

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

Meeting  
January 9, 2003  
10:30 a.m.  
CHE Conference Room

**Commission Members Present**

Mr. Dalton Floyd, Chairman  
Ms. Rosemary Byerly  
Ms. Dianne Chinnes  
Ms. Sue Cole  
Mr. Larry Durham  
Dr. John Griffith  
Dr. Vermelle Johnson  
Mr. James Konduros  
Mr. Miles Loadholt  
Ms. DeLoris Oliver  
Gen. Tom Olsen  
Mr. Daniel Ravenel  
Dr. Roger Stevenson

**Commission Members Absent**

Mr. Carl Solomon

**Staff Present**

Dr. Rayburn Barton  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Ms. Joellen Cook  
Lorinda Copeland  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons  
Ms. Bichevia Greene  
Dr. Nancy Healy  
Ms. Yolanda Hudson  
Ms. Betsy Gunter  
Dr. Lynn Kelley  
Mr. Alan Krech  
Dr. David Loope  
Ms. Lynn Metcalf  
Dr. Gail Morrison  
Ms. Christina Pandimos  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Mr. John Smalls  
Ms. Jan Stewart

Ms. Edna Strange  
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong  
Ms. Julie Wahl  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Dr. Corey Amaker  
Dr. James Arrington  
Mr. Mark Boone  
Dr. Diane Brandstadtler  
Mr. Bill Bragdon  
Mr. Jim Byrd  
Dr. Richard Chapman  
Ms. Kay Coleman  
Dr. Anthony Coyne  
Dr. Tony DiGiorgio  
Ms. Susie Edwards  
Mr. David Fleming  
Ms. Linda Floyd  
Dr. Tom Hallman  
Dr. Gary Hansen  
Dr. Hugh Haynesworth  
Dr. Tom Higerd  
Col. Curt Holland  
Dr. Debra Jackson  
Ms. Karen Jones  
Mr. Rick Kelly  
Ms. Starr Kepner  
Mr. Thornton Kirby  
Ms. Dorcas Kitchings  
Dr. Carol Lancaster  
Mr. Wayne Landrith  
Mr. Scott Ludlow  
Ms. Amanda Magshund  
Mr. Gary McCombs  
Mr. J.P. McGee  
Dr. Anne McNutt  
Col. Spike Metts  
Dr. James Myers

Mr. Tim O'Dell  
Dr. Kinelle Oliver  
Ms. Jackie Olsen  
Mr. Charlie Parker  
Dr. Jackie Skubal  
Mr. Charles Shawver  
Dr. Teresa Smith  
Dr. Chris Starr  
Ms. Ginger Steel  
Mr. Thomas Suttles

Dr. John Sutusky  
Dr. Rita Teal  
Dr. Jonathon Trail  
Mr. Hobert Trotter  
Mr. Patrick Wamsley  
Ms. Catherine Watt  
Mr. Rick Wells

The Commission on Higher Education met on January 9, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission's conference room. For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the public as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Floyd who asked that everyone observe a couple of minutes of silence in honor of the Clemson and Bob Jones University students who were killed in a recent airplane accident.

He congratulated Miles Loadholt of the Commission, who was awarded the Order of the Palmetto by Governor Hodges on January 7. He is commended for his community service both to his area in Barnwell County and statewide.

## **I. Introductions**

Mr. Charlie FitzSimons introduced the guests attending the meeting.

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Floyd asked for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. That **motion** was made by Ms. Chinnes, **seconded** by Gen. Olsen and unanimously **carried**.

## **Chairman's Report**

As reminders: The Campus Safety Conference will take place February 28 – March 1 at Presbyterian College. Commission members are encouraged to attend. The Access and Equity Conference is on March 26 - 28 in Columbia. Registration materials will be forthcoming.

Dr. Sorensen has been called elsewhere and will not be here today. His presentation is to be rescheduled for the March meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

### **3.01 Report of the Executive Committee**

On December 12, an excellent meeting was held with the Executive Committee of the Commission on Higher Education and the Executive Committee of the Council of College

and University Presidents. Discussions included refining of performance funding using the FIPSE grant in which SC is the lead state along with five other states nationally in examining best practices in performance funding. To this end, a work group is to be established, including institutional representatives to focus on shared objectives in approaching the work of this project so that we can become more realistic and efficient in accountability issues.

### **3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing**

#### **A. Consideration of Technology Grant Program awards FY 2002-2003**

Ms. Chinnnes was present and conducted the discussion of the lottery funds and the Technology Grant Program. The legislation stipulated that the Commission administer a competitive grant program for the ten four-year institutions. Almost 10.8 million dollars is expected to be available for distribution. The Commission was assigned the task of conducting the grant process. With input from the four-year institutions, CHE staff developed the grant guidelines which were approved in September. A panel of nationally recognized technology experts was convened and they returned recommendations for the distribution of available funds. A total of nineteen (19) grants was received totaling over 15 million dollars. **Attachment I (b)** lists the twelve (12) grants to be fully funded. The remaining uncommitted funds (\$1,438,885) are to be distributed to the ten teaching universities using the MRR allocation strategy as shown in **Attachment I (c)**.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, the **motion** (Chinnnes) was made, **seconded** (Cole) and **carried** to act on the recommendation of the review panel and allocate this money as outlined in **Attachment I(b)** and **Attachment I(c)** and use the MRR calculations for the remaining funds and that these funds be used preferably for technology, for expansion of the funded proposals and to support developing the electronic library, with reports on these expenditures being submitted to CHE by January 30, 2004. The exact wording of the recommendation is **Attachment I(a)**.

For the record, the report of the Review Panel (with biographical abstracts of the members) is **Attachment II** and the grant proposal abstracts make up **Attachment III**.

### **3.03 Report of the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services**

**-Ms. Sue Cole**

#### **A. GEAR UP Report and Review of GEAR UP, JUMP and AIM College CDs**

Ms. Cole explained that the Commission was awarded a GEAR UP grant in 1999 to develop early awareness programs focusing on innovative ways to encourage high-risk students to explore higher education. This program, in partnership with the State Department of Education, the SC Chamber of Commerce, the Governor's School for Science and Math, SCETV and the SC Department of Health and Human Services has developed several innovative programs around the state with the goal of preparing students for college. Copies of the SC GEAR UP state and county profiles report were distributed at

today’s meeting. This report profiles the GEAR UP schools in each county, including each household income, property rate, tax scores, dropout rates and high school completion rates. The report shows some of the challenges facing the GEAR UP program as well as those the state will face in the coming years. Dr. Woodfaulk provided a review of the GEAR UP program, JUMP, and AIM College cds, included in the materials distributed. Ms. Joellen Cook, Principal Investigator for the program provided more detailed descriptions of the programs and the materials at hand. (**Attachment IV**) During this review, Dr. Barton asked that Alan Krech be recognized for his work with the Saturday Academies (an integral part of this program) for the past two years.

**B. Proposed Change to the LIFE Scholarship Regulations: Academic Credit Hours for Military Personnel**

The proposed change to the LIFE Scholarship Regulations (**Attachment V**) allowing credit hours earned while on active duty to count toward the credit hour requirement, provided it is accepted by the institution. On behalf of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services, a **motion** (Cole) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve the proposed amendments to the regulations for the LIFE Scholarship Program. The amended regulation will be effective for the 2003-2004 academic year.

**C. Grade Inflation Study: Committee Summary and Recommendations**

Title 59, Section 59-149-10 states that the Commission “must ensure accountability for the LIFE Scholarship by monitoring the distribution of grades at the institutions which receive these scholarship funds.” Grade inflation occurs when a student receives a grade for course work unwarranted by the level of work or achievement demonstrated. The strategies for a Grade Inflation Study are outlined in **Attachment VI**. The Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services recommends that the Commission endorse these strategies and seek funding to conduct a comprehensive statewide study on grade inflation. The **motion** (Cole) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve the recommendation of the Committee.

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

**A. Interim Facilities Projects**

**Summary of Interim Projects**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Project</b>		<b>Amount</b>
Clemson University	Adv. Materials Res. Lab. Constr.	-increase	\$ 1,151,218
MUSC	Indoor Air Quality Improvements	-establish	\$ 3,000,000
	Basic Sci. Bldg. Infrastruct. Renov.	-increase	2,700,000
USC-Columbia	Basketball Arena Construction	-increase	\$ 1,200,000
	Campus Food Service Facilities	-increase	1,644,904
Aiken TC	700 Building Renovation	-increase	\$ 2,125,000
Denmark TC	Land and Bldg. Acquisition	-establish	\$ 300,000
Tri-County TC	Paving/Surfacing/Landscaping	-incr./revise	\$ 950,000

**Lease**

MUSC Rutledge Tower Annex -renewal \$ 110,560/yr

Ms. Byerly asked that these nine projects be considered as a group and reviewed the explanations as they appear in **Attachment VII a**. On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, the **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve the projects as presented.

**B. Year 2 of Approved Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan Project Scores**

**Attachment VII(b)** are scores for projects previously approved by the Commission, subject to criteria also approved by the Commission. On behalf of the Committee on

Finance and facilities, the **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Chinnes) and **carried** to approve the scores as summarized in Attachment VII b. Rating Criteria and Application of those Criteria are **Attachment VII(c)**

**C. Report on Impact of Budget Reductions**

This is an informational item illustrated in **Attachment VIII**.

**3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding**

Gen Olsen reported that there were four revised institutional mission statements to be considered by the Commission. Those revised mission statements for Central Carolina Technical College, Horry Georgetown Technical College, Technical College of the Lowcountry, and University of South Carolina Aiken are **Attachment IX**. These mission statements have been approved at the Committee level and, on behalf of the Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding, a **motion** (Olsen) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve those revisions.

**4. Report of the Executive Director**

- ◆ Earlier this week someone from Knowledgeworks Foundation in Ohio, affiliated with the Gates Foundation visited South Carolina. Dr. Terry Peterson who formerly worked with Secretary Dick Riley made arrangements for representatives from the Commission to meet him, Secretary Riley and a gentleman by the name of Chad Wick, who works with the Knowledgeworks Foundation. They have a very innovative project in the state of Ohio dealing with development of model high schools or new high schools aimed at reaching a number of students that essentially “fall through the cracks” in the present systems. There is a significant number of students in our secondary schools that don’t make it out of high school or on to a post secondary experience. Looking at workforce statistics, all students, in order to be successful in the future, are going to have to have some post secondary education. Knowledgeworks Foundation has been selected by the Gates Foundation to be come a national conduit for a program aimed at creating a about 100 model high schools

around the United States focused on these students – getting them through high school and also to get them into post secondary experiences, be that college prep, a

- ◆ technical career, or whatever. Secretary Riley, who sits on the Board, has persuaded them to look at South Carolina as one of the states to be recipients of funding to create three to five of these high schools. There is to be another meeting with Dr. Morrison and Dr. Woodfaulk of the Commission and persons from the Department of Education. The program aims at partnerships among colleges, universities and school districts to create and direct these new schools.
- ◆ The General Assembly reconvenes next week and handouts are provided with Bills relating to Higher Education. The Commission is working on a web page providing up-to date legislative information on an on-going basis. Mr. FitzSimons was asked to explain the handouts and the bills coming before the legislature during the current session. He also gave a brief description of the web page under construction and also informed the group that the Commission would be presenting the budget requests on January 22.
- ◆ Mr. Floyd requested e-mail addresses as an efficient means of communication and these will be submitted to the Commission.

## 6. Other Business

Chairman Floyd opened the floor for nominations for election of Vice Chair. Ms. Chinnes has served as Vice Chair for two years, and Gen Olsen nominated Ms. Chinnes to continue as Vice-Chair. Ms. Chinnes was elected by acclamation.

Chairman Floyd called an Executive Session and reconvened when that session was over.

The Commission reconvened and Chairman Floyd announced that Dr. Barton had submitted his resignation as Executive Director, effective immediately and will be leaving on January 15. He made a **motion** the resignation be accepted and an Interim Executive Director be appointed. The motion was **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried**. Subsequently, a **motion** (Olsen) was made, **seconded** (Cole) and unanimously **carried** to appoint John Smalls as Interim Executive Director.

Ms. Byerly suggested it be made a part of the Minutes that it was a unanimous decision with complete faith on behalf of the Commission to fully support John, and expressed complete confidence in his ability to perform as Interim Executive Director. It is so noted.

Mr. Durham made a **motion, seconded** by Ms. Byerly, to adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Betsy Gunter*

Recording Secretary

## Attachments I-IX

\*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.