

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

December 7, 1972
10:30 a. m. - 1:15 p. m.

PRESENT:

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mr. John K. Cauthen
Mr. Alester G. Furman, III
Mr. William H. Grier
Colonel J. M. J. Holliday
Mr. Gedney M. Howe, Jr.
Mr. F. Mitchell Johnson
(for Mr. Rogers)
Mr. T. Eston Marchant
Dr. Harrison L. Peeples
Mr. Alex M. Quattlebaum
Mr. Y. W. Scarborough, Jr.
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Dr. R. Cathcart Smith, Chairman
Mr. I. P. Stanback
Mr. T. Emmet Walsh
Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.

GUESTS

Dr. Cyril B. Busbee
Dr. Charles S. Davis
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Mr. O. Stanley Smith, Jr.
Dr. Walter D. Smith
Dr. Theodore S. Stern

STAFF

Mr. James R. Michael
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. William C. Jennings
Mr. Alan S. Krech

I. Approval of Minutes of November 4, 1972, Meeting of Commission on Higher Education

It was noted that Mr. Gedney M. Howe's name had been inadvertently omitted from the list of members representing the Commission at a meeting with the Governor and the Wildlife Resources Commission on October 26. With this correction, a motion was made (Stanback) and seconded (Holliday) and unanimously adopted that the minutes of the November 4, 1972, meeting of the Commission on Higher Education be approved.

II. Date of January Commission Meeting

It was announced by Chairman Smith that the date for the Commission to meet at the University of South Carolina had been changed from January 3 and 4 until January 31 and February 1. There were no objections to this change. The Commission will meet on its regular meeting date in January, January 4, in the Commission Conference Room.

III. Consideration of Revised Rules and Procedures of the Commission on Higher Education

A motion was made (Grier) and seconded (Howe) that consideration of proposed changes in the Rules and Procedures of the Commission on Higher Education be deferred until a later meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

IV. Discussion of Proposed Palmer College-TEC Merger

Mr. Michael stated that an investigation by TEC is currently underway to determine the feasibility of merging the Columbia and Charleston TEC centers with Palmer College. While there are no conclusions to report at this time, Mr. Michael stated that the situation raises the possibility of comprehensive colleges, offering technical education programs along with college parallel programs, in both the Columbia and Charleston areas. Chairman Smith reported that Mr. Stanley Smith would have a report on the proposed merger for the January meeting of the Commission. The Commission will discuss the issue after hearing the report.

V. Consideration of Capital Improvement Requests

The Citadel

The Citadel has submitted a request to renovate the central boiler plant at a cost of \$633,044 to be financed with state funds. The present plant is not in compliance with the Air Pollution Control Regulations and Standards adopted by the South Carolina Pollution Control authorities and is judged to be sub-standard. A motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Stanback) and unanimously adopted to recommend approval to the Budget and Control Board of The Citadel's request to renovate the boiler plant.

Winthrop

Winthrop has submitted a request to construct a new enclosed swimming pool at a cost of \$300,000 to be financed from revenues from the Auxiliary Enterprises account. The existing pool is inadequate and antiquated. A motion was made (Holliday) and seconded (Grier) and unanimously

adopted to recommend approval to the Budget and Control Board of Winthrop's request to construct a new swimming pool.

Francis Marion College

Francis Marion College has submitted requests for four capital improvement projects totalling \$3,105,000, from state sources. The four projects are: Media Learning Center at a cost of \$2,550,000 (basic building will cost approximately \$1,800,000 with special equipment costing \$750,000); Warehouse Facility at a cost of \$130,000; Phase II of Playing Field Development at a cost of \$210,000; and, Campus Development at a cost of \$215,000. A motion was made (Marchant) and seconded (Howe) and unanimously adopted that the four capital improvement requests from Francis Marion College be recommended to the Budget and Control Board for approval.

Lander College

The State College Board of Trustees has submitted a capital improvement request for \$125,000 from state funds for developing a long-range campus plan for Lander College. A motion was made (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Johnson) and unanimously adopted that the request from the State College Board of Trustees for \$125,000 for development of a campus plan for Lander College be recommended to the Budget and Control Board for approval.

VI. Program Considerations

Greenville TEC

A. D. in Transportation Management - Approved

Winthrop

Master of Business Administration - A motion was made (Marchant) and seconded (Sheheen) that the Master of Business Administration at Winthrop be approved on the same basis as the Commission previously approved a similar request from The Citadel; and, further, that the proper authorities at the respective institutions be directed to cooperate as far as implementation. (The conditions to which the motion referred and upon which The Citadel Master of Business Administration was approved are as follows: (1) Any Charleston (Rock Hill) area student wishing to transfer from the University of South Carolina MBA via ETV program be allowed to do so; (2) Efforts be made to arrange a cooperative

program with the University of South Carolina and The Citadel (Winthrop) to have some ETV courses tied in with the program).

After general discussion, Mr. Cauthen made a substitute motion that the authorities at the University of South Carolina and Winthrop be brought together promptly to consider a real cooperative arrangement whereby the educational television program will be taken into the Winthrop campus with full cooperation, use of the library and other necessary facilities, and that the staff report back to the Commission at the earliest feasible time on the results of that conference. There was no second to Mr. Cauthen's substitute motion and no vote was taken. Mr. Grier called for the question on the original motion. The motion was passed. Mr. Cauthen voted present.

Clemson University

Master of Nutritional Science - A motion was made (Marchant) and seconded (Grier) that the staff recommendations on the Master of Nutritional Science program be accepted. The staff recommendations are as follows: Recommend that the proposal for a Master of Nutritional Science be approved for implementation in August, 1973, subject to the condition that the University justify, because of the low productivity record of both, the continuation of the existing M. S. in Nutritional Science and the Ph. D. in Nutritional Science. After discussion, a substitute motion was made (Wienges) and seconded (Furman) that Clemson University justify the continuation of the M. S. in Nutritional Science and the Ph. D. in Nutritional Science before approval is given to initiate the Master in Nutritional Science program. The substitute motion failed to carry and a vote was taken on the original motion which was passed.

VII. Report of the Legislative Committee of the Commission

Mr. Marchant, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Commission and who was to report for the Committee, suggested that the Commission go into executive session because the report supposedly would involve both financial and personnel considerations. A motion was made (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Holliday) that the Commission go into executive session to hear the report of the Legislative Committee of the Commission. Mr. Sheheen, a member of the Committee, questioned whether the Committee's report qualified under the law for an executive session. Mr. Howe

read the law concerning executive sessions which stated that executive sessions shall be permitted for the purpose of discussion or considering committee reports upon majority vote of its membership. With this clarification, a vote was taken on Mr. Quattlebaum's motion to go into executive session. The motion was passed. Mr. Sheheen, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Furman and Mr. Wienges were opposed to the motion and asked that it be so recorded.

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Secretary