

**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
AND LICENSING**

Minutes of Special Committee Meeting of January 9, 2003

Members present

Ms. Dianne Chinnes
Ms. Sue Cole
Dr. John Griffith
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Mr. Miles Loadholt
Ms. DeLoris Oliver
Dr. Roger Stevenson

Guests present

Dr. James Arrington, S.C. State
Mr. Bill Bragdon, USC-Columbia
Dr. Dianne Brandstadter, SCTCS
Dr. Richard Chapman, Francis Marion
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC-Sumter
Dr. Anthony DiGiorgio, Winthrop University
Mr. David Fleming, Clemson University
Mr. Dalton Floyd, Chair, CHE
Ms. Linda Floyd, Guest
Dr. Gary Hanson, Francis Marion
Dr. Hugh Haynsworth, College of Charleston
Mr. Curt Holland, The Citadel
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University
Ms. Karen Jones, Winthrop University
Mr. Rick Kelly, USC-Columbia
Ms. Star Kepner, USC-Sumter
Ms. Dorcas Kitchings, Midlands Tech
Mr. Gary McCombs, College of Charleston
Dr. Anne McNutt, Tech. College of the Lowcountry
Mr. J.P. McKee, Winthrop University
Dr. Spike Metts, The Citadel
Dr. James Mingle, via teleconference, Chair, TGP
Dr. James Myers, S.C. State University
Mr. Tim O'Dell, Florence-Darlington Tech
Ms. Jackie Olsen, Guest
Dr. Kemble Oliver, Budget & Control Board
Mr. Charles Parker, Midlands Tech
Dr. Jacqueline Shubal, Denmark Tech

Staff present

Dr. Rayburn Barton
Ms. JoAnn Biga
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Ms. Bichevia Green
Dr. Nancy Healy
Ms. KaTina Johnson
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Mr. Alan Krech
Dr. David Loope
Dr. Gail Morrison
Dr. Mike Raley
Mr. John Smalls
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Ms. Edna Strange
Ms. Julie Wahl
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Dr. Christopher Starr, College of Charleston
Ms. Angie Steel, USC-Aiken
Dr. John Stockwell, USC-Spartanburg
Dr. Rita Teal, S.C. State University
Mr. Jonathan Trail, USC-Spartanburg
Mr. Patrick Wamsley, MUSC
Mr. Richard Wells, Aiken Tech

Ms. Chinnes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and announced that the meeting was being held in compliance with the State's Freedom of Information Act.

1. Consideration of Technology Grant Program Awards, FY 2002-03

Ms. Chinnes introduced the item stating that in accord with the legislation creating the Technology Grant Program, it stipulated that the Commission administer a competitive grants program for the ten four-year institutions. Ms. Chinnes stated that the Commission expects to distribute **\$10.5 million¹**. Ms. Chinnes stated that with input from the institutions, Commission staff drafted the *Technology Grants Program Guidelines*. The staff of the Commission selected and assembled a review panel composed of seven persons with diverse areas of expertise in the field of educational technology who reviewed 19 proposals totaling over \$15 million. Ms. Chinnes stated that the Review Panel recommended 12 of the 19 proposals submitted for funding totaling \$9,049,000. Ms. Chinnes then called on Dr. Morrison to give a brief update on the Commission staff recommendation for the remaining funds. Dr. Morrison passed out an addendum to the staff's original recommendation. She stated that the funds requested in the proposals recommended by the Review Panel totaled less than the amount authorized for distribution by the General Assembly. Dr. Morrison stated that the staff suggests that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommend allocating the uncommitted funds remaining of **\$1,438,885²** to each of the four-year teaching institution based on its share of the MRR as shown on **Attachment 2** after the recommended twelve proposals are funded and consultant expenses are paid. Approval was **moved** (Cole) and **seconded** (Johnson).

Ms. Chinnes then called on Dr. Mingle, chair of the Technology Review Panel, to give a brief presentation. Dr. Mingle stated that the Review Panel was an excellent team to work with. As the former Executive Director of the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) Group, Dr. Mingle stated that his office represented the statewide coordinating and governing boards. He went on to say

¹ As of Friday, January 17, 2003, the Commission was informed that for the four-year institutions, the expected amount is larger than the \$10.5 million on which the calculations for a distribution of unexpended funds was originally based. The figures have been recalculated and a **revised distribution amount** is shown on Attachment 2.

² As of Friday, January 17, 2003, the recalculated total amount of uncommitted funds remaining is \$1,734,635. This amount is shown on Attachment 2.

that over the past five years, he has served as a consultant for several technology related projects, statewide, and system-wide plans for several states. Dr. Mingle stated that the Review Panel took its responsibility very seriously and evaluated all 19 proposals against criteria outlined in the proposals. He stated that the Review Panel went through a very rigorous debate and exercise process in a formal way in order to rate the proposals and make some constructive comments on the proposals recommended for funding. Dr. Mingle stated that the Review Panel recommended 12 proposals for funding. In responding to the quality of the first five proposals recommended for funding, the Panel was of the opinion that these five should be fully funded to assure their implementation. Dr. Mingle stated that the panel also agreed that the next seven proposals should be recommended for funding in the order in which they were ranked.

Ms. Chinnes then called on Dr. DiGiorgio to give a brief presentation. Dr. DiGiorgio stated that on behalf of the Council of College and University Presidents, he is enlisting the aid of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing and the Commission in an effort to modify the legislation related to the distribution methodology of funds appropriated for technology to the four-year institutions. Dr. DiGiorgio stated that the Council has the support of the technical and research sectors. He stated that the four-year colleges and universities have significant and substantial needs for technology on campus. Dr. DiGiorgio stated that the colleges and universities have been fortunate to have technological updates on their campuses due in large part to student fees. He went on to say that whereas the current legislation calls for a grant application and awards process to be administered by the Commission, the Council of College and University Presidents is seeking a distribution methodology that recognizes the commonality of the institutions' continuing technology infrastructure needs and the impact of varying enrollments on the colleges' and universities' ability to meet those needs. Dr. DiGiorgio stated that all ten presidents of the four-year colleges and universities have unanimously agreed to petition the General Assembly to change the law from a grants program to a distribution process for the institutions that would work as follows: 35% of available dollars allocated equally among sector institutions with the remaining 65% prorated among institutions relative to total FTE enrollment in the previous academic year. Dr. DiGiorgio then passed out a document that has been developed around which the legislation would be drafted. He asked that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing and the Commission review this document and join as a partner in having this legislation changed.

Mr. Floyd then asked Dr. DiGiorgio to comment on the electronic library. Dr. DiGiorgio stated that the Higher Education for Higher Purposes Committee has agreed that the electronic library is the number one funding priority for all the institutions as they move forward into the new legislative session.

Dr. Morrison stated that the technical college system is working with some of the four-year colleges and has developed an RFP using some of their funds towards developing a new library management software system. Ideally, all those participating will be on the same system. Dr. Morrison stated that South Carolina

has had access to the Georgia's electronic virtual library through its participation in the Southern Regional Electronic Campus. However, she stated that Georgia has discontinued widespread participation because of the development of electronic libraries with electronic databases by other states.

Dr. Stevenson inquired as to whether or not the remaining funds could be used to support an electronic library. Dr. Barton stated that the budget for the electronic library is \$5 million, and while any remaining funds used to support the electronic library would be helpful, it is not enough to fund the entire project.

Without further discussion, the Committee **voted to commend favorably** to the Commission the recommendation of the Review Panel for the awarding of funds to 12 proposals as displayed on **Attachment 1**, in the order in which the proposals were ranked and as lottery funds become available. The staff further suggests that the Committee recommend allocating the uncommitted funds remaining **(\$1,438,885³)** (after the recommended twelve proposals are funded and consultant expenses are paid) to each four-year teaching institution based on its share of the MRR as shown on **Attachment 2**. These funds are to be used for technology, preferably for an expansion of the funded proposal(s) or for support of the developing electronic library, with a report to be submitted to CHE on these expenditures by January 30, 2004.

There being no other business, Ms. Chinnes adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KaTina Johnson

³ See Notes 1 and 2 on page 1.

**List of Proposals Recommended for Funding by the Technology Review Panel
(TGP)**

INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION	NAME OF PROPOSAL	AMOUNT
Coastal Carolina	“Enhancing Interactivity in Teaching and Learning Beyond the Classroom”	\$797,100
S.C. State University	“Expanding the Use of Technology in Teaching and Management”	\$1,066,300
The Citadel	“Expanding Multimedia Resources to Improve Teaching and Learning at The Citadel”	\$498,500
The Citadel	“ Integrated Library Management System”	\$150,000
USC-Beaufort	“Network Infrastructure to Support Increased Technology Use”	\$623,700
USC-Aiken	“Ubiquitous Campus Computing”	\$798,000
Lander University	“Enhancing Student Learning via Technology Improvements at Lander University”	\$550,000
USC-Spartanburg	“Campus Networked Computing Infrastructure Upgrades”	\$1,183,000
College of Charleston	“Building Learning Communities”	\$998,000
Winthrop University	“Technology Replacement/Upgrades”	\$854,400
Francis Marion University	“Enhancement of University-Wide Teaching and Learning Through Discipline Specific Technology Enhancements”	\$799,600
Coastal Carolina	“Reaching Students Through Distance Learning”	\$730,400

Recommendation for Technology Grants Program	
The total of \$1,734,635 available for distribution is derived as follows:	
A. Amount authorized by legislation	\$10,795,750
B. Amount recommended for 12 awards by TGP Review Panel	\$9,049,000
C. Amount expended for Review Panel	12,115
D. Total amount of funds committed (B plus C)	<u>9,061,115</u>
E. Total Uncommitted Funds Remaining (A minus D)	\$1,734,635

Using the MRR allocation strategy, funds would be distributed to the ten teaching universities as follows:

The Citadel	\$140,092
Coastal Carolina Univ.	172,055
Coll. Of Charleston	331,862
Francis Marion Univ.	152,750
Lander Univ.	121,829
S.C. State Univ.	208,803
U.S.C.-Beaufort	33,479
U.S.C.-Aiken	140,012
U.S.C.-Spartanburg	166,936
Winthrop Univ.	<u>266,817</u>