

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201

Minutes of the Meeting

May 5, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Commission Members Present

Dr. Layton McCurdy, Chairman
Ms. Rosemary Byerly
Mr. Larry Durham
Dr. Doug Forbes
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Mr. Jim Konduros
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller
Mr. Jim Sanders

Commission Members Absent

Mr. Miles Loadholt
Mr. Dan Ravenel
Mr. Neal Workman
Dr. Mick Zais

Staff Present

Ms. Rita Allison
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Mike Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Arlene Criswell
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Dr. Conrad Festa
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Alyson Goff
Ms. Yolanda Hudson
Ms. Lane Jeselnik
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail Morrison
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Ms. Laverne Sanders
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Dr. Benjamin Ola. Akande, Webster University
Mr. Bill Bragdon, U.S.C. – Columbia

Member of the Press:

no members of the press attended

Dr. Teresa Burns, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. Fred Carter, Francis Marion University
Dr. Richard Chapman, Francis Marion University
Dr. Cheryl Cox, State Technical College System
Dr. Anthony Coyne, U.S.C. – Sumter
Dr. Dave DiCenzo, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. David Dunlap, Webster University
Dr. Nancy Dunlap, Clemson University
Dr. Christine Ebert, U.S.C. – Columbia
Mr. Bob Eisenauer, Spartanburg Technical College
Dr. Clifton Elliott, Williamsburg Technical College
Mr. Alan Godfrey, Clemson University
Dr. Willis Ham, Webster University
Dr. Thomas Higerd, Medical University of S.C.
Dr. Jim Hudgins, State Technical College System
Dr. David Hunter, U.S.C. - Columbia
Ms. Karen Jones, Winthrop University
Ms. Star Kepner, U.S.C. – Sumter
Mr. Scott Ludlow, State Technical College System
Dr. Sylvia Lufkin, Francis Marion University
Mr. Gary McCombs, College of Charleston
Mrs. Gwen McCurdy
Dr. Isaac Metts, The Citadel
Dr. Linda Player, Williamsburg Technical College
Ms. Susan Prior, U.S.C. – Columbia
Mr. Lawrence Ray, S. C. Technical College System
Dr. Jenny Richardson, Williamsburg Technical College
Mr. John Smalls, S. C. State University
Mr. Chuck Smith, Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Dr. Andrew Sorenson, U.S.C. – Columbia
Dr. John Sutusky, Medical University of S. C.
Mr. Andre Tanner, S. C. State University
Dr. Aileen Trainer, U.S.C. - Columbia
Ms. Catherine Watt, Clemson University
Dr. Carolyn West, U.S.C. – 2 Year Regional Campuses
Mr. Bryce Wilson, S.C. Budget & Control Board
Dr. Dennis Wiseman, Coastal Carolina University

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

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCurdy. Dr. Lynn Kelley introduced the guests attending the meeting, all of whom are listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman McCurdy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 7, 2005. The **motion** was made (Byerly), **seconded** (Konduros) and **carried** to approve the minutes as written.

3. Chairman's Report

- Layton McCurdy

- Chairman McCurdy remarked that he was happy to begin his job as Chairman. He also commented on the level to which the Commission staff is overworked and stated that he and Dr. Festa were working on obtaining a source of funding to update the hardware and software of the agency's Management Information Systems.
- Chairman McCurdy informed the Commission that he had visited several of state's institutions and planned on visiting more in an effort to learn about each of their challenges as well as to try make determinations as to how the Commission might be of greater value to them and to South Carolina. He stated that the Commission's responsibility is to work toward a statewide agenda which will ultimately improve the human condition and help economic development.
- Chairman McCurdy urged the Commissioners to thoughtfully and slowly re-read the very comprehensive document, *Foundations for the Future*.

4. Committee Reports

4.01 Report of the Executive Committee

(No Report)

-Layton McCurdy

4.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

-Vermelle Johnson

A. Consideration of New Program Proposals

Commissioner Johnson reported that her committee considered and approved all nine of the programs listed below at their meeting on April 19, 2005. Detailed information about each of these programs can be found in **Attachment I**.

1. A.E.T., Construction Management Technology, Horry-Georgetown Technical College
2. A.P.S., Early Care and Education, Williamsburg Technical College
3. B.S.B.A, Resort Tourism Management, Coastal Carolina University
4. B.S., Applied Physics, Coastal Carolina University
5. B.S., Nursing, Francis Marion University
6. M.A.T., Secondary Education, Clemson University
7. M.A., Biology, The Citadel

8. M.A., Social Science, The Citadel
9. M.A.T., Physical Education, The Citadel

A **motion** was made (Johnson) and **seconded** (Sanders) to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve Horry-Georgetown Technical College's proposed program leading to the Associate Degree in Engineering Technology with a major in Construction Management Technology, to be implemented in Fall 2005 at the Conway Campus, provided that no "unique cost" or other special State funding be required or requested.

Commissioner Sanders questioned whether students enrolled in this program would be able to articulate to a four year institution. Mr. Chuck Smith of Horry-Georgetown Technical College responded that the intent was that this would be a terminal degree; however, it was possible that at some point in the future articulation might become possible. Discussion about the need to coordinate academic programs and economic development followed, and Dr. Festa remarked that efforts to solve articulation problems are underway. Dr. Cheryl Cox of the Technical College System stated that in some areas of the state, high school students do currently have the option of matriculating to nearby technical colleges. The motion was then brought to the table and **carried**.

A **motion** was made (Johnson), **seconded** (Byerly) to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve the program at Williamsburg Technical College leading to the Associate in Public Service degree with a Major in Early Care and Education, to be implemented in Fall 2005, provided that: no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested; all advisement by faculty and staff as well as all published literature shall indicate that, while some courses may transfer, the program is not a college transfer program and does not lead to teacher licensure or certification; and the specialization in Early Childhood and Public Service within the AOT degree's Major in General Technology be terminated at the same time the new program is implemented.

Commissioner Sanders questioned whether persons who have earned this degree would be certified nationally. Dr. Jenny Richardson and Dr. Linda Player of Williamsburg Technical College responded that the program is required to meet certain national standards similar to those required by NCATE and that there are currently no state licensure requirements for childcare workers. The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

A **motion** was made (Johnson) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve the program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Resort Tourism Management at Coastal Carolina University for implementation in Fall 2005, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or

requested.

Commissioner Forbes inquired as to whether there had been any comments from representatives of either the College of Charleston or U.S.C. about the implementation of this program. He also stated that it would be an embarrassment for the Commission to approve this particular program when one very similar to it at the College of Charleston had recently been approved. Dr. Dave DiCenzo of Coastal Carolina responded that, due to the large amount of tourism in the area, there was a definite student demand for the program and that there were currently 150 students in this concentration. He also explained that Coastal was working in collaboration with both the College of Charleston and U.S.C. and gave examples of those collaborative efforts when questioned by Commissioner Sanders. The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried** with a vote of seven in favor and two (Forbes and Sanders) opposed.

A **motion** was made (Johnson) and **seconded** (Byerly) to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve Coastal Carolina University's program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Applied Physics to be implemented in Fall 2005, provided that no additional "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested.

Commissioner Forbes inquired as to whether programs of this nature at other S. C. institutions were saturated. Dr. Morrison explained that they were not, and that this type of program was typically small. She also explained the necessity of offering traditional programs of this nature despite relatively small enrollment. Dr. Teresa Burns of Coastal Carolina provided information supporting the need for the program and stated that the majority of students enrolled in it would be in-state students. The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried** with a vote of eight in favor and one (Forbes) opposed.

A **motion** was made (Johnson) and **seconded** (Durham) to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve the program at Francis Marion University leading to the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing, to be implemented in Fall 2005, provided that no further "unique cost" or special state funding be required or requested other than those which might have been appropriated in the 2004 and 2005 legislative sessions; and provided also that – with the exception of the conferral of "joint degrees" by MUSC and Francis Marion on May 2006, graduates of the BSN program – Francis Marion University shall confer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in all future years.

Commissioner Horne inquired about what chemistry course requirements there would be for students transferring to Francis Marion from the Medical University of S. C.. Dr. Richard Chapman of Francis Marion responded that the University's Nursing and Science Department faculty would be examining the pre-nursing curriculum, look at the chemistry curriculum and make decisions about chemistry requirements for students entering the program. Those decisions should be made within the 2005-2006 academic year. The

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

A **motion** was made (Johnson) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve Clemson's proposed program, delivered through distance technology, leading to a Master of Arts in Teaching in Secondary Education in English/Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science from Clemson University, 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.

Commissioner Sanders inquired as to which institution would actually confer the degree since this would be a collaborative effort between Clemson University, The Citadel, South Carolina State University, and the University of South Carolina. Dr. Nancy Dunlap of Clemson University explained that the degrees would be conferred by the institution in which the student was enrolled. The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

A motion was **made** (Johnson) and **seconded** (Durham) to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve the program at The Citadel leading to the Master of Arts degree in Biology, to be implemented in Fall 2005, provided that: no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested; should the College of Charleston wish to join in the delivery of this program as a joint program, it shall be allowed to do so with submission of a program modification to the Commission, which shall include a memorandum of understanding between the two institutions; and the data file on the M.A. in Education program in Biology be closed in May 2006.

Commissioner Horne inquired about whether there were plans for review of the program in terms of accreditation. Dr. Issac Metts of The Citadel explained that, though the Commission evaluates these types of programs, there were no specific accreditation requirements for them. Chairman McCurdy asked whether this was a degree program exclusively for Citadel cadets. Dr. Metts responded that it would be a graduate program offered to all with an interest in becoming enrolled in it. The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

A motion was **made** (Johnson) and **seconded** (Byerly) to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve the program at The Citadel leading to the Master of Arts degree with a major in Social Science, to be implemented in Fall 2005, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested, and provided further that the data file on the terminated program leading to the M.A. in Education degree in Social Science be closed in May 2006.

Commissioner Mosteller inquired about this program no longer being subject to accreditation by NCATE. Dr. Morrison explained that this program will be replacing the program leading to the Master Arts in Education degree in Social Science which was terminated in Spring 2005, and would therefore no longer be subject to specific accreditation requirements. The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

A **motion** was made (Johnson) and **seconded** (Byerly), to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve the proposed program leading to a Master of Arts in Teaching degree in Physical Education from The Citadel, to be implemented in Fall 2005, provided that: no “unique cost” or other special state funding be required or requested; the program be approved by the State Board of Education prior to its implementation; the program attain at least “approval with conditions” status from the National Association for Sport and Physical Education with notification to CHE upon receipt of that approval; the datafile on the M.Ed. Program in Physical Education terminated in Spring 2005 be permanently closed by Fall 2007; and at such time that the College of Charleston elects to participate in the program, a Notification of Change Form and a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions be filed with the Commission.

Commissioner Mosteller questioned whether the program would be required to have approval of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education prior to its implementation. Dr. Morrison and Dr. Metts of The Citadel explained that student data would be required for this approval and that it would have to be acquired within a period of two years. Commissioner Sanders inquired as to whether the College of Charleston or Charleston Southern University offered a similar program. He was advised that the College of Charleston did not. As those in attendance were not certain whether a program existed at Charleston Southern, the motion was delayed until Commission staff could check on that question. Dr. Lynn Kelley left the meeting to locate that information. When he returned, he informed the Commission that such a program did not exist at Charleston Southern. The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

In the interest of the time of the institution representatives in attendance who were to provide presentations on their sector’s perspective on issues facing higher education, Chairman McCurdy changed the order of the meeting’s agenda and proceed to agenda item 7.

7. Presentation

Sector Perspective Reports on Issues Facing Higher Education

Representing the Technical College Sector, Dr. Jim Hudgins began with his presentation. In it he discussed issues facing higher education as well as issues specifically pertaining to the technical colleges (**Attachment II**). He also shared with the Commission a resolution to affirm the mission of South Carolina’s two year college system (**Attachment III**), and expressed his sector’s desire to commit to partnership with the state’s senior institutions.

Representing the Research Sector, Dr. Andrew Sorensen of the University of South Carolina continued with his presentation. Dr. Sorensen stated that it is imperative to the transformation of South Carolina's economy that institutions collaborate across their boundaries. Dr. Sorensen then cited several examples of how that type of collaboration has already taken place. These collaborative efforts are "breaking the shackles of parochialism and paranoia" between institutions, contributing towards improvements in research, and raising the quality of life in the state.

Representing the four year comprehensive sector, Dr. Fred Carter of Francis Marion University stated that the characteristics of this sector are growth and collaboration. Institutions in this sector have grown 13.4% in the last five years. The ten institutions have developed a legislative agenda upon which they have all agreed. Topics in this agenda include regulatory reform, raising procurement levels, and supporting the statewide electronic library. Dr. Carter encouraged the Commission to support the framing of projects in the G. O. Bond Bill for new building as well as for renovation. Dr. Carter commented very favorably on the progress made by the Presidents' Accountability Workgroup and informed the Commission that the goals and objectives it has formulated are now focused enough to take to the larger group of Presidents while narrow enough to meet the needs of each of the sectors. He also reported that those goals and objectives tie in with those of the K-12 arena as well as those of business and industry.

Representing the two year regional campuses of U.S.C., Dr. Carolyn West reviewed issues pertaining to that sector. She stated that the two year regional campuses are unique to South Carolina and are not found in any other state. She also stated that the regional campuses do not duplicate what's offered at nearby technical colleges, but rather allow rural citizens the advantages a liberal arts education.

Because Commissioner Byerly had to leave the meeting for an appointment, Chairman McCurdy again adjusted the order of the agenda and proceeded to item 4.04.

4.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

A. Interim Capital Projects

Commissioner Byerly reported that her committee had reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved the four projects listed below and described in **Attachment IV**.

1. Lander University - Construction of New Campus Entrance Boulevard
- Student Facility Construction and Renovation
- Renovation of Lide Student Housing Facility
2. S. C. State University - Student Housing Apartments Construction

Chairman McCurdy pointed out that there was not a representative of Lander University in attendance at the meeting and questioned whether action on their projects should be postponed until such a time that someone would be available. After some discussion it was decided to proceed with questions to be answered by Ms. Lynn Metcalf. It was also decided, however, that at future meetings, capital improvement projects would be deferred if no representative of the institution was present.

A **motion** was then made (Byerly), **seconded** (Sanders), and **carried** to approve the projects at Lander University as recommended.

A **motion** was also made (Byerly), **seconded** (Durham), and **carried** to approve the project at South Carolina State University as recommended.

Commissioner Byerly then brought to the attention of the Commissioners the fact that John Smalls of South Carolina State had recently been presented with the National Professional Leadership Award for Outstanding Performance in Finance and Accounting Management (**see Attachment V**). The Commission applauded him for this accomplishment.

Because the meeting had become quite lengthy, Chairman McCurdy then called for a seven minute recess. After the break, the meeting resumed with consideration of agenda item 4.02 C.

4.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (continued)

- Vermelle Johnson

C. Consideration of the NCATE/State Partnership Program Evaluations:

1. Coastal Carolina University
2. South Carolina State University
3. U.S.C. – Aiken

Commissioner Johnson pointed out that on page 12 of **Attachment VI**, an M.Ed. program in Industrial Education at S. C. State University had been inadvertently left off of the report and should be added. She also pointed that the M.A.T. program in Speech Pathology & Audiology was dropped and should be deleted from the report.

A **motion** was made (Johnson) and **seconded** (Durham) to approve the following **recommendation**:

1. The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends to the Commission that it grant to the programs in Education at Coastal Carolina University, South Carolina State University, and USC – Aiken the designations presented in the attached report (Attachment 1) along with the accompanying recommendations found on the pages listed below:

Coastal Carolina University, see pp. 6-7, S. C. State University, see pp.10-12, and USC – Aiken, see pp. 14.

2. The Committee recommends that the Commission congratulate S. C. State and USC – Aiken for achieving full approval from NCATE.
3. The Committee recommends that the Commission urge all institutions to submit or resubmit program reviews to the Speciality Professional Associations (SPA) at the earliest opportunity until full approval is obtained for all programs for which

a SPA evaluation process exists; until full SPA approval is obtained, program status awarded by CHE remains at “provisional approval.”

4. For Coastal Carolina, the Committee recommends that the Commission accept no new program requests in Education until the unit obtains full accreditation, as opposed to “accreditation with conditions” from NCATE.
5. The Committee is concerned about the evaluation findings for a variety of programs at all three of the institutions, irrespective of accreditation status; therefore, it recommends that the Commission require that each institution submit to the Committee by December 1, 2005, a progress report that summarizes the responses made by the institutions for improvement for graduate programs.

Questions and discussion followed as to the differences in the process of accrediting teacher education programs at the various institutions and whether those processes could become more standardized. Explanations and clarification on those questions were provided by Dr. Gail Morrison and Dr. Nancy Dunlap of Clemson University.

After some clarification of part 5 of the recommendation and a decision to replace the word “congratulate” in part 2 of the recommendation with the word “recognize”, the **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried** as modified.

B. Consideration of Amendment to License to Add Programs at Webster University:

at Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, and Myrtle Beach to add Bachelor’s Degree Completion Programs Leading to the B.A. in (1) Management and (2) Psychology and to the B.S. in (1) Accounting, (2) Business Administration, and (3) Computer Science. (**See Attachment VII.**) Commissioner Johnson noted that Dr. Benjamin Ola. Akande and Dr. David F. Dunlap, representatives of Webster University, were in attendance.

A motion was then **made** (Johnson), **seconded** (Mosteller), and **carried** to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee commends favorably to the Commission amendment of the license for Webster University to offer programs leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree in (1) Management and (2) Psychology and to the Bachelor of Science degree in (1) Accounting, (2) Business Administration, and (3) Computer Science, beginning in Columbia in Fall 2005, and phasing in the programs at its other locations in Charleston, Greenville, and Myrtle Beach.

D. Consideration of New Guidelines for Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grant Cycle, FY 2004-05

Commissioner Johnson made reference to the guidelines, a copy of which is found in **Attachment VIII**. A **motion** was then made (Johnson), **seconded** (Horne), and **carried** to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee commends favorably to the Commission approval of the attached guidelines for the *Improving Teacher Quality Higher Education Grant Program* for Federal FY 2004-05.

E. Consideration of Revised Mission Statement:

1. Florence-Darlington Technical College
2. Spartanburg Technical College

Commissioner Johnson noted that the only change in the Florence-Darlington Technical College mission statement pertained to the size of the institution as noted in the last paragraph on page one of **Attachment IX**.

A **motion** was made (Johnson), **seconded** (Mosteller), and **carried** to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve the revised mission statements for Spartanburg Technical College and Florence-Darlington Technical College.

F. Report on New Award for FY 2005-06, Center of Excellence (Education) Program

As noted in **Attachment X**, of the three proposals submitted by institutions for this award, the review panel's recommendation was to fund the proposal submitted by Clemson University. This information was provided to and received by the Commission as information.

G. Reports on New Program Approvals and Program Terminations, FY 2003-04; FY 2004-05

These reports (**Attachment XI and XII**) were submitted to and received by the Commission as information. It was noted that the information they contain is very encouraging and that it should also be put on the agenda of a future Commission meeting for the benefit of those Commissioners who did not have the opportunity to review it. Dr. Morrison noted that the report was in need of some updates and that those updates would be made before it was presented again.

4.03 Report of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services - Dan Ravenel
(No Report)

5. Legislative Update - Julie Carullo

Julie Carullo reported that budget conferees for the House and the Senate had been named. The House conferees are Representatives Harrell, Vaughan, and Battle and the Senate conferees are Senators Leatherman, Land, and Peeler. The conferees will begin meeting today to work out differences in the budget. The Commission's budget requests for the Statewide Virtual Library (\$2 million) and academic program review (\$250,000) are in the Senate version and therefore are

under consideration. The proviso for scholarship support (\$260,000) is in both the House and Senate versions. A request for \$135,000 to be used to purchase hardware and software to support the Commission's Management Information System may also be made if it is perceived that it does not jeopardize our previous requests.

6. Report of the Executive Director

-Conrad Festa

Dr. Festa reported that he, Ms. Carullo, and Ms. Allison had been spending lots of time encouraging legislators' support of our budgetary requests. He also requested that Dr. Karen Woodfaulk report on the National Scholarship Day event would take place in the rotunda of the statehouse on May 11, 2005, and that student recipients of the various state scholarships would be recognized at that time.

8. Other Business

Commissioner Mosteller encouraged the Commission to increase its dealing with change agent issues, procurement, parity funding, regulatory review, and interaction with the General Assembly. Chairman McCurdy commented that her recommendation was excellent. Commissioner Sanders suggested that the Commission have a mini-retreat whereby it would consider the topics of the direction in which it is headed as well as how it might be a more effective entity.

9. Adjournment

Chairman McCurdy adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Rogers

Recording Secretary

Attachments I - XII

*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.