

**SCNational Guard College Assistance Program (SCNGCAP)
Review/Evaluation Committee Meeting
Teleconference
November 18, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

SCAir National Guard

SSgt. Briana Johnson

SCArmy National Guard

Mr. Paul Mead

Institutional Representatives

Ms. Sylvia Mills, Midlands Technical College

Ms. Summer Nance, Limestone College

Ms. Cindy Peachey, USC Columbia

Guests

Ms. Julie Frick, USC Columbia

CHE Staff

Ms. Lorinda Copeland

Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

1. Introductions and Approval of Minutes

The meeting opened at 10:01 a.m. with a roll call by Dr. Karen Woodfaulk. Everyone in attendance provided an update regarding the impact of Covid-19 on their campus or programs. Dr. Woodfaulk asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2020 meeting. The motion was made (Mead) and seconded (Nance) to accept the minutes as written. The minutes were accepted as written.

2. SCNG CAP Awards Update

Ms. Lorinda Copeland stated that as of November 16, 2020, the fall 2020 awards were \$549,089.50. Although 34 institutions had reported their fall 2020 enrollment, only 25 institutions had submitted a request for fall 2020. Ms. Copeland stated that there had been no issues with processing despite various schedules and that eligibility issues had been resolved as communicated by SSgt. Briana Johnson.

3. SCNG CAP AY2020-21 Eligibility Update

Mr. Paul Mead reported that the Army Guard received 873 applications. Of this total, 745 were approved and the projected funding \$3,267,000. The projected Advanced Individual Training (AIT) completions for the fall, spring and summer semesters were 57 and the projected funding \$128,250. Mr. Mead stated that he would be notifying the institutional contacts as service members complete AIT. Also, the SCNG CAP web portal would be updated. The total projected funding for the Army Guard was \$3,395,250. SSgt. Johnson stated that the approved applications were 106 and the projected funding for the fall 20 and spring 21 terms was \$955,000. Dr. Woodfaulk asked SSgt. Johnson if additional applications were anticipated for the spring. SSgt. Johnson responded that she would verify the numbers with SMSgt. David.

4. SCNG CAP Web Portal

Ms. Copeland reported that the web portal for the SCNG CAP had opened during the summer. She stated that CHE staff were aware that the "Update National Guard Student Data" function was not updating properly. Programmers had determined the cause and were working

to correct the issue. Ms. Copeland asked if there was any feedback regarding the web portal. Ms. Cindy Peachey stated that the previous portal included the Palmetto Fellows scholarship program and asked about the status of a portal for the program. Dr. Woodfaulk responded that a scholarship portal was in development. However, there would not be a connection to the SCNG CAP web portal. Ms. Julie Frick asked if a field for the date of birth could be added. She stated that full social security numbers are not always available if a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) was not completed. Dr. Woodfaulk responded that the request would be presented to the CHE Information Technology Manager. Ms. Copeland stated that the full social security number (SSN) was displayed in the previous portal. However, no portion of the SSN is displayed in the current portal for the institutions. Ms. Copeland stated that she does not have the capability to view the full SSN which she believes is for security reasons. Ms. Peachey stated that being able to find a student with the date of birth may be helpful. Also, the name entered by the Guard (legal name and spelling) may not be the same as provided by the student to the institution. Ms. Copeland stated that she can access full social security numbers while in the office if assistance is needed. Dr. Woodfaulk asked the group to inform CHE staff if there were any issues.

5. Other Business, Comments or Concerns

- ROTC Full Scholarship Definition (Approved 6/26/20)

Dr. Woodfaulk stated that the ROTC full scholarship definition was approved by the SC General Assembly. Previously, if an ROTC scholarship was received, service members were not eligible for the SCNG CAP. ROTC scholarship recipients now have the option to select full tuition or room and board and can receive the SCNG CAP up to cost of attendance.

- Proposed Regulation for Less Than One-Year Certificates and Certification Programs (Allow Service Members with Bachelor's Degrees to Earn Certificates, Certifications or a second Associate's Degree)

Ms. Copeland stated that the proposed regulation would be submitted to the SC General Assembly January 2021. She also stated that the proposed regulation would most likely not impact the four-year institutions. Ms. Copeland asked if it would be possible for the technical colleges to track the number of students with a bachelor's or associate's who enroll for a preceding credential. This information would be included in the annual report to the Commission next year. Ms. Sylvia Mills responded that she would be able to provide this information based on her review prior to awarding. Ms. Copeland stated that the request for this information would have to be communicated to the institutions because the information would not be captured in the web portal. Dr. Woodfaulk stated that the proposed regulation would broaden opportunities for service members that have credit hours or funding remaining. Ms. Mills stated that students that have a bachelor's degree probably have reached 130 attempted credit hours.

- Removal of the 130 Attempted Credit Hour Maximum

Dr. Woodfaulk stated that CHE had already approved the removal of the 130 attempted credit hour maximum. She stated that the CHE was awaiting further direction from the SC National Guard. Mr. Mead stated that progress was on hold due to Covid-19. He stated that he did not know if SMSgt. David had an update. Dr. Woodfaulk responded that CHE staff would be working with the SC National Guard regarding the removal.

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorinda Copeland
Recorder