

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

March 5-6, 1981

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. James E. Bostic, Jr., Chairman  
Mrs. Willa J. DeWitt  
Mr. Robert C. Gallager  
Mr. Roosevelt Gilliam, Jr.  
Mr. Robert E. Graham  
Dr. Alba M. Lewis  
Mr. Harold W. Jacobs  
Mr. Joseph O. Rogers, Jr. (3/5)  
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen  
Mr. J. Clyde Shirley  
Mr. Mortimer F. Smith  
Mrs. Nanette H. Smyth  
Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor  
Mr. C. Otis Taylor, Jr.  
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr. (3/5)  
Mrs. Margaret E. Wells  
Dr. Robert F. Williams  
Dr. Louis D. Wright, Jr.

MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA

Mr. Charles Aiken (3/5)  
Mr. Tom Cothran (3/5)  
Mr. Henry Eichel (3/5)  
Mr. Hugh Gibson  
Ms. Gwendolyn Glenn (3/5)  
Mr. Tom Kapsdelis (3/6)  
Ms. Sharon Kelly (3/5)  
Mr. Cliff LeBlanc (3/6)  
Ms. Marsha Milligan (3/5)  
Mr. Barry Newman (3/5)  
Ms. Charleen Porter  
Mr. Steve Riddell (3/5)  
Mr. Bob Rightsel (3/5)  
Ms. Sally Saunders (3/5)  
Mr. David Stanton (3/6)  
Ms. Jan Stucker (3/5)  
Mr. John Vaughn (3/5)  
Mr. Mike Welsh (3/5)

GUESTS

Dr. Leroy Brown (3/5)  
Dr. Leon Brunson (3/5)  
Mrs. Victoria Fox (3/5)  
Dr. Charles Gould (3/5)  
Dr. H. M. Holderfield (3/5)  
Dr. James B. Holderman (3/6)  
Dr. Larry A. Jackson (3/5)  
Dr. Carolyn McIver (3/5)  
Mr. J. Lacy McLean  
Mr. Bob Mellon (3/6)  
Dr. James R. Morris, Jr. (3/5)  
Dr. Terry Peterson (3/5)  
Mr. David P. Rinker (3/6)  
Dr. Glenn G. Thomas (3/5)

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer  
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.  
Dr. George P. Fulton  
Dr. Frank E. Kinard  
Mr. Alan S. Krech (3/5)  
Mrs. Mary Etta Livingston (3/5)  
Ms. Darcus D. Mayers  
Mr. Cannon R. Mayes (3/5)  
Mrs. Lynn Metcalf  
Mr. James R. Michael  
Mr. James L. Solomon, Jr. (3/5)  
Dr. John C. Sutusky  
Mrs. Gaylon Syrett  
Mrs. Carol D. Waldo

I. Approval of Minutes of February 5, 1981, Meeting

It was moved (Gilliam) and seconded (Williams) that the minutes of the February 5, 1981, meeting of the Commission be approved as written. The motion was adopted.

It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Utsey) that the Resolution adopted by the Commission on February 5, 1981 (Exhibit D, minutes of meeting, February 5, 1981),

directing the MUSC and USC schools of medicine to develop a master plan for coordination and cooperation by April 1, 1981, be distributed to the same individuals and agencies that received the Commission's Review of the USC School of Medicine in December, 1980. The motion was adopted.

II. Discussion of CHE Recommendations to Terminate Occupational Two-year Associate Degree Programs in the College of General Studies, USC-Columbia

Dr. Bostic expressed his appreciation to Governor Riley, Senator Robert C. Lake, Jr., Senator Harry A. Chapman, Jr., President Jackson, President Vail, and others for their support of the Commission in its efforts to eliminate unnecessary duplication in the State's public higher education system.

It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Gallager) that the Chairman write letters of appreciation to each of the six members of the House Education and Public Works Committee who supported the Commission in its recommendations to terminate the two-year occupational associate degree programs in the College of General Studies at the University of South Carolina. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Sheheen read a prepared statement (Exhibit A) expressing his concern that the recommendations of the Commission were overturned by the House Education and Public Works Committee. He indicated that he will ask the Committee on Academic Affairs to investigate alternatives to the current appeal process and submit a report to the Commission in the fall of 1981.

Mr. Jacobs commented that the appeal process provided by law was followed and, while the Commission does not agree with the outcome, it should accept the decision and react to future actions on their merits.

Mr. Rogers stated that in his opinion the appeal process was handled in a manner that tested the basic truth of the Commission's recommendations. Dr. Bostic stated that he believes the Commission will still be able to work with USC to eliminate unnecessary duplication. Mr. Shirley agreed, and stated that the Commission should now go forward with its regular business. Mr. Smith suggested that the Commission take a broad look, with respect to unnecessary duplication, and present a proposal to the Legislature at a later date.

Mr. Taylor stated that the support of the Commission by the Governor, the South Carolina League of Women Voters, the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and others adds strength to the Commission, and he views the matter as an optimistic beginning.

Later in the meeting, President James B. Holderman of the University of South Carolina was present and commented on the recent appeal by USC with respect to Commission recommendations that two-year occupational associate degree programs in the USC College of General Studies be phased out. He indicated that he believes the need exists for a strong coordinating agency for higher education, and expressed the willingness of USC to work cooperatively with the Commission on Higher Education.

III. Consideration of Draft Plan for Desegregation of the Public Colleges and Universities in South Carolina

Dr. Bostic reported that the Steering Committee, appointed to guide the development of the State Plan for Equity and Equal Opportunity in the Public Colleges and Universities, approved the draft Plan on March 3, 1981. The comments of

and actions taken by the Commission, with reference to the draft Plan, are set forth below.

Dr. Lewis noted that an additional black member of the Board of Trustees of South Carolina State College was appointed in January, 1981. She suggested that the table in Chapter IV, page 3, be amended to read, "February, 1981," that the number of black members shown for South Carolina State College be changed to five, and the number of white members be changed to three.

In Chapter IV, page 17, paragraph 1, Mr. Sheheen suggested that the second sentence in that paragraph be amended to read, "Also efforts will be undertaken to secure funds from the South Carolina General Assembly to provide for a need-based or non-need-based graduate scholarship program which has as one of its goals the encouragement of black State residents who graduate from undergraduate programs in the State system to enroll in graduate and professional programs in public graduate and professional schools."

Mr. Taylor suggested, and Mrs. DeWitt and Dr. Wright concurred, that black students who graduate from private schools in the State also be eligible for the scholarship program. It was moved (Smyth) and seconded (O. Taylor) that "State system" be deleted. The motion was adopted, with Mr. Shirley, Mr. Utsey, and Dr. Williams opposing. Dr. Williams suggested that "black" be changed to "other race."

Mr. Sheheen requested, with reference to the recommendation (Chapter IV, page 42b) that Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) and Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) degree programs in educational administration be established at South Carolina State College, that the Plan include a statement that this exception to the policies of the Commission on Higher Education and the Master Plan is made because of unique circumstances. Mrs. DeWitt asked if South Carolina State College would be able to offer the program at the branch campuses of the University of South Carolina.

Mr. Jacobs stated, and Mr. Shirley concurred, that the Commission should not create a doctoral program at a four-year college in order to meet a goal and increase a statistic. Dr. Wright asked if the students presently enrolled in those programs are within commuting distance of Orangeburg. Mrs. DeWitt noted that some of the students are at the regional campuses of USC.

Mr. Taylor expressed concern about the transfer of students presently enrolled in the programs. He noted that the Columbia metropolitan area has a larger job market and opportunities for students to obtain jobs while in graduate school. He stated that he cannot support the recommendation. It was moved (O. Taylor) and seconded (Shirley) that the recommendation that the Ed.D. and Ed.S. degree programs be established at South Carolina State College be deleted from the Plan. The motion was amended (Sheheen) and seconded (O. Taylor) that the Committee on Academic Affairs, in consultation with the sub-committee of the Steering Committee and the institutions involved, identify another program at the master's level that would achieve the same purpose of increasing white enrollment at South Carolina State College. It was moved (Utsey) that the amendment be tabled. The amendment was tabled.

Dr. Wright suggested that the Plan include the recommendation that South Carolina State College become South Carolina State University. Dr. Bostic stated that the Steering Committee recommends the transfer of only the one doctoral program (Ed.D.

in educational administration) to South Carolina State College. The motion to delete the recommendation, as stated above, was disapproved, with seven affirmative and nine negative votes. Dr. Lewis suggested that the Commission review all the programs offered at South Carolina State College.

It was moved (Wright) and seconded (Gilliam) that an instruction be appended to the Plan directing the University of South Carolina to work cooperatively to assure that the course offerings now available at the branch campuses be applicable to the programs at South Carolina State College. The motion was amended (Sheheen) and seconded (Wright) to provide that the students currently enrolled in the Ed.D. or the Ed.S. program in educational administration at USC-Columbia be permitted to complete their degree requirements at USC-Columbia before the programs are transferred or terminated, and that this provision be included in the Plan. The amended motion was adopted. It was moved (Shirley) and seconded (Sheheen) that the Plan include a statement that this exception to the policy in the Plan is granted only because of unique circumstances. The motion was adopted.

It was moved (Wright) and seconded (Gilliam) that South Carolina State College become South Carolina State University. It was moved (Sheheen) that the motion be tabled. The motion was tabled.

Mr. Gallagher suggested that all costs included in the Plan be labeled as estimates. Dr. Bostic noted that the Steering Committee requested that costs be reported as maximums. It was agreed that all costs would be labeled maximum estimates.

Mr. Rogers requested that the record show that he dissents from the Plan to the extent that it commits South Carolina to appropriate funds for the desegregation of the colleges and universities. He expressed the view that, if the goals set forth in the Plan are to be accomplished, it will be through the willingness of the people to devise the methods and to provide the necessary cooperation. He noted that, at a time when State agencies are required to reduce their budgets by 7%, the Commission has recommended a Plan estimated to cost \$19 million. He stated that in his opinion this is a case of misplaced values. It was moved (Rogers) that all references to the expenditure of funds in order to accomplish the desegregation of State colleges and universities be deleted from the Plan. There was no second to the motion. Dr. Bostic stated that those who worked on the Plan believe it can strengthen higher education in South Carolina.

Mr. Sheheen noted that the Commission on Higher Education is charged with the responsibility of monitoring the Plan. It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Williams) that the Commission be provided funds for additional staff members required to monitor the plan, and that this provision, and the maximum estimate of additional funds needed, be included in the Plan. The motion was adopted.

It was moved (Gilliam) and seconded (Williams) that the draft Plan, as amended, be approved. The motion was adopted. Mrs. DeWitt opposed and Mr. Shirley abstained. Mr. Graham expressed appreciation to Dr. Bostic and Mr. Gilliam for their efforts in preparing the Plan. Dr. Williams suggested that Dr. Bostic write to the chairmen of the Steering Committee and the Technical Committee, thanking them for their assistance. Mr. Taylor stated that the Plan, over all, is excellent. Mrs. Smyth noted that the staff had worked on several weekends to complete the Plan on schedule. Mr. Sheheen and others concurred and expressed appreciation to the staff for the extra work involved in the preparation of the

Plan. Mr. Gilliam stated that while Commission members might disagree with certain aspects of the Plan the Commission should demonstrate its confidence in the Chairman by being in accord in its support of the Plan. It was moved (Gilliam) and seconded (O. Taylor) that the Commission go on record as unanimously adopting the Plan. Mr. Shirley stated that he cannot support the Plan because, in his opinion, it is incorrectly conceived and might cause more harm than good. Mr. Sheheen stated that the opinions of individual members must be respected.

#### IV. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

- a. Associate in Public Service Degree Program in Human Service Technology, Denmark Technical College
- b. Associate in Business Degree Programs in General Business, Accounting, and Data Processing, Denmark Technical College

Mr. Sheheen, chairman of the Committee on Academic Affairs, reported that the Committee recommends approval of the programs. It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Shirley) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

#### V. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

a. Consideration of 1982-83 Appropriation Formula. Mr. Gallager, chairman of the Committee on Business and Finance, reported that the Committee met with the Formula Advisory Committee on February 13, 1981, to review the 1981-82 Appropriation Formula and make recommendations for 1982-83. It is the opinion of both committees that only minor changes in the Formula are necessary, primarily to take into account salary increases and inflation factors in the physical plant portion. The following is a summary of these changes:

1. 1981-82 peer group faculty salary averages are increased by 10% for 1982-83.
2. The Formula student/faculty ratio for Teacher Education (0800) is reduced from 22:1 to 21:1 at the undergraduate level for all institution groups to conform more closely with actual ratios.
3. On the advice of the State Auditor, credit hours for eight week courses offered during the first half of the fall semester (with complementary courses following) should be doubled for reporting opening fall enrollment.
4. Average percentage increases to be used in calculating utilities costs in Step 10 will be inserted in the Formula as soon as they are available from the Division of Research and Statistics. For 1981-82 these are 13% for utilities and 20% for fuel oil.
5. The figures used in Tables 5 and 6 for Service Wages and the Labor and Materials Inflation Factor will be inserted in the Formula when available. For 1981-82 these are \$5.60 and 1.126 respectively.

The Committee recommends approval of the 1982-83 Appropriation Formula for Continuing Operations (Exhibit B), as modified. It was moved (Gallager) and seconded

(Jacobs) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted, and that the figures be inserted in 4 and 5 above, when they are available. The motion was adopted.

b. Recommendation Concerning 1980-81 Supplemental Appropriation Requests of the Institutions. Mr. Gallager reported that the Committee on Business and Finance met on February 17, 1981, to review 1980-81 Appropriation Requests from the colleges and universities, totaling \$11,082,074. The Budget and Control Board currently estimates surplus funds of \$7.5 million for 1980-81, of which approximately \$3 million is required to adjust institutional appropriations for increased enrollments. This leaves approximately \$4.5 million for funding supplemental appropriations for all State agencies. The Committee noted that most of the requests were for library books, other operating expenses, and equipment -- items normally covered under the Formula. On this basis, the Committee feels that supplemental funding for those items is inappropriate at this time, and recommends supplemental appropriations only for items previously approved or supported by the Commission. The Committee's recommendations are as follows:

Francis Marion College - Last year the Commission approved a cooperative nursing program between Francis Marion and MUSC. The start-up costs of the program were estimated to be \$98,000. MUSC requested, and the Commission recommended to the Budget and Control Board, that these funds be included in 1981-82. However, the current status of the Appropriation Bill in the House Ways and Means Committee does not include any of the Commission's recommended increases for MUSC except for \$560,000 in the AHEC program. President Smith has discussed this situation with President Knisely and they have agreed that Francis Marion should request funding for the program through supplemental appropriations and use the money to reimburse MUSC for its expenses. The Committee recommends supplemental appropriations of \$98,000 for Francis Marion.

USC-Columbia - USC has requested a supplemental appropriation for procurement of additional computing hardware. Last year the Commission recommended \$5,000,000 in supplemental appropriations to upgrade USC's computer system. The Legislature finally allowed USC \$2.5 million in the Capital Bond Bill and recommended the rest be requested through supplemental appropriations over a period of four years. The \$2.5 million will be used to purchase the initial equipment (a new main frame) and the \$675,000 requested each year during the four-year period would be used to purchase the necessary complementary hardware (storage devices, terminals, etc.). Even though the bonds have not been sold to purchase the initial equipment, the \$675,000 in supplemental appropriations will help in alleviating the existing overload. The Committee recommends supplemental appropriations of \$675,000 for USC-Columbia.

No supplemental funding is recommended for the nursing program at Lander since the House Ways and Means Committee has added \$62,000 for that program to Lander's 1981-82 appropriation.

Mr. Gallager noted that the Committee has been advised that the Budget and Control Board is considering additional funding for all State agencies to offset the increased cost of utilities. For this reason, the request by the

College of Charleston for \$110,000 for utilities is not recommended by the Committee. Mr. Gallager reported that the Committee takes note of the fact that all State agencies have incurred significant increases in utility costs over the past 12 months, and strongly supports the Budget and Control Board's consideration of giving relief to all State agencies. He suggested, and Mr. Sheheen concurred, that the Commission go on record as endorsing this statement by the Committee.

A summary of 1980-81 Supplemental Appropriation Requests by the institutions is shown below:

	Requested by Institutions	Recommended by B & F Committee
<u>College of Charleston</u>		
Instruction - Educational Equipment	\$ 150,000	
Academic Support - Library Books	90,000	
Operations and Maintenance of Plant - Utilities	110,000	
- General		
Repair	75,000	
- Other		
Equipment	55,200	
Total	\$ 480,200	0
<u>Francis Marion College</u>		
Instruction - Personal Services	\$ 47,000	
- Employer Contributions	7,580	
- Other Operating Expenses	43,420	
Total	\$ 98,000	\$ 98,000
<u>Lander College</u>		
Instruction - Personal Services	\$ 22,490	
- Employer Contributions	3,055	
- Other Operating Expenses	43,420	
Total	\$ 51,045	0
<u>USC-Aiken</u>		
Operation and Maintenance of Plant - Other		
Equipment	\$ 175,000	0
<u>USC - Coastal Carolina</u>		
Instruction - Continuing Education (Priority 1)	\$ 60,500	
- Wheelwright Auditorium Enrichment (Priority 2)	183,900	
Total	\$ 244,400	0
<u>USC-Spartanburg</u>		
Instruction - Educational Equipment (Priority 1)	\$ 235,000	
Student Services - Other Equipment (Priority 2)	15,000	
Total	\$ 250,000	0
<u>USC-Beaufort</u>		
Instruction - Educational Equipment	\$ 58,000	0



<u>USC-Lancaster</u>		
Instruction - Educational Equipment	\$ 186,744	0
<u>USC-Salkehatchie</u>		
Instruction - Educational Equipment	\$ 74,000	0
<u>USC-Sumter</u>		
Instruction - Educational Equipment	\$ 99,500	0
<u>USC-Union</u>		
Instruction - Educational Equipment	\$ 20,550	0
<u>USC-Columbia</u>		
Instruction - Educational Equipment	\$ 5,045,485	
Academic Support - Data Processing Equip- ment	675,000	
Total	\$ 5,720,485	\$ 675,000
<u>Clemson University</u>		
Instruction - Contractual Services	\$ 429,000	
- Educational Equipment	1,034,325	
Research - Educational Equipment	500,000	
Academic Support - Library Books and Films	504,000	
- Other Equipment	470,000	
Student Services - Other Equipment	46,825	
Institutional Support - Other Equipment	165,000	
Operation and Maintenance of Plant - Contractual Services	325,000	
- Equipment	150,000	
Total	\$ 3,624,150	0
TOTAL	\$11,082,074	\$ 773,000

It was moved (Gallager) and seconded (Lewis) that the recommendations of the Committee be approved, and that the Commission go on record in support of the Budget and Control Board's consideration of giving relief to all State agencies with respect to utility costs. The motion was adopted.

c. Request of Council of Presidents With Respect to Use of Student Fees.  
Commission members were provided, on February 25, 1981, copies of a letter from President Atchley, Chairman of the Council of Presidents of Public Senior Colleges and Universities, to the House Ways and Means Committee. The letter endorsed position statements prepared by the College and University Business Officers with respect to salary increases and fringe benefit costs for employees at the State colleges and universities. It was noted that prior to 1977-78 all salary increases and fringe benefit costs were provided by State appropriations. Beginning in 1977-78, however, the colleges and universities have been required to use a percentage of student fees and miscellaneous revenues to pay employee salary increases and fringe benefit costs, while the State provides approximately 80% of those costs. To offset this decrease in State funding, the institutions have been forced to raise student fees, with the result that student fees at South Carolina public institutions are among the highest in the Southeast.



In addition, Section 169 of the 1980-81 Appropriation Act included the following:

"For the purpose of computing the allocation of merit increment funds to the various agencies and institutions, it is assumed that the average merit review date for both classified and unclassified employees shall be January 1 of the fiscal year."

This provision resulted in the State's providing funds for only one-half year's merit increments for unclassified employees.

A proviso in Section 14-G of the 1980-81 Appropriation Act reads in part: "No appropriated funds may be used to increase that portion of any salary paid from other than appropriated State funds." The College and University Business Officers request that the following addition be made to the proviso:

" . . . provided that for colleges and universities, fees and other administrative and general current unrestricted income shall be considered the same as appropriated funds for this computation . . ."

The Committee on Business and Finance recommends that the Commission go on record in support of the request by the Council of Presidents, and that a statement by Dr. Bostic be forwarded to the chairmen of the House and Senate Finance Committees, to Governor Riley, and to other appropriate persons. It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (N. Taylor) that the Chairman be authorized to write to the members of the House of Representatives, to Governor Riley, and to Senator Dennis, and that the letter emphasize the impact that this change in the Appropriation Act has had on the fee structures of the public colleges and universities in the State. The motion was adopted.

d. Status Report on 1981-82 Appropriation Bill. Mr. Gallager reported on the status of the 1981-82 Appropriation Bill, as recommended by the House Ways and Means Committee. Summaries were distributed to Commission members.

#### VI. Report of Committee on Facilities

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Request to Purchase Property, USC-Beaufort (\$7,500, to be paid from operating funds). The property, which is contiguous to the campus, will be used for parking. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (O. Taylor), seconded (Smyth), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

b. Consideration of Revised Regulations on Construction Management. In response to a January 29, 1981, letter to Dr. Boozer from Mr. William A. McInnis, Deputy Executive Director of the Budget and Control Board, requesting that written comments on proposed regulations relating to construction management be forwarded to the Budget and Control Board prior to February 18, 1981, the Committee on Facilities recommended that three changes be made (see minutes of February 5, 1981, CHE meeting, pp. 578-79). At its meeting on February 5, 1981, the Commission approved the recommendations of the Committee with respect to these changes.

On February 19, 1981, a revised version of the proposed regulations was forwarded to the Commission. Mr. Taylor reported that the Committee on Facilities recommends that a letter be forwarded to Mr. McInnis, reaffirming the Commission's action on February 5, 1981. It was moved (O. Taylor) and seconded (Graham) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

c. Progress Report on Building Quality Survey. Mr. Taylor reported that, as of February 27, 1981, the J. E. Sirrine Company had completed site work on 75 percent of the buildings to be evaluated. The remainder of the site work should be completed within the next few weeks.

#### VII. Report of Committee on Health and Medical Education

Dr. Wright, chairman of the Committee on Health and Medical Education, reported that on February 2, 1981, Dr. Bostic transmitted to members of the Committee a letter from Dr. Arthur C. Hutson, Associate Dean of the College of Medicine, MUSC, and a proposed South Carolina Community Hospital Consortium Agreement, prepared by the institutions which comprise the Consortium of Community of Teaching Hospitals. The Agreement complements the position of MUSC as a broker between the recognized health manpower needs of South Carolina and the Consortium of educational institutions which meet these needs. Dr. Wright stated that the Agreement does not have the full endorsement of the USC School of Medicine. The Committee has scheduled a meeting on the afternoon of March 6, 1981, with Dean Macdonald of the USC School of Medicine, concerning this Agreement. The Committee will make a recommendation to the Commission on this matter at a later date.

#### VIII. Report of Committee on Legislative Relations

Mr. Graham, chairman of the Committee on Legislative Relations, reported on a number of bills that have been introduced in the House of Representatives and have been referred to appropriate committees. Mr. Gallagher suggested, with respect to Senate Bill 34 (a bill to create the Ocean and Coastal Consortium of South Carolina) that the Commission request that it be authorized to review the budget of the proposed Ocean and Coastal Consortium. Mr. Sheheen noted that the Commission reviews the budget of the Charleston Higher Education Consortium. It was moved (Gallagher) and seconded (Sheheen) that such a request be forwarded to Senator Waddell. The motion was adopted. Mr. Brooks noted that the bill would change the name of the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium to the South Carolina Ocean and Coastal Consortium, involving The Citadel, the College of Charleston, Clemson University, the Medical University of South Carolina, South Carolina State College, the University of South Carolina, and the Wildlife and Marine Resources Department.

#### IX. Other Business

Dr. Bostic reported that Senator Wise has requested that a member of the Commission on Higher Education be appointed to the Reorganization Commission's task force to study the proposed merger of the College of Charleston and the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Bostic appointed Mr. Gallagher to represent the Commission on this task force. Dr. Wright stated that he endorses Mr. Gallagher's appointment.

X. Report of Executive Director

Dr. Boozer expressed appreciation, on behalf of the staff, for the Commission's recognition of the extra work involved in the preparation of the Desegregation Plan and the materials pertaining to the General Studies issue. Dr. Bostic stated that he appreciated the support of Commission members with respect to his presentation to the General Assembly concerning the USC College of General Studies.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. on March 6, 1981.

Respectfully submitted,



Gaylon Syrett  
Recording Secretary