

**Advisory Committee on Academic Programs
Minutes of March 14, 2006**

Members Present

Dr. Gail Morrison, Chair
Dr. Reginald Avery, USC-Upstate
Dr. Peter Barr, Coastal Carolina
Dr. Richard Chapman, Francis Marion
Dr. Cheryl Cox, SC Tech College System
Dr. Ronald Drayton, Midlands Tech
Dr. Doris Helms, Clemson
Dr. Elise Jorgens, College of Charleston
Dr. Leonard Lundquist, Lander
Dr. Bud Marchant, Piedmont Tech College
Dr. Tom Moore, Winthrop
Dr. Suzanne Ozment, USC-Aiken
Dr. Chris Plyler, USC Regional Campus
Dr. Walt Tobin, Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech

Staff Present

Ms. JoAnn Biga
Ms. Renea Eshelman
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Lane Jeslenik
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. De'Nitra Reese
Dr. Donald Tetreault

Guest Representing Members

Ms. Betty Boatwright, S.C. State
Dr. Christine Ebert, USC-Columbia
Dr. Martha Moriarty, USC-Beaufort
Dr. Spike Metts, The Citadel

Members Absent

Dr. John Raymond, MUSC

Guests

Dr. Julia Ball-USC-Aiken
Dr. Royce Calives, Lander
Dr. Mary Cheeseboro, S.C. State
Ms. Barbara Ervin, Lander
Dr. Ghussan Greene, S.C. State
Dr. Michael S. Helmick, Technical College of
the Lowcountry
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson
Ms. Lisa Kenyon, Technical College of the
Lowcountry
Dr. Sandi Lemoine, Lander
Dr. Brian McGee, College of Charleston
Dr. Aileen Trainer, USC-Columbia

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Dr. Morrison who requested that members seated at the table introduce themselves.

1. Consideration of Minutes of January 18, 2006

Ms. Boatwright requested that the Minutes of January 18, 2006, be accepted as distributed. The motion was **moved** (Chapman) and **seconded** (Drayton), and the Committee **voted unanimously to accept** the Minutes of January 18, 2006.

2. Consideration of Program Planning Summaries

a. B.A., Cultural Studies, S.C. State (new)

Ms. Boatwright introduced the program planning summary. Approval was **moved** (Boatwright) and **seconded** (Lundquist). Dr. Morrison inquired about the core courses. S.C. State representative Dr. Cheeseboro stated that the program will have 39 core courses including anthropology, sociology, and philosophy and 25 of those core courses could be language or ethnic courses. In response to Dr. Kelley's inquiry about whether the final proposal would explain the potential for student enrollment, Dr. Cheeseboro said that there has been interest, particularly in the service component, from organizations such as Red Cross, Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Dr. Morrison stated that the core courses need to show thematic integrity and suggested that since S.C. State has had low productivity in German, French and Spanish that a new companion major might serve to strengthen a language major. Without further discussion the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the planning summary for S.C. State University to develop a program leading to the B.A. degree in Cultural Studies, to be implemented in January of 2007.

b. Center for Montessori Education, Lander University (new)

Dr. Lundquist introduced the program planning summary. Approval was **moved** (Lundquist) and **seconded** (Chapman). With no discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the planning summary for Lander to approve the Center of Montessori Education, to be implemented in August of 2006.

3. Consideration of New Program Proposals

a. A.A., Horticultural Technology, Piedmont Tech (new)

Dr. Cox introduced the program proposal. Approval was **moved** (Cox) and **seconded** (Lundquist). Dr. Jackson suggested that Piedmont Tech consider articulating with Clemson for this program. With no discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the program proposal for Piedmont Technical College to develop a program leading to the A.A., degree in Horticultural Technology, to be implemented in Fall of 2006.

b. A.H.S., Physical Therapy Assistant, Technical College of the Lowcountry (new)

Dr. Cox introduced the program proposal. Approval was **moved** (Cox) and **seconded** (Marchant). Dr. Cox stated that this program will be serving an important need in the Lowcountry. With no discussion, the Committee **voted to accept** the program proposal for

Technical College of the Lowcountry to develop a program leading to A.H.S. degree in Physical Therapy Assistant, to be implemented in August of 2006.

c. B.S., On-Line Criminal Justice Management, Lander (new)

Dr. Lundquist introduced the program proposal. Approval was **moved** (Lundquist) and **seconded** (Jorgens). Dr. Cox stated that the Technical College System is in support of this program. In response to Dr. Morrison's inquiry about the tuition rate, Dr. Lundquist replied that the program will have regular institutional tuition rates. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the program proposal for Lander University to develop a program leading to the B.S. degree on-line in Criminal Justice Management, to be implemented in August of 2006.

d. R.N.-B.S.N., On-line Nursing, USC-Aiken (new)

Dr. Ozment introduced the program proposal. Approval was **moved** (Ozment) and **seconded** (Chapman). Dr. Ozment stated that the goal of this program is to provide access to those nurses who find it impractical to get to campus. Dr. Morrison inquired whether or not USC-Aiken considered distance education sites for offering traditional courses. Dr. Ozment stated that Dr. Cox stated that the Technical College System is in support of this program. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the program proposal for USC-Aiken to develop a program leading to the R.N.-B.S.N., degree on-line in Nursing, to be implemented in August of 2006.

e. M.A., Communication, College of Charleston (new)

Dr. Jorgens introduced the program proposal. Approval was **moved** (Jorgens) and **seconded** (Metts). Dr. Jorgens stated that this program is being developed in response to a request by the Chamber of Commerce. She also stated that this is not a journalism program but a traditional communication program. Dr. Morrison asked if this program will be offered at both the main campus and at the Lowcountry Graduate Center. Dr. Jorgens replied that the College is requesting approval for it to be offered at both locations. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted to accept unanimously** the program proposal for College of Charleston to develop a program leading to the M.A., degree in Communication, to be implemented in Fall of 2006.

4. Consideration of Annual Report on Advanced Placement Course Acceptance Policies, FY 2005-06

Dr. Morrison asked all members to inform her whether or not they are planning to offer AP credit for Italian. As of now, College of Charleston, Clemson, and Francis Marion all accept AP credit for Italian. Dr. Morrison pointed out that the whole idea of AP credit was designed to allow students to take advanced coursework prior to entering college. Now, South Carolina legislation has been written to require colleges to accept AP credit (with a score of 3 or above) for coursework with, if the institution offers the subject in its curriculum.

5. Discussion about College Prerequisites

Discussion was held on the issue of institutions' declining compliance rates for new freshmen having completed the College Prerequisites in high school. In this discussion, the issue of a decline in College Prerequisites completion rate was discussed with an increase in

Dual Enrollment. Several institutional representatives indicated their interest in studying these two trends and their relationship to each other, if any.

6. Discussion of EEDA/Expanded ACAP Committee

Dr. Morrison stated that one of the purposes of the EEDA legislation and the expanded ACAP committee is to bring high school graduation requirements more in alignment with college level coursework. In order to do this, Dr. Morrison stated in recent discussions some ACAP members have suggested changing the college prerequisites requirements by adding another science or math requirement to strengthen college readiness. One suggestion was that ACAP might consider dropping all electives except fine arts elective. Dr. Morrison stated that some high schools may not be able to offer a fourth year of science or math courses, because of their lack of education resources.

Dr. Ozment made a motion that the SC State Department should eliminate Tech Prep Math I and II (which equates to Algebra I). The motion was **moved** (Ozment) and **seconded** (Lundquist). Many members stated that they wanted to gather more information before voting on the motion. A new motion was made to table the prior motion. The motion to table the prior motion was **moved** (Lundquist) and **seconded** (Chapman) and approved unanimously.

7. Meeting Dates for 2006-07

No discussion took place on this item.

8. Informational Report on Approved and Terminated Programs, FY 2005-06

There was no discussion for this item.

9. Other

Dr. Morrison stated that some interest had been shown to have American Sign Language (ASL) count toward meeting the college prerequisites for foreign language. She asked for response from the institutional representatives present. Dr. Lundquist stated that Lander had at one point approved ASL as a foreign language, but had no enrollment in it. Other Committee members stated that their institutions do not offer the course and indicated no support for using ASL for meeting the college prerequisites foreign language requirement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

De'Nitra Reese