

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

Minutes of the Meeting

April 3, 2003
10:30 a.m.

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
Gen. Tom Olsen
Mr. Daniel Ravenel
Mr. Carl Solomon
Dr. Roger Stevenson

Commission Members Absent

Ms. DeLoris Oliver

Staff Present

Ms. Joann Biga
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Camille Brown
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Bichevia Green
Ms. Betsy Gunter
Dr. Nancy Healy
Ms. Sherry Hubbard
Ms. Yolanda Hudson
Mr. Alan Krech
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail Morrison
Dr. Mike Raley
Mr. John Smalls

Ms. Jan Stewart
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Dr. Rayburn Barton
Mr. Bill Bragdon
Dr. Rus Bumba
Mr. Andy Fink
Mr. David Fleming
Mr. Christopher Hobson
Ms. Judy Hrinda
Ms. Shannon Hunnicutt
Mr. David Hunter
Ms. Karen Jones
Ms. Dorcas Kitchings
Ms. Leandra Livesay
Mr. Scott Ludlow
Dr. Harry Matthews
Mr. Gary McCombs
Dr. Bill McDonald
Mr. Bob Mellon
Mr. Larry Mulhall
Ms. Jackie Olsen
Mr. Charlie Parker
Ms. Tricia Phaup
Ms. Susan Prior
Mr. Marc Shook
Dr. Jackie Skubal
Ms. Michelle Smith
Representative Harry Stille
Dr. Rita Teal
Mr. Jonathon Trail
Ms. Tara Wilkinson
Mr. Frank Zebedis

For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the public as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

The Commission on Higher Education met on April 3, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room at Commission on Higher Education offices.

I. Introductions

Mr. Alan Krech 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 Mr. Durham and **seconded** by Mr. Ravenel. During discussion, the question was raised if the motion made by Mr. Ravenel in favor of beginning the self study was stated correctly – that this was to be only an internal study. Mr. Ravenel's motion was amended to indicate that the study was to include a governance and accountability study as well as an evaluation of internal operations. Mr. Smalls explained that a self study of Commission functions would be included in the overall study to determine state goals for higher education, governance and accountability.

The motion to approve as amended was unanimously **carried**.

Chairman's Report

- ◆ Chairman Floyd gave an update on the status of the Blue Ribbon Commission and reported that CHE has requested proposals from two consultants to bid on the Request for Proposals (RFP). The Proposals are in two parts. Part I (the Blue Ribbon Commission), funded by the Foundation for Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), will be charged with setting the public agenda for higher education in South Carolina. The expected kickoff date is June 13. **Attachment I**
- ◆ The proposal is being considered by two independent consultants.
- ◆ After completion of Part 1, the governance study and an accountability study would then be undertaken, assisted by the independent consultant. The Blue Ribbon Commission's goals and agenda would be used both for the governance study and the accountability study.
- ◆ It is hoped that preliminary reports and discussion of outcomes and progress of all the groups would be available for the Commission retreat on October 3, 2003. Drafts of proposals would be discussed at that time. Any further revisions, etc. would be made by December in order to have a Commission vote by January, prior to the beginning of the 2004 legislative session.

Chairman Floyd distributed a *Summary of House Bill 3899* and explained that this is the breakaway bill the research universities have submitted. It (1) removes the three research universities from all CHE authority, (2) reduces the CHE membership to 13 by removing the research representatives from the commission; (3) creates the SC Research Oversight Council, with six of the nine members coming from boards of trustees of the research institutions (three would be at-large Legislative appointments). It defines the research institutions' missions, coordinates budget requests and allows research institutions to add grant-funded FTEs. The

complete summary is **Attachment II**. It also shifts staffing and support for Research Centers of Excellence Reviews Board from CHE to Council.

Commendation of Excellence in Campus Safety Awards were presented to: the University of South Carolina for their programs *Sexual Health & Violence Prevention Program* and *Campus Safety & Awareness Initiative*, Winthrop University for *Community Oriented Policing Model – COPS*, Presbyterian College for *Residence Life Program*.

3. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of the Executive Committee

(No Report)

3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

(No Report)

3.03 Report of the Committee on Student Services

- Ms. Sue Cole

A. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the Regulations for the Determination of Rates for Tuition and Fees

Ms. Cole explained that the Student Services Division is charged with providing technical assistance to residency officers throughout the public and private sector. After statewide meetings with residency officers, the Division undertook the task of updating the residency regulations. The regulation language has been incorporated to address: 1) the role that residency plays in the eligibility criteria of the State's tuition assistance/scholarship programs; 2) residency implications of the non-traditional family; and 3) time-line inferences that were open to interpretation with activity-based criteria. The regulations also added or modified several definitions including family domicile, full-time employment, guardian, parent, spouse, joint custody, loans and court ordered payment. The regulations were amended to include Coast Guard as part of the United States Armed Forces.

All of these amendments were approved by state residency officers.

On behalf of the Committee on Student Services, a **motion** was made (Coles), **seconded** (Byerly) and carried to approve the following recommendation:

The Student Services Committee recommends that the Commission on Higher Education approve the proposed amendments to the regulations for the Determination of Rates for Tuition and Fees. If approved, the amended regulation will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval under the Administrative Procedures Act.

3.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Ms. Rosemary Byerly

(No Report)

3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding

(No Report)

4. Report of the Interim Executive Director

Mr. Smalls reported on the recent Access & Equity conference held in Columbia. Ms. Cole, Ms. Chinnes and Ms. Oliver were all on the program. It was a good conference and well attended by Access & Equity officers in the state.

Today Dr. Woodfaulk will make a presentation on the state scholarship programs. Over the past five years, a number of merit-based scholarships have been established. In 1996 there was one merit-based scholarship, the Palmetto Fellows amounting to about \$400,000. Now there are four merit-based scholarships amounting to \$125 million. The Student Services Division coordinates these scholarships. Dr. Karen Woodfaulk made a presentation on the scholarship programs and the concerns created by gaps in available funding for South Carolina students. The illustrations and summary from that presentation is **Attachment IV**.

State Representative Harry Stille, Chairman of the Post-Secondary Sub-Committee, House Education and Public Works Committee was guest speaker and discussed his views on higher education today. He commended the Commission staff on the work they do and shared his views of higher education in South Carolina today. **Attachment V** is the draft data for a study undertaken to assess retention and graduation rates for public institutional cohorts, freshman admissions for public institutions, and institutional faculty dealing with faculty class loads and other faculty obligations. He emphasized that “Our goal is quality public higher education for those who pay the costs—the student, parent and taxpayer.”

5. Other Business

Dr. Griffith requested an executive session to discuss a personnel matter and asked the Directors to remain for this session. Following the executive session, the commissioners reconvened and, with no motion resulting from the executive session, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Gunter

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.