

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201

Minutes of the Meeting

June 1, 2006

Commission Members Present

Dr. Layton McCurdy, Chairman
Mr. Larry Durham
Dr. Doug Forbes
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Ms. Rosemary Byerly
Ms. Cyndi Mosteller
Mr. Dan Ravenel
Mr. Jim Sanders
Mr. Ken Wingate
Mr. Neal Workman
Dr. Mick Zais

Commission Members Absent

Mr. Jim Konduros
Mr. Miles Loadholt

Staff Present

Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Mike Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Dr. Conrad Festa
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Alyson Goff
Ms. Lane Jeselnik
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Mr. Clint Mullins
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Mr. Rashad Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Mr. Reginald Adams, S. C. State University

Dr. Bob Becker, Clemson University
Ms. Betty Boatwright, S. C. State University
Mr. Bill Bragdon, U.S.C. - Columbia
Ms. Priscilla Burbage, College of Charleston
Dr. Anthony Coyne, U.S.C. - Sumter
Ms. Kathryn Barrett Duke, U.S.C. - Sumter
Dr. Christine Ebert, U.S.C. - Columbia
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons, SCICU
Dr. Tom Higerd, M.U.S.C.
Col. Curt Holland, The Citadel
Dr. Tamara Hughes, S. C. State University
Ms. Debra Jackson, Clemson University
Mr. Charles Jeffcoat, U.S.C. - Columbia
Mr. Sam Jones, College of Charleston
Ms. Star Kepner, U.S.C. - Sumter
Ms. Diane Newton, Lander University
Mr. Wayne Landrith, SCICU
Mr. Scott Ludlow, State Technical System
Mr. J. P. McGee, Winthrop University
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University
Ms. Amanda Maghsoud, Winthrop University
Ms. Jennifer Pearce, M.U.S.C.
Ms. Rose Pellatt, Spartanburg Technical College
Mr. Scott Poelker, Trident Technical College
Ms. Susan Prior, U.S.C. - Columbia
Mr. Rick Puncke, U.S.C. - Upstate
Mr. Charles Shawver, Budget & Control Board
Mr. John Smalls, S. C. State University
Ms. Catherine Watt, Clemson University
Mr. Bryce Wilson, Budget & Control Board
Mr. Dale Wilson, Piedmont Technical College

Members of the Press

none

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

1. Introductions

- Lynn Kelley

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCurdy. Dr. Lynn Kelley introduced the guests attending, all of whom are listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman McCurdy asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 4, 2006. A **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Wingate), and **carried** to approve the minutes as written.

3. Chairman's Report

Chairman McCurdy reported some of the Commissioners would soon be leaving as their terms of service would soon be expiring. He then recognized and thanked Commissioners Johnson, Byerly, Loadholt, and Durham for their service. He stated the meeting would go into Executive Session toward its conclusion in order to discuss a personnel matter. Chairman McCurdy also noted the Governor's Higher Education Task Force would hold its second meeting in the main conference room at 1:00 p.m.

4. Presentation: S. C. Income and Migration Trends with Implications for Higher Education

**Dr. Robert H. Becker, Director and Professor
Strom Thurmond Institute of Government and Public Affairs**

Dr. Becker delivered the above-referenced presentation, a copy of which may be found in **Attachment I**. Discussion followed regarding the importance of higher education to the improvement of the income levels of South Carolinians.

5. Committee Reports

5.01 Report of the Executive Committee

(No Report)

- Layton McCurdy

**5.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs
and Licensing**

(No Report)

- Vermelle Johnson

**5.03 Report of the Committee on Access & Equity
and Student Services**

(No Report)

- Dan Ravenel

5.04 Report of the Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Rosemary Byerly

A. Consideration of Interim Capital Projects

1. S. C. State University
 - Hodge Hall Renovations & Expansions
 - Engineering/Computer Science Complex Repairs & Upgrades

Commissioner Byerly reported that the two capital projects as listed above and described in **Attachment II** had been reviewed, discussed, and unanimously approved by the committee.

A **motion** was then made (Byerly) to approve the above mentioned projects.

Commissioner Mosteller inquired as to what had been accomplished with the \$10 million in Capitol Improvement Bond money provided for the Hodge Hall project in 1999. Mr. John Smalls responded explaining that this money, based on a program document in 1996, had not been sufficient to complete the expanded project.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

B. Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP)

1. Year One Project Approvals
2. Year Two Project Requests for Capital Improvement Bonds (CIB)
3. Years Three, Four, and Five Summaries
4. Approval of CPIP in Concept

Commissioner Byerly made reference to the list of Year One Projects found on page 5 of **Attachment II**. She noted these projects are projects the institutions already have or expect to have the money for during the 2006-07 fiscal year.

A **motion** was made (Byerly) to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Finance and Facilities recommends approval of the Year 1 Requests, provided that a life-cycle cost analysis be requested and provided for any of the Year 1 projects that are to be LEED certified.

Commissioner Mosteller ask for clarification of information found on page 7 of Attachment II regarding the Rhodes Hall Annex Construction in which it is stated that the "funding for this project is being sought through legislation." Ms. Metcalf explained this referred to requesting that bond money originally allocated for another project be moved to fund a project which currently has a higher priority.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

Commissioner Byerly made reference to the list of Year Two Projects found on page 15 of **Attachment II**. She noted a committee meeting will be held on August 3,

2006 to make a decision about the possibility of construction of a joint building for USC Sumter and Central Carolina Technical College.

A **motion** was made (Byerly) and **approved** the following **recommendation**:

The Committee recommends that the institutions' ranked priority one requests be submitted to the Budget and Control Board and the Legislature for capital improvement bond funding in 2007-2008, provided that the decision on the Priority One projects from USC - Sumter and Central Carolina Technical College be deferred pending receipt of additional information.

Commissioner Byerly made reference to the information on projects for years 3, 4, and 5, beginning on page 29 of **Attachment II** and noted this was provided for information only.

A **motion** was then made (Byerly) to approve the CPIP in concept. Mr. Charles Shawver of the SC Budget and Control Board then provided a brief history of the CPIP. He also explained the CPIP has not been fully utilized in recent years due to lack of support from members of the legislature.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

C. Information Item

Commissioner Byerly made reference to the List of Staff Approvals for April 2006, found on the last page of **Attachment II**. She noted that this was provided for information only.

6. Legislative Update

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported that the conference report for the budget had been adopted by both the House and the Senate and was currently awaiting ratification. Once ratified, the Governor will have the opportunity to make vetoes. The House and Senate have passed resolutions to come back on June 14, 2006 to consider any vetoes. Ms. Carullo stated nothing had changed with regard to the CHE budget items as listed in **Attachment III**. Ms. Carullo reported Representative Bob Walker would become the chair of the House Education and Public Works Committee effective September 1, 2006, replacing Representative Ronald Townsend, who is not seeking reelection. She also reported Representative Jimmy Neal would become the first vice chair for the committee and Representative Donald Smith would be the second vice chair. Ms. Carullo reported she would soon be updating the Commissioners on legislation related to higher education. Commissioner Ravenel asked a question about the movement of \$25 million from the LIFE scholarship funds to the general fund. Ms. Carullo indicated all of the higher education lottery projects were still being funded and shifting of more LIFE funds to the general fund enabled that to be the case.

7. Report of the Executive Director

- Conrad Festa

Dr. Festa reported, though he was grateful for the generosity of the legislature in providing many of the budget items requested by the CHE, he was disappointed they had not included money for the CHE for program review nor did they approve funds for technology. He also reported the legislature had mistakenly taken approximately \$69,000 from the CHE budget, thinking they were taking it from the Governor's budget. Dr. Festa stated he hoped the Governor would veto that action as these are funds which allow Rita Allison to work for both the CHE and the Governor's Office. In response to Commissioner Horne's question about Dr. Festa's sense of the level of cooperation between the institutions, he stated he definitely felt there has been an increase in cooperation among the institutions and also with the CHE. He further stated he hoped this would continue.

8. Other Business

Dr. McCurdy entertained a motion the meeting go into Executive Session. Commissioner Ravenel made the motion, and it was approved.

8. Adjournment

The meeting went back into General Session at 1:05 p.m and was adjourned by Chairman McCurdy at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth B. Rogers

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Recording Secretary

Attachments I - III

*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.