

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1333 Main Street, Suite 200  
Columbia, SC 29201

*Minutes of the Meeting*

July 8, 2004  
10:30 a.m.

**Commission Members Present**

Dalton Floyd, Chairman  
Rosemary Byerly  
Larry Durham  
Vermelle Johnson  
Miles Loadholt  
DeLoris Oliver  
Tom Olsen  
Daniel Ravenel

**Commission Members Absent**

Douglas Forbes  
Austin Gilbert  
John Griffith  
Bettie Horne  
James Konduros

**Staff Present**

Camille Brown  
Mike Brown  
Saundra Carr  
Renea Eshleman  
Conrad Festa  
Charlie FitzSimons  
Betsy Gunter  
Nancy Healy  
Yolanda Hudson  
Lynn Kelley  
Tajuana Massie  
Michelle McDowell  
Lynn Metcalf  
Mike Raley  
Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Margaret Amick  
David Aurutick  
Betty Boatwright  
Dianne Brandstadter  
Bill Bragdon

Cindy Brown  
Robert Carr  
Donna Collins  
Anthony Coyne  
Richard Gershen  
Skip Godow  
Dennis Grabinis  
Joyce Green  
Gary Hansen  
Frank Hansk  
Dianne Harmon  
John Hinson  
Lynn Hopkins  
David Hunter  
Charlie Jeffcoat  
Jack Kresslein  
Dee Laughter  
Rob Lowrey  
Scott Ludlow  
Amanda Maghsoud  
Chris Manley  
Gary McCombs  
Ralph McCullough  
J.P. McGee  
Dennis Merrell  
Jim Openshaw  
Mike Parrott  
Scott Poelker  
Rick Puncke  
Gayle Quick  
Linda Ravenel  
Alex Sanders  
Bob Schenel  
Charles Shawver  
John Smalls  
Gordon Smith  
Teresa Smith  
Carey Stafford  
Don Tomasik  
Jonothan Trail  
Aileen Trainer  
Richard Williams  
Brice Wilson

**Member of the Press:** Pamela Hamilton

This meeting is held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

## 1.. Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Floyd and Dr. Lynn Kelley was asked to introduce visitors attending the meeting.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Floyd asked for a motion to approve the minutes. The **motion** was made (Ravenel), **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** to approve the minutes as written.

## 3. Chairman's Report

- ◆ Chairman Floyd introduced Cyndi Mosteller, one of two new Commissioners (replacing Sue Cole) and asked her to speak to the group, telling them a little about herself. Bettie Rose Horne, the second new Commissioner, was unable to attend today's meeting.
- ◆ Dan Ravenel has agreed to act as interim chairman of the Access & Equity and Student Services Committee while the new committee members become oriented and prepare to elect a chairman probably in the fall.
- ◆ Austin Gilbert has resigned from the Commission. He was appointed to serve an unexpired term and has asked that the Governor not appoint him to a full term as there are both business and personal reasons he will be traveling more and unable to give the position the attention it deserves.
- ◆ The presidents' presentations are scheduled for August 23 (12:45) and 24 (9:00 a.m.), with a Commission meeting immediately following the last presentation. A workshop on the night of August 23 while the Commissioners are in Columbia is being considered. The September Commission meeting would then be canceled.
- ◆ Dr. Nancy Healy of the Academic Affairs Division will be leaving to accept a position at Georgia Tech. She has been an outstanding member of the Commission staff for over 10 years and goes with our best wishes.

## 4. Committee Reports

### 4.01 Report of the Executive Committee

**-Dalton B. Floyd**

### 4.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

**-Vermelle Johnson**

#### A. Consideration of New Licenses:

##### 1. Charleston School of Law

**Recommendation:** The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve licensure for the Charleston School of Law to offer a program leading to the Juris Doctorate for three years provided that 1) no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested; 2) the institution discontinue advertising and

enrolling students into the program if it becomes apparent that it is unable to meet its timeline to gain ABA accreditation; and 3) in the event that the school, or its officers or agents, should make an attempt to cause the school to become a part of the College of Charleston or any other public institution, the license granted to the school shall be null and void and immediately revoked.

Dr. Johnson reviewed the request for licensure of the Charleston School of Law and, on behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** was made (Johnson), **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve the recommendation as stated.

During discussion, Chairman Floyd recognized Alex Sanders, Bob Carr, Ralph McCullough and Richard Gershen (the new dean) from the Charleston School of Law. Judge Sanders spoke briefly on behalf of the Charleston School of Law expressing appreciation for the help of the Commission staff in this process.

## 2. Charleston School of Building Arts

The Charleston School of Building Arts is requesting approval of an initial license to offer programs leading to the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) and Bachelor of Applied Science in Building Arts.

**Recommendation:** The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission grant approval to the School of building Arts to advertise and enroll students for classes to begin in Fall 2005 provided that 1) no “unique cost” or other special state funding be required or requested; 2) SoBA submit to the Commission updated material to document compliance with the licensing requirements and the recommendations shown in **Attachment 2**; and 3) a team visit the Charleston facility in 2005 to confirm compliance.

This initial request is for approval to advertise and enroll students beginning in September 2004 for classes to begin in the fall of 2005. The principal goal is to educate craft workers, male and female, in the arts necessary for the proper restoration of historic sites. Descriptions of the programs are found in **ATT II**.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** was made (Johnson), **seconded** (Byerly), and **carried** to approve the above recommendation as stated.

Chairman Floyd recognized David Avrutick, president of the school. Mr. Avrutick spoke briefly of the fact that this would be the first school of its kind in the United States. The staff is engaged to join the school. He stated that qualifications for the establishment of the school are much stronger than stated in the application. There is a grant in the amount of \$3.5 million from the US Department of Labor pending. Mr. Avrutick announced that the school will change its name to the American School of the Building Arts.

## B. Consideration of License Renewal: Lesley University

Lesley University requests renewal of their existing license to operate in South Carolina. They presently offer courses at 15 sites throughout the state. Letters of support are found in **ATT III**.

**Recommendation:** The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission review the license for Lesley University for five years, subject to staff approval of facilities as they are developed, and grant to Lesley University authority to offer two programs leading to the M.Ed. degree in Technology in Education and the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction with specializations in 1) Creative Arts and 2) Literacy: Language, Reading, and writing.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Johnson) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel), and **carried** to approve the committee recommendation as stated.

During the discussion period, Chairman Floyd introduced Ms. Denise Harmon, Dr. Cindy Brown and John Hinson, all representing Lesley University. Mr. Durham questioned the availability of financial aid and asked for discussion. Ms. Eshleman of CHE addressed this question and assured Mr. Durham that Lesley does now have the proper mechanism in place for financial aid.

### **C. Consideration of Amendment to License:**

B.S., Health Care Management, South University

Dr. Johnson read the request from South University for an amendment to their license to add the program leading to the B.S. degree in Healthcare Management to be implemented in Fall 2004. She explained that South University is SACS accredited and they have indicated that they expect to enroll 15 new students in the first year and 20-25 each year thereafter.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Johnson) was made, **seconded** (Oliver) and **carried** to approve the following recommendation:

**Recommendation:** The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve an amendment to the license of South University to add the program leading to the B.S. degree in Healthcare Management to be implemented in Fall 2004.

Complete details are found in **Attachment IV**.

### **D. Consideration of New Policy on Dual Enrollment**

Dr. Johnson spoke briefly about the work of the staff that has been underway for some time to develop policy enabling students taking college courses offered at high schools to have credits transferred smoothly. There are several points in the policy that the CHE staff has recommended addressing. Dr. Johnson called on Dr. Morrison, who explained that up to this point, there has been no state-level policy for transfer of credits and one of the issues is the need to be concerned about courses meeting SACS standards and about the quality of courses, so that the courses can transfer appropriately. This has been underway for about two years with multiple drafts and many significant revisions. There was a wide range of opinion among the institutions and this policy as presented today appears to be a solid “middle of the road” policy.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Johnson) was made, **seconded** (Durham) and **carried** to approve the proposed policy on Dual enrollment (**ATT V**) for implementation in Fall 2004.

## E. Consideration of By-Laws of Lowcountry Graduate Education Center

Dr. Johnson explained that the Lowcountry Graduate Education Center is a non-profit consortium of higher education institutions: The Citadel, College of Charleston, and the Medical University of South Carolina, all of which are interested in increasing access to graduate education opportunities for the citizens of the tri-county area to include Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester counties. The concern is that there appears to be a lack of a full range of graduate school opportunities in the Lowcountry, and consequently economic development is not being very well served in that area. Currently, the College of Charleston serves as host for this center.

During discussion, Mr. Ravenel pointed out that the state's best interest would be served if South Carolina higher education institutions would offer courses in this center, (as they do in the similar center in Greenville) rather than out-of-state schools coming in. After a short discussion, on behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Johnson) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve the *Lowcountry Graduate Center Bylaws*, as presented in **Attachment VI**, for immediate implementation.

## F. Consideration of Centers of Excellence (Education) Items

### 1. Appropriations Request for FY 2005-06

An additional \$50,560 is being requested to add one new center, using the *Guidelines* found in Item #4.02.F.2.

The Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the Commission approve an appropriations request of \$736,217, an increase of \$50,560, for FY 2005-06 to fund one new Center of Excellence under the program's new *Guidelines*.

### 2. *Guidelines* for the Competitive Grants Program, FY 2004-05

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve the proposed *Guidelines*.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Johnson) was made, **seconded** (Oliver) and **carried** to approve the appropriations request (**ATT VII**) and the proposed *Guidelines* (**ATT VIII**) as presented.

### 3. Competitive Grant Awards, FY 2003-04

Proposals were submitted for establishment of Centers of Excellence by four institutions. For this competition cycle, two institutions were recommended by the selection panel for awards - Francis Marion University for a Center of Excellence to *Prepare Teachers for Children of Poverty*; and the University of South Carolina-Beaufort for a *Center of Excellence in Collaborative Learning*.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission accept the Review Panel's recommendations and approve awards to: 1) Francis Marion University to establish the Center of Excellence to prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty

(\$150,000) and 2) USC-Beaufort to establish the Center of Excellence in Collaborative Learning (\$133,567) with authority granted to the staff to negotiate final budgets in light of recommendations made by the review panel.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Johnson) was made, **seconded** (Byerly) and **carried** to approve the recommendation submitted (**ATT XIX**).

### **G. Consideration of State NCATE Partnership Program**

1. USC-Columbia
2. USC-Upstate
3. Winthrop

These institutions were visited in the fall of 2003 for review of their programs. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** was made, **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** to approve the report as it appears in **ATT X**.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission grant to the programs in Teacher Education at USC-Columbia, USC-Upstate, and Winthrop the designations presented in **Attachment I** to the materials mailed out prior to the meeting, with one change for USC-Columbia (i.e. the M.Ed. in Educational Research is changed from “provisional approval” to “full approval”).

### **H. Consideration of Annual Report on Compliance with English Language Fluency Act, FY 2003-04**

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Johnson) was made, **seconded** (Oliver) and **carried** to approve this report (**ATT XI**) for transmission to the appropriate chairpersons of the education committees of the General Assembly.

### **I. Consideration of Report on Program Productivity, Fall 1998-Fall 2003**

In 2002 the Commission adopted a policy on program productivity which provides for the review of enrollment and degrees awarded in all degree programs in the state. The Executive Summary, full explanation of standards, and the report are found in **ATT XII**.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Johnson) was made, **seconded** (Mosteller), and **carried** to approve the program terminations, program provisional approvals, program exemptions, and full approval status of programs as presented in Table I of the attached materials, with one change for USC Columbia (i.e., the M.Ed. in Educational Research is changed from “provisional approval” to “exemption”) and for SC State (i.e. action is deferred on its programs until the University’s major internal reorganization is completed, with the University to notify the staff by September 30 as to its program recommendations with any related new or modified program proposals to be submitted shortly thereafter and preferably by December 2004).

### **J. Informational Follow-up Report on S.C. Research Initiative Grants Program**

**K. Informational Report on Research Centers of Economic Excellence/Endowed Chairs Program, FY 2002-03 and FY 2003-04**

**L. Informational Report on SC Teaching Scholarship Grant Program, FY 2002-03**

Items J (SC Research Initiative Grants **ATT XIII**), K (South Carolina Research Centers of Economic Excellence **ATT XIV**), and L (SC Teaching Scholarship Grants **ATT XV**) are all informational reports and no CHE action was required or requested.

Dr. Morrison explained each program in turn, illustrating how investing in research pays great dividends back to the state in preparing for economic development and creation of jobs.

Dr. Festa spoke further on the subject of the Course Productivity report, explaining that terminating unproductive programs is an important function of the Commission. Courses that appear to be less productive than they should be are closely examined and their effectiveness discussed with the individual schools and informed decisions are made as to whether or not they should continue.

**4.03 Report of the Committee on Student Services**  
(No Report)

**- DeLoris Oliver**

**4.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities**

**- Ms. Rosemary Byerly**

Consideration of Interim Capital Projects

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Project Name</u>
Clemson University	Athletic Facilities Construction/Renovation – increase/revise scope
Francis Marion University	Student Activities Center Construction - establish School of Nursing Facility Construction - establish
MUSC	Biosafety Level 3 Facility – establish
S C State	New Residence Facilities – establish
USC-Columbia	College of Business Administration Master Plan and Renovation –increase 1600 Hampton Street Elevator Repair – establish Bull Street Parking Garage – increase Recreational Facilities Development – increase Basketball Arena Construction – increase Roof Replacement - establish
USC-Aiken	Convocation Center – increase

USC-Spartanburg	Health Education Complex – increase
Trident TC	Trident Complex Phase III Renovation – increase Trident-Palmer Culinary Arts Renovation – establish
York TC	Chester County Technology Center - establish

Ms. Byerly first announced that USC Columbia requested that their first project in the list above be removed from consideration and that was done prior to the Committee meeting. The Committee on Finance and Facilities reviewed and unanimously approved the projects listed above and therefore request they be considered as a group.

Ms. Byerly reviewed details of all of the above projects and, on behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve The above projects as presented. Full details and dollar amounts of the projects are found in **Attachment XVI**.

**5. Legislative Update**

**-Rita Allison  
-Charlie FitzSimons**

Charlie FitzSimons reported that the General Assembly adjourned in June, so there is no active legislative activity; however, there is a series of issues of concern to the Commission. With elections this fall and a few members of the General Assembly not seeking election, there are significant changes for higher education. Dr. Harry Stille, the higher education sub-committee chairman for the House Education and Public Works Committee, the House of Representatives policy committee for higher education. He is not seeking re-election and there will be a new person filling that position. On the funding side of the House, Representative Tom Keegan is not seeking re-election, so there will be a new sub-sommittee chair for the Higher Education Sub-committee of the House Ways and Means Committee. We will have both new policy and funding sub-committee chairs in the House of Representatives.

On the Senate side, only one person, Senator Warren Geise is not seeking re-election and he served as the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee and also the Finance Committee, Higher Education sub-committee, Chairman. There will be new leadership in all higher education policy and funding sub-committees for the General Assembly. At this point, these positions have not been filled. The House and Senate will go through re-organizational process and make decisions probably in December. There will be significant changes in the personnel we work with in the General Assembly.

The Governor’s office has begun their process of developing the Governor’s Executive Budget for the 2005-06 Fiscal Year and have requested every state agency to develop an activity inventory for all the activities that take place within every state agency. Dr. Festa will be presenting our requests through the Governor’s office later on this summer and fall.

**5. Report of the Executive Director**

**-Conrad Festa**

Dr. Festa has completed his first year as Executive Director. He commended the staff on the work that has been done over the past year. The staff has worked with the Governor’s office in determining what the Commission is doing and what it should be doing. He reported that his own work with the presidents is progressing nicely.

The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) annual meeting was held last week. Their emphasis is now on the need for education beyond high school for the citizens of this state. Senator Nikki Setzler and Representative Ronnie Townsend were there representing South Carolina. The Commission staff will be working very closely with pre-kindergarten through K-12 and the technical and four-year colleges to open up that pipeline and encourage students to pursue higher education.

## 6. Other Business

At the request of the Chairman, a **motion** (Ravenel) was made, **seconded** (Durham) and **carried** for the Commissioners to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. This session is to take place immediately following a presentation by Dr. Mike Raley.

Dr. Michael Raley presented a report to the Commission on the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) project: the participants, the purpose, the areas of focus and the progress. Handouts explaining these points are **Attachment XVII**.

The Commissioners then went into executive session and, having resolved the personnel issue before them, subsequently re-convened, entertained a **motion** to adjourn. That motion was **seconded, carried**, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Betsy Gunter*

Recording Secretary

## Attachments I-XVII

\*Attachments are not included in this mailing, but will be filed with the permanent record of these minutes and are available for review upon request.