



**S. C. Commission on Higher Education
January 10, 2002
Meeting Highlights**



Please note the following information is intended to be a brief summary of Commission actions and should not be considered as any form of minutes for the referenced meeting.

Ms. Rosemary Byerly



Commission Approves Capital Projects

The Commission approved various capital projects at several institutions through the Interim Capital Project Approval Process. These projects represent a combination of new projects and modifications to existing projects. Provided below is a summary of projects approved:

Clemson University		
a. Harcombe Hall Serving Area Renovation	\$ 1,500,000	Establish
b. Apparel Research Facility Addition	600,000	Establish
College of Charleston		
a. Deferred Maintenance-Roofs	1,000,000	Establish
b. Deferred Maintenance-HVAC	1,000,000	Establish
c. Purchase of 84, 86 Wentworth St. and 14-A, 14-B St. Philip St.	2,000,000	Acquisition
d. School of Business – New Building	8,000,000	Establish
SC State University		
a. Fund Transfer	1,700,000	Fund Transfer
USC-Columbia		
a. South Campus Housing – Phase III	28,500,000	Increase
b. Sunwalt College Nano Center Renovation	1,250,500	Increase
c. 1600 Hampton Street Acquisition	19,600,000	Acquisition
Winthrop University		
a. Wofford Hall Renovation	1,718,000	Increase
Aiken TC		
a. Health Sciences Center Building	1,000,000	Increase
Tri-County TC		
a. Paving/Resurfacing/Landscaping	1,450,000	Increase
Trident TC		
a. Complex for Ind. & Econ. Dev. Renov.-Phase II	<u>25,528,000</u>	Increase
Total Interim Projects	\$ 94,846,500	

Mr. Dalton Floyd



Commission Approves Exceptional Capital Project Scores

As a part of the annual budget request process, higher education institutions have prepared capital project requests for consideration by the General Assembly. Each year, the Commission rates those projects on a set of established criteria in an effort to provide the members of the General Assembly with an objective evaluation of all projects using uniform guidelines. The Commission approved the ratings for the projects being submitted for the 2002 Legislative session at this meeting. For a complete listing of all projects and respective ratings, please contact Lynn Metcalf at the Commission offices.

Commission Approves Statewide Strategic Plan



Dr. Leroy Davis, President SCSU

After a year-long review and analysis process, the Commission adopted its Strategic Plan for Higher Education. The plan charts the future of higher education in South Carolina, and includes three overarching goals:

1. Expand Educational Opportunities for South Carolina Citizens
2. Invest in Research for Economic Development and a Better Quality of Life
3. Increase Cooperation and Collaboration for Efficiency and Quality

An implementation Task Force made up of institutional presidents, chaired by Dr. Anthony DiGiorgio of Winthrop University, will begin work in the next few months to develop specific plans to implement the Plan's goals. For a copy of the Strategic Plan, please visit the Commission's website at <http://www.che400.state.sc.us> and look under the Executive Director's section for a link to the Strategic Plan.

Commission Announces Release of Accountability Report

The Commission's annual report, A Closer Look at Public Higher Education in SC: Institutional Effectiveness, Accountability, and Performance, January, 2002, will be released to the General Assembly and the public on January 15th. This report takes a look at the information used in the state's performance funding system, along with relevant institutional assessment data, and presents this information in a "user friendly" format so that parties interested in higher education can become familiar with the status of individual institutions, as well as the state as a whole, on various areas of performance and assessment.



Dr. Lovely Ulmer Sottong

Mr. Dixon Durham



Commission hears from Governor's Professor of the Year

Mr. Dixon Durham, from Midlands Technical College, is the recipient of the 2001 Governor's Professor of the year from the two-year institutions. Mr. Durham visited the Commission and shared his thoughts on education and the importance of the opportunities provided at the two-year institutions. The Commission thanked Mr. Dixon for all of his efforts towards improving the quality of the educational experience for his students, and congratulated him on his designation as the Governor's Professor of the year.

Commission Receives Report from Business Advisory Council

Mr. Larry Wilson, Chairman of the Commission's Business Advisory Council made a presentation to the Commission on the strong support for higher education from the business community. Mr. Wilson also provided an overview of the proposed Endowed Chairs/Research Centers of Excellence project being presented by the Governor's Technology Transition Team. The project is being presented to the Legislature for funding from lottery proceeds, and calls for \$40 million each year to go to the state's three research universities to create Research Centers of Excellence and provide support for endowed professorships that will provide an environment for improved economic development.

Mr. Larry Wilson



Upcoming Commission Events

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

- **Performance Funding / FIPSE (Funding for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education) Conference– February 7-9 at the Westin Resort, Hilton Head Island**
- **Higher Education Campus Safety Conference– February 24-26 at Winthrop University**
- **Access & Equity Conference– March 13-15 at Beach Cove Resort, Myrtle Beach**



Ms. Cathy Harvin