

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1333 Main Street, Suite 200  
Columbia, SC 29201

*Minutes of the Meeting*

February 3, 2005

10:30 a.m.

**Commission Members Present**

Mr. Dalton Floyd, Chairman  
Ms. Rosemary Byerly  
Mr. Larry Durham  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne  
Dr. Vermelle Johnson  
Mr. Miles Loadholt  
Dr. Layton McCurdy  
Ms. Cynthia Mosteller  
Mr. Daniel Ravenel  
Dr. Mick Zais

**Commission Members Absent**

Mr. Jim Konduros  
Ms. DeLoris Oliver  
Mr. Jim Sanders  
Dr. Doug Forbes

**Staff Present**

Ms. Rita Allison  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Mr. Mike Brown  
Mr. Tony Brown  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Dr. Conrad Festa  
Ms. Yolanda Hudson  
Dr. Lynn Kelley  
Dr. Esther Kramer  
Dr. Lynn Metcalf  
Dr. Gail Morrison  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Ms. Sandra Rhyne  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Ms. Karen Wham  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Dr. Joe Boykin, Clemson University  
Ms. Betty Boatwright, S.C. State University  
Mr. Bill Bragdon, U.S.C. – Columbia  
Dr. Anthony Coyne, U.S.C. – Sumter  
Ms. Betty Davidson, Governor's Office  
Dr. Christine Ebert, U.S.C. – Columbia  
Ms. Alyson Goff, U.S.C. Intern  
Mrs. Retta Guthrie, Orangeburg Calhoun  
Technical College  
Dr. Gary Hanson, Francis Marion University  
Mr. Winston Holton, Clemson University  
Dr. Sally Horner, Coastal Carolina  
University  
Mr. Kim Huff, Orangeburg Calhoun  
Technical College  
Dr. Ron Ingle, Coastal Carolina University  
Ms. Karen Jones, Winthrop University  
Dr. Roy Jones, Clemson University  
Ms. Star Kepner, U.S.C. – Sumter  
Mr. Scott Ludlow, State Technical System  
Mr. Gary McCombs, College of Charleston  
Mr. Rick Moul, PASCAL  
Mr. Charlie Schawver, S.C. Budget &  
Control Board  
Dr. Aileen Trainer, U.S.C.  
Ms. Catherine Watt, Clemson University  
Mr. Richard Weldon, Coastal Carolina  
University  
Mr. Bryce Wilson, S.C. Budget & Control  
Board

**Member of the Press:**

no members of the press attended

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

**1. Introductions**

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

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Floyd asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 6, 2005. The **motion** was made (Ravenel), **seconded** (Loadholt) and **carried** to approve the minutes as written.

**3. Chairman’s Report**

**- Dalton B. Floyd**

- Chairman Floyd informed the Commission that a new Commissioner had been named. He is Mr. J. Neal Workman, Jr. of Clemson, S.C. and he will fill the expired term of Ms. DeLoris Oliver.
- Chairman Floyd reminded the Commissioners of the Campus Safety Conference to be held February 23-25, 2005 on the Columbia campus of U.S.C. Dr. Karen Woodfaulk advised the Commissioners that registration forms for the conference were included in their materials for the day and she invited them to complete one if they had not already done so.
- Chairman Floyd gave a brief report on the status the S.C. Higher Education Foundation and encouraged the Commissioners to consider donating to it.
- Chairman Floyd suggested that the Commission meet at one of the institutions in the spring and again in the fall as has been done in the past. He said that the Spring 2005 meeting would most likely take place in May in Charleston.
- Chairman Floyd made reference to a chart published by the Southern Regional Education Board regarding need-based aid that Commissioner Zais had sent to each of the Commissioners. It was noted that although the number of scholarships in S. C. have increased in recent years, only 19% of those are designated for need-based aid. It was also stated that \$10 million was requested for scholarship purposes last year and only \$6.8 million was appropriated. \$10 million has again been requested in this year’s budget. After some discussion, Commissioner Ravenel recommended that a comprehensive approach be taken in the evaluation of S.C.’s scholarship programs and that a proposal should be developed that will help the General Assembly recognize their importance. He invited Commissioner Zais to attend the meeting of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon where the issue would be discussed at greater length.

**4. Committee Reports**

**4.01 Report of the Executive Committee**

**-Dalton B. Floyd**

(No Report)

**4.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs  
and Licensing**

**-Vermelle Johnson**

(No Report)

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

**4.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Ms. Rosemary Byerly**

**A. Interim Capital Projects**

Commissioner Byerly reported that staff member, Lynn Metcalf, was not able to attend the Commission meeting as she was representing S.C. at a conference in Washington, She also reported that Ms. Metcalf is one of only 33 Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Systems (IPEDS) trainers in the nation. Commissioner Byerly gave a brief description of the projects listed below, more details on which can be found in **Attachment I.**

- 1. Coastal Carolina University - Campus Roads Improvements
- 2. College of Charleston - Replace Lightsey Roof & Chiller  
- Restore Exterior of Randolph Hall and Porter’s Lodge  
- Physical Education and Athletics Center
- 3. Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College - Classroom and Auditorium Construction
- 4. Technical College of the Lowcountry - Jasper Co. Land Purchase

(The 4<sup>th</sup> project was not considered as The Technical College of the Lowcountry asked that it be removed for consideration at this time.)

Commissioner Byerly stated that her committee had considered and approved each of these projects. A **motion** was then made (Byerly), **seconded** (Ravenel) and carried to approve these projects as recommended.

**5. Legislative Update - Rita Allison**

Ms. Allison reported that restructuring of Constitutional Officers was an issue being considered in the House and that seat belt regulations and tort reform were among the issues being considered in the Senate. She listed various pieces of legislation that had been filed in the House and in the Senate. She made reference to several recent newspaper articles (**Attachment II**) that pertain to strengthening higher education efforts in South Carolina. She also made reference to some talking points about the state electronic library (**Attachment III**) and said that this information was available for the Commissioners to review. Ms. Allison stated that efforts were in progress to try to move funding for the library to the general fund rather than from lottery money. Ms. Julie Carullo referred to the recent ruling on the Life Sciences Act (Act 187) and indicated that legislation has been filed that would reinstate LIFE scholarship GPA changes and the Trident Technical College Culinary Arts program. She also updated Commissioners on what had taken place with legislation discussed at the last commission meeting as well as informed them about legislation that had been recently filed.

## 6. Report of the Executive Director

-Conrad Festa

Dr. Festa reported that he has been working with the Governor's Office and with members of the legislature and that they have demonstrated support for restoration of funding which would enable the Commission on Higher Education's ability to do program review. He stated that he's received greater support from legislators regarding an increase in funding to be used for the purpose of hiring CHE staff to handle scholarship appeals. Dr. Festa also encouraged members of the Commission to not only contribute to the S. C. Higher Education Foundation, but to encourage others to make donations to this very worthy effort.

## 7. Presentations

**"Call Me Mister"** – Dr. Roy Jones of Clemson University gave a power point presentation on the "Call Me Mister" program, housed at Clemson University. Designed to recruit, place, and retain African-American males as elementary teachers in South Carolina, the program has been in existence for 5 years and graduated its first students in the Spring of 2004. Currently funded by grants and private donations, the program has requested state funding in the amount of \$1.2 million, although it was stated that it could survive on a minimum of \$700,000. In the discussion that followed Dr. Jones presentation, it was concluded that a comprehensive approach needs to be taken regarding this and other teacher recruitment programs currently offered in South Carolina. The matter was then referred to the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services for review. Commissioner Vermelle Johnson, who has some expertise in this area, offered to work with the committee as well. More detailed information about the "Call Me Mister" program can be found in **Attachment IV**.

**Statewide Electronic Library** – Dr. Joseph Boykin, also of Clemson University, presented an overview on the current status of the statewide electronic library. A project of the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL), its purpose is to make available to all S.C. college students in a timely fashion a basic core of electronic resources. It is expected that all students will have access to the library by the end of 2005. At that time each college and university in S. C. should see a direct benefit of over \$1 million. Funding required for the project is \$2 million per year for a period of five years. Additional information about the statewide electronic library can be found in **Attachment V**.

## 8. Other Business

Commissioner Ravenel invited all interested Commissioners to attend the meeting of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services, scheduled for 2:00 p.m. today in Orangeburg on the campus of S.C. State University.

## 9. Adjournment

Chairman Floyd made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.. It was **seconded** (Loadholt) and **carried**.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beth Rogers*

Recording Secretary

Attachments I - V

\*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.