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MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

December 3, 1970
9:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Alester G. Furman, III
Colonel J. M. J. Holliday
Mr. John H. Lumpkin
Mr. James A. Rogers
Mr. Robert B. Russell
Mr. J. Edwin Schachte, Jr.
Mr. Robert M. Vance
Mr. E. Craig Wall
Mr. T. Emmet Walsh

Dr. James A. Morris
Mr. James R. Michael

I. Approval of Minutes of November 5, 1970, Meeting

It was moved (Lumpkin) and seconded (Holliday) that the minutes of the November 5, 1970, meeting be approved. Passed unanimously.

II. Budgetary Developments Affecting Public Colleges and Universities in the State

Dr. Morris announced that the Budget and Control Board has asked all state institutions and agencies to submit a plan for cutting their present budgets by six percent to eliminate a state deficit. The plans from the public colleges and universities will be received in the Commission office and then transmitted to the Budget and Control Board. A motion was made (Walsh) and seconded (Rogers) that the Commission be authorized to receive the proposed budget cuts for each institution and transmit them to the Budget and Control Board with appropriate comments as to the affect these cuts will have on present and future higher education in the state. Passed unanimously.

In general discussion on the budget submissions for the colleges and universities for the 1971-72 fiscal year it was decided that a footnote would be added to the Commission's recommendations stating that the recommendations for 1971-72 were made before it was known that there would be a six percent cut from the present budgets.

Dr. Morris stated that a possible solution to the financial crisis affecting the colleges and universities could lie along three lines: (1) acceleration of progress of the two year open college system so that hopefully there will be a shift from the universities and

colleges to the two year colleges, (2) the colleges and universities will undoubtedly have to consider increases in fees for the next year, and (3) take steps to restrict somewhat out-of-state enrollments. Mr. Walsh suggested that to this should be added some sort of tuition equalization program to utilize more spaces in the private colleges. A motion was made (Walsh) and seconded (Schachte) that Dr. Morris present these points as a means for getting more education for the dollars spent when he appears before the House Ways and Means Committee on December 8 for the budgetary hearings on higher education. Passed unanimously.

III. Six Percent Cut in Commission on Higher Education Budget

Dr. Morris announced that the six percent cut in the Commission's budget as requested by the Budget and Control Board would amount to \$51,294. A motion was made (Schachte) and seconded (Holliday) that this be adopted in principle with the understanding that the Commission staff, within its administrative prerogative, has the right to make minor adjustments as necessary. Passed unanimously.

IV. Request from the College of Charleston for Approval to Establish a Department of Political Science with a Major in Political Science

It was moved (Wall) and seconded (Schachte) that the request from the College of Charleston to establish a Department of Political Science with a major in Political Science be approved. Passed unanimously.

V. Commission's Annual Report to the Governor and General Assembly

A motion was made (Walsh) and seconded (Furman) that page 4 of the draft annual report dealing with two year colleges be reworked with more factual information given as to why two year institutions can better serve higher education in the state such as providing education at lower cost, providing more accessibility to population centers, providing more remedial and compensatory programs (taking away from the universities the need for teaching these), de-emphasizing separation of the branches and centers from the universities with concentration being placed on those programs which can be given at the existing two year branches and centers, and finally, including some data on two year college situations in other states. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made (Wall) and seconded (Furman) that the Commission do further research and study and prepare supplementary statements supporting the Commission's

position on ways to improve education in the state with less dollars. Passed unanimously.

It was suggested that these statements could be discussed at the January or February meeting, and after approval, be sent to the Legislature.

A motion was made (Walsh) and seconded (Furman) that recommendation No. 3 requesting a tuition grants program for students in non-public colleges, to be funded at a minimum of one million dollars, be changed to the No. 1 recommendation of the Commission; that the present recommendation No. 2 which recommends endorsement of removal of the restriction against indirect aid to non-public colleges and institutions become a subsidiary part of the tuition grants recommendation; that the present No. 1 recommendation on two year colleges, branches and centers become the No. 2 recommendation and that all other recommendations become more or less minor considerations and listed together under a No. 3. The motion was defeated.

In general discussion it was decided that the present No. 1 recommendation would become Roman numeral I, the present No. 3 would become Roman numeral II with the present No. 2 becoming a subsidiary part of it, and that all other recommendations would be listed under Roman numeral III.

A motion was made (Schachte) and seconded (Holliday) that the words "as soon as practical" be inserted in the recommendation requesting that the tuition and fees at the College of Charleston be reduced to levels corresponding to those charged at other state supported institutions. The motion was passed. Mr. Walsh was opposed. Mr. Rogers refrained from voting.

A motion was made (Walsh) and seconded (Wall) that an appropriate paragraph be inserted in the section on 1971-72 Budgets - State Colleges and Universities stating that the budget submissions from the colleges and universities were reviewed by the Commission staff and the Executive Committee with recommendations being made by the Executive Committee and these recommendations of the Executive Committee being ratified by the Commission. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made (Holliday) and seconded (Rogers) that the Commission's annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly as amended be approved. Passed unanimously.

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Secretary