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MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

November 7, 1968

The Commission on Higher Education met on Thursday, November 7, 1968, in the Conference Room on the fourth floor of the Rutledge Building. Those present were Messrs. Grier, Lumpkin, Walsh, Furman, Rogers, Schachte, Coker, Vance and Dr. Morris. General Jennings represented General Holliday from the Citadel.

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 by Chairman Vance.

Mr. Schachte moved that the minutes of the October meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Osborne and unanimously adopted.

Chairman Vance then called on Dr. Morris for a report on administration.

Dr. Morris brought out the following administrative changes and questions:

1. Mrs. Kay Hunter has resigned as secretary, effective November 8, and will be replaced by Mrs. Brenda Ward.
2. Negotiations are proceeding for the employment of Mr. William Jennings as Assistant Commissioner for Finance and Budgetary Planning.
3. Dr. Morris has been asked to sit in on the college and university budgetary hearings, and is serving on a committee of the Budget and Control Board which is evaluating budgetary requests from institutions of higher learning.
4. It was recommended that the Advisory Committees which have been released by Mr. Cauthen not be reappointed formally, but instead should be utilized as necessary on an ad hoc basis.
5. Visits have been made by Dr. Morris to Clemson, Medical College, Citadel and College of Charleston. It was indicated that the College of Charleston is in a better financial position than during last year, but may still be receptive to being taken over by the state.
6. A meeting of representatives from the various public colleges and universities will be held in the Commission office on November 12 to consider the use of educational television. Mr. Henry Cauthen from ETV will also be present.
7. Dr. Morris indicated he had talked to the State Auditor about the expense allowance, equivalent to that of the university presidents, which had been approved by the Commission.

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8. In arranging the meeting with the Council of Presidents on November 25, the question of a representative from the private college group has been raised with Dr. McCord, Chairman of the Council of Presidents.

In connection with administrative matters, the Commission approved the employment of Mr. Jennings as Assistant Commissioner for Finance, and reaffirmed the expense allowance for Dr. Morris under the same conditions they are approved for university presidents. It was also decided that the Commission should send a letter to Dr. McCord indicating that the Commission would like to invite a representative of the independent colleges to meet with the Council of Presidents at the two meetings between the Commission and the Council of Presidents. Mr. Schachte requested that the members of the Commission be put on the mailing list for catalogues and annual reports from all state colleges and universities.

Mr. Vance reported that the Commission's budget for 1969-70 had been presented to the Budget and Control Board. He asked if there were any criticisms of the budget and none were received.

The next item of business was a request presented to the Commission from the University of South Carolina for early implementation of the Ph. D. program in Geology. It had been approved for the Fall of 1970, but the University would prefer implementing it in the Fall of 1969 because it is now prepared to do so. This request was approved by the Commission.

The Commission then took up the matter of issues on higher education which will be contained in the Governor's message, and will come before the Legislature in the Spring. The following tentative decisions on recommendations were made with the understanding that they would be explained more fully in a position paper, which would be sent to the Council of Presidents and would be discussed at the November 25 meeting with that body. The view points of the Commission would then be made final in December and submitted to the Governor, the Budget and Control Board, and the Legislature.

1. Medical Education - The Commission supports continued rapid development of the Medical College toward excellence along with other graduate education in the state. Support should be extended for the rapid development of para-medical education, with coordination between the Department of Health, the Medical College, and technical education centers. On the question of affiliation of the Medical College with the University of South Carolina, the Commission favors the appointment of a joint committee of faculty and administration from the two universities and the Medical College to explore this question and report back to the Commission. It does not favor initiating a second medical school at this time.

2. Junior College and Technical Education Centers - The Commission favors the separation of the two year branches from the two universities, and the organization of these into a system of junior colleges under a state-wide board of trustees.

It is felt that technical education, essentially in its present form, be continued but that the Technical Education Committee be changed to a board or commission which would report to the Commission on Higher Education. The Commission on Higher Education will be particularly interested in approving programs and budgets and in coordinating transfer admission questions. The Commission decided that the position paper on this subject should be submitted to the appropriate officials at the universities to determine if they would like to be heard by the Commission.

3. Adjunct Education - The Commission favors an intensification of current programs at the state colleges and universities which are in line with the adjunct education proposal in the Moody Report. If the adjunct education program contained in the Moody Report is approved, the Commission feels that the state colleges and universities should participate in the program.

4. Senior Institutions - The Commission favors the continued up-grading of graduate programs and research at Carolina and Clemson. It feels that a new four year college should be started in the Fall of 1970 in the Pee Dee, preferably in Florence. The Commission should continue to examine the question of the need for additional public colleges at Charleston, Greenville-Spartanburg, and Columbia. The new board of trustees for the Pee Dee college should be appointed on a state-wide basis. The Commission does not favor a combined board for all state colleges and junior colleges.

5. Support for Private Colleges - The Commission has reviewed the recommendations of the Cresap, McCormick and Paget Report, which was authorized by the Independent College Foundation. It supports the creation of a public bond authority to assist private colleges in meeting their capital needs. Also desirable is the development of close liaison in state planning for higher education between the public and private colleges through the Commission on Higher Education. The Commission does not support sales tax exemptions or tax credits for private colleges or any direct support at this time. It is recommended, however, that tuition equalization grants be provided for commuting students to accredited colleges in the amount of \$500 per year.

6. Other Recommendations - The Commission reiterates its support of co-education at Winthrop College. It also feels that the current situation of having the Governor as the Chairman of the Board at Winthrop be changed and that the Vice Chairman be named Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
James A. Morris  
Commissioner