

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

February 7, 1980
10:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. James E. Bostic, Jr., Chairman
Mr. Arthur J. H. Clement, Jr.
Mrs. Jennie C. Dreher
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
Mr. Roosevelt Gilliam, Jr.
Mr. Robert E. Graham
Mr. Joseph O. Rogers, Jr.
Mrs. Irene K. Rudnick
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. C. Otis Taylor, Jr.
Mrs. Margaret E. Wells
Mr. Robert P. Wilkins
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. B. J. Cooper
Mr. J. Clyde Shirley
Dr. Louis D. Wright, Jr.

MEMBER OF THE PRESS

Mr. Hugh Gibson

GUESTS

Dr. Bill L. Atchley
Dr. John M. Bevan
Dr. Francis T. Borkowski
Dr. Edward M. Collins, Jr.
Dr. C. Richard Crosby
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Dr. Thomas S. Morgan
Mr. Wyman D. Shealy
Mr. Cecil Walters

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.
Dr. George P. Fulton
Mr. William C. Jennings
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Darcus Mayers
Mr. Cannon R. Mayes
Mr. James R. Michael
Mr. Michael O'Donnell
Mr. James L. Solomon, Jr.
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Mrs. Gaylon Syrett

I. Approval of Minutes of January 10, 1980, Meeting of the Commission

It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Gilliam) that the minutes of the January 10, 1980, meeting of the Commission be approved as written. The motion was adopted.

Dr. Bostic reported that copies of the Master Plan for Higher Education, and a summary of that document, have been distributed to Governor Riley; to Mrs. Nancy Stevenson, President of the Senate; to Mr. Rex L. Carter, Speaker of the House of Representatives; and to members of the General Assembly. He stated that the Master Plan is a significant document for higher education in South Carolina. He noted that the Commission worked diligently in preparing the Master Plan and must continue its efforts to implement the goals and recommendations contained therein. He noted that there has been discussion concerning the procedure to be used by the General Assembly in approving the Master Plan. Indications are that an ad hoc committee, composed of selected members of the Senate and House education committees, will be appointed to consider the Plan and develop recommendations to the General Assembly.

II. Report of Committee on Academic Programs

Mr. Clement, chairman of the Committee on Academic Programs, reported that the Committee met on January 10 to consider proposals for six new degree programs. The Committee recommended that the following five programs be approved for

implementation in August, 1980, provided that in the meantime the General Assembly has adopted the proposed Master Plan, thereby removing the moratorium imposed by Section 3 of Act 410 (1978):

- a. Associate in Industrial Technology, Major in Industrial Management - Aiken Technical College
- b. Associate in Agriculture, Major in Swine Science Technology - Florence-Darlington Technical College
- c. Bachelor of Science and Master of Science, Major in Computer Science - Clemson University
- d. Bachelor of Science and Master of Science, Major in Computer Engineering - Clemson University
- e. Bachelor of Science, Major in Computer Science - College of Charleston

The Committee recommended further that the following program be approved and submitted to the Budget and Control Board for approval as an exception to the moratorium imposed by Section 3 of Act 410 (1978), on the ground that "pressing local need" is manifested in possible loss of needed training opportunities of employees of the Department of Social Services should program accreditation be withdrawn:

- f. Bachelor of Social Work - Winthrop College

It was moved (Clement) and seconded (Sheheen) that the recommendations of the Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

III. Report of Committee on Facilities

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, distributed copies of a report on bonding authorization for capital improvements for 1980, as recommended by the Budget and Control Board. Additional reports will be provided at future Commission meetings as the capital improvement requests progress through the General Assembly.

Mr. Taylor reported the recommendations of the Committee on Facilities concerning the following projects:

- a. Lease of Racquetball Courts - College of Charleston (\$3,000 per semester, to be funded from the Operating Budget of the College)

Mr. Taylor noted that the proposed lease agreement between the College of Charleston and the Coastal Carolina Athletic and Health Club, Inc., is requested for a period of approximately two years until a new gymnasium at the College of Charleston is completed. The Committee recommends that the project be approved. Mr. Sheheen noted that the Third Section of the lease agreement would hold Coastal Carolina Athletic and Health Club harmless for any accidents or injuries that might occur while the College has possession of the racquetball courts. He suggested that this provision in the agreement be brought to the attention of the Real Property Manager, Division of General Services, with the request that the provision be carefully examined for its legal implications and conformance with State policy. It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (Clement) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.*

*Also see minutes of March 6, 1980, meeting, p. 484.

- b. Cafeteria/Kitchen - Denmark Technical College (\$1.5 million, to be paid from State funds)

The Committee recommends that the project be approved. Mr. Clement expressed his disapproval of the project, stating that in his view the institution exists to perpetuate segregation. Mr. Wyman Shealy, of SBTCE, stated that accreditation was granted Denmark Technical College by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in December, 1979. Mr. Wilkins suggested that the Commission defer action on the project until it considers how Denmark Technical College fits into the Master Plan. Mr. Taylor stated, and Mr. Sheheen agreed, that dining facilities must be provided for the resident students at the institution. Dr. Bostic suggested that the staff of SBTCE and of the Commission prepare a report on the history, programs, and investment of State funds with reference to Denmark Technical College. It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Rudnick) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved. A substitute motion was made (Rogers) that action by the Commission be deferred, and that SBTCE prepare a report on the institution, as suggested by Dr. Bostic. A motion to table the substitute motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Rudnick). The motion to table was approved, with five affirmative and two negative votes. A second substitute motion was made (Wilkins) that the Master Plan be revised to provide that Denmark Technical College continue to operate without expanding its facilities or programs, and that the recommendation of the Committee with reference to the proposed Cafeteria/Kitchen facility be approved. There was no second to the second substitute motion. The original motion that the recommendation of the Committee be approved was adopted, with six affirmative and four negative votes. Mr. Clement, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Wilkins opposed. Mr. Clement requested that the record show that he opposed because in his opinion approval would constitute a vote to perpetuate segregation. Mr. Rogers stated that he opposed because in his view the request for \$1.5 million was inadequately presented and supported. Mrs. Dreher suggested that a committee be appointed to study the racial balance at all State-supported colleges and universities. Mr. Graham requested that information be provided by SBTCE staff with reference to the history of Denmark Technical College.

It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Gilliam) that the role of Denmark Technical College, its residential facilities, and the future of the institution be specifically addressed when the Master Plan is first revised. The motion was adopted.

Mrs. Rudnick requested that the Committee on Facilities consider elevator safety at all State-supported colleges and universities.

IV. Consideration of Co-sponsorship of Seminar with S.C. Board for Barrier Free Design

Dr. Boozer stated that the S.C. Board for Barrier Free Design has invited the Commission's assistance in its Statewide Education and Training Program on rules and regulations and design standards to make buildings more accessible to the handicapped. Staff of that Board and the Commission have discussed co-sponsorship of a seminar that would provide college and university representatives (e.g., chief academic officers, managers of campus facilities, and other administrators) information on this subject. Dr. Boozer recommended that the Commission approve co-sponsorship of this seminar with the S.C. Board for Barrier Free Design if there proves to be sufficient interest on the part of the institutions. It was moved (Rogers) and seconded (Gilliam) that the Commission co-sponsor the proposed seminar. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Clement suggested that the seminar might be an occasion for Dr. Bostic to reemphasize some of the key thrusts of the Master Plan. Dr. Bostic indicated that

he will ascertain whether or not such a presentation would be appropriate. He suggested that Dr. Boozer notify Commission members of the time and place of the seminar. Dr. Boozer indicated that this will be done.

V. Report of Committee on Legislative Relations

Mr. Rogers, chairman of the Committee on Legislative Relations, distributed a summary report on legislation currently under consideration by the General Assembly. Also distributed were copies of an "Act (R317) to Provide A Procedure for the Accreditation and Chartering of Chiropractic Colleges or Schools . . ." (Act 307 of 1978). He noted that Section 1 of the Act provides that "One hundred and eighty days from the effective date of this act, the State Commission on Higher Education shall publish a list of the accrediting agency or agencies, which may include itself, approved by it for accreditation of chiropractic colleges or schools doing business in this State." The Act also provides that any chiropractic college now chartered by the State "must attain required licensure before one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this act . . ." The Act was signed by Governor Riley on January 22, 1980. Mr. Rogers stated that the staff will initiate procedures to comply with the above-noted requirements of the Act.

VI. Consideration of Tentative Schedule of CHE Meetings on Campuses

Dr. Boozer stated that there has been discussion from time to time of the desirability of the Commission scheduling meetings at regular intervals on the campuses of the colleges and universities. He suggested a tentative schedule of such meetings, through March, 1982, beginning at Lander College on March 6, 1980. He noted that the proposed March meeting at Lander is satisfactory to President Jackson, but that the proposed schedule has not been discussed with the presidents of the other institutions and is subject to adjustment.

Mr. Rogers suggested that the Committee on Facilities direct the Commission's attention to specific projects or buildings on each campus. Mrs. Rudnick suggested that some students meet with the Commission on the campuses. Mr. Graham recommended that the Commission meet with members of the boards of trustees. Mr. Gallager stated that in his opinion administrative officers should have the opportunity to make those decisions. Mr. Sheheen expressed the view that the Commission should visit campuses periodically for the purpose of giving the presidents and their staffs an opportunity, in their own environment, to talk with Commission members. Dr. Bostic suggested that a technical college be added to the list of institutions to be visited. Mr. Clement suggested that the Commission request that it be permitted to comment to the boards of trustees with reference to higher education in South Carolina. Mrs. Dreher requested that background information on each institution be provided prior to the Commission's visit. Dr. Bostic suggested that Commission members from the Congressional District in which the institution is located be involved in planning the campus visit.

VII. Status of 1980-81 Appropriation Bill

Dr. Bostic commented briefly on the 1980-81 Appropriation Bill, as recommended by the Budget and Control Board and the House Ways and Means Committee. A summary of the recommendations was distributed.

VIII. Consideration of Draft of Annual Report

Draft copies of the Commission's Annual Report were provided to the Commission on January 30, 1980. No changes were suggested by the Commission. Dr. Boozer stated that the publication will be sent to the printer as soon as possible.

IX. Other Business

Discussion of Cooperation Between MUSC and USC Medical School. Mr. Sheheen noted that at the meeting of the Commission on November 8, 1979, he had requested that MUSC and USC Medical School demonstrate their intent to cooperate with respect to any proposal for capital improvements or new programs by either of those institutions. At that meeting Mr. Sheheen made a motion, which later was withdrawn, that the Dean's Committee on Medical Doctor Education be requested to prepare a report concerning the use of the proposed Children's Hospital, East Wing Addition, at MUSC by students at both MUSC and USC Medical School (see minutes of meeting, November 8, 1979, p. 461). He stated that in his opinion very little effective cooperative effort has resulted. He noted that when the Commission approved the establishment of the Medical School at the University of South Carolina in 1974 it stipulated that cooperative efforts between the two medical schools be maintained. He stated that, although the Health Education Authority was created for that purpose in 1972, the proposed Children's Hospital, East Wing Addition, was not submitted to the HEA prior to being considered by the Commission. He expressed the view that cooperation should be encouraged by the Commission through denial of programs and facilities, if necessary.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the Health Education Authority serves in an advisory capacity to the Commission, whereas the Dean's Committee on Medical Doctor Education is mandated to ensure cooperation between the two medical schools. He noted that the Committee on Health and Medical Education met with the Deans of the two medical schools, the Vice President for Academic Affairs at MUSC, a member of the USC Board of Trustees, and representatives from the Commission's staff on December 5, 1979, and that the two Deans endorsed a "Statement of Agreement" concerning cooperation (see minutes, December 6, 1979, p. 469, and Exhibit A). Dr. Bostic stated that the Commission is able to encourage and require cooperation through its process of program and budget review.

It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Clement) that a verbatim transcript or an appropriate summary of the preceding discussion be transmitted to the Governor and the State Bonds Committee for information. Mr. Wilkins stated that a resolution by the Commission would be more appropriate. Mrs. Dreher expressed disapproval of such a resolution concerning legislation under consideration by the General Assembly. Mr. Clement stated that the concept of cooperation should be emphasized by the Commission. It was moved (Wilkins) and seconded (Gallagher) that the motion be tabled. The motion to table was adopted.

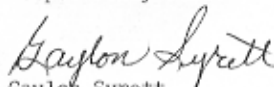
It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Clement) that, although the Commission on Higher Education requested upon its approval of the Children's Hospital, East Wing Addition, through the Committee on Health and Medical Education, that the two institutions ensure joint planning and cooperation for utilization of the facility by MUSC and USC Medical School, such efforts have in effect be unsuccessful, and further that the Commission finds no significant cooperation in spirit or in fact between the Medical University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina Medical School, that such cooperation is essential if the costs of operating these medical training institutions are to be contained within realistic

bounds, and that the Commission hereby advises the Budget and Control Board and the State Bonds Committee that it should give careful scrutiny to the above remarks in conjunction with the approval of the Children's Hospital, East Wing Addition, in Charleston. Mr. Gallagher stated that the two institutions have given evidence of a spirit of cooperation. Dr. Williams stated that there is no conflict between the concept of a children's hospital in Charleston and one in Columbia. Mr. Gallagher stated that the Master Plan addresses these concerns. Mr. Clement withdrew his second to the motion.

Mr. Clement commented that the election of two young men, Dr. Bostic and Mr. Gallagher, as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education, represents a departure from the past. He noted that these responsibilities involve their willingness to provide the kind of leadership that will make South Carolina higher education opportunities more commendable, more attractive, more purposeful in the future than they have been in the past. He expressed the hope that Dr. Bostic and Mr. Gallagher will measure up to these responsibilities just as the Commission measured up to the opportunity of breaking away from tradition and charting a new course for higher education in the State.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gaylon Syrett
Recording Secretary