

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201

Minutes of the Meeting

January 10, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Commission Members Attending

Dr. Layton McCurdy, Chairman
Dr. Doug Forbes
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Dr. Louis Lynn
Mr. Daniel Ravenel
Mr. Jim Sanders
Mr. Randy Thomas
Mr. Ken Wingate
Mr. Neal Workman
Dr. Mick Zais

Commission Members Absent

Col. John Bowden
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller
Mr. Hood Temple

Staff Present

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
Mr. Reginald Adams
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Rita Allison
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Camille Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Sjanna Coriarty
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Alyson Goff
Dr. Paula Gregg
Mr. Gerrick Hampton
Ms. Deborah Henning
Ms. Trena Houpp
Dr. Lynn Kelly
Ms. Rae McPherson
Ms. Lorna Manglona-Williams
Dr. Tajuana Massie
Dr. Gail Morrison
Mr. Clint Mullins
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Ms. Karen Wham
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Ann Belton, S.C. State University
Dr. Cynthia Brown, Lesley University
Ms. Julie Brown, Troy University
Ms. Marilyn Burstein, Art Institute of Charleston
Ms. Donna Collins, U.S.C. Columbia
Mr. Bob Connely, U.S.C. Upstate
Dr. Balmer Coors-Witt, U.S.C. Columbia
Dr. Anthony Coyne, U.S.C. Sumter
Dr. Marsha Dowell, U.S.C. Upstate
Ms. Julie Eggert, Clemson University
Ms. Pearl Givens, MUSC
Mr. Scott Harvey, Tri-County Technical College
Dr. Doris Helms, Clemson University
Ms. Debra Jackson, Clemson University
Mr. Charles Jeffcoat, U.S.C. Columbia
Mr. Richard Jerue, Art Institute of Charleston
Mr. William Latrell, Tri-County Technical College
Mr. Mike LeFever, S.C. Independent Colleges & Universities
Mr. Scott Ludlow, State Technical College
Ms. Beth McGinnis, Clemson University
Col. Spike Metts, The Citadel
Ms. Diane Newton, Lander University
Ms. Robin Peevey, Lesley University
Mr. John Perry, U.S.C. Upstate
Ms. Sylvia Robinson, S.C. State University
Ms. Roseann Pruitt, Clemson University
Dr. Thomas Seebode, Troy University
Mr. Charles Shawver, S.C. Budget & Control Board
Dr. Mike Smith, U.S.C. Columbia
Dr. Aileen Trainer, U.S.C. Columbia
Ms. Susan Vinson, Midlands Technical College

Members of the Press

none

The meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Introductions

- Lynn Kelley

Dr. Lynn Kelley introduced the guests, all of whom are listed above.

1. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made (Korrapati), **seconded** (Zais), and **carried** to approve the minutes of December 6, 2007.

2. Chairman's Report

- Chairman McCurdy

Chairman McCurdy deferred the Chairman's Report to Dr. Walters whose remarks are presented in agenda item three.

3. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

Dr. Walters delivered information on some of his recent meetings and activities. He stated that the December 11, 2007, kick-off event for the S.C. Course Alignment Project was very encouraging and was well attended. He reported that the Centers of Economic Excellence now have \$144 million in awards, \$111 million in matching funds of which \$65 million is in-hand, 34 centers, and 61 professorships. Dr. Walters reported he has met on two occasions with the comprehensive university presidents since the last CHE meeting. The presidents are interested in becoming more actively collaborative in working to improve academic quality and efficiency. He also stated that a recent meeting with Speaker of the House Bobby Harrell was very productive, that he had recently visited Newberry College and USC Aiken, and that a proposal to the Lumina Foundation had been submitted in December for a grant opportunity entitled, *Making Opportunity Affordable*. Dr. Walters then asked Mr. Daniel Ravenel to report on the status of the Higher Education Study Committee (HESC). Mr. Ravenel stated that the Committee's six appointed advisory groups were in the process of reporting their work to the full Committee. He stated that the Committee will not be able to meet the legislatively mandated February 1, 2008, deadline to report its findings and that an extension to that deadline will be requested. It is anticipated that a preliminary report will be ready by the end of the current legislative session, but the final results will most likely be considered by the 2009 legislature. The next meeting of the HESC will take place on January 18, 2008.

4. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo distributed and reviewed a document which summarized the governor's Executive Budget (**Attachment I**). She also distributed and reviewed a summary of bills relating to higher education which have been introduced to date. (**Attachment II**).

In response to Commissioner Sander's question about whether the Governor's recommendations advocated increases for the Palmetto Fellows and LIFE scholarship programs, Ms. Carullo replied that his recommendation proposes increasing funding for Palmetto Fellows by \$5.4 million and for LIFE by \$14.2 million. She said his recommendations did not include an increase for need-based aid.

5. Amended FY 2008-09 Request for Institutional Operating Funds

- Layton McCurdy

Chairman McCurdy called on Dr. Walters to lead this discussion. Dr. Walters reported that this request had been amended in light of the anticipated lack of growth in state revenue. The revised request includes an allocation plan which addresses inflation and parity. Dr. Walters noted the significance of the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), stating that the CHE request recommends a HEPI increase for all institutions of 3.4% which amounts to \$25 million and an additional 3.4% to address institutional parity issues for those institutions whose funding levels remained below the state average which amounts to \$10.5 million. This brings the total request for operating funds for public colleges and universities to a little over \$35.6 million. Dr. Walters indicated that the requests for system support for areas such as Need-based Grants, PASCAL, The University Center of Greenville, LightRail, et al, as well as agency support remained the same as that which was previously approved.

A **motion** was then made (Ravenel), **seconded** (Workman) to approve the request for institutional operating funds which was revised from \$108 million to \$35.6 million.

Following brief discussion, predominately about the economic predictions for the year as well as the issue of parity, the **motion carried**.

6. Committee Reports

6.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Layton McCurdy

The Executive Committee had no report.

6.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

-Bettie Horne

A. Consideration of New Program Proposals

1. Ph.D., Criminology and Criminal Justice, USC Columbia
2. Ph.D., Healthcare Genetics, Clemson University

B. Consideration of Request for Amendments of Existing Licenses to Add New Programs

1. B.A., Fashion and Retail Management: Art Institute of Charleston
2. M.Ed., (1) Elementary Education: Profession and Practice, (2) Mathematics Education, and (3) Science in Education, Lesley University

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

1. 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, Troy University

D. Informational Report on Staff Approvals on Amendment of Licenses

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

Commissioner Horne reported that the committee had considered the Ph.D. program in Criminology and Criminal Justice at USC Columbia, a description of which may be found in **Attachment III**. Dr. Horne then made a **motion** to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission approval of the program leading to the Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice at USC Columbia, to be implemented in Fall 2008, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested.

It was noted that the implementation date in the recommendation should read Fall 2008, not Fall 2006 (a typographical error). Discussion followed about what effect this program would have on other criminal justice programs at private institutions. In response to a question about the number of these Ph.D. graduates who will remain in South Carolina, it was stated that almost all of them would remain in the state due to the large need for their services.

Dr. McCurdy raised the question about the degree to which Ph.D. recipients remain in the state in which they obtain their Ph.D., as it has been his observation that these individuals appear to be more transient than those earn bachelor's or master's degrees. Dr. Walters replied that this varies enormously by discipline.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

Commissioner Horne reported that the committee had considered the Ph.D. program in Healthcare Genetics at Clemson University, a description of which may be found in **Attachment IV**. She made a **motion** to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission the program at Clemson leading to the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Healthcare Genetics with tracks in Ethics and Public Policy, Interventionist, and Bench Research, to be implemented in Fall 2008, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested and provided further that: 1) the Graduate Dean will annually monitor the program during the first five years of its implementation for attainment of enrollment goals for numbers and academic diversity and for measuring quality of research; 2) the institution will report to the Commission beginning the second

year of the program's implementation on success in obtaining federal grants from NIH-NR as found in the proposal; and 3) the Commission will formally review the program in Fall 2013 for meeting all these goals.

Discussion followed in which Dr. Doris Helms stated that the money for this program was already in place and that no new money was required. Dr. Helms noted that a strong need for employees in these areas has been demonstrated and that additional funding from pending National Institute of Health research grants may provide stipends for these graduate students. If for any reason some of the grants don't come through, other monies will be reallocated for this purpose. Dr. Helms stated she anticipated 90 percent of these graduates will remain in South Carolina. In essence the degree program will allow individuals to work in the translational aspects of this work with genetics, allowing them to participate in healthcare without requiring a nursing or physician's degree. Further conversation took place about the fact that, though a certain amount of risk is involved in the undertaking of this new program, it has great potential and will be monitored carefully for the first five years of its existence.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

Dr. Horne made reference to a request for amendment of the license of The Art Institute of Charleston, as described in **Attachment V**. She then made a **motion** to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission an amendment of the license of The Art Institute of Charleston to offer a program leading to the B.A. degree in Fashion and Retail Management for implementation in April 2008.

In response to Commissioner Forbes' question, Mr. Richard Jerue stated that there are currently 300 students at The Art Institute and that things are going well.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

Dr. Horne made reference to the request for amendment to the license of Lesley University, as described in **Attachment VI**. She then made a **motion** to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission an amendment of the license of Lesley University to enroll immediately South Carolina residents into programs leading to: 1) the M.Ed. degree in Elementary Education: Profession and Practice; 2) the M.Ed degree in Science in Education; and 3) the M.Ed degree in Mathematics Education.

In response to Chairman McCurdy's question about whether this was the first Master's degree Lesley has offered in South Carolina, a representative of Lesley University replied that it was not. Conversation took place about the eligibility of these graduates for board certification. It was noted that Lesley University has offered other M.Ed. programs in South Carolina since 1994 and that it utilizes its own electronic library system.

Commissioner Horne made reference to the request to amend the license of Troy University, as described in **Attachment VII**. She then made a **motion** to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commends favorably to the Commission an amendment to the license of Troy University to approve the offering of programs leading to the B.S. degree in Business Administration; the B.S. degree in Criminal Justice; the M.S. degree in Criminal Justice; the M.S. degree in Human Resources Management; the M.S. degree in Management; and the Master of Public Administration. The Committee further recommends the Commission delegate authority to the staff to license Troy University when a site and adequate facilities are obtained in the Rock Hill area.

Discussion followed in which it was established that Troy University is a public, non-profit institution with its main campus located in Alabama, that its desire to offer programs in the Rock Hill area is driven by perceived demand, and that these programs typically appeal to non-traditional students. It was noted that Troy University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), so articulation across institutions is not likely to be a problem. It was also noted that some of South Carolina's institutions have also pursued program delivery in locations outside of South Carolina.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

Commissioner Horne made reference to the *Informational Report on Staff Approvals on Amendment of Licenses*, as described in **Attachment VIII**, and stated it was provided for information only. Dr. Morrison provided a brief summary of this information.

Commissioner Horne made reference to the Annual Report on the Academic Common Market Program for FY 2006-07, described in **Attachment IX**, provided for information only. In response to Commissioner Lynn's question, Dr. Morrison explained that this is a reciprocal program in which specified degree programs between states are shared at public colleges and universities by waiving the out-of-state tuition differential for students from eligible states in participating programs.

6.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

- Daniel Ravenel

A. Consideration of Proposed Scholarship Regulations: Public Hearings

1. Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Regulation
2. LIFE Scholarship Regulation
3. HOPE Scholarship Regulation
4. South Carolina Need-based Grant Regulation
5. Residency Regulation

Commissioner Ravenel stated that the public hearing on these scholarship regulations, copies of which may be found in **Attachment X**, follows their approval by the

Commission at its October 4, 2007, meeting, and that interested persons had been invited to submit written and oral comments. He provided a brief overview of the changes to these regulations. The meeting was then opened for comments

Dr. Woodfaulk explained that there has been some concern with regard to the students declaring as math or science majors for the express purpose of obtaining the scholarship enhancement now allowed in those areas, then switching to a major for which the enhancement is not allowed during the course of that academic year. She stated that CHE staff will work with institutional staff to address this issue. Currently legislation directing the enhancements requires that students declare a major in their sophomore year.

As there were no further comments, the public hearing was then closed.

6.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Daniel Ravenel

A. Consideration of Interim Capital Projects

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| 1. College of Charleston | - | Rutledge/Buist Residence Halls Renovation, Phase 2 |
| | - | Craig Cafeteria Conversion and Renovation |
| 2. Medical University of S.C. | - | Pharmacology Renovations |
| 3. Winthrop University | - | Thomson Complex Fire Sprinkler/Alarm Retrofit |

B. Lease

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| 1. U.S.C. Upstate | - | George Dean Johnson Jr. College of Business & Economics |
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C. List of Staff Approvals for December 2007

Commissioner Ravenel reviewed the capital projects and lease approved by the Committee at its meeting just prior to today's CHE meeting. Copies of their descriptions may be found in **Attachment XI**.

Commissioner Ravenel made a motion to collectively approve the following recommendation for each of the capital projects and lease:

The Committee on Finance and Facilities recommends approval of this project as proposed.

Commissioner Wingate stated that a possible buy-out provision was not included in the lease contract. He requested that the minutes reflect that this option for the university does exist and is part of what the Commission is authorizing. It was stated that this has been noted by USC Upstate officials.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

Chairman McCurdy stated that the List of Staff Approvals for December 2007 was provided for information only.

7. Other Business

There was no other business. Commissioners proceeded to the Columbia Metropolitan Convention for their retreat to take place for the remainder of the afternoon and until approximately 1:00 p.m. on January 11.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments I - XI

*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.