

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

September 6, 1973
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mr. John K. Cauthen
Mr. Hugh M. Chapman
Dr. Marianna W. Davis
Mr. William H. Grier
Colonel J. M. J. Holliday
Mr. F. Mitchell Johnson
Mr. T. Eston Marchant
Mr. Alex M. Quattlebaum
Mr. Y. W. Scarborough, Jr.
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Dr. R. Cathcart Smith, Chairman
Mr. I. P. Stanback
Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.

GUESTS

General J. W. Duckett
Dr. Thomas F. Jones
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Dr. Charles E. Palmer
Dr. Theodore S. Stern

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.
Mr. T. Scott Derrick
Mr. William C. Jennings
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Mr. James R. Michael

I. Introduction of Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr., New Staff Member

Dr. Boozer introduced Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr., who has been appointed to fill the newly established position of Director of Management Information Systems Computerization. Prior to joining the Commission staff Mr. Brooks was Assistant Director of Administrative Data Processing at the University of Georgia.

II. Approval of Minutes of August 2, 1973, Meeting of the Commission on Higher Education

A motion was made (Stanback) and seconded (Holliday) and unanimously adopted that the minutes of the August 2, 1973, meeting of the Commission on Higher Education be approved.

III. Program Considerations

University of South Carolina

Master of Nursing in Clinical and Health Nursing - Approved for implementation in January 1974. In discussion it was noted that recent enrollment figures for USC Master of Nursing programs as stated in the proposal differed from those reported by USC to the U. S. Office of Education. Dr. Adams Smith, Vice Provost for Health Affairs, USC, has been requested to look into the matter.

The Citadel

MAT in Natural Science - Approved for implementation in January 1974 with the stipulation that the existing MAT in Biology be continued for a period of two years, after which time The Citadel will submit to the Commission justification for continuing or discontinuing either or both programs.

BA in General Studies - Consideration of program postponed until the November meeting of the Commission.

AA in Business Administration - Consideration of the program postponed until the November meeting of the Commission.

College of Charleston

BA in Urban Affairs - Approved. In general discussion Dr. Marianna Davis stated that Urban Affairs programs should have specific urban language courses built into program and that these courses were not shown in the College of Charleston's proposal. President Stern concurred and stated that he would present the suggestion to the faculty for consideration.

IV. Request from Senator Allen Carter that Commission Undertake a Study of the Recommendations in the Cresap Report for a State-Supported University in the Charleston Area

Mr. Sheheen called to the attention of the Commission a copy of a letter dated June 12 addressed to Dr. Cathcart Smith

from Senator Allen Carter of Charleston requesting that the Commission undertake immediately a study of the recommendations contained in the Cresap report for a state-supported university in the Charleston area, with findings to be submitted to the Tri-County Delegations of Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester Counties. This request was officially endorsed by the Charleston County Legislative Delegation at a meeting on June 12, 1973. The Cresap report referred to is a report submitted to the State College Board of Trustees, "A Study of the Higher Education Needs in Charleston and the Role of the College of Charleston," Cresap, McCormick and Paget, Inc., Washington, May, 1973.

Dr. Cathcart Smith stated that the Charleston delegation's request has been referred to the staff for study, with a request that recommendations be made on the course of action that should be followed.

V. Request to Extend Date for Submission of Graduate Productivity Study

Dr. Boozer reported that pursuant to Commission recommendation in April 1973, institutions were requested to review all doctoral programs offered which produced fewer than six degrees in the past six years and all masters programs which produced fewer than twelve degrees in the past six years, with a final report to be made to the Commission by September 15, 1973. The institutions involved in the study have found the September 15 date for the final report to be unrealistic and Dr. Boozer therefore recommended that the date for submission of the report be extended to April 1, 1974, with a request that institutions submit a progress report by September 15. A motion was made (Cauthen) and seconded (Chapman) that the staff recommendation be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

VI. Report on Palmer-TEC Merger

Copies of a letter dated August 27, 1973, from Mr. Scarborough to Chairman Smith showing the overall financial considerations involved in the Palmer-TEC merger, and the agreement between Palmer and the State Board outlining the responsibilities of each in connection with donation and acceptance of the assets, was distributed to members of the Commission. In discussion, Mr. Scarborough stated that the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education would complete by January 1974 a five year long-range plan for the merged institutions. This plan will be presented to the Commission on Higher Education for approval before implementation.

VII. Consideration of Proposed 1974-75 Budget Request of the Commission on Higher Education

Mr. Michael presented the proposed 1974-75 budget request for the Commission on Higher Education.

In summary, the total request is \$1,622,460, an increase of \$522,281 over the 1973-74 appropriation. The amount requested for Administration is \$440,560 which represents an increase of \$92,881 over the 1973-74 appropriation. The increase for Administration reflects \$70,721 to support new positions in space management, student affairs, management information systems, and an additional stenographer. Also included in the Administration request are amounts for appropriate salary increases, and increases in other areas reflecting inflation and increased requirements for an expanded staff.

In the Program area, which represents funds passed through the Commission for service programs, \$1,181,900 is being requested, which is an increase of \$429,400 over the 1973-74 appropriation. In explanation of the increase, Mr. Michael stated that an additional \$200,000 is being requested for in-service teacher training programs, an increase of \$107,500 for various student loan programs, and an increase of \$122,000 for SREB programs.

After discussion, a motion was made (Holliday) and seconded (Chapman) and unanimously adopted that the proposed 1974-75 appropriation request for the Commission on Higher Education be approved.

VIII. Financial Support to the South Carolina High School College Relations Committee

Dr. Marianna Davis noted that the matter of providing financial support to the South Carolina High School College Relations Committee raised questions that were not yet answered. Dr. Davis stated that in her opinion State money spent for educational purposes should be spent for education of all the people in the State and she did not feel that all high school students were benefiting equally from the High School College Relations Committee's program. Mr. Quattlebaum stated that if students in a particular school were not given the benefits of the Committee's program that possibly the counsellors in the high schools concerned were at fault and not the Committee itself.

Following further discussion, a motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Grier) and unanimously adopted that repre-

sentatives of the South Carolina High School College Relations Committee be invited to appear before the Commission to explain that program and to answer any questions Commission members might have. Chairman Smith requested that Dr. Davis work with the Commission staff in preparing for this presentation.

IX. Study on Early Admissions and Advanced Placement

Mr. Cauthen stated it is now permissible for students to enter college after the 11th year in high school but felt this opportunity was not being taken advantage of by qualified students, possibly because capable students are not being made aware of the possibility, nor encouraged, to enter college early. In this connection a motion was made (Cauthen) and seconded (Davis) that the staff make a study of practices of early admissions and advanced placement of students, with recommendations on ways in which this can be encouraged. The staff was asked to report the results of this study to the Commission by February 1974. In discussion on the motion, Chairman Smith stated that the feasibility of qualified students finishing college in three years instead of four was being studied by Francis Marion College and the University of South Carolina and that possibly these two studies could be tied in together. In further discussion, Mr. Sheheen requested that psychological, sociological, and educational data on the advisability of early admissions and advanced placement be included in the study, and Dr. Davis asked that an analysis of the kinds of tests being used for advanced placement and early admissions also be included in the study.

Vote was taken on Mr. Cauthen's motion which was passed unanimously.

X. Mr. Chapman Appointed Vice Chairman of the Commission

Chairman Smith reported that he felt there was a need on the Commission for a Vice Chairman and that he had discussed this with Governor West who concurred in this belief. The Governor and Dr. Smith agreed to ask Mr. Hugh Chapman to serve in this capacity. A motion was made (Marchant) and seconded (Sheheen) that the Commission go on record approving the appointment of Mr. Chapman as Vice Chairman of the Commission. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Secretary