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MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

November 5, 1970
10:30 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. John K. Cauthen
Mr. Alester G. Furman, III
Mr. William H. Grier
Mr. Oswald E. Lightsey
Mr. John H. Lumpkin
Mr. T. Eston Marchant
Mr. James A. Rogers
Mr. J. Edwin Schachte, Jr.
Mr. I. P. Stanback
Mr. Robert M. Vance
Mr. E. Craig Wall
Mr. T. Emmet Walsh

Dr. James A. Morris
Mr. James R. Michael
Mr. Alan S. Krech

I. Approval of Minutes of October 1, 1970, Meeting

It was noted by Dr. Morris that the figure 13,061 in the last sentence of the minutes should be changed to 1,361. A motion was made (Grier) and seconded (Stanback) that the minutes as submitted and corrected be approved. Passed unanimously.

II. Long Range Planning Committees

Regular meetings of the planning committees are being held and much progress is being made. Mr. Alan Krech has joined the Commission staff as Planning Officer under a federal grant and will be working with all committees. It is hoped that a full and complete statement, supported by data, of the goals for higher education in the state for the next decade will be completed by next summer.

III. College and University Budgets

The college and university budget requests as originally submitted amounted to an increase of 18.246 million dollars over this year's appropriations. This increase was reduced by the Commission to 12.027 million dollars and it appears now that

the Budget and Control Board will reduce the amount even further.

Dr. Morris met with the staff of the Budget and Control Board to review the college and university budgets, at which time it was assumed that if a cost of living increase was appropriated to the other colleges and universities that the Medical University would be treated likewise. Dr. McCord in an unprecedented and unexpected move had reported that the Medical University could get by next year without the five million dollar plus increase requested in the initial budget submission. In connection with this action by Dr. McCord it was called to the attention of the Commission that the Board of Trustees of the Medical University had adopted the Medical University's budget with the five million dollar plus increase and it was felt that the Board of Trustees would have a statement on the budget after their meeting in December.

In a general discussion on the procedure established by the Commission for review, evaluation and recommendations to the Budget and Control Board on the college and university budgets Mr. Walsh stated that he felt the budgets should be analysed by the entire Commission, not just the Executive Committee. He felt that after review by the staff of the Budget and Control Board, the budgets should come back to the Commission, with the amount of money available for higher education, and the Commission would then set priorities for the allocation of funds.

It was pointed out by Chairman Vance that the budgets were available in the Commission office for any Commissioner's review and that working papers on the budgets had been sent to each Commissioner prior to the meeting at which the Executive Committee's recommendations had been approved. It was further stated that it would be virtually impossible for the staff of the Budget and Control Board to send all budget requests from state agencies back after their review, and before being submitted to the House Ways and Means Committee. It was also stated that with the implementation next year of the data and planning system the Commission would be prepared to analyse all budgets on the most scientific basis possible, with actual data to back the recommendations, and this should be a tremendous aid in determining the actual needs of the colleges and universities.

IV. Report from Independent Colleges in South Carolina by Dr. Hardin

Dr. Paul Hardin read a brief statement from the private independent colleges in South Carolina requesting the Commission to strongly endorse, and include in its recommendations to the

Legislature, the tuition equalization grants bill which was enacted by the 1970 General Assembly. Dr. Hardin stated that financial conditions in the private schools have not improved and it is totally unrealistic to assume that they can continue to operate and provide quality education for a substantial number of young people without some direct, or indirect, help from the state. Dr. Hardin further stated that if the tuition equalization grants program was adequately funded, at a minimum of one million dollars, many of the students who are now being forced by purely financial consideration into the public institutions may chose to attend private schools, becoming much less of a burden to the state financially. It was pointed out by Dr. Hardin that the private college group was sympathetic with and strongly supports the Commission's determination to add scholarship programs for all students based on need but that a state-wide scholarship program without a strong equalization feature would be ruinous to the private colleges. The Commission took action on this request later in the meeting when the Report to the Legislature was considered.

V. Capital Improvement Requests for Francis Marion College and the College of Charleston

Mr. Michael of the Commission staff presented capital improvement requests for the College of Charleston and Francis Marion College. Included in the request for the College of Charleston was a science laboratory and classroom building at a cost to the state of \$2,750,000 plus \$250,000 from other sources; a general classroom building at a cost of \$1,635,000; a central energy maintenance facility at a cost of \$1,700,000; and a 200 bed dormitory at a cost of \$1,200,000 but not to be paid for by the state. These amounts total \$6,085,000 state funds and \$1,450,000 from other sources.

Requests for Francis Marion College include a physical education building at a cost of \$2,200,000; a student center at a cost of \$1,250,000; 50 acres of land for future expansion at a cost of \$100,000; renovation of Stokes Hall at a cost of \$300,000; a 300 bed dormitory at a cost of \$1,759,000; and a cafeteria at a cost of \$500,000. These requests total \$6,100,000. Mr. Michael stated that although a residence hall and cafeteria were requested from state funds, the College plans to investigate the possibility of a private contractor constructing and operating these facilities.

In general discussion the necessity of dormitories at both Francis Marion and the College of Charleston was questioned by Mr. Walsh. It was his understanding that when the state took over the College of Charleston it was to be primarily a commuter college and he felt that if dormitories were built at

Francis Marion and the College of Charleston that students would have to be solicited from other parts of the state, increasing competition with the other colleges in the state. Even if dormitories were built by private concerns they would still have to be state maintained. Mr. Rogers pointed out that as enrollment at these two institutions has increased there has been a greater demand for dormitory space and it was felt that the colleges should have the opportunity to offer dormitory service for those who desire to take advantage of it, although both colleges would remain primarily commuter institutions. Mr. Lumpkin commented that it was a policy decision and although he agreed with Mr. Walsh that the Commission's original position was to try to contain both Charleston and Florence in a position of being purely commuter schools, he was inclined to change the policy if it was now felt that dormitories were considered necessary. A motion was made (Lumpkin) and seconded (Rogers) that the Commission approve as a matter of policy the construction of dormitories at Francis Marion College and the College of Charleston within the purview of what they have asked, and that the Commission approve each individually as they come up. An amendment to the motion was made by Mr. Schachte that the Commission reiterate in principle that these two institutions shall be primarily and predominantly commuter institutions, but that nevertheless the Commission authorizes the construction of dormitories. The amendment was accepted by Mr. Lumpkin. Both the amendment and the motion were passed.

VI. Rutledge Osborne Resolution

Dr. Morris introduced a proposed resolution expressing appreciation to Mr. Rutledge Osborne for his valuable service to the Commission. It was moved (Lumpkin) and seconded (Furman) that this resolution be adopted. Passed unanimously.

VII. Annual Report

Because of lack of time it was decided to discuss the Commission's report to the Governor and the Legislature at the December Commission meeting with the exception of the recommendation on the tuition equalization grant program. A motion was made (Walsh) and seconded (Furman) that the Commission endorse the present tuition grant program which has been enacted into law, to be funded at a minimum of one million dollars, and to be administered or supervised by the Commission; and, that the scholarship program be withheld unless there is an adverse court decision on the tuition grants bill, at which time the scholarship program would be recommended. Passed unanimously. It was suggested that a section with data on private colleges be included in the report.

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VIII. New Programs

Winthrop - Request for a Department of Special Education in the School of Education - Approved.

Two Year Executive Secretarial Program - Approved.

Medical University - Master in Biometry - Motion made that action on program be deferred for perfection since the program had not been approved by the Board of Trustees of the Medical University and to inform the Medical University that the program will not be considered until such time as the Board has approved it. Motion passed.

University of South Carolina - Request for authorization to reestablish the Technical Nursing program at the Regional Campus in Aiken - Approved.

The Citadel - Masters course in Managerial Economics - Disapproved.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Morris