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MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
AND  
COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

February 5, 1987  
10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor, Chairperson  
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.  
Mr. George L. Brightharp  
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.  
Mr. Roger E. Henderson  
Mr. Marvin C. Jones  
Mrs. Reba Ann Kinon  
Dr. Alba M. Lewis  
Mr. Vernon McGuire  
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.  
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.  
Mr. William J. Whitener  
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Walter E. Brooker  
Dr. Willa J. DeWitt  
Mr. Tom Moore Craig

STAFF

Dr. Jeffrey Bartkovich  
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.  
Ms. Sandra E. Carr  
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas  
Dr. Frank E. Kinard  
Mr. Alan S. Krech  
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf  
Dr. Gail M. Morrison  
Dr. James A. Paschal  
Mr. John E. Smalls  
Dr. Leonard P. Sternbach  
Dr. John C. Sutusky  
Ms. Gaylon Syrett  
Ms. Julia E. Wells

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. John Gadsby  
Mr. Scott Johnson  
Ms. Laura Nelson  
Mr. Joseph Pellicci

GUESTS

Dr. Robert E. Alexander  
Dr. Chester W. Bain, Jr.  
Dr. James E. Barnes  
Dr. Francis T. Borkowski  
Dr. Charles Branch  
Dr. Diane Brandstadter  
Mr. Robert Broadhead  
Dr. Ronald G. Eaglin  
Dr. Arthur Evans  
Dr. Henry Giles  
Dr. Kay Grastie  
Maj. Gen. James A. Grimsley, Jr.  
Dr. Sharon K. Hahs  
Dr. Joseph Harm  
Dr. James L. Hudgins  
Dr. Larry A. Jackson  
Dr. Vermelle Johnson  
Dr. Arthur E. Justice  
Dr. Edward Kaylor  
Mr. David Larson  
Dr. Gordon Lewis  
Mr. Harry M. Lightsey, Jr.  
Dr. Floride Martin  
Dr. W. David Maxwell  
Dr. Carolyn McIver  
Dr. W. Marcus Newberry, Jr.  
Dr. Terry Peterson  
Dr. Martha Kime Piper  
Dr. Frank Raymond  
Dr. James H. Rex  
Dr. Hal Salisbury  
Mr. Jim Salley  
Dr. Albert E. Smith  
Dr. Michael Smith  
Dr. Thomas C. Stanton  
Dr. A. Joseph Turner, Jr.  
Mr. Rick Wade  
Dr. Orlando White  
Dr. Edwin F. Wilde  
Dr. Robert W. Weinbach  
Dr. Dennis G. Wiseman

### I. Introductions

Mrs. Taylor welcomed members of the Council of Presidents and introduced Dr. Floride Martin, Executive Assistant for Education on Governor Campbell's staff. Dr. Martin succeeds Dr. Terry Peterson.

### II. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 1987, Meeting

It was moved (Turner) seconded (Lewis), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of January 8, 1987, be adopted as written.

### III. Report on Accreditation

Dr. James L. Hudgins, President of Midlands Technical College, reported on the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and on changes in the accreditation process. He noted that Dr. Hudgins represents South Carolina as a delegate to the Commission on Colleges and serves as chairperson of the Executive Council.

### IV. Effective Strategies for Affirmative Action

President Larry A. Jackson reported on effective strategies for affirmative action at Lander College. He stated that such a program must have the support of the institution's president and administration to be successful.

### V. Report on Legislative Issues of Interest Concerning Higher Education

President Thomas C. Stanton reported on three legislative issues of interest concerning higher education: (1) formula funding, (2) support and research for quality enhancement, and (3) an optional retirement program. He suggested that the Research Investment Act (RIA) be written to include all of the initiatives recommended by the Commission in "The Cutting Edge." At the invitation of the Chairperson, Dr. Francis T. Borkowski stated that he views the RIA as a complementary document to "The Cutting Edge." Dr. Williams expressed the opinion that special funding for research would result in less than full formula funding for continuing operations at the colleges and universities. Mr. Jones agreed and suggested that the Commission consider adjusting the formula to include a subphase for research

Dr. W. Marcus Newberry stated that South Carolina deserves both full formula funding and research funding. Dr. Lewis asked if, in view of the State's bleak financial situation, it is realistic to believe that both can be funded. Dr. Borkowski stated that it is a matter of State priorities. President Martha Kime Piper stated that the presidents all support full formula funding, "The Cutting Edge," and research funding, in that order.

### VI. Presentation of Resolution

Mr. Brightharp presented a resolution concerning racial incidents and hazing at the colleges and universities in the State. The resolution refers to a January 16 report by the State Human Affairs Commission on hazing and race

relations at The Citadel. It was moved (Brightharp) and seconded (McGuire) that the resolution be adopted. Mr. Jones noted that the Commission has not read the report of the Human Affairs Committee. The motion was amended (Williams) and seconded (Jones) that the references to The Citadel in the resolution be deleted. The amendment was adopted. The motion, as amended, was adopted. The resolution is attached as Exhibit A.

VII. Report of Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan

Dr. Lewis, chairperson of the Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan, reported on the following matters:

a. Letter from U.S. Office for Civil Rights. On November 19, 1986, the Commission wrote to the U.S. Office for Civil Rights (OCR) requesting a response to the Final Comprehensive Report on Implementation of the Desegregation Plan from 1981 Through 1986. A reply from OCR received on January 13, 1987, indicates that the process for evaluating the report is lengthy, and that that office will correspond with Governor Campbell "as soon as a decision is made on South Carolina's future responsibilities regarding compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

b. Report on Hazing/Race Relations at the Citadel. The Committee met on February 4, 1987, to discuss a report on hazing/race relations at The Citadel that was prepared by the S.C. Human Affairs Commission. Commissioner James L. Clyburn was present for the discussion. Col. Isaac Metts, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, represented The Citadel at the meeting.

VIII. Report of Committee on Facilities

Mr. Whitener, acting chairperson of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Property Transfer, Clemson University. Clemson University requests approval retroactively for the transfer of property from Clemson's IPTAY to the University. During 1983 a house was constructed for the football coach and paid for by IPTAY funds at a cost, excluding the land, of \$537,153. The land on which the house is built was donated by IPTAY and had an appraised value of \$40,000. In addition, a swimming pool with an appraised value of \$20,000 was donated and installed on the property. In 1984 IPTAY transferred ownership of the house and land to the University. In 1985 the ownership of the swimming pool was also transferred to the institution. In the transfer of these permanent improvements to Clemson, no approval, as required in the Manual for Planning and Execution of State Permanent Improvement, was obtained from the Commission on Higher Education. Maintenance of the house and pool will be paid from the Athletic Department's budget.

In discussions with Clemson's facilities staff, it was noted that the Clemson football coach does not pay rent for use of the house. In the event the current coach leaves the University, the house will remain the property of Clemson University. Although the house was donated by IPTAY, there is no reversion clause in the deed. The Committee on Facilities does not recommend approval of the property transfer. It was moved (Whitener) and seconded (Askins) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Mr. David Larson of Clemson University stated that these transactions were made by persons no longer at Clemson. A recent State audit report directed Clemson to take corrective action. After further discussion, the motion was adopted, by six affirmative and four negative votes.

b. Consideration of Lease Agreement, Clemson University. Clemson University requests approval to lease a facility from Keenan/Clemson Associates.

This lease involves various transactions. The University entered into a ground lease with the South Carolina Research Authority for a parcel of land, leased to Clemson for \$1.00 per year. Clemson, in turn, has sublet a portion of the land to Keenan/Clemson for the purpose of the construction of a computer operation and programming facility for the University. Keenan/Clemson Associates will lease the computer center complex to Clemson beginning December 1, 1987, for a period of 20 years. The lease is payable monthly in the amount of \$40,320 with a built-in interest rate of 6.44%. The lease may be cancelled by Clemson University at the end of any fiscal year after the acceptance date. Upon expiration of the lease term on December 1, 2007, Clemson may purchase the premises for the purchase option price of \$1.00.

The Committee believes this to be a meritorious project and recommends approval, with the understanding that Clemson University not request unique cost funding for the lease payments and that square footage of the facility and replacement costs not be included in Clemson's formula request for maintenance costs. It was moved (Whitener) and seconded (Utsey) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. The motion was amended (Turner) and seconded (Jones) to read, "The Committee believes this to be a meritorious project and recommends approval with the understanding that Clemson University request unique cost funding for the lease payments and that square footage of the facility and replacement costs be included in Clemson's formula request for maintenance costs." The amendment was disapproved. The motion was amended (Jones) and seconded (Henderson) to read: "The Committee believes this to be a meritorious project and recommends approval, with the understanding that Clemson University not request unique cost funding for the lease payments. The amendment was adopted. The motion, as amended, was adopted. Mr. Brightharp opposed. Mr. Turner urged the Committee to develop guidelines concerning leases and maintenance.

c. Consideration of Campus Asbestos Removal. The Medical University of South Carolina requests approval to increase the budget of its asbestos removal project in order to continue the removal of asbestos in two key projects, to be funded from State Institutional Bonds -Plant Improvement. The Committee recognizes the massive statewide problem with asbestos and is pleased that MUSC, as well as the other institutions, are proceeding with an orderly plan of asbestos removal from its facilities. The Committee, therefore, recommends approval of the increase of the project cost from \$250,000 to \$800,000 with the understanding that no unique cost funding will be requested. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Utsey), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

d. Consideration of Hospital Renovation - Phase 8, MUSC. The Medical University of South Carolina requests approval to increase this project in order to move simultaneously on Phase I and Phase II. In 1983 the Com-

mission approved MUSC's request for Hospital Renovation - Phase 8. Phase I of the North Tower will be an addition on the north face of the University hospital. Phase II will be the addition of space between the north, east, and northwest wings of the existing hospital on the second, third, and fourth floors. At the time this project was approved by the Commission, MUSC had planned to use a two-phase approach. The institution now plans to undertake both phases simultaneously. Total cost will be \$14,460,747 to be funded by Capital Improvement Bonds, revenue bonds, and interest. These funds are currently in place at the University. The Committee recommends approval since the Commission previously approved this project, and it appears to be practical and financially astute to do both phases simultaneously. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Henderson), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

e. Consideration of Hospital Renovation - Phase 9, MUSC. MUSC requests approval to change the scope of the Hospital Renovation - Phase 9 project which was previously approved by the Commission. The cost will be \$12,477,000. Funds are on hand and have been provided by the issuance of revenue bonds. The Committee recommends approval on the change in scope of this project and also recommends that it be approved for the current project cost of \$12,477,000. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Turner), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

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

Mr. Turner, chairperson of the Committee on Academic Affairs, reported on the following matters:

##### a. Consideration of Proposals for New Programs

(1) A.E.T., Automated Manufacturing Technology, Trident Technical College. Trident Technical College proposes to begin in September 1987 a new program leading to the associate degree in engineering technology with a major in automated manufacturing technology. The Committee recommends approval for implementation in September 1987 provided no unique cost or other special State appropriations are requested. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(2) A.E.T., Manufacturing Engineering Technology, Greenville Technical College. Greenville Technical College proposes to begin in September 1987 a new associate degree in engineering technology with a major in manufacturing technology. The proposal was developed in response to changes in the technology and manufacturing techniques used by industry in the college's service area and subsequent changes in the employment market. These same changes have made obsolete an existing industrial engineering program which will be phased out upon implementation of the proposed program. The Committee recommends that this program be approved for implementation in September 1987 provided that no unique cost or other special State funding is requested, and that the existing industrial engineering technology program is phased out. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(3) A.H.S., Medical Secretary, Spartanburg Technical College. Spartanburg Technical College proposes to begin in September 1987 a new program leading to the associate degree in health science with a major in medical secretarial science. The Committee recommends that the program be approved, but as an option in medical secretarial technology within the existing program leading to the Associate in Business degree with major in secretarial technology, for implementation in September, 1987, provided that the existing diploma program in medical secretarial technology be phased out concurrently and provided further that no unique cost funds will be required or requested. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(4) A.H.S., Respiratory Therapy, Spartanburg Technical College. Spartanburg Technical College proposes to implement in September 1987 an associate degree in health science with a major in respiratory therapy. This degree will build upon an existing one-year diploma in respiratory therapy which was implemented in 1983. The Committee recommends that the proposed program be approved for implementation in September 1987 provided Spartanburg Technical College assesses the feasibility of continuing the diploma program in respiratory therapy and that the academic affairs staff be advised of these findings, and provided further that no unique cost funding will be required. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(5) A.H.S., Occupational Therapy Assistant, Trident Technical College. Trident Technical College proposes to begin in September 1987 a new program leading to the associate degree in health science with a major in occupational therapy assistant technology. At present, there is no similar two-year program in South Carolina. The only four-year program to prepare occupational therapists is at the Medical University of South Carolina. The Committee recommends that the proposed program be approved for implementation in September 1987 subject to approval by the Commission of the proposed new health science building at Trident Technical College and provided that Trident Technical College submits to the academic affairs staff prior to implementation an articulation agreement between this program and the corresponding baccalaureate degree program at the Medical University of South Carolina; provided further that Trident Technical College submits to the Academic Affairs staff assurance that suitable arrangements for training at clinical site have been made; and provided further that no unique cost funds will be required or requested. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Jones), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(6) A.H.S., Physical Therapy Assistant, Trident Technical College. Trident Technical Colleges proposes to implement in September 1987 a new program leading to the associate degree in health science with a major in physical therapist assistant technology. The Committee recommends that the proposed program be approved for implementation in September 1987 subject to approval by the Commission of the proposed new health science building at

Trident Technical College and provided that Trident Technical College submits to the academic affairs staff prior to implementation an articulation agreement between this program and the corresponding baccalaureate degree program at the Medical University of South Carolina; provided further that Trident Technical College submits to the Academic Affairs staff assurance that suitable arrangements for training at clinical site have been made; and provided further that no unique cost funds will be required or requested. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(7) B.A., Music Merchandising, South Carolina State College. South Carolina State College proposes to implement a new program leading to the baccalaureate degree in music merchandising in August 1987. The program is intended to prepare students for careers in music-related businesses, primarily in retail sales of music-related items. No other South Carolina institution offers a degree in music merchandising. The Committee recommends that this proposed new program be approved for implementation in August 1987 provided that no unique cost funding be required or requested and provided further that the degree be called a Bachelor of Arts in music with a concentration in merchandising and management. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Kinson), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(8) B.S., Chemistry, USC-Aiken. USC-Aiken proposes to implement a new program leading to the B.S. in chemistry. The purpose of the program is to prepare graduates for employment opportunities as chemists in industry or for advanced studies in chemistry. The Committee recommends that this new program be approved provided that (a) the program be implemented in January 1989 or at such later date as the new building is ready for occupancy; (b) any reference to the future program reflect the January 1989 implementation date; (c) the junior and senior-level chemistry courses not be implemented prior to that implementation date; and (d) provided further that no unique cost or other special State funding be required or requested. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Utsey), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(9) B.S., Electronics Engineering Technology, USC-Spartanburg. USC-Spartanburg proposes to implement in fall 1987 a new program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in electronics engineering technology. The Committee recommends that the Commission postpone consideration of this proposed program for one month. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(10) B.S., Sport Administration, USC-Columbia. The University of South Carolina-Columbia proposes to implement in fall 1987 a new program leading to the B.S. in sport administration. The program will be housed in the College of Applied Professional Sciences. The Committee recommends that the program be approved for implementation in fall 1987 provided no unique cost funds or other special State appropriations are required or requested. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(11) Ph.D., Social Work, USC-Columbia. USC-Columbia proposes to implement in fall 1987 a new program leading to the Ph.D. in social work. The Committee recommends that the program be approved for implementation in fall 1987 provided no unique cost or other special State appropriations are requested. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(12) Center for Molecular Genetics and Structural Biology, MUSC. MUSC proposes to implement, immediately upon approval of the Commission, a Center for Molecular Genetics and Structural Biology. The Committee recommends that this proposed Center be approved for implementation as of March 1, 1987, but does not recommend that any unique cost funds for FY 1987-88 be approved; provided that this approval is understood to be without prejudice with respect to any proposal MUSC may make later with respect to new or renovated physical facilities desired in connection with the Center; and with the understanding that the Medical University may compete for appropriate funding under the Commission's proposed Research Incentive Fund program in FY 1987-88; and, in the event that program is not approved by the General Assembly, that the Medical University re-allocate an appropriate portion of its regular State funds provided through the regular State appropriation process. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Askins), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(13) Center for Cancer Research, MUSC. The Medical University proposes to implement, immediately on approval by the Commission, a Cancer Research Center. The Committee recommends that this proposed Center be approved for implementation as of March 1, 1987, but does not recommend that any unique cost funds for FY 87-88 be approved; provided that this approval is understood to be without prejudice with respect to any proposal MUSC may make later with respect to new, temporary or renovated facilities desired in connection with the Center; and with the understanding that the Medical University may compete for appropriate funding under the Commission's proposed Research Incentive Fund program in FY 1987-88; and, in the event that program is not approved by the General Assembly, that the Medical University may reallocate an appropriate portion of its regular State funds provided through the regular State appropriation process. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Askins), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(14) Computer Communications Center, Clemson University. Clemson University proposes to establish, on approval by the Commission, a Center for Computer Communication Systems. The Committee recommends that this proposed Center be approved provided no unique cost or other special State appropriations be required or requested. It was moved (Williams), seconded (Askins), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(15) Center for Ceramics Manufacturing, Clemson University. Clemson University proposes to establish a new Center for Engineering Ceramic Manufacturing. The Committee recommends that this Center be approved for implementation on March 1, 1987, provided no unique cost or other special State appropriations will be required or requested. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Consideration of Annual Evaluations for FY 85-86 of Associate Degree Programs. The South Carolina Master Plan for Higher Education (1979) requires that the Commission annually review all programs leading to the associate degree. The purposes of conducting this review are to ensure the programs to be continued are responsive to employment trends and meet minimum standards, and to identify programs which may need to be strengthened. During fall 1986, 262 associate degree programs in 26 institutions were evaluated. Of the programs evaluated, 205 (78%) met all criteria and were continued in good standing, seven (3%) did not meet all criteria but written justification was provided for their continuation, 30 (12%) were placed on probation, 11 (4%) were put on suspension, and nine (3%) were cancelled. Summary tables are attached as Exhibit B. The Committee recommends that the actions described in the report be approved. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

c. Consideration of Proposed Change in Regulations for the Teacher Loan Program for FY 87-88. Regulations governing the Teacher Loan Program were adopted by the Commission in December 1984 and approved through the State Administrative Procedures Act, as required, in June 1985. These Regulations conformed the Teacher Loan Program to the existing Guaranteed Student Loan Program in some respects, primarily to avoid needless confusion on the part of student applicants and student aid officers.

Some changes in the Guaranteed Student Loan Program were recently enacted by Congress. Mr. William M. Mackie, Jr., Executive Director of the South Carolina Student Loan Corporation, has requested that the Commission amend its Regulations in four respects, to keep the Teacher Loan Program in accord with these changes.

Of the four proposed changes, three are minor and technical in nature. The most significant change would permit the lending limits to a given student to be increased. Current limits as specified in the Regulations are compared to new limits proposed in the following table:

	<u>Current Limits</u>			<u>Proposed Limits</u>	
	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>
Undergraduate	\$2,500	\$12,500	Undergrad		
			Lower Division	\$2,625	-
Graduate	\$5,000	\$25,000*	Undergrad		
			Upper Division	\$4,000	\$17,250
			Graduate	\$7,500	\$54,750*

\*Including undergraduate loans

The staff of the Student Loan Corporation has analyzed the Teacher Loan applications for the current fiscal year with this in mind. That study shows that the projected need for new loans in 1987-88, under the new limits proposed, would be about \$2.1 million. The appropriation request for this item in the EIA currently is at \$2.3 million. This shows that the new limits may be adopted without increasing the appropriation request. The Committee concludes that the change should be approved.

The Committee recommends that the changes described above in the Teacher Loan Program Regulations be approved and that the Interim Commissioner

be authorized to submit these changes for publication in the State Register at the earliest dates possible to effect these changes. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

d. Report on Cooperation Between Libraries at USC-Sumter and Sumter Area Technical College. At its meeting on August 26, 1985, the Commission directed that a study of the libraries at USC-Sumter and Sumter Technical College be conducted. The purpose of the study was to assess existing operations, collections, and facilities at the two libraries. The study was called for in response to a request by USC-Sumter for new library facilities. The study was conducted by staff representatives of the University of South Carolina, of the SBTCE, and of the Commission. Their report was considered by the Committee on Academic Affairs at its meeting on January 20.

With respect to facilities, the study found that neither library building considered by itself met the ACRL Standards for library space for two-year colleges. The conclusion is that construction of a new building to house both libraries may no longer be the most cost-effective solution. It is suggested instead that, if any new space is required, additional library space be considered at USC-Sumter and additional space for media be considered at Sumter Technical College. These related space needs should be planned jointly.

With respect to the sizes of the two collections, the report found that neither collection considered by itself met the ACRL Standards. The recommendation is that the two institutions agree to a coordinated policy in which each has responsibility for new acquisitions in specific areas.

The report describes some cooperation between the two libraries, such as reciprocal library privileges. Suggestions for improving cooperation specifically in the automation of both libraries are made.

The Committee endorses these recommendations made in the report and recommends specifically that:

- (1) USC-Sumter not be further prohibited from requesting approval for expansion of its library facility, with the understanding that any proposal submitted will be reviewed on its merits;
- (2) Sumter Technical College not be further prohibited from requesting expansion of its instructional and media center, with the understanding that any proposal submitted will be reviewed on its merits; and
- (3) USC and SBTCE appoint a joint committee of the two institutions in Sumter to develop (a) a coordinated collection development policy whereby each library has sole responsibility for collection development in specified areas; (b) a coordinated automation system for both libraries; and (c) an on-line union catalog for both libraries, with a plan for implementing these projects to be submitted to the Commission's academic affairs staff by September 1, 1987.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

X. Report of the Interim Commissioner

Mr. Brooks reported on the following matters:

a. Proposal for Seeking Funds from the Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education. Mr. Brooks reported that the staff coordinators have drafted a proposal addressing the need to increase the participation rates of black students in graduate and professional programs. The objectives are three pronged: (1) to increase academically talented black students' awareness of graduate and professional opportunities; (2) to assist black students in developing test sophistication to enhance performance on standardized tests; and (3) to assist South Carolina graduate and professional schools with identifying and establishing contact with a qualified pool of potential students. Upon approval by the Commission, an application for funds for the project will be submitted to the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) of the U.S. Department of Education. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the staff be adopted. Dr. Lewis commended the coordinators for this needed effort.

b. Meetings on Campuses. Mr. Brooks reported that USC-Spartanburg and USC-Coastal Carolina have invited the Commission to meet on their campuses on April 2 and October 1, 1987, respectively.

c. Report on Affirmative Action. Mr. Brooks noted that a recent report on the status of affirmative action plans states that the Commission on Higher Education is one of 10 State agencies that are exempted from the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission's affirmative action reporting requirements. Exemptions are given to those agencies that have achieved a fair representation of minorities and women in their workforces.

d. Meeting with Senate Education Committee. Mr. Brooks stated that the Commission has been invited to meet with the Senate Education Committee on February 11 to discuss proposed funding of the initiatives contained in "The Cutting Edge."

XI. Other Business

a. Committee Appointments. Mrs. Taylor stated that she has made appointments to the Commission's standing committees for 1987. An updated listing is attached as Exhibit C. She reported that Committee chairpersons for 1987 are Mr. Turner (Academic Affairs), Dr. Williams (Business and Finance), Mr. Brighttharp (Facilities), Dr. Askins (Health and Medical Education), and Dr. Lewis (Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan).

b. Election of Members to the Joint Health and Medical Education Board. Mrs. Taylor reported that composition of the Joint Health and Medical Education Board, created in 1983, includes two members elected in January

each year by the Commission on Higher Education. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Whitener), and voted that Dr. Askins be elected to the Joint Health and Medical Education Board for 1987, and that Dr. Louis D. Wright, Jr., former member of the Commission, be reelected to the Board.

c. Executive Session. Mrs. Taylor requested that the Commission meet in Executive Session for a briefing by the Search Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary