

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
S Bldg., S.C.E.&G Executive Board Room
3520 St. Matthews Rd.
Orangeburg, SC 29118

Minutes of the Meeting

June 7, 2007

11:00 a.m.

Commission Members Attending

Dr. Layton McCurdy, Chairman
Dr. Doug Forbes
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Dr. Louis Lynn
Ms. Cyndi Mosteller
Mr. Jim Sanders
Mr. Randy Thomas
Mr. Ken Wingate
Mr. Neal Workman

Commission Members Absent

Col. John Bowden
Mr. Hood Temple
Mr. Daniel Ravenel
Dr. Mick Zais

Staff Present

Dr. Tina Anderson
Mr. Michael Brown
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Alyson Goff
Dr. Paula Gregg
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail Morrison
Mr. Clint Mullins
Dr. Mike Raley
Ms. Beth Rogers
Ms. Laverne Sanders
Ms. Karen Wham
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Donna Collins, U.S.C. Columbia
Dr. Anthony Coyne, U.S.C. Sumter
Dr. Anne Crook, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
Dr. David DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. Edgar Dyer, Coastal Carolina University
Mr. Dalton Floyd, S.C. Higher Education Foundation
Ms. Retta Guthrie, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
Mr. Walter Hardin, Winthrop University
Col. Curt Holland, The Citadel
Dr. David Hunter, U.S.C. Regional Campuses

Mr. Charles Jeffcoat, U.S.C. Columbia
Mr. Wayne Landrith, S.C. Student Loan Corporation
Mr. Scott Ludlow, State Technical System
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University
Mr. John Malmrose, Medical University of S.C.
Dr. Martha Moriarty, U.S.C. Beaufort
Ms. Diane Newton, Lander University
Mr. Steve Osborne, College of Charleston
Ms. Jennifer Pearce, Medical University of S.C.
Mr. Scott Poelker, Trident Technical College
Mr. Chuck Sanders, S.C. Student Loan Corporation
Dr. Emma Savage-Davis, Coastal Carolina University
Mr. Charles Shawver, S.C. Budget & Control Board
Dr. Rita Teal, S.C. State University
Mr. Chuck Wright, U.S.C. Sumter

Members of the Press

Mr. Larry Hardy (photographer),
The Times & Democrat

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

Prior to the introductions, Chairman McCurdy welcomed Dr. David DeCenzo who became the new President of Coastal Carolina University effective May 7, 2007. Dr. DeCenzo spoke briefly about his background and experience and stated that he looked forward to working with the Commission.

1. Introductions

- Lynn Kelley

Dr. Lynn Kelley introduced the guests, all of whom are listed above. Chairman McCurdy then thanked Dr. Anne Crook, President of Trident Technical College, for hosting the day's meeting. Dr. Crook spoke briefly about the College, highlighting its Health Sciences and Industrial programs. She noted that that its nursing program had a 100% passing rate on the NCLEX exam for the past three years and that Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College was the only college in the state claiming that record. She also noted that graduates of its industrial programs receive at least five job offers upon graduation and that the college is working hard to attract students to those programs in conjunction with Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) objectives.

2. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made (Wingate), **seconded** (Forbes), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the May 3 and May 22, 2007, meetings.

3. Chairman's Report

- Layton McCurdy

Chairman McCurdy recognized Mr. Dalton Floyd, President of the S.C. Higher Education Foundation and former Chairman of the Commission. Mr. Floyd reported on the status of the Lightsey Society and stated that the Higher Education Hall of Fame Banquet and the Trustees' Conference, which took place on April 25 and 26, 2007, respectively, and were sponsored by the Society, had been very successful. Mr. Floyd encouraged those in attendance to consider joining the Society, the purpose of which is to provide for programs and activities which promote higher education. He stated that the possibility of a future joint meeting of the Commission and the Higher Education Foundation was in the early planning stages. Chairman McCurdy concurred with Mr. Floyd's remarks and also encouraged those who have not yet joined the Society to consider doing so.

Chairman McCurdy reported that the Commission's recently named new Executive Director, Dr. Garrison Walters, was expected to come on board on July 9, 2007, and that details of his hiring were expected to be completed at a meeting of the S.C. Budget and Control Board on June 12. Chairman McCurdy thanked and highly commended Dr. Gail Morrison for her extraordinary work as the CHE's Interim Executive Director. He reported that Dr. Walters will come to the CHE with a great deal of experience acquired during his many years with the Ohio Board of Regents, also a coordinating board of higher education.

Chairman McCurdy made reference to the proposed Senate proviso which authorizes the expenditure of \$150,000 to continue work on the development of a statewide plan for higher education as recommended by the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education in the fall of 2006. He stated we are hopeful this will be included in this year's final version of the state budget.

At Chairman McCurdy's request, Ms. Lynn Metcalf along with Mr. Walter Hardin of Winthrop University provided an update on the status of the revision of the facilities approval process. They stated that although not many changes have taken place this year, progress has been made. They also reported that a recent meeting with staff of the Joint Bond Review Committee and the Budget and Control Board included various higher education representatives, all of whom presented in a unified manner. It appears it is now generally recognized that the facilities approval process is flawed, and change is needed. Chairman McCurdy stated that Commissioners Wingate and Sanders were working on possible changes to the CHE's by-laws which will also promote more efficiency in CHE's facilities approval process.

Chairman McCurdy stated that the Commission's legislative agenda for next year needs to be developed as soon as possible. Work on this item will most likely take place at a Commissioners' Retreat to take place before the end of the summer. He also took a moment to express condolences, on behalf of the Commission, to Dr. and Mrs. Tony DiGiorgio on the recent tragic passing of their daughter.

4. Committee Reports

4.01 Report of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee had no report.

4.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs & Licensing - Bettie Rose Horne

A. Consideration of Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs, FY 2004-05

B. Consideration of Annual Report on Advanced Placement Course Acceptance Policies, FY 2006-07

C. Consideration of Centers of Excellence (Teacher Education), Budget Allocations, FY 2007-08, and Appropriations Request, FY 2008-09

D. Informational Report on Awards for the Improving Teaching Quality Competitive Grant Awards, 2007-08

1. Funding Allocation to Continuing ITQ Awards, FY 2007-08
2. New ITQ Awards, FY 2007-08

E. Informational Report on Centers of Excellence (Teacher Education)

1. New Center, FY 2007-08
2. Funding Allocation to Existing Centers, FY 2007-08

Dr. Horne referred to agenda item A as listed above, Consideration of Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs, FY 2004-05, stating that this item had been brought forward from the May 22, 2007 agenda.

A **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Lynn), and **carried** to approve the **recommendation** to approve this report's designation of programs for the current reporting year. A detailed description of the report as well as the complete wording of this recommendation (pages 16 - 19) may be found in **Attachment I**.

Dr. Horne referred to agenda item B as listed above, Consideration of Annual Report on Advanced Placement Course Acceptance Policies, FY 2005-06, a detailed description of which may be found in **Attachment II**. Dr. Morrison explained that this report comes to the Commission for approval primarily to signify that the CHE is complying with the intent of legislation to monitor the acceptance of AP credit.

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

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve this report.

In response to Commissioner Sanders' question about the number of courses deferred as a result of students' taking advantage of the opportunity to earn AP credit, Dr. Morrison stated that this information was not immediately available, but that she could obtain it from the College Board. Commissioner Mosteller remarked that a recent ruling of the State Board of Education which accepts dual enrollment credit with the same weight as AP credit may have an influence on future numbers of AP credit earned. Discussion about this followed. In response to Commissioner Lynn's question regarding whether this impacted lottery scholarship funds, Dr. Morrison stated that high school students who are dually enrolled at a technical college would be eligible for scholarship funds through the Lottery Tuition Assistance Program, and earning dual enrollment or AP credit in no way jeopardizes receipt of other state scholarship money for which they may be eligible.

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

Dr. Horne referred to agenda item C as listed above, Consideration of Centers of Excellence (Teacher Education), Budget Allocations, FY 2007-08, and Appropriations Request, FY 2008-09, a detailed description of which may be found in **Attachment III**.

A **motion** was made (Horne) and **carried** to approve the following **recommendation**:

In order to permit the funding of a new Center of Excellence in Teacher Training at the

full \$150,000 level during FY 08-09, the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission authorize the staff to seek an increase of \$28,574 or 3.9% from the Education Oversight Committee for this program.

Dr. Horne referred to agenda item D as listed above, Informational Report on Awards for Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grant Awards, FY 2007-08, a detailed description of which may be found in **Attachment IV**. This report was provided for information only.

Dr. Horne referred to agenda item E as listed above, Information Report on Centers of Excellence (Teacher Education), a detailed description of which may be found in **Attachment V**. This report was provided for information only.

Discussion followed about the offering of an Associate Degree program by a flagship research institution, with particular reference made to the AA/AS degree offered by USC at Fort Jackson. Dr. Morrison provided information on the history of associate degree programs at USC as well as on the history of the CHE's work on refining institutional mission and avoiding program duplication. Extensive discussion among various Commissioners followed after which they requested that CHE staff present to them, as it is acquired from their conversations with USC officials, information which further explains the validity of this offering in an effort to resolve this issue in the most timely manner.

4.03 Report of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

- Cynthia Mosteller

A. Coastal Carolina University Service Learning Project Report - Dr. Emma Savage Davis

B. Consideration of Proposed FY 2007-2008 Administrative Budget S.C. Student Loan Corporation

Mr. Floyd opened by providing background information on the history of service learning in South Carolina. Dr. David DeCenzo then introduced Dr. Emma Savage-Davis of Coastal Carolina University who delivered a video and power point presentation about the Dalton and Linda Floyd Mentoring Program. Details about this very successful program which has just completed its second year and has proven most beneficial to both the mentors and mentees may be found in **Attachment VI**.

Commissioner Mosteller provided information regarding item B as listed above, Consideration of Proposed FY 2007-08 Administrative Budget for the S.C. Student Corporation, details about which may be found in **Attachment VII**.

Mr. Chuck Sanders and Mr. Wayne Landrith spoke briefly about the history and function of the S.C. Student Loan Corporation, a non-profit organization created by the General Assembly in 1974. During the course of this presentation, it was noted that the S.C.

Student Loan Corporation has had one of the lowest default rates in the country over the past ten years. This is attributed to the fact that it serves only South Carolinians and is therefore able to extend a greater level of customer service to a relatively small population.

A **motion** was made (Mosteller) and **carried** to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Access & Equity and Student Services Committee will meet on June 7, 2007, to consider the proposed budget for FY 2007-08 administration of the Teachers' Loan Program from the S.C. Student Loan Corporation.

4.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Jim Sanders

A. Consideration of Interim Capital Projects

- 1. Clemson University - Schilleter Dining Hall Convenience Store Addition
- 2. College of Charleston - Chilled Water System Improvements
- 3. Francis Marion University - Science Center Construction
- 4. USC Upstate - Center for Child Construction
- 4. USC Upstate - Palmetto Villas Renovations

B. Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plans (CPIP)

- 1. Year One Project Proposals
- 2. Year Two Project Requests for Capital Improvement Bonds
 - a. Project Scores and Priority Recommendations
- 3. Years Three, Four, and Five Summaries (for information only)
- 4. Approval of CPIP in Concept

C. List of Staff Approvals for March 2007

Commissioner Sanders presided over the items brought forward by the Committee on Finance and Facilities in the absence of its Chair, Mr. Daniel Ravenel. He stated that the committee had examined and approved each of the projects listed in item A above and also described in further detail in **Attachment VIII** at its meeting on May 2, 2007.

A **motion** was made (Sanders) and **carried** to approve collectively the following **recommendation** for each of the projects listed in item A:

The Committee on Finance and Facilities recommends approval of this project as proposed.

Commissioner Sanders made reference to item B as listed above and also described in **Attachment VIII**. Ms Metcalf provided a brief overview of the Comprehensive

Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP), noting specifics about each phase of this five-year plan as well as the approval of CPIP in concept.

A **motion** was made (Sanders) to approve the year one projects as listed in item C above and summarized on page 8 of **Attachment VIII**.

Ms. Metcalf clarified the differences between year one and year two projects and stated that approval of year one projects involves approving only the projects themselves, not the amount of their estimated costs. It is the responsibility of the S.C. Budget and Control Board to approve cost estimates. In response to Commissioner Horne's concern about whether the Day Care Center project at Clemson is linked to an education program at the University, Dr. Morrison replied that it was not and that Clemson's education programs are focused on secondary education and school personnel administration, as opposed to early childhood and elementary education. Ms. Metcalf also clarified that funding for this particular project would come exclusively from revenue bonds.

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

Commissioner Sanders referred to the year two project requests for Capital Improvement Bonds, prioritized by the Commission and described on pages 22 and 23 of **Attachment VIII**. Ms. Metcalf provided a brief overview of the prioritization process.

A **motion** was made (Sanders) to approve the year two projects as listed in item C.

Commissioner Sanders noted that though the items listed total a request of approximately \$800 million, they are not all the projects currently being planned, but represent only ones that have requested Capital Improvement Bond funding. Commissioner Workman commented that he would like for institutions to reconsider their priority on LEED certified buildings as opposed to sustainable certified buildings. He also stated his preference that CHE staff conduct a study on the current state of delivery of services with regard to the obsolescence of buildings. Chairman McCurdy asked Commissioner Workman to submit that request in writing to the appropriate CHE staff. Commissioner Horne noted only two of the institutions on the year two project list had requested deferred maintenance funding. Chairman McCurdy suggested and Commissioners agreed that this issue should become part of the statewide plan for higher education. Commissioner Mosteller then raised the question of where, if at all, was there a place for public input in this whole process.

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

A **motion** was then made (Sanders) and **carried** to approve CPIP in concept.

Chairman McCurdy returned to Commissioner Mosteller's question regarding the time for public input in the process. Discussion about this followed.

Commissioner Sanders referred to the list of staff approvals for March 2007 found on page 70 of **Attachment XIII**. He stated that this was provided for information only.

5. Legislative Update

- Gail Morrison

Dr. Morrison reported that the legislation had been passed allowing bond money left by a licensed institution which goes out of business to be used to hire faculty to finish "teaching out" the remainder of a course for that semester or academic year. She stated that a proviso passed which would enable the Commission to administer an Access & Equity program if money was appropriated. Although no funds were provided for this purpose this year, the proviso is significant in that it enables the Commission to administer Access & Equity programs with new appropriations rather than have the money flow through the Commission directly to the institutions.

Dr. Morrison provided information on the current status of budget items as follows: There will be no tuition cap linked to the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI); the Commission will receive an increase of \$275,000 for its work with EEDA (specifically to study the alignment of high school courses with entry-level general education college courses) and an increase of \$527,250 for the SREB programs including the veterinary medicine and optometry contract programs. It has still not been determined if items in the Senate's version of the budget and not the House's version will be funded including: \$2 million to continue the statewide virtual library; \$75,000 for the GEAR UP program; \$130,000 for the CHE to upgrade its technology equipment; and \$150,000 for the higher education study committee. Dr. Morrison also provided information on the status of the Commission's requests for institutional operating funds in the amount of \$45 million and for the continuation in recurring funds of the \$30 million that was provided in FY07. Dr. Morrison noted the legislature has not put the \$30 million from last year into recurring funds and has instead funded other individual institutional requests. Dr. Morrison reported that legislation which would allow for an increase to LIFE and Palmetto Fellows scholarships for those students majoring in math or science appeared to be moving forward.

6. Report of the Interim Executive Director

- Gail Morrison

Dr. Morrison stated that she appreciated the opportunity to have served as the Commission's Interim Executive Director. She noted that her observation of the budgetary process had been revelatory. Dr. Morrison stressed the importance of maintaining CHE contact with members of the legislature. She also stressed the importance of working on a more focused, strategic plan for CHE budget development. Discussion took place about the structuring of such a plan at the Commission's upcoming retreat.

7. Other Business

There was no other business to consider.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth B. Rogers

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Recording Secretary

Attachments I - VIII

*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.