

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting
November 7, 2002
11:00 a.m.
CHE Conference Room

Commission Members Present

Mr. Dalton Floyd, Chairman
Ms. Rosemary Byerly
Ms. Dianne Chinnes
Ms. Sue Cole
Mr. Larry Durham
Dr. John Griffith
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Mr. James Konduros
Mr. Miles Loadholt
Ms. DeLoris Oliver
Gen. Tom Olsen
Mr. Daniel Ravenel
Dr. Roger Stevenson

Commission Members Absent

Ms. DeLoris Oliver
Mr. Carl Solomon

Staff Present

Dr. Rayburn Barton
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Ms. Bichevia Greene
Ms. Yolanda Hudson
Ms. Betsy Gunter
Mr. Walter Jackson
Mr. Alan Krech
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail Morrison
Dr. Mike Raley
Mr. John Smalls
Ms. Jan Stewart
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Ms. Julie Wahl
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Hazel Alexander
Ms. Kim Alexander
Mr. Jim Byrd
Ms. Donna Collins
Dr. Sheryl Cox
Dr. Edie Dobbins
Mr. David Fleming
Dr. Marilyn Fore
Ms. Della Glenn
Mr. Stan Godshall
Mr. Eddie Gunn
Dr. Tom Higerd
Dr. Richard Hildeman
Col. Curt Holland
Dr. Sally Horner
Dr. David Hunter
Dr. Bob Isenhower
Ms. Karen Jones
Ms. Starr Kepner
Dr. Carol Lancaster
Ms. Darlene Lauder
Dr. Dale Layfield
Ms. Lucile Layfield
Dr. Harry Lightsey
Mr. Scott Ludlow
Dr. Harry Matthews
Mr. Gary McCombs
Mr. Jim McCoy
Mr. J.P. McGee
Dr. Anne McNutt
Dr. Dennis Merrell
Dr. Rita Milton
Dr. Bernie Nash
Ms. Jackie Olsen
Ms. Kathy Peter
Dr. Phyllis Pigeon
Mr. Joe Polinski
Ms. Sana Powell

Mr. Mike Proctor
Ms. Gayle Quick
Dr. Richard Schoultiz
Dr. Tom Seebode
Dr. Jackie Skubal
Dr. Teresa Smith
Dr. Barbara Speziale
Mr. Jeff Stensland
Dr. Carolyn Stewert
Dr. Bill Surver
Dr. John Sutusky
Dr. Rita Teal

Dr. Jonathon Trail
Dr. Jane Upshaw
Mr. Richard Williams
Ms. Katherine Watt

Special Guests

Dr. John Spurier
Ms. Rebecca Hilton

The Commission on Higher Education met on November 7th at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission's conference room. For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the public as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

I. Introductions

Mr. Charlie FitzSimons introduced the guests attending the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Floyd asked for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. That **motion** was made by Gen. Olsen, **seconded** by Ms. Byerly and unanimously **carried**.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Floyd announced the Access & Equity Conference March 26-28 and asked that the Commissioners reserve the date on their calendars and plan to attend. Ms. Idella Glen of the SC Professional Association for Access and Equity distributed information about the conference.

The annual Safety Conference is scheduled for February 28-March 1. Guidelines for a Commendation of Excellence in Campus Safety have been developed by Commission staff.

3. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of the Executive Committee
(No Report)

3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

**A. Consideration of SC Research Centers of Economic Excellence
Budget, FY 2002-03**

Chairman Floyd introduced Dr. Harry Lightsey, Chair of the Centers of Excellence Review Board.

Dr. Lightsey reported on the status of the Research Centers of Economic Excellence--part of the lottery funds—involving \$30 million for endowed chairs for research professors in high technology geared to aid economic development in this state. The Review Board has the responsibility to make decisions among the applications from the research institutions. He is here to present the Review Board’s proposed operating budget. Chairman Floyd suggested that Dr. Lightsey periodically return with reports on the activities of the program.

A **motion** (Chinnes) was made to approve the proposed budget (**ATT I**) as presented. The motion was **seconded** (Ravenel) and with no discussion, **carried**.

B. Consideration of New Program Proposals:

1. A. Agriculture, Horticulture Technology, Horry-Georgetown Technical College
2. A.H.S., Radiologic Technology, Aiken Technical College
3. B.A., Economics, Winthrop University
4. B.S., Early Childhood Education, College of Charleston
5. B.S., Elementary Education, College of Charleston
6. B.S., Middle Level Education, College of Charleston
7. Center for Safety Research and Education, Clemson University
8. South Carolina DNA Learning Center, Clemson University

All programs have been approved at all appropriate levels and now, on behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, Ms. Chinnes made a **motion** that the eight programs listed above be approved. The Clemson Center for Safety Research and Education can be implemented immediately and the other programs begin in 2003 with the exact dates specified in the attachment. The first six are “approved provided no unique costs or other special state funding be required or requested.” The motion further provides that the three education programs at the College of Charleston are approved providing they are approved by the State Department of Education. Gen. Olsen **seconded** and, with no discussion, the motion **carried**. (**ATT II**)

C. Consideration of Request for Renewal of License:

San Diego Golf Academy d/b/a The Golf Academy of the Carolinas, Myrtle Beach:
Associate of Applied Business, Golf Professional Emphasis and General Management Emphasis

The president of the Golf Academy of the Carolinas, Myrtle Beach is present at the meeting today. The Commission approved the first license in 1997 for five years and today a request for renewal is brought before the Commission. See **ATT III**. On behalf of the

Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** was made (Chinnes), and **seconded** (Cole). A short discussion took place about the student population and the number of programs similar in nature existing in South Carolina. The motion **carried** with no opposition.

D. Consideration of Request for Amendment of License:

Troy State University, Troy, AL, at Sumter and Charleston: Add a location at Greer and add Executive M.B.A. to licensed locations

The request by Troy State University today is to amend the license, adding a location at Greer and to add the Executive MBA to licensed locations. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** was made by Ms. Chinnes and **seconded** (Byerly) and **carried** to approve the request for amendment of license as presented in **ATT IV**.

E. Consideration of Proposed Changes to Licensing Statute: Student Tuition Protection

A revised attachment for this agenda item was distributed. When an institution is licensed by the Commission on Higher Education, the institution posts a surety bond. The current statute provides that if the institution closes, the bond money can be used for tuition refunds. Schools have been known in the past to close, leaving the student unable to access records. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** was made (Chinnes), **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** requesting approval to authorize the staff to pursue a change in the regulations, better serving the students of South Carolina (**ATT V**).

F. Consideration of Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs, FY 2001-02

The purposes of the annual review of associate degrees in South Carolina's higher education institutions are, as they have remained since the 1070 Master Plan, 1) to ensure that programs demonstrate responsiveness to employment trends and meet minimum standards of enrollment, graduation, and placement; and 2) to identify programs which need to be strengthened. The procedures for this review are outlined in **ATT VI**. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and licensing, a **motion** was made (Chinnes), **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** to approve the designation of programs for the current reporting year as shown in **Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4**, and further recommend that the Committee request

1. that the Technical College System and the University of South Carolina System consider exploring ways of expanding resources, including qualified faculty, clinical sites, and funding, to expand program capacity, increase enrollments, and improve retention in their Associate Degree in Nursing programs, and
2. that the Technical College System consider the revision of appropriate Engineering Technology programs in terms of required semester hours, level of preparation, and possible consolidation or elimination in favor of certificate and diploma programs.

G. Consideration of Centers of Excellence Annual Report, FY 2001-02

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Byerly) and **carried** to approve the attached Centers of Excellence Annual Report FY 2001-2002 for transmission to the EIA Select Sub-Committee of the Educational Oversight Committee. **ATT VII**

H. Consideration of Annual Report on Advanced Placement Course Acceptance Policies, FY 2002-03

The Education Improvement Act (1984) requires that the Commission monitor the awarding of AP credit by the State's public higher education institutions. The current policy is **Attachment VIII**. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** was made (Chinnes), **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to accept the attached report for transmission to the EIA. Three institutions have not yet responded, but it will be updated when those reports are received.

I. Consideration of Revised Policy on Program Productivity

Dr. Morrison was asked to explain further the Policy on Program Productivity. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve the revised *Policies on Academic Program Productivity* (**ATT IX**).

J. Consideration of Service Learning Award

Presentation of Commendation of Excellence Awards in Service Learning

- ◆ **Clemson University**, Joining Wisdom with Youth Through Bits and Bytes: Computer Skills Development Through Intergenerational Service Learning
- ◆ **York Technical College**, Summer Dental Care Clinic

Dr. Vermelle Johnson explained the process used in judging the projects and thanked Dr. Loope for his management of the program. Chairman Floyd presented Commendation of Excellence Awards in Service Learning to Clemson University and York Technical College for their projects of community service to needy segments of their communities. Chairman Floyd briefly described the programs and presented the awards to representatives from Clemson University for their Computer Skills Development program and York Technical College for their Summer Dental Care Clinic.

3.03 Report of the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services

Informational Reports:

1. 2001-02 LIFE Scholarships
2. 2001-02 Palmetto Fellows Scholarships
3. 2001-02 SC Need-based Grants
4. 2001-02 SC National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program

Ms. Cole presented informational reports on the programs listed above. Those are fully stated in **Attachment XIV**. She briefly described each program: 1) The LIFE Scholarship program is merit-based scholarship designed to increase access to higher education and improve the employability of our South Carolina students. In the 2000 legislative session, they approved an increase in the award amount for up to \$3000. You have to have a 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4 point scale and a minimum of 1050 on the SAT. As of August, 2002, 20,340 scholarships (54 million dollars) have been awarded to students, an increase of 15% over last year. 2) The Palmetto Fellows scholarship award is for the most academically talented high school seniors in South Carolina, to encourage them to attend college in South Carolina. They can receive up to \$5000 per year for a maximum of eight full-time terms. They have to have 1200 on the SAT, a 3.5 GPA and rank in the top 5% of their class. The retention rate is 92%, which is very good. 3) The Need-based grants are to provide financial scholarships to our neediest students. In most cases, these are students who are the first in their families to attend college. They receive a maximum of \$2500 per year for full time and part time may receive \$1250 per year. 4) The SC National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program, an incentive scholarship, for people in our National Guard, which is becoming increasingly more important to everyday life. You have to enlist and then re-enlist, be a legal resident of SC, maintain satisfactory performance in the National Guard. You can receive \$4500 per year for a maximum of four years. This was extended to only 38 people this year.

3.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

A. Summary of Facilities Interim Projects

1. Clemson University

a. Pool Agriculture Center		
HVAC Upgrades – Establish	\$	2,000,000
b. Shoebox Dormitories Renovations –		
Increase/Revise Scope		1,385,000
c. Rhodes Engineering Center – HVAC		
Improvements – Increase/Revise Scope		790,000
d. Fraternity Dormitories – Renovations		24,000,000
e. Athletic Facilities – Constr/Renov		
Phase I,II, & III, Increase		1,000,000
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	\$	28,175,000

2. College of Charleston

a. Patriots Point Tennis Complex Constr. –		
Increase/Revise Scope	\$	785,000
b. McConnell Residence Hall Constr.		
Establish		1,000,000
c. School of Education – New Constr. –		
Establish		5,000,000
d. Berry Residence Hall Renov.		
Establish		13,000,000

3. Medical University Hollings Cancer Center Expansion

Expansion - Establish		13,030,532
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4. SC State University – 1890 Program Facilities Renov. Increase	698,369
5. USC Columbia	
a. School of Public Health Constr./Renov.	22,750,000
b. B.A. Master Plan Renov. A&E – Increase	1,094,158
6. Winthrop University Land Acquisition, 520 Cherry Road	1,000,000
7. Midlands TC Student Ser./Precision Machine Bldg. – Beltline Campus - Increase	766,250
8. Orangeburg-Calhoun TC LRC Building Renovation – Increase	800,000
9. TC of the Low Country - Conceptual Approval of a New River Campus	<i>To Be Determined</i>
<u>Lease</u>	
10. Clemson University Housing 23-month lease @ \$81,000/mo	3,863,000

The Committee on Finance and Facilities met prior to the Commission meeting and recommended approval of all the interim projects listed above. These will be taken as a group for consideration. Ms. Byerly quickly summarized these projects. On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve the interim projects as presented above. There are detailed descriptions of these projects in **Attachment XV**. Ms. Byerly called on Dr. Anne McNutt, President, Technical College of the Low Country to describe the concept of a New River Campus.

B. Below-the-Line Items – Revised 11/7/2002

1. NSFIERC Center for Research in Wireless Communications
2. Center for Safety Education and Research
3. S.C. DNA Learning Center

Ms. Byerly explained that the above below-the-line items were deferred until today. Those are now to be considered. The Center for Safety Education and Research was approved in September, but using lottery funds. They have since found that lottery funds cannot be used for that center, so we are changing the source of funding. The revised listing of the projects under consideration is found in **Attachment XVI**. Program Director Kim Alexander explained more about the Center for Safety Education and Research. Discussions of all three of these projects are found in **Attachment XV**. Dr. Barbara Speziale was recognized and asked to explain the purpose and goals of SC DNA Learning Center. On behalf of the

Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** to approve these items as presented in the revised recommendation.

3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding

A. Consideration of Year 7 (2002-03) Performance Funding Issues Including:

1. Standards for Indicator 2D, Compensation of Faculty for use in Year 7
2. Measures and Standard for Indicator 4A/B, Cooperation and Collaboration, for Teaching Sector

Gen. Olsen explained that Attachment I in this section is a consideration of performance funding issues for Year 7 and on behalf of the Committee on Planning and Assessment, a **motion** (Olsen) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried**, to approve the standards remain the same as last year and change the improvement factor from 3% to 1%; and that the measure and standard for Indicator 4A/B for the Teaching Institution Sector be approved as presented in **Attachment X**.

3. Status of Indicator 5A, Percentage of Administrative Costs as Compared to Academic Costs, for Year 7

Changes in federal financial reporting requirements have data unavailable for this indicator. On behalf of the Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding, a **motion** was made (Olsen), **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve the recommendation to defer Indicator 5A for Year 7.

4. Status of Indicator 9B, Amount of Public and Private Sector Grants, for Year 7

Because this indicator cannot be compared with last year's data due to changes in federal financial reporting, the Committee on Planning, Assessment, and Performance Funding recommends a substitute methodology be used this year (Year 7). This indicator applies only to Research Sector Institutions. The score will consist of the average of the preceding three years' scores on Indicator 9B. The **motion** (Olsen) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve this scoring methodology for Indicator 9B for Year 7.

B. Consideration of a Performance Funding Transition Plan for USC Beaufort

A **motion** (Olsen) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve the Performance Funding Transition Plan for USC Beaufort as presented in **Attachment XI**.

During the discussion period, Mr. Ravenel pointed out that, for the record, there were those among the Commissioners who have expressed concern about how the present financial situation affects the transition.

C. Consideration of Common Schedule for Institutional Effectiveness Summary Reports

On behalf of the Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding, Gen. Olsen made a **motion** to approve the schedule for annual Institutional Effectiveness Summary Reports as they appear in **Attachment XII**. Mr. Ravenel **seconded**, and the motion **carried**.

D. Information Item: Year 7 Revised Performance Funding Workbook

No action. This Item was not addressed.

Gen. Olsen publicly thanked Mr. Ravenel and Mrs. Ravenel for hosting the social gathering for the Commissioners and the Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding staff during the retreat on October 24, and Spike Metts of the Citadel for dinner at the beach house on the same evening and hosting the meeting at the Citadel on the following day (October 25).

5. Introduction of the Governor's Professors of the Year

-Mr. Dalton B. Floyd

John D. Spurrier, Ph.D.
Professor of Statistics
University of South Carolina

Rebecca Hilton, M.A.
Instructor of English
Aiken Technical College

Chairman Floyd introduced the Governor's Professors of the year and asked them to make brief remarks. A press conference was held earlier announcing the awardees.

6. Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned to the Professors of the Year Luncheon – Capstone – USC Campus

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Gunter

Recording Secretary

Attachments I-XVI

*Attachments are not included in this mailing, but will be filed with the permanent record of these minutes and are available for review upon request.