

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

held at

Coastal Carolina University

Wall Building Board Room

*Minutes of the Meeting*

March 10, 2004

10:30 a.m.

**Commission Members Present**

Dalton Floyd, Chairman  
Sue Cole  
Larry Durham  
Austin Gilbert  
James Konduros  
DeLoris Oliver  
Daniel Ravenel  
Roger Stevenson

**Commission Members Absent**

Rosemary Byerly  
Douglas Forbes  
John Griffith  
Vermelle Johnson  
Miles Loadholt  
Tom Olsen

**Staff Present**

Rita Allison  
Mike Brown  
Renea Eshleman  
Conrad Festa  
Charlie FitzSimons  
Betsy Gunter  
Nancy Healy  
Lynn Kelley  
Gail Morrison  
Mike Raley  
Julie Wahl  
Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

John Bellato  
Betty Boatwright  
Bill Bragdon  
Nolan Browning  
Julie Cohner  
Anthony Coyne  
Brandon Fee  
Marilyn Fore  
Fanny Hall  
Salley Horner  
Ron Ingle  
Karen Jones  
Star Kepner  
Mickey Lauria  
Scott Ludlow  
Dan Mahaffey  
David Massey  
Chris Mee  
Stephen Michaels  
David Murray  
Christine Smalls  
Dennis Smith  
Teresa Smith  
Don Tomasik  
Jonathan Trail  
James Werner

**Press Present**

None

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

## I. Introductions

Chairman Floyd called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and asked Dr. Lynn Kelly to introduce guests attending the meeting. After introductions, he expressed the appreciation of the Commission to Dr. Ingle and Coastal Carolina for hosting the Commission meeting and workshop today and the Safety Conference beginning tomorrow morning. He then introduced Dr. Ron Ingle, President of Coastal Carolina and asked him to speak.

Dr. Ingle welcomed everyone to Coastal Carolina and asked that they feel free to tour the campus and talk with the students. He expressed pride in the students here and felt the Commissioners would also be proud of the students and what they are accomplishing. Coastal Carolina and Horry-Georgetown Technical College work closely together on several programs at the present time and enjoy a good working relationship.

Dr. Ingle expressed appreciation to the Commission for all they do for the institutions and the state of South Carolina.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the meeting on February 4, 2004, were mailed out for review prior to the meeting. A **motion** was made (Durham), **seconded** (Oliver) and **carried** to approve the minutes as submitted.

## 3. Chairman's Report

- ◆ Chairman Floyd reported that the Access and Equity Conference is to be held March 24, 25 and 26 in Greenville at the Hilton Hotel. Michael Brown will distribute information on the conference and provide registration information.
- ◆ The workshop on the *Foundations for the Future* report will begin immediately following lunch.

## 4. Committee Reports

### 4.01 Report of the Executive Committee (No Report)

-Dalton B. Floyd

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

-Sue Cole

#### A. New Program Proposals

1. A.H.S., Emergency Medical Technology, Horry-Georgetown Tech
2. Center for Community Growth and Change, Clemson
3. Center for Optical Materials and Science and Engineering Technologies, Clemson

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing met on February 19, 2004. The three programs listed were studied and approved by the Committee and now are before the Commission for final approval. Full descriptions of these programs are found in

**Attachment I.** On behalf of the Committee, a **motion** (Cole) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve these programs.

**B. Consideration of Request for Initial Licensure to Recruit and Enroll SC Residents**

O.A., Automotive Collision/Refinishing with Industry Management and  
O.A., Automotive/Light Diesel with Industrial Management, Virginia  
College-Technical, Pelham, AL

**C. Consideration of Requests for Amendments to License**

1. B.S., Digital Entertainment and Game Design and B.S., Software Engineering Technology, ITT Technical Institute, Greenville (additional programs)
2. A.A.S., Therapeutic Massage,
3. A.A.S., Paralegal Studies,
4. A.A.S., Criminal Justice, and
5. A.A.S., Graphic Design, Miller-Motte Technical College, North Charleston (additional programs)

The programs and requests listed in **B** and **C** are considered together, having been approved by the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing on February 19, 2004. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Cole) was made, **seconded** (Oliver) and **carried**, to approve these programs as outlined in **Attachment II**.

**D. Consideration of Mission Statement Revisions**

1. Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
2. Trident Technical College
3. USC-Spartanburg

Changes in the above mission statements are all minor changes and are noted in **Attachment III**.

**Recommendation**

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve the revised mission statements for Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, Trident Technical College, and USC-Spartanburg.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing further recommends that the Commission delegate 1) to the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, authority to act on CHE's behalf in terms of approving substantive mission changes and 2) to the staff authority to act on CHE's behalf in approving non-substantive changes.

When asked to clarify the latter portion of the recommendation, Dr. Morrison explained that the large majority of the changes being made are simply wording changes. The Commission is being asked to delegate to the staff the authority to approve wording

changes and corrections. The institutions need to get these changes into their new catalogs and the Commission meetings may or may not conform to their printing schedules. This would expedite the process and allow the institutions to keep their catalogs up to date.

After brief discussion, a **motion** (Gilbert) was made and **seconded** (Ravenel) to amend the second part on the recommendation to read as follows:

*The Commission on Higher Education Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing further recommends that the Commission delegate to the Commission staff the authority to act on CHE's behalf in approving non-substantive changes, subject to Commission approval.*

The **motion** as amended was voted on and **carried** unanimously.

**E. Consideration of Annual Report on Advanced Placement Offerings for Course Acceptance Policies for FY 2003-04 (Attachment IV)**

**F. Consideration of Annual Report on Admissions Standards for First-Time Entering Freshmen, Fall 2002-03 (Attachment V)**

Items E and F are to be transmitted as official documents of the Commission to the House and Senate Education Committees and to the State Board of Education, so Commission approval is requested. This was stated as a **motion** by Ms. Cole, **seconded** by Mr. Ravenel and unanimously approved.

Dr. Morrison explained in detail about the Admissions Standard report for First-time Entering Freshmen report and its importance in conveying to high school students the admissions requirements of the four-year colleges and universities.

**G. Consideration of Improving Teacher Quality Grant Proposals, FY 2003-04 (Attachment VI)**

This is provided as an informational report, since the Commission authorized the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing to make awards on its behalf.

**4.03 Report of the Committee on Student Services** - Ms. Sue Cole  
(No Report)

**4.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities** - Ms. Rosemary Byerly  
(No Report)

**5. Report of the Executive Director** -Conrad Festa

The Life Sciences Bill is still under discussion and consideration in the legislature, and the Commission staff continues discussions with legislators on an ongoing basis. A lot of work has been done planning the work shop on the *Foundations for the Future* report this afternoon and a wide variety of constituencies are expected to be present for this discussion. The presidents have been very responsive and interested in moving forward, particularly with the accountability issues involved. Legislation has been crafted by the Commission staff and

offered as a proposal to the presidents. There have been discussions about this; and a meeting of the presidents will be called in the next three weeks if possible.

### **Legislative Update**

**-Rita Allison**

Copies of current legislation were provided and the following are of note:

- ◆ The Senate Education Committee confirmed the appointments of Austin Gilbert and Doug Forbes.
- ◆ The Life Sciences Bill (including four-year USC Sumter; four-year culinary school in Trident Tech; Venture capital; ½ % bond and LIFE Scholarship changes) was reported favorably from the conference committee. The Governor requested a copy of CHE's resolution during his preparation of his decision whether or not to veto.
- ◆ Several amendments were added by the Commission on Higher Education to the Pathways to Prosperity legislation: seat for Executive Director of CHE; articulation language for CHE to develop plan.
- ◆ The budget is the main point of concern right now in the House. A copy of what was presented by the House Ways and Means. The CHE overall received about 2.5% increase, but at the same time there was a 15% reduction in travel, telephone and this is pretty much true across the institutions as well. There was \$300,000 additional for EpScoR that helps with the federal match. There was also extra money for SREB.
- ◆ Under the Higher Education Tuition Grants there was a 5.7% increase. They also got a reduction, as everyone did, in travel and telephone, but it did not affect the grants. In fact there was an additional \$1 million in lottery funds.
- ◆ The Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education received a .64% increase for Pathways. if it passes, since Pathways is a part of the Technical College System.
- ◆ Under the Lottery, our need-based grants received an additional \$10 million and all higher education institutions received an additional \$2 million for technology.

Charlie added that under SREB, where the opportunity for veterinarians to attend schools in other states is provided, it appears there may be funding for five additional slots for SC students to attend schools in Louisiana.

Mr. Floyd asked if there was anything in the budget specifically for the Virtual Library to which Ms. Allison responded that there was not at this time. Dr. Festa added that we had been unable to gain funding for that project, but there are other strategies under development to attempt to gain support.

Mr. Konduros expressed concern that there was not institutional support for this project in that they consider this a problem to be dealt with when the state has the money to do so.

Mr. Floyd mentioned that before the study and the governance changes that the institutions appeared willing to find some money somewhere to help with this library project. (\$6 million from lottery funds was provided to the institutions for technology). He asked if there was some discussion last year of looking at some collaborative efforts on the part of the institutions?

Mr. FitzSimons related our efforts in taking a proposal to the Council of Presidents enlisting their help. The Council of Presidents responded with an alternative proposal – their preference being to request special funding for the project, since they have pressing technology issues on their own

campuses and need to use technology funds for other purposes. South Carolina remains the only state who does not have an electronic library system in place.

Mr. Ravenel pointed out that the funds went to the teaching sector institutions and it was their feeling that they should not be the only ones to support the project. They were willing to put in their share, as would the technical colleges. Unfortunately the conversations never materialized.

Mr. Floyd suggested that this be pursued as a top priority. Mr. Gilbert suggested that there be a small focus group to communicate with the institutions and legislative representatives to promote this project and asked that Mr. Konduros chair a group consisting of himself, Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Ravenel to work on a proposal very quickly and get it presented during this legislative session.

Dr. Morrison reassured the commissioners that qualified people were already in place to do things like negotiate software contracts, data bases, etc. already being paid for by the institutions and could be channeled through the Commission.

## **6. Other Business**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Betsy Gunter*

Recording Secretary

### Attachments I-VI

\*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.