

**Advisory Committee on Academic Programs
Minutes of October 11, 2007**

Members Present

Dr. Gail Morrison, Chair
Dr. Richard Chapman, Francis Marion
Dr. Melissa Denardo, Aiken Tech
Dr. Ron Drayton, Midlands Tech
Dr. Sam Hines, The Citadel
Dr. Elise Jorgens, College of Charleston
Dr. Suzanne Ozment, USC-Aiken
Dr. Blanche Premo-Hokins, USC-Beaufort

Guests Representing Members

Dr. Marsha Dowell, USC-Upstate
Dr. Frederick Evans, SC State
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson
Dr. Karen Jones, Winthrop
Dr. Colleen Lohr, Coastal Carolina
Ms. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College
System
Dr. Aileen Trainer, USC-Columbia

Guests

Ms. Dee Appleby, SDE
Mr. Jack Bagwell, York Tech
Mr. Bill Bradberry, SC Technical college
System
Dr. Jim Bryant, State CIO
Dr. Bob Cape, College of Charleston
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC-Sumter
Dr. Julie Eggert, Clemson
Dr. Jacquie Fraser, USC-Columbia
Mr. Mike Hammond, Orangeburg Tech
Dr. Gregory Hand, USC-Columbia
Dr. Peggy Hewlett, SC Council of Nursing
Deans and Directors
Ms. Kathy Hoellen, Clemson
Dr. Robert Knight, Midlands Tech
Dr. Dan Koenig, Piedmont Tech
Dr. Barbara Koons-Witt, USC-Columbia

Staff Present

Dr. Tini Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. JoAnne Biga
Ms. Renea Eshelman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Ms. Lane Jeselnik
Mr. Clint Mullins
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. De'Nitra Reese

Ms. Vicky Maloney, Central Carolina Tech
Dr. Mary Mauldin, MUSC
Ms. Shirley MaCandless, State CIO
Dr. Spike Metts, The Citadel
Mr. Richard Nelson, The Citadel
Ms. Susan Outen, SC Hospital Association
Dr. Rebecca Pruitt, Clemson
Ms. Rebecca Rivas, Orangeburg Calhoun
Tech
Mr. Mark Roseveare, Spartanburg Tech
Dr. Michael Smith, USC-Columbia
Ms. Michelle Smith, Trident Tech
Dr. Carolyn Stewart, York Tech
Mr. Khushru Tata, SC Technical College
System
Dr. Diane Thomas, Greenville Tech
Dr. Meta Van-Sicke, College of Charleston
Mr. Jim Walker, SC Hospital Association
Dr. Fran Welch, College of Charleston
Mr. Lamar Youngier, Florence-Darlington
Tech

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Dr. Morrison who asked each person at the table to introduce themselves. She then introduced representatives of Blackboard to present information about their product and its role in South Carolina public higher education. She stated that the meeting offered an opportunity to ask questions directly to the representatives and stated that there will not be any decisions any statewide purchase agreement.

1. Blackboard Presentation

Ms. Naughton stated that the purpose of the presentation is to explore new functionalities that the Blackboard system can provide. She said Blackboard wanted to get some idea of what the institutions would like to have on their campuses. There were some discussions about the functionalities that are currently in place on campuses, including course management and student identification cards. Ms. Naughton stated that Blackboard is beginning to incorporate student engagement, accountability, funding, and campus management into its product.

Dr. Jim Bryant, the State CIO, stated that South Carolina does not do contracting. He stated that the current contract for E-Learning will end this year. He wants the new contract to be purchased in bulk in order to lower cost. Dr. Bryant suggested that the state should take the “economics of scale” approach when deciding the next statewide contract. This approach would allow a contract that will be suitable for all stakeholders. The will allow four-year institutions, two-year institutions, technical colleges, and the k-12 system to decided in the contract. Dr. Morrison stated that Dr. Walters wanted a small committee formed of potential users to discuss functions of possible state contracts with Blackboard or other companies. Dr. Morrison asked that those interested in serving on such a committee contact her within two days.

2. Minutes

Dr. Morrison requested that a motion be made to accept the Minutes of July 25, 2007, as distributed. Dr. Gregg stated that three corrections should be made to the minutes on page 7. The motion was **moved** (Premo-Hopkins) and **seconded** (Jorgens), and the Committee **voted unanimously to accept the Minutes as amended.**

3. Consideration Of Program Planning Summaries

a. A.H.S., Emergency Medical Technology, Midlands Technical College (new)

Dr. Drayton introduced the program planning summary. Approval was **moved** (Drayton) and **seconded** (Denardo) to accept the program planning summary. Without any discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the planning summary for Midlands Technical College to develop a program leading to the A.H.S. degree with a major in Emergency Medical Technology, to be implemented in Summer 2008.

b. B.A. and B.S., Public Health, USC-Columbia (new)

Dr. Trainer introduced the program planning summary. Approval was **moved** (Trainer) and **seconded** (Premo-Hopkins) to accept the program planning summary. Dr. Jackson stated that Clemson has this type of degree but the program title is different. Dr. Jackson added that the program has had great growth and USC-Columbia should expect the same kind of growth. Without any further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the planning summary for USC-Columbia to develop a program leading to the B.A. and B.S. degrees with a major in Public Health, to be implemented in Fall 2008.

c. B.S., Secondary Education, College of Charleston (new)

Dr. Jorgens introduced the program planning summary. Approval was **moved** (Jorgens) and **seconded** (Chapman) to accept the program planning summary. Dr. Hines stated that The Citadel does not have any objections to the implementation of this program. Dr. Morrison inquired about the total number of hours required to earn the degree. Dr. Welch stated that students will be required to have 124-128 hours. She also added that this is not a five-year program. A student taking the program will receive a double major and cannot major in this proposed program without giving a “substantive” major. Without any further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the planning summary for College of Charleston to develop a program leading to the B.S. degree with a major in Secondary Education, to be implemented in Fall 2008.

6. Consideration of New Program Proposals

a. Ph.D., Criminology and Criminal Justice, USC-Columbia (new)

Dr. Trainer introduced the new program proposal. Approval was **moved** (Trainer) and **seconded** (Jackson) to accept the new program proposal. Dr. Premo-Hopkins asked if the

program will require the use of faculty from other academic departments. Dr. Trainer replied that all faculty will come from the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Raley asked Dr. Trainer to explain the moving of the assistantship from the masters program to the Ph.D. program will affect the masters program. Dr. Trainer responded that the masters program will be smaller and the emphasis will be moved to the Ph.D. program. She added that assistantships will flow from the masters program to the Ph.D. program. In response to Dr. Morrison's question, Dr. Trainer stated that USC-Columbia does not plan to discontinue the masters program. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the new program proposal for USC-Columbia to offer a program leading to the Ph.D. degree with a major in Criminology and Criminal Justice, to be implemented in January 2008.

b. Ph.D., Healthcare Genetics, Clemson (new)

Dr. Jackson introduced the new program proposal. Approval was **moved** (Jackson) and **seconded** (Trainer) to accept the new program proposal. Dr. Trainer explained that the program is being brought forward to ACAP again with a different title and CIP Code. Dr. Trainer stated that USC-Columbia supports this program and has a masters program that can be a feeder for this proposed program. Dr. Kelley inquired on the number of anticipated graduation numbers. Dr. Jackson replied that Clemson expects those students enrolled to graduate. Dr. Kelley noted that the proposal does not mention any other Healthcare Genetics programs which might exist in the United States. Dr. Jackson responded that there are no other interdisciplinary Healthcare Genetics programs in the nation. Dr. Kelley stated that there are two programs in Nursing Genetics and asked if Clemson consulted any other schools in the southeast that may have similar programs. Dr. Jackson stated that Emory University has a similar program but has limited focus on genetics. Dr. Kelley asked if the proposal was correct in stating that there will be no new faculty in the first five years. Dr. Jackson stated that the proposal is correct and that Clemson will be replacing faculty and there will be no new net number of faculty. Dr. Morrison stated that the current Commissioners are interested in the in-state student versus the out-of-state student enrollments. She stated that most graduate students are from out-of-state and leave the state once they earn a degree. Dr. Morrison suggested, therefore, that Clemson be prepared to discuss job opportunities available upon completion of this degree. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the new program proposal for Clemson to offer a program leading to the Ph.D. degree with a major in Healthcare Genetics, to be implemented in Fall of 2008.

7. Discussion Paper on S.C. Critical Needs Nursing Initiative Act

Dr. Morrison introduced this item. Dr. Morrison stated that \$1,000,000 has been allocated for nursing faculty. She added that the distribution of these funds has become complicated. She said that a benchmark for faculty salaries should be established. Dr. Morrison also stated that the proviso should be changed so the next distribution of funds will be based on more definite priorities.

Dr. Hewlett, Chairperson of Nursing Deans and Directors Council, stated that her group have a few concerns. She stated that the legislation was a collaboration between the deans, hospitals, and other partners. She added that there is not a state-wide workforce nursing plan to

respond to upcoming changes. She stated that faculty shortage is the key issue and the funding should be focused in that area.

Mr. Jim Walker of South Carolina Hospital Association stated that he would provide information on salary data. He added that the South Carolina Hospital Association receives most of its data from the Department of Labor. In response to a question from Dr. Lundquist about the devotion of funding under the proviso, Dr. Morrison stated that the nursing proviso was written for a one-year period, but that the funding under it was recurring.

8. Annual Report on Academic Common Market, FY 2006-07

This item was presented as information only and there was no discussion.

9. Notifications of Program Changes and Terminations

This item was presented as information only and there was no discussion.

10. Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

De'Nitra Reese