

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
Large Conference Room
1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201

Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services
Minutes of the Meeting
April 6, 2006
10:30a.m.

Commission Members Present

Mr. Dan Ravenel, Committee Chairman
Dr. Bettie Horne
Ms. Rosemary Byerly
Mr. James Konduros

Commissioners Members Absent

Ms. Cynthia Mosteller

Staff Present

Dr. Karen Woodfaulk
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Camille Brown
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Angie Enlow
Ms. Sybil Gibbs
Ms. Sherry Hubbard
Ms. Yolanda Hudson
Ms. Tajuana Massie
Ms. Rae McPherson
Ms. Sandra Rhyne
Ms. Jocelyn Ross
Mr. Jimmie Ruff
Ms. Laverne Sanders
Ms. Melissa Santilli
Ms. Virginia Winfrey

1. **Approval of Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Ravenel. Chairman Ravenel asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2006 meeting. The **motion** was made (Commissioner Rosemary Byerly), **seconded** (Commissioner Bettie Horne) and **carried** to approve the minutes as written.

2. **Scholarships and Grants Report**

Dr. Karen Woodfaulk stated that the Commission is ready to disseminate the Scholarships and Grants Report to the Financial Aid Officers in the State. She said the Financial Aid Officers would review the details of the Model being proposed by the Committee and discuss any statewide or institutional issues they may have. Chairman Ravenel added that we should ask the Officers to give the impact that the proposed model would have on each institution. Mr. Ravenel scheduled a meeting on the afternoon of June 1st (at the conclusion of the Commission meeting) to discuss the Model with the financial aid officers

3. **CERRA and Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers: Report Date**

Chairman Ravenel asked whether the Committee was in the position to ask the right questions about the Teacher Education Programs. Dr. Horne stated that she received the answers to her questions from CERRA. However, she did not receive the answers to her questions from South Carolina State University regarding SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (PRRMT). Dr. Woodfaulk explained that she informed South Carolina State University that the questions posed by Dr. Horne needed to be answered. She said Dr. Mary Cheeseboro contacted Dr. Horne regarding her report. Commissioner Horne indicated that she had been contacted by Dr. Cheeseboro. Dr. Woodfaulk said that the Commission was ready to proceed in May. Chairman Ravenel stated that the Commission needs to be ready with the questions and would like for Dr. Woodfaulk and Commissioner Horne to have them ready. Dr. Woodfaulk said CERRA is ready and would like to forward them to the Committee. She said that she will ask South Carolina State University to answer the questions that were sent to them. Chairman Ravenel said he would like to give them the opportunity and time to answer the questions and that a date will need to be scheduled. Commissioner Zais asked if the program is not approved what will happen. Dr. Woodfaulk replied that the Committee could make recommendations for a different kind of program. Dr. Zais added that clear recommendations have not been forwarded to the legislators. The Committee agreed to meet May 4th in the afternoon of the Commission meeting.

4. **Other Business**

Dr. Woodfaulk announced that the Access and Equity Conference would be held on April 19-20, 2006. Chairman Ravenel said he will introduce the South Carolina State University President at the Conference. Chairman Ravenel encouraged all of the Committee members to attend.

Dr. Woodfaulk informed the Committee that the South Carolina's National Scholarship Day will be on May 24th at 9:30 a.m. in the Rotunda of the State House. She said recipients of the Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, and South Carolina HOPE Scholarships are invited to attend and share their appreciation to the legislators and other invited guests for their Scholarships. She stated that staff is promoting a letter writing campaign during May where scholarship recipients write letters of thanks to their legislators. She also added that the legislators and Commissioners are invited to attend.

Dr. Woodfaulk shared a handout of information on the Lumina Foundation. She added that this was great information on financial aid.

The next meeting will be on May 4, 2006. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laverne Sanders