

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

October 2, 1986  
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor, Chairman  
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.  
Mr. George L. Brightsharp  
Mr. Tom Moore Craig  
Dr. Willa J. DeWitt  
Mr. John P. Faris  
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.  
Mr. Robert E. Graham  
Mr. Marvin C. Jones  
Dr. Alba M. Lewis  
Mr. Vernon McGuire  
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.  
Mr. William J. Whitener

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Walter E. Brooker  
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.  
Dr. Robert F. Williams

STAFF

Dr. Jeffrey Bartkovich  
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.  
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas  
Dr. Frank E. Kinard  
Mr. Alan S. Krech  
Ms. Jean Manheimer  
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

GUESTS

Dr. John Austell  
Dr. Chester W. Bain, Jr.  
Dr. Ann Baker  
Mr. Carl Brown  
Dr. Robert W. Denton  
Mr. Steve Elliott  
Mr. Jim Fields  
Mr. Wade Green  
Maj. Gen. James A. Grimsley, Jr.  
Dr. James B. Holderman  
Dr. Larry A. Jackson  
Dr. Max M. Lennon  
Dr. Carolyn McIver  
B. Gen. George F. Meenaghan  
Dr. W. Marcus Newberry, Jr.  
Dr. Martha Kime Piper  
Mr. William T. Putnam  
Dr. Louie C. Roache  
Dr. Arnold E. Schwartz  
Dr. Albert E. Smith  
Dr. Michael Smith  
Mr. James L. Solomon, Jr.  
Dr. Thomas C. Stanton  
Mr. Chris Vlahoplus  
Ms. Linda Walker  
Dr. Edwin Wilde  
Mr. Marion E. Woodbury  
Dr. John W. Zemp

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Charles Abergast  
Mr. Scott Johnson  
Ms. Laura Nelson  
Ms. Maureen Shurr

I. Approval of Minutes of Meetings of August 25-26 and September 4, 1986

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of August 25-26, 1986, be adopted.

It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of September 4, 1986, be adopted.

II. Proposal for Enhancing the Opportunities for College Educations for Children in Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Foster Care Families

President Stanton introduced Mr. James L. Solomon, Jr., Commissioner of the South Carolina Department of Social Services, who presented a "Proposal for Enhancing the Opportunities for College Educations for Children in Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Foster Care Families." Mr. Solomon requested that the Commission and the Council of Presidents work cooperatively with the Department of Social Services in implementing this project.

III. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

In the absence of Mr. Turner, chairman of the Committee on Academic Affairs, Dr. Kinard reported on the following matter:

Awards Under Education for Economic Security Act of 1984. Dr. Kinard reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs met on September 17, 1986, and made awards for funding under the Education for Economic Security Act of 1984 as follows:

Part I

The Citadel	Middle and High School	\$36,138
	Mathematics Certification	
Morris College	Institute in Mathematics	8,700
	Teaching for Elementary Teachers	
USC-Columbia	Mathematics and Technology	58,894
	Teaching Skills, K-3	
USC-Spartanburg	Mathematics Problem Solving	30,099
	Skills, Grades 1-8	

Part II

Clemson University	Foreign Languages in Elementary and Secondary Education	27,800
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IV. Status Report on Proposed Optional Retirement System

Ms. Linda Walker, president of Walker Associates, Inc., commented on the status of the proposed optional retirement system for faculty and administrators at the public colleges and universities in South Carolina. She noted that in Spring 1985, S.487, a bill "To Establish an Optional Retirement Program for the Publicly-Supported Four-year and Postgraduate Institutions of Higher Education" was introduced. The bill was endorsed by the Senate Education Committee and by the Commission on Higher Education. No further action was taken during the 1985 legislative session. In January 1986 the Senate Finance Committee endorsed S.487. In March 1986 the bill was voted to special order status by the Senate. Ms. Walker requested that Commission members and presidents of the colleges and universities contact members of the Legislature and express support of the bill in the 1987 session.

V. Report on Proposed Research Investment Act

President Lennon reported that the proposed Research Investment Act is a five-year strategy calling for significant investment in research and a high level of cooperation and unity among South Carolina's research universities. He stated that individually the State's universities are at a disadvantage in competition with large research centers but, if the resources and expertise available at the three institutions were combined, the State would be in a more advantageous position in international competition. Funding for the proposal over a five-year period, half to be provided by the State and half to be generated by the institutions from private and federal sources, totals \$600 million. Presidents Holderman and Smith and Vice President Newberry also commented in favor of the bill. Dr. Holderman asked the Commission to express its support for the Act to members of the Legislature. Mrs. Taylor expressed appreciation to the presidents for their report and stated that the Commission will consider the matter further after it has received the report of the Task Force on Excellence in November.

VI. Report of Chairman, Council of Presidents

Dr. Stanton, Chairman of the Council of Presidents, reported on the following matters:

a. American Association of State Colleges and Universities. Dr. Stanton noted that Gen. Grimsley will represent South Carolina on the American Association of State Colleges and Schools during the next year, succeeding Dr. Jackson.

b. Sick Leave Compensation for Faculty in Summer School. Dr. Stanton reported that permanent faculty members who teach in summer sessions do not receive sick leave benefits during the summer. He requested that the Commission look into the matter. He also asked other members of the Council of Presidents to advise him of successful ways they deal with this problem.

VII. Report of the Interim Executive Director

Mr. Brooks reported on the following matters:

a. November 6-7, 1986, Meeting of the Commission. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for November 6 and 7, 1986, in Columbia. The six task forces assigned to study the recommendations in the February 1986 report on higher education in South Carolina (the AVA report) will complete their reports by the end of October. The chairmen of the task forces will present recommendations to the Commission on November 6 for consideration by the Commission on November 7. The final report will be presented to the General Assembly in January 1987.

b. Budget and Control Board Presentation. The Commission made its presentation concerning 1987-88 appropriation requests to the Budget and Control Board, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee on September 16, 1986. A panel discussion on higher education was held prior to the budget presentation. Participants included

Mrs. Taylor, President Stanton, Dr. Gordon Van de Water of AVA Associates, and Mr. Claude Scarborough of the South Carolina Research Authority. Mrs. Taylor expressed appreciation to the presidents, members of the Commission, and others who attended the meeting and provided support.

c. Preliminary Allocations for 1987-88. The Budget and Control Board recently made preliminary allocations for 1987-88 for reallocation to the public colleges and universities. The over-all lump sum did not represent an increase over 1986-87 allocations but a continuation of the amount allocated in 1986-87, at 90.5% of the Commission's September 16 recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gaylon Syrett*  
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Recording Secretary