

**Minutes of
HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
October 2, 2007 (Third Meeting), 3:00 p.m.
SC Commission on Higher Education Offices
Columbia, South Carolina**

In attendance:

Study Committee Members Present

Mr. Daniel Ravenel, *Chair*
Mr. J. Boone Aiken, III
Col. Claude Eichelberger
Representative Jerry Govan
Dr. Doris R. Helms
Mr. Scott Ludlow
Dr. John Montgomery
Mr. Robert W. Marlowe

Study Committee Members Absent

Dr. Layton McCurdy

CHE Staff

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Ms. Alyson Goff
Mr. Gary Glenn
Dr. Gail Morrison
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Ms. Karen Wham
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests:

Ms. Joren Bartlett, S.C. Technical College System
Mr. Jim Byrd, S.C. Independent Colleges and Universities
Mr. Daniel Dukes, College of Charleston and Francis Marion University
Ms. Karen Jones, Winthrop University
Ms. Julie Lybrand, House Education & Public Works Committee
Ms. Beth McGinnis, Clemson University
Ms. Lisa McGill, MUSC
Ms. Shirley Mills, USC
Ms. Robin Moseley, Senate Education Committee
Mr. Craig Parks, Senate Finance Committee
Mr. Eddie Shannon, S.C. Tuition Grants
Mr. Dewitt Zemp, Winthrop University

Agenda Item 1, Call to Order and Introductions: Mr. Daniel Ravenel called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. The guests and the Commission on Higher Education staff introduced themselves.

Agenda Item 2, Consideration of Minutes of the September 20, 2007, Meeting: The minutes from the September 20 meeting were approved.

Agenda Item 3, Discussion of Goals and Advisory Groups

A decision was made to limit the size of each advisory group to 6 - 8 people and that each Higher Education Study Committee (HESC) member would serve on two advisory groups. Mr. Ravenel will consult with Dr. McCurdy about his selection of a second group. A suggestion was made to merge the Funding and Institutional Cost group and the Buildings, Facilities, and Information Technology group due to their similarity in nature. It was decided they would not be combined

but would conduct joint meetings. Advisory group assignments made at the previous meeting held on September 20 were adjusted. Current assignments are reflected as listed in the table below. The first person listed for each group will serve as that group's chairman.

1) Organization and Plan Implementation	Marlowe, Helms, Eichelberger
2) Institutional Missions and Academic Programs and Planning	Helms, Aiken, Govan
3) Enrollment	McCurdy, Marlowe
4) Funding and Institutional Cost	Ludlow, Montgomery
5) Buildings, Facilities, and Information Technology	Montgomery, Ludlow, Eichelberger
6) Scholarships and Grants	Govan, Aiken

Discussion followed about recruiting additional people to serve on each group. It was noted that the groups should include strong representation from outside of higher education institutions. Dr. Walters agreed to ensure notices were sent to institutions as well as various businesses within the state soliciting volunteers for this purpose. The chairman of each advisory group will be responsible for deciding who is chosen. Any appeals will be brought back to the Committee.

Dr. Walters briefly reviewed the three goals in the Action Plan developed by the CHE which had been distributed to the HESC previously. A roundtable discussion about focus and composition of goals for a statewide higher education plan followed, after which the group reached the general consensus that the Action Plan's three goals were a good basis upon which to build their plan. The unknown percentages expressed in the Action Plan goals would be determined as the advisory groups' work progresses.

Chairman Ravenel noted that a significant portion of the day's conversation revolved around economic needs of the state as related to higher education and noted there was no person directly involved in this regard on the HESC. Dr. Walters volunteered to continue to try to make arrangements for George Fletcher of New Carolina to present to the group. He also stated that a copy of New Carolina's strategic plan for South Carolina would be sent to them.

Chairman Ravenel stated that consideration of goals would be continued at the group's next meeting on October 22, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. He asked that members begin recruiting additional people to their respective groups, and that they attempt to meet with each other and begin developing their processes prior to the October 22 meeting. Also, a copy of each mission statement for the state's public institutions will be sent to HESC members prior to the next meeting.

Agenda Item 4, Other Business: Representative Govan emphasized that the state has a basic responsibility to support higher education. He noted that the role of the Committee is important to the state and future generations and the General Assembly needs to do much more to ensure that institutions have adequate public funding to accomplish their missions.

Agenda Item 5, Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.