendment of Existing License to Add New Program:

a. B.F.A., Digital Filmmaking and Video Production, Art Institute of Charleston

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Ms. Burstein. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Temple) to accept the staff's recommendation. Without any discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission an amendment of the license of The Art Institute of Charleston to offer a program leading to the B.F.A. degree in Digital Filmmaking and Video Production, to be implemented in October 2008.

b. B.S., Psychology at Sumter, Charleston and Rock Hill campuses, Troy University, Troy, AL

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Ms. Julie Brown. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation. Dr. Horne asked if the faculty at this institution are required to meet guidelines provided by SACS. Dr. Morrison replied affirmatively. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission an amendment to the license of Troy University to approve the offering of a program leading to the B.S. degree in Psychology at its sites in Sumter, Charleston, and Rock Hill, to be implemented as soon as enrollments justify its implementation.

5. Consideration of Request for Amendment to Existing License to New Site: B.S., Human Services at Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Springfield, MA-Deferred

Action on this item was deferred with no date set for consideration of it.

6. Consideration of Awards for *Centers of Excellence (Teacher Education) Program, FY 2008-09, (New and Continuing)*

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Morrison. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation. Ms. Mosteller asked if institutions denied funding in one cycle will have the opportunity to resubmit project proposals. Dr. Morrison replied that those institutions can resubmit proposals for the Centers of Excellence Program, depending upon the focus of their proposals. She stated that they may also be eligible to apply for the Improving Teacher Quality Grant Program. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to

the Commission the Review Panel's recommendation and to approve a new award to Clemson University to establish the Center of Excellence for Inquiry in Mathematics and Science (CEIMS) in the amount of \$150,000, pending submission of 1) a revised budget; 2) a plan of action to involve designated poverty schools outside Greenville County in the activities; and 3) evidence of collaboration with the South Carolina Department of Education Office of Mathematics and Science Curriculum Standards to incorporate current initiatives in the center activities.

7. Consideration of *Centers of Excellence (Teacher Education)* Appropriations Request, FY 2009-2010

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Morrison. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation. Without any discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission authorization for the staff to seek funds in the amount of \$721,101 from the Education Oversight Committee for this program.

8. Consideration of Awards for *Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program, FY 2008-09 (New and Continuing)*

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Morrison. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation. Dr. Morrison stated that in order for a school district to partner with a four-year institution to receive ITQ funds, it must have a poverty level of 80% or more. She added that Attachments I and II of this report list those proposals that were funded for FY 2008-2009 and the continuing projects. Both of these lists are attached to these minutes. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission.

9. Consideration of Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs, FY 2005-2006

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Morrison. It was **moved** (Mosteller) and **seconded** (Workman) to accept the staff's recommendations. In response to Ms. Mosteller's inquiry, Dr. Trainer replied that the regional campuses and the technical colleges are working together to enhance economic development which, in turn, would decrease the gap between the two systems. She added that both systems are in discussion to respond to students' needs. Dr. Horne expressed her appreciation of the Bridge Program which USC-Columbia and the Technical College System have just concluded. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the

Commission this report's designation of programs for the current reporting year as shown in **Tables 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 9.**

10. Consideration of Proposed Changes to *CHE Policy for Approval of Specialized Accreditation Agencies*

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Morrison. It was **moved** (Mosteller) and **seconded** (Thomas) to accept the staff's recommendation. In response to Ms. Mosteller's inquiry, Dr. Raley explained that if an institution wishes an accrediting body to be added to the Specialized Accreditation Agencies list, the request must be approved by all three committees (Advisory Committee on Academic Programs, Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, and the Commission). He added that if the recommendation is approved, a unanimous vote of Advisory Committee on Academic Programs will allow for staff approval. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the proposed changes to the *CHE Policy for Approval of Specialized Accreditation Agencies*.

11. Consideration of Request for the Addition of an Accrediting Agency to the *List of National Institutional And Specialized Accrediting Bodies Recognized by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education*

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Morrison. It was **moved** (Thomas) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation. Ms. Mosteller asked if it is customary to include this request to add this body during the program proposal stage. Dr. Raley replied that Lander stated in the program proposal that they were seeking accreditation but now they are requesting that this particular accrediting body be added to the national list that is approved by the Commission. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the addition of the Montessori Accrediting Council for Teacher Education to the *List of National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Bodies Recognized by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education*.

12. Consideration of *Annual Report on Admissions Standards for First-Time Entering Freshman, FY 2007-08*

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Morrison. It was **moved** (Mosteller) and **seconded** (Temple) to accept the staff's recommendation. Dr. Morrison stated that based on the information of the report, students are becoming slightly better prepared for postsecondary education as the proportion of applicable overall first-time freshmen meeting all of the prerequisites increased to 95.7% in 2007 although there is considerable variability among institutions;

seven four-year institutions show increases for all freshmen, four show decreases, and one remained unchanged. She also added that as a whole, the public senior institutions are increasing their admission standards and are becoming somewhat more selective in offering admissions to students although South Carolina still does not have any public institution that has “very selective” admission standards, despite gradual increases at various institutions over a period of years in admissions standards. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the *Annual Report on Admissions Standards for First-Time Entering Freshman*, FY 2007-08.

**13. Consideration of *Annual Report for AP Course Acceptance Policies*,
FY 2007-08**

Dr. Horne introduced the item and recognized Dr. Morrison. It was **moved** (Hood) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff’s recommendation. In response to an inquiry, Dr. Morrison stated that Human Geography as a course is focused on the placements and movement of people. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the *Annual Report for AP Course Acceptance Policies*, FY 2007-08.

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 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

De’Nitra C. Reese