

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

*Minutes of the Meeting*

November 13, 2003

10:30 a.m.

**Commission Members Present**

Mr. Dalton Floyd, Chairman  
Ms. Rosemary Byerly  
Ms. Sue Cole  
Dr. Douglas Forbes  
Mr. Austin Gilbert  
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. Larry Durham

**Staff Present**

Ms. Rita Allison  
Ms. JoAnn Biga  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Ms. Lorinda Copeland  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Dr. Conrad Festa  
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons  
Ms. Betsy Gunter  
Dr. Lynn Kelley  
Ms. Bichevia Green  
Ms. Sherry Hubbard  
Ms. Yolanda Hudson  
Ms. Lynn Metcalf  
Dr. Gail Morrison  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Cyndi Taylor

Ms. Julie Wahl  
Ms. Shayne Watts  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Mr. Bill Bragdon  
Mr. Jeff Brandon  
Mr. Jim Byrd  
Ms. Donna Collins  
Dr. Anthony Coyne  
Ms. Betty Davidson  
Mr. Henry Giles  
Mr. Stan Godshall  
Mr. Michael Gross  
Dr. Martha Hanks  
Dr. Gary Hansen  
Dr. Tom Higerd  
Col. Curt Holland  
Dr. Sally Horner  
Dr. David Hunter  
Mr. Rick Kelley  
Ms. Star Kepner  
Dr. Carol Lancaster  
Ms. Amanda Maghsoud  
Dr. Harry Matthews  
Mr. Gary McCombs  
Mr. J.P. McKee  
Dr. Ann McNutt  
Dr. Charles Muse  
Ms. Jackie Olsen  
Dr. Susan Ozment  
Dr. Robert Puddy  
Dr. David Ritland  
Mr. Charles Shawver  
Dr. Aileen Trainer  
Ms. Catherine Watt

For the record, notification of this meeting was made to the public as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

The Commission on Higher Education met on November 13, 2003 (having been rescheduled from the customary 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday), at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room at Commission on Higher Education offices.

## **I. Introductions**

Chairman Floyd called the meeting to order and asked Dr. Lynn Kelly to introduce guests attending the meeting.

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

At the Chairman's request, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Cole) and **carried** to approve the minutes as submitted.

## **Chairman's Report**

- ◆ Chairman Floyd reported that the Trustee Conference was very successful in that trustees from both private and public institutions were in attendance. Aims McGuinness and Rich Novak conducted the conference, turning attention to what the public policy agenda for higher education in South Carolina should be. They have visited institutions and met with their representatives, business community leaders and others and will continue to do so. The final report is due on December 4. Then comes the difficult task of implementation.
- ◆ Dr. Woodfaulk was asked to report on the status of plans for the Safety Conference to be held on March 11-12 at Coastal Carolina University. The conference hotel site is the Radisson this year. Registration materials will be sent out in the next few weeks.

## **3. Committee Reports**

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

**-Mr. Dalton**

**B. Floyd**  
(No Report)

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

**-Dr. Vermelle**

#### **A. New Program Proposals**

- 1. A.H.S., Emergency Medical Technology, Florence-Darlington Tech**
- 2. B.A., Music Education, USC-Aiken**
- 3. M.S., Historic Preservation, Clemson**
- 4. M.Ed., Middle Level Education, College of Charleston**

The proposed Emergency Medical Technology program at Florence-Darlington Tech to be implemented in the spring of 2004 was approved by the State Technical College

System Board in May and submitted to the Commission for review on June 10. The Advisory Committee reviewed this on October 8, and it was approved by the Academic Affairs Committee on October 17. In response the questions from the Committee, the institution satisfactorily demonstrated the need for the program.

**Recommendation:** The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve the program leading to the Associate in Health Sciences in Emergency Medical Technology at Florence-Darlington Technical College, to be implemented in Spring 2004, provided that no “unique cost” or other special state funding be required or requested. (ATT I a)

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

The second program, from USC Aiken, is a Bachelor of Arts Degree in music education, to be implemented in the fall of 2004. It was submitted for Commission review on July 25. The Advisory Committee reviewed this on October 8, and it was approved by the Academic Affairs Committee on October 17.

The purpose of the program is to prepare graduates who will be eligible for music teacher certification for K-12 schools. Because we do have a number of similar programs, there were questions by the Committee as to need. Duplication versus need was thoroughly discussed and concluded that because this was a critical program as established by the SC Department of Education, it was decided that there could be some freedom in approving the program for USC Aiken. This program is shared with School of Education in the Department of Visual and Performing Arts. The full description of the program is.

**Recommendation:** The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve USC Aiken’s proposed program leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education for implementation in Fall 2004, provided that no “unique cost” or other special State funding is requested or required. (ATT I b)

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, the **motion** (Johnson) was made, **seconded** (Oliver) and **carried** with one opposed (Forbes).

During discussion, Dr. Forbes raised the question of whether or not all the other schools offering this degree were filled. Dr. Morrison answered that the Committee did have data to work with as to class size in each given location, but not whether or not they are filled to capacity all the time.

The third program is the Master of Science in Historic Preservation from Clemson University, which is expected eventually to be offered as a joint program with the College of Charleston. The Clemson Board of Trustees approved the program on March 3, 2003. The Advisory Committee reviewed this on October 8, and it was approved by the Academic Affairs Committee on October 17. The purpose of the program is to prepare graduates for leadership positions in the rapidly growing field of historic preservation.

Need is based on the multitude of restoration projects in this state.

**Recommendation**: The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve the program leading to the Master of Science in Historic Preservation by Clemson University, to be implemented in August, 2004, provided that:

- no “unique cost” or other special state funding be required or requested;
- and provided further that at the time that the College of Charleston might seek to offer the program jointly with Clemson University, a formal, written agreement between the institutions will be signed and filed with the Commission in which the flow of state funding, the responsibility for student enrollment reporting, and faculty and facility utilization are clearly delineated. (**ATT I c**)

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

During discussion, Mr. Ravenel expressed concern about keeping the Commission informed about cost of programs relative to need. Dr. Johnson and Dr. Morrison reassured him that this was certainly considered with regard to the available information and the staff would make every effort to provide more complete information to the Commissioners.

The fourth program to be considered is the M.Ed., Middle Level Education, College of Charleston, to be implemented in the spring of 2005. The Board of Trustees approved this program on April 16. The Advisory Committee reviewed this on October 8, and it was approved by the Academic Affairs Committee on October 17.

**Recommendation**: The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve the program leading to the Master of Education degree in Middle Level Education at the College of Charleston, to be implemented in Spring 2005, provided that no “unique cost” or other state funding be required or requested and provided further that the College note in its catalogue and advertising materials that the program may not lead to add-on middle-level certification unless appropriate courses are selected. (The Advisory Committee reviewed this on October 8, and it was approved by the Academic Affairs Committee on October 17). (**ATT 1 d**)

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, the **motion** (Johnson) was made, **seconded** (Oliver), and carried, with one member abstaining, to approve the recommendation as stated.

## **B. Consideration of Annual Report on Centers of Excellence (Teacher Education), FY 2002-03**

The Report on the Centers of Excellence (Teacher Education) was mailed out for information prior to the meeting. This report is found in **Attachment II a**.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Johnson) was made, **seconded** (Byerly) and **carried** to approve the report for transmission to the *EIA Select Sub-Committee of the Educational Oversight Committee*.

### C. Consideration of Annual Evaluation of Two-Year Programs, FY 2002-03

The report on the Annual Evaluation of Two-Year Programs, FY 2002-03 was mailed out for information prior to the meeting. This report is found in **Attachment II b**.

**Recommendation:** The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve this report's designation of programs for the current reporting year as shown in **Tables 5, 6, 7, and 8** in **Attachment III**. Because of the importance to economic development in South Carolina of certain associate degree programs, the staff further recommends that the technical colleges and two-year regional USC campuses be requested to continue efforts to increase the numbers of enrolled students in and graduates from their associate degree programs in nursing, the engineering technologies, and the AA/AS transfer programs.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Johnson) was made, **seconded** (Durham) and **carried** to approve this report's designation of programs for the current reporting year and that the technical colleges and two-year regional USC campuses be requested to continue efforts to increase the numbers of enrolled students in and graduates from their associate degree programs in nursing, the engineering technologies and the AA/AS transfer programs, because of the importance to economic development in the State.

### D. Consideration of Revisions to *Guidelines for the Education Lottery Teaching Scholarship Grants Program*, FY 2003-04

The *Guidelines for the Education Lottery Teaching Scholarship Grants Program*, with revisions noted, was mailed out prior to the meeting. This document is **Attachment IV**. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Johnson) was made, **seconded** (Konduros) and **carried** to approve the revised *Guidelines* for implementation in FY 2003-04.

### 3.03 Report of the Committee on Student Services

- Ms. Sue Cole

The following are informational reports and are included as Attachments V A, B, C, D and E as ordered below

- A. 2002-03 LIFE Scholarship Program (ATT V a)
- B. 2002-03 Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (ATT V b)
- C. 2002-03 Palmetto Fellows Scholarship (ATT V c)
- D. 2002-03 South Carolina HOPE Scholarship Program (ATT V d)
- E. 2002-03 South Carolina Need-based Grants (ATT V e)

The need-based grant report generated discussion of the fact that the need-based grants are somehow not getting to the students who need them most and this is a situation that

should be addressed by the State. Ms. Cole, at this point, asked Dr. Karen Woodfaulk to go over the Maps attached to each scholarship report showing location of students receiving each scholarship and grant and further defined in charts or narratives as to locations, gender and ethnicity.

The Commission was in agreement that they should make a strong statement to legislators about the availability of scholarship money to the needier population.

Retention of scholarship dollars past the first year was discussed and all agreed the whole scholarship system needs to be examined with regard to the system in which students are losing scholarships due to the fact that they don't maintain the quality of work necessary to retain the scholarship year to year.

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

**- Ms. Rosemary Byerly**

#### **A. Interim Capital Projects**

On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** to approve the Interim Capital Projects as presented in **Attachment VI**.

#### **B. Deferred Maintenance Status Report (ATT VII)**

Ms. Byerly asked Lynn Metcalf to do a presentation on the status of deferred maintenance, since this has been a matter of concern with all the Commissioners. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Konduros, the Committee has asked staff to share the report on the severity of the deferred maintenance with the legislature and the Governor's office.

Ms. Metcalf then presented the history and current status of deferred maintenance on educational and general buildings at South Carolina public colleges and universities. The amount required to bring these buildings up to satisfactory condition is over \$600,000,000. She reported that the Commission has requested separate funding for deferred maintenance each year for several years, but has thus far been unsuccessful. There has been some limited activity in eliminating deferred maintenance. Over the past decade, the legislature has appropriated about \$70 million through bond bills for renovations, repairs and deferred maintenance, but that has hardly made a dent in the problem.

Part of the reason for the backlog is the decline in percentage of state funding received for the operating budgets. In the 1990s, colleges and universities were funded at a high of about 87% of the amount recommended to a low of about 54% in 2002-03. Institutions have made the choice to fund more pressing academic needs and to defer maintenance.

Details of that study and conclusions drawn from it are found in **Attachment VII**.

**3. Report of the Executive Director**

The Governor's Professors of the Year were introduced to the Commission and given the opportunity to make brief remarks. The recognition luncheon at Capstone House on the University of South Carolina campus follows the Commission meeting.

**5. Other Business**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Betsy Gunter*

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.