

**South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
Access & Equity and Student Services Committee
Minutes of the Meeting**

**Main Conference Room
Thursday, October 10, 2013
2:30 p.m.**

Members Present

Mr. Hood Temple, Chair
Ms. Elizabeth Jackson
Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Dr. Jennifer B. Settlemyer

Members Absent

Ms. Leah Moody

Staff Present

Dr. Karen Woodfaulk
Ms. Elizabeth Caulder
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Mr. Gerrick Hampton
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Ms. Vickie Pratt
Ms. Laverne Sanders
Ms. Peggy Simons
Ms. Catherine Team
Ms. Leslie Williams

Guests

Ms. Reinell A. Thomas-Myers, Program Manager
SC Program for the Recruitment & Retention of
Minority Teachers

Dr. Charlie G. Spell, Interim Chair
College of Education, Humanities & Social Sciences
SC State University

Dr. Leonard McIntyre, Interim Dean
College of Education, Humanities & Social Sciences
SC State University

Ms. Nancy Jeter
SC Program for the Recruitment & Retention of
Minority Teachers

1. Introduction and Approval of Minutes -Mr. Hood Temple

Mr. Hood Temple called the meeting to order. Introductions were made by all in attendance. Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer **motioned** that the minutes of the August 27, 2013 meeting be approved, and the motion was **seconded** by Ms. Elizabeth Jackson. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Consideration of FY 2012-2013 Annual Reports and Appropriation Request for FY2014-2015 for EIA Funded Teacher Recruitment Project: -Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

SC Program for the Recruitment & Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT) -Ms. Reinell A. Thomas-Myers

Ms. Reinell Thomas-Myers provided a PowerPoint presentation about the SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT) program. The presentation included profiles of success from some graduates of the program. She also shared a letter that she received from one of the graduates expressing gratification and recognition that if it was not for the program she would have not been able to become a teacher. Mr. Temple stated that the students' stories are compelling. He said it is very exciting to see the inspiration of the graduates who have completed the program. Mr.

Temple stated that he would like to have the success stories shared with the full Commission prior to the next Commission meeting.

Ms. Thomas-Myers stated that the SC State University's staff met with Mr. Temple and Dr. Woodfaulk in August and has also met with Dr. Woodfaulk since the last Committee meeting. She said the meetings were held to discuss the concerns that were shared during the August 27, 2014 Access & Equity and Student Services Committee meeting. Ms. Thomas-Myers said the Committee identified four concerns at the previous committee meeting: 1) cost per student; 2) cost per site; 3) how SC-PRRMT could increase enrollment; and 4) how can SC-PRRMT expand beyond the geographical area that is currently being served. Ms. Thomas-Myers stated the Committee wanted to know how the program would be expanded. She explained that the plan is to increase enrollment in the Midlands, the Pee Dee and the Piedmont areas. She said expansion in these areas will increase enrollment and that the expansion will increase the number of graduates. She stated that the cost analysis per student for the fall of 2013-2014 was \$3,706.42 and the cost analysis for spring 2014 is \$2,146.25. Ms. Thomas-Myers explained that the projected cost analysis amount for the additional sites is \$31,122.82. She provided details about the courses that would be instructed for spring 2014. Mr. Temple asked if these courses are re-teaching the basics. Ms. Thomas-Myers explained that they are regular (standard, non-remedial) courses.

Ms. Thomas-Myers stated that the recruitment and expansion activities for Fall 2013 – Spring 2018 will remain ongoing. She stated that SC-PRRMT plans to enroll 40 students in 2013-2014, 60 students in 2014-2015, 80 students in 2015-2016, 100 students in 2016-2017 and 120 students in 2017-2018. Mr. Temple asked if these projections were realistic and attainable. Dr. Woodfaulk stated that SC-PRRMT proposes to build up the expansion in yearly increments of 20 students per year. Mr. Temple asked how the number of graduates would be maintained. Ms. Thomas-Myers replied that SC-PRRMT is increasing the site locations and this will increase the program participants. Mr. Temple asked if the current funding level is attainable for the program or will the funding level have to change. Ms. Thomas-Myers replied that this year SC-PRRMT is requesting level funding of \$339,482 for 2014-15. She stated that SC State University will absorb the cost for the Administrative Specialist I position and this will provide a savings to SC-PRRMT. Ms. Thomas-Myers said that additional funding would be needed to expand the program and to add additional sites in 2015-2016. Mr. Temple inquired if there is a set cost per site. Mr. Charlie Spell, Interim Chair, SC State University, stated that the program will need facilities and the use of other delivery methods such as video conferencing, telephone, etc. to serve as face to face.

Mr. Temple asked the Committee members if there were any questions or concerns. Dr. Settlemyer asked how the program would be funded if there is growth. Dr. Woodfaulk replied that a request for additional funding would have to be made to the SC General Assembly.

Dr. Woodfaulk commended to the Access & Equity and Student Services Committee the staff approval of the 2014-15 appropriation requests for level funding of \$339,482 and a recommendation that the SC-PRRMT program be placed on a conditional basis. The recommendation that SC-PRRMT provide a report that includes the number of graduates, projected sites and other relevant data to be submitted in June 2014.

Mr. Temple asked for a **motion** to consider SC-PRRMT's FY 2014-15 budget request. Dr. Settlemyer **motioned** to consider SC-PRRMT budget request and Ms. Jackson **seconded**.

Mr. Temple stated that a probationary status was previously discussed and the program would be placed on conditional approval. He said the conditional approval meant that there are concerns about the progress of this program. He stated that SC-PRRMT is a valuable program and it is the Committee's desire that the goals of the program are achieved.

Mr. Temple call for a vote for the **motion** and the motion **carried**. Dr. Woodfaulk stated that the appropriation request will move forward to the full Commission on November 7, 2013.

3. Other Business

With no further business, Mr. Temple adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laverne Sanders
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Recording Secretary