

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

December 11, 1973  
7:30 p. m. - 8:15 p. m.

Dr. R. Cathcart Smith, Chairman, called a special meeting of the Executive Committee for 7:30 p. m. on Tuesday, December 11, 1973. Conference call facilities of Southern Bell were employed. Committee members participating were Dr. Smith, Mr. Hugh M. Chapman and Mr. T. Emmet Walsh. Mr. Gedney M. Howe, Jr., had intended to participate but was unable to do so because of family illness. Commission staff members taking part were Dr. Howard R. Boozer, Mr. William C. Jennings and Mr. James R. Michael.

Dr. Smith first explained that the meeting had been called at the request of the Budget and Control Board, as conveyed by Mr. P. C. Smith to Dr. Boozer by telephone on December 10. The purpose of the meeting was to ascertain the Commission's views on tentative recommendations of the Board as to 1974-75 appropriations for the state-supported colleges and universities. Mr. Smith had stressed the need for expeditious action.

Dr. Boozer initiated discussion by pointing out that the Budget and Control Board's revenue estimates did not cover the full \$94,850,853 recommended by the Commission for the eight institutions other than the Medical University. The Board had tentatively arrived at a lower figure of \$90,384,459 by using 95% of formula steps 1 through 11 and 100% of the Commission's recommendations for steps 12, 13 and supplemental funding.

Given the need for reductions, the Committee, after discussion, agreed unanimously that the Board's method of allocating the reductions conformed precisely with the method unanimously recommended by the Commission on October 16; Commission concurrence could therefore be presumed.

With respect to The Citadel and the regional campuses, however, the Committee took note of special problems worthy of further consideration. In both cases the 1974-75 formula produced amounts lower than actual 1973-74 appropriations. For this reason, the Commission's October 24 recommendations for 1974-75 were the 1973-74 amounts plus 5% improvement factors. Even though reductions appear to be required, the Committee unanimously agreed that an improvement factor of 2½% should be retained. Since the

Commission had taken a similar position on November 30, 1972, concerning two essentially identical cases, the Committee had no doubt that the Commission would concur in a recommendation providing The Citadel \$84,574 more and the regional campuses \$57,740 more than tentatively determined by the Board.

The Committee then requested the staff immediately to prepare a letter to Mr. P. C. Smith (copies to CHE members) containing the foregoing points, from the appropriations for the other institutions, and emphasizing again the importance of 100% funding under the formula. Dr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p. m.

A copy of Dr. Boozer's December 12 letter to Mr. P. C. Smith is attached. Prior to sending it, Dr. Boozer read the contents to all Executive Committee members, including Mr. Howe. All fully concurred.



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Dear Pat:

The appropriations recommended by the Commission on Higher Education for operation of the state-supported colleges and universities, other than the Medical University, during fiscal 1974-75 total \$94,850,853. These recommendations were adopted by the Commission at its October 16 meeting and presented to the Budget and Control Board on October 24. The amounts recommended for the individual institutions were determined by use of an appropriation formula which has been developed during the past three years through joint efforts of the Commission and the colleges and universities, including significant inputs from the Budget and Control Board staff. The Commission at its December 6 meeting unanimously reaffirmed its October 24 recommendations to the Budget and Control Board and emphasized the importance of 100% funding in accordance with the formula.

The Budget and Control Board has indicated that anticipated 1974-75 revenues will not provide sufficient funds to cover the full \$94,850,853 recommended by the Commission. The Board has tentatively arrived at a lower figure of \$90,384,459 by using 95% of formula steps 1 through 11 and 100% of the Commission's recommendations for steps 12, 13 and supplemental funding. The Board has also asked whether this method of reducing the Commission's recommendations meets with Commission concurrence.

Responding to your request for speedy action, the Commission's Executive Committee held a special meeting last night. The Executive Committee agreed that, given the need for reductions, the Board's method of allocating the reductions conforms precisely with the method unanimously recommended by the Commission on October 16, and that Commission concurrence may therefore be presumed.

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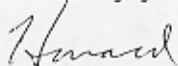
The Citadel and the regional campuses, however, present special problems which, in the Executive Committee's view, merit additional consideration. In these two cases the 1974-75 formula produces amounts lower than actual 1973-74 appropriations. Consequently, the Commission's October 24 recommendations for 1974-75 were the 1973-74 amount plus a 5% improvement factor. Even though reductions appear to be required, the Executive Committee on behalf of the Commission recommends that the Budget and Control Board provide a 2½% improvement over 1973-74 in each case. A similar procedure was approved by the Commission in two corresponding situations last year (November 30, 1972). This would provide an additional \$84,574 for The Citadel and an additional \$57,740 for the regional campuses above the amounts tentatively determined by the Board.

The above adjustments would add \$142,314 to the \$90,384,459 tentatively adopted by the Budget and Control Board, producing a new total of \$90,526,773. It would be undesirable, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, to deduct the \$142,314 from the recommendations of the Budget and Control Board for the other colleges and universities in order to stay within the total of \$90,384,459.

We hope that these comments will be of assistance to the Budget and Control Board. I should reiterate, however, that the Commission still recommends 100% funding in accordance with the formula.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Howard R. Boozer

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cc: Members, Commission on Higher Education