

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

September 6, 1979
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Arthur M. Swanson, Chairman
Dr. James E. Bostic, Jr.
Mr. Arthur J. H. Clement, Jr.
Dr. B. J. Cooper
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
Mr. Roosevelt Gilliam, Jr.
Mr. Robert E. Graham
Mrs. Irene K. Rudnick
Mr. J. Clyde Shirley
Mr. C. Otis Taylor, Jr.
Mrs. Margaret E. Wells
Mr. Robert P. Wilkins
Dr. Robert F. Williams
Dr. Louis D. Wright, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mrs. Jennie C. Dreher
Gen. Hugh P. Harris
Mr. Joseph O. Rogers, Jr.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Tom Berry
Mr. Hugh Gibson
Ms. Ann Green
Ms. Warren McInnis
Ms. Fran Zupan

GUESTS

Governor Richard W. Riley
Mr. Marion Brown
Dr. James B. Holderman
Dr. Milton Kimpson
Mr. Andrew P. Leventis, Jr.
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Dr. Terry K. Peterson

STAFF

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

I. Remarks by Governor Riley

Mr. Swanson welcomed Governor Richard W. Riley, and introduced Mr. Marion Brown, Dr. Milton Kimpson, and Dr. Terry Peterson, members of the staff of the Governor's Office. Governor Riley commented briefly with reference to the future of higher education in South Carolina. His remarks are attached as Exhibit A.

II. Approval of Minutes of August 1-2, 1979, Commission Meeting

It was moved (Bostic) and seconded (Gilliam) that the minutes of the August 1-2, 1979, Commission meeting be approved. The motion was adopted.

III. Report of Committee on Facilities

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported that on August 3 Mr. Rudy Counts, Acting Director of the Division of General Services, by letter to the staff requested a recommendation concerning a proposed lease by Winthrop

College of a motel to be used this fall for student housing. After consulting with members of the Committee on Facilities, Mr. Counts was advised on August 9 by letter from Dr. Boozer (Exhibit B) that the subject would be brought to the Commission's attention at its meeting on September 6. In the letter Dr. Boozer suggested that if Mr. Counts must approve the lease prior to September 7, he stipulate that he would not consider an extension or exercise the option to purchase unless such action has prior approval of the Commission on Higher Education. Mr. Counts subsequently advised that he had approved the lease with the stipulations as stated above. It was moved (Williams) and seconded (Gilliam) that the report of the Facilities Committee concerning Winthrop College be accepted as information. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Clement noted that at its meeting on August 1-2 the Commission discussed leases by the public colleges and universities and agreed that they are matters which the institutions should bring before the Commission for approval. He suggested that the presidents of the public colleges and universities be informed of the Commission's recommendation. Dr. Boozer indicated that he would advise the presidents of the Commission's request that leases for real property which must be submitted to the Division of General Services be submitted through the Commission on Higher Education. Mr. Gallagher suggested that procedures be published for submission of leases and other proposals to the Commission for review.

Mr. Taylor reported that the Facilities Review Team has visited 19 campuses, and trips to two others are planned for the near future. The Team is on schedule and is developing lists of ranked priorities. Mr. Taylor expressed appreciation to Mr. Michael and Mr. Solomon for coordinating the work of the Team.

IV. Consideration of 1980-81 Budget Request of the Commission on Higher Education

Dr. Boozer stated that the Commission's Budget Request for 1980-81 must be submitted to the Budget and Control Board by September 7. Continuing a practice instituted with the 1977-78 Budget Request, the Board allocated a sum to each agency which cannot be exceeded. The Commission's allocation for 1980-81 is \$1,478,197, an increase of \$1,803 over 1979-80.

The Southern Regional Education Board has increased the cost of contract programs in Veterinary Medicine by \$750 per space and in Optometry by \$250 per space, both effective in 1980-81. This amounts to an increase of \$69,750 for South Carolina, which was not added to the Commission's allocation. The additional cost for SREB programs has been met by reducing funds for other student aid programs while including compensating funds for those programs in the request for additional increases.

Each agency may request additional increases for consideration by the Budget and Control Board and the General Assembly. Two lists of additional increases, one covering operating expenses and one covering service programs, are included in the Commission's request for 1980-81.

The Executive Committee met prior to the Commission meeting to review the Budget Request and recommended, under Program Improvements (page 4 of the Budget Request), reducing Increases in Funds for Other Operating Expenses from \$25,000 to \$15,000, and deleting requests for the positions of Program Analyst in Health Affairs (\$20,000) and Program Analyst in Academic Affairs (\$20,000). The Committee also recommended the following priority ranking of the items under Program Improvements: 1. Building Quality Survey (\$100,000); 2. Increases in Funds for Other Operating Expenses (\$15,000); 3. Program Analyst in Finances (\$20,000);

and 4. Coordinator of Continuing Education and Off-campus Instruction (\$20,000). Changes reflecting these recommendations would also be made wherever appropriate elsewhere in the Budget Request.

It was moved (Bostic) and seconded (Clement) that the 1980-81 Budget Request of the Commission on Higher Education as recommended by the Executive Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

V. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Boozer reported that the draft of the Master Plan was at the printers and would be available within two weeks. In addition to copies for the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, copies will be distributed to members of the General Assembly, presidents of the colleges and universities, libraries, the news media, members of task forces, and others.

VI. Other Business

Mr. Swanson stated that he recently met informally with Governor Riley and members of his staff, Senator Lake, and Representative Stoddard. He reported that he was favorably impressed by the Governor's support of higher education and willingness to cooperate with the Commission.

Mr. Clement noted that the September 4 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education contains an article entitled "Continuing Education for Professionals," concerning relicensure of members of the professions. He stated that according to a table showing "States that Require Professionals to Continue Their Education" (Exhibit C), South Carolina legislation requires continuing education for relicensure for only two professional groups (Certified Public Accountants and Optometrists). He stated that in his opinion the Commission should be concerned about methods of assessing the competence of professionals.

Mr. Clement also noted favorably that the July/August AGB Reports, published by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, contains an article by President Holderman, "Students Make Great Volunteers," from a paper delivered by Dr. Holderman at the National Conference on Trusteeship in Miami, April, 1979.

Mr. Gilliam announced that a seminar and panel discussion on dental education, sponsored by the Health Education Authority, is scheduled to be held on September 19 in the Commission's conference room. Former Governor James B. Edwards will serve as presiding chairman. Mr. Gilliam urged all Commission members to attend.

On motion made (Bostic), seconded (Clement), and voted, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,


Gaylon Syrett
Recording Secretary