

**SC National Guard College Assistance Program (SCNG CAP)
Review/Evaluation Committee Meeting
Teleconference
April 14, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

SC Air National Guard

SMSgt. Steven David

SC Army National Guard

MSG Paul Mead

CPT Kimrey Angotti-Smith

Guests

Ms. Julie Frick, USC Columbia

CHE Staff

Ms. Lorinda Copeland

Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Institutional Representatives

Mr. Hank Fuller, The Citadel

Ms. Sylvia Mills, Midlands Technical College

Ms. Summer Nance, Limestone College

Ms. Cindy Peachey, USC Columbia

1. Introductions and Approval of Minutes

The meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. with a roll call by Dr. Karen Woodfaulk. Dr. Woodfaulk asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2019 meeting. The motion was made (Mills) and seconded (Peachey) to accept the minutes as written. The minutes were accepted as written.

2. SCNG CAP Awards Update

Ms. Lorinda Copeland stated that as of April 13, 2020, the spring 2020 awards were \$303,566.50. She stated that the awards total was not an indication that institutions had not submitted the enrollment eligibility verification for the spring semester. The requested deadline for institutions to submit a request and/or return funds for the spring semester was May 29.

3. SCNG CAP AY2019-20 Eligibility Update

MSG Paul Mead reported that the Army Guard received 851 applications. Of this total, 751 were approved and the projected funding \$2,961,450. The projected AIT completions for the summer semester were 25 and the projected funding \$56,250. The total projected funding for the Army Guard was \$3,017,700. SMSgt. Steven David stated that his approved applications remained at 99 and the projected funding \$891,000. SMSgt. David also reported four Student Flight additions, two exception to policy (ETP), two discharges and one flagging action. Dr. Woodfaulk asked about the current awards compared to the previous year. MSG Mead responded that awards for the Army Guard were slightly lower due to flagging actions and service members reaching the 130 attempted credit hour maximum.

4. SCNG CAP AY2020-2021 Application Window

- **SCNG CAP Web Portal**
- **CAP Application (www.GetSmartSC.com)**
- **Memorandum and Flyer for Institutional Contacts**
- **ROTC Full Scholarship Definition Update**

Ms. Copeland reported that suggested changes to the web portal had been completed. However, there was no update as to when the web portal would open. She also reported that the SCNG CAP application for AY2020-2021 would open June 1 and close August 1. Information regarding the application window was disseminated to the institutional contacts to share with their students. The SC National Guard representatives would also be publicizing the application window to service members. Dr. Woodfaulk stated that the information is a reminder to students that they must apply for the SCNG CAP every year. Ms. Sylvia Mills asked if verbiage in the information could be used in communication to their students. Dr. Woodfaulk and Ms. Copeland responded yes.

Dr. Woodfaulk provided an update on the proposed regulation for the Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) full scholarship definition. She explained that representatives from the SC National Guard asked CHE staff to review the ROTC full scholarship definition. The SCNG CAP regulation states ROTC full scholarship recipients are not eligible for the SCNG CAP. However, an ROTC scholarship is not a full scholarship. ROTC scholarship recipients select full tuition or full room and board, not both. The Commission on Higher Education (CHE) approved a ROTC full scholarship definition. The proposed regulation for the definition was submitted to the SC Legislature for approval. If the proposed regulation is not withdrawn or revised before the 120-day legislative clock expires, the proposed regulation is approved. ROTC scholarship recipients would be eligible for the SCNG CAP up to the cost of attendance.

5. Summer Awards Process

Ms. Copeland stated information regarding the summer awards process would be disseminated within a week. She explained that the SCNG CAP web portal does not capture eligibility for more than one academic year. During the renewal process for the upcoming academic year, everyone in the system will be coded ineligible. However, service members may still have eligibility for the remainder of the current academic year. Institutions will submit summer enrollment by the requested deadline for each summer term. Ms. Copeland will verify continued eligibility with the SC National Guard representatives.

6. Other Business, Comments or Concerns

- **Removal of the 130 Attempted Credit Hour Maximum**
- **Less Than One Year Certificate Programs**

Dr. Woodfaulk stated that CHE approved the removal of the 130 attempted credit hour maximum. However, the next step is the regulatory process as directed by the SC National Guard. Dr. Woodfaulk also reported that CHE approved proposed language for less than one-year certificate programs. Less than one-year certificate and certification programs would expand education opportunities for SC National Guard service members. CHE staff, representatives from the SC National Guard and representatives from the SC Technical College System drafted the proposed language. Ms. Copeland stated that additional proposed language would also allow

eligibility for service members with bachelor's degree to obtain a certificate, certification or second associate degree. Dr. Woodfaulk responded that the additional proposed language was like the Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAP).

Ms. Mills asked when the eligible list of students for the upcoming academic year would be disseminated. She stated that her institution had begun registration for the summer semester as well as the fall semester. Ms. Copeland responded that previously, institutions received the initial list of eligible students at the end of June and the final list after the application closes on August 1. She stated that she assumed the same process would be in place this year. However, if the web portal is open, institutional contacts would be able to access their eligible students continuously during the application window.

Ms. Copeland will contact the committee to schedule the fall 2020 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorinda Copeland
Recorder