

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
January 3, 1991
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. William J. Whitener, Chairman
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. Fred L. Day
Ms. Elaine Freeman
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Ms. Reba A. Kinon
Mr. Edward T. McMullen, Jr.
Dr. Harry W. Miley, Jr.
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert, Sr.
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Mr. Roger E. Henderson

STAFF

Mr. Todd E. Barnette
Dr. Jeff Bartkovich
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Saundra E. Carr
Dr. Robert A. Day
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas
Dr. Gail L. Morrison
Dr. Robert K. Poch
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Dr. Leonard Sternbach
Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer
Ms. Julia E. Wells

GUESTS

Ms. Barbara Anderson
Mr. Les Boles
Ms. Katherine Bristow
Dr. Anthony DiGiorgio
Mr. Boris Evseez
Mr. Ricky Geter
Mr. Edward Godbold
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield
Dr. Sally Horner
Dr. Ronald R. Ingle
Ms. Terri Jenkins
Ms. Stephanie Jones
Mr. Billy Keyserling
Ms. Harriet H. Keyserling
Dr. James Kuhlman
Col. Calvin G. Lyons
Ms. Betsy Marlowe
Ms. Linda Martin
Mr. J. P. McKee
Ms. Lila Meeks
Dr. Walton H. Owens, Jr.
Mr. William Putnam
Ms. Roslynn Randall
Dr. George M. Reeves
Mr. David Rinker
Dr. Kenneth Schwab
Mr. Charles Shawver
Mr. Mool Shekhawat
Mr. Paul Sigmund
Mr. Sterling Smith
Dr. Rod Sproatt
Dr. George Terry
Mr. Floyd Tyler
Mr. Vadim Vinogradov
Mr. Marion Woodbury

For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

I. Election of Officers

Ms. Kinon nominated Mr. Whitener for Chairman for 1991. It was moved (Goad), seconded (Phillips), and voted that nominations be closed and that Mr. Whitener be elected by acclamation. Mr. Whitener was elected Chairman.

Mr. Jones nominated Dr. Askins for Vice Chairman for 1991. It was moved (Ramage), seconded (McMullen), and voted that nominations be closed and that Dr. Askins be elected by acclamation. Dr. Askins was elected Vice Chairman.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of December 6, 1990

It was moved (Jones), seconded (Turner), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of December 6, 1990, be approved as written.

III. Report by Soviet Graduate Students

Boris Evseez and Vadim Vinogradov of the Soviet Union, students in the Masters of International Business Studies program at the University of South Carolina, addressed the Commission. They are in Columbia to study banking problems in the United States and international intermediary banking relationships. The two plan to be managers with international branch banks operating in the Soviet Union when they complete the MIBS program.

Dr. James Kuhlman, an authority on Soviet-American relations who holds the J. Willis Cantey Chair of International Business and Economics at USC, stated that beginning in September, 1991, the University of South Carolina's Master of International Business Studies program will offer a Russian Language specialization and business internship in the USSR.

IV. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

Mr. Jones, Chairman of the Committee on Business and Finance, reported on the following matters:

A. Consideration of Funding for the Penn Education Center

The University of South Carolina requests approval to formalize an educational and research partnership with the Penn Education Center on St. Helena Island through its Beaufort campus. The proposed initiative, expected to be the first of several which may require special State appropriations, will focus on early childhood and at-risk family activities and will, in effect, establish an early childhood laboratory school at Penn Center.

The Committee recommended that the proposed program be commended

favorably to the Commission for implementation on July 1, 1991, provided that:

- 1) the legislature appropriates the requested funds for the program;
- 2) the name of the proposed project be changed to The Penn Education Center so as to allow for participation and affiliation by additional institutions or agencies;
- 3) the specific duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Advisory Board be delineated and submitted in writing to the CHE staff by January 15, 1991;
- 4) the library activities for which funds are requested be described and submitted in writing to the CHE staff by January 15, 1991;
- 5) the Partnership Center submit a report to the CHE staff by June 1, 1992, on all Center activities, including research accomplishments and services provided;
- 6) the Center be terminated by July 1, 1993, unless specifically reauthorized by the Commission;
- 7) the appropriated funds, with USC-Beaufort serving as fiscal agent, be considered "below-the-line" and not part of the CHE formula and be expended as follows:

a) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) will be used by USC-Beaufort to support a faculty member who will be the project coordinator;

b) USC-Beaufort will contract with The Penn Center for \$74,000 to provide the funds necessary for the operation of the project. The contract will provide for salaries and fringe benefits associated with: management, administration, service delivery, evaluation and library and other support services. It will also provide for materials and supplies, travel, consultation (including evaluation services) and tuition support. The tuition support will cover tuition and fees for at-risk parents to attend classes at the local colleges and for expenses of attending the high school GED programs. At least \$4,000 of the tuition supplement will be used at The Technical College of the Lowcountry.

The budget will be as follows:

USC-Beaufort faculty member	\$ 25,000
Contract with Penn Center	
Services for management, support personnel, and external evaluation (includes fringes and \$2,500 for external evaluation)	\$53,000

Materials, supplies and equipment	\$5,000
Travel	\$3,000
Consultants (including evaluation of ECE library resources and materials)	\$6,000
Tuition Supplement for at risk parents	\$7,000
TOTAL CONTRACT WITH PENN CENTER	\$ 74,000
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TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 99,000
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It was moved (Jones), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

B. Consideration of Equipment Financing Plan

The Committee on Business and Finance recommended, in concept, a plan for requesting funds for college and university academic and administrative equipment beyond funds available in the formula. The plan calls for utilizing the Installment Purchase Plan which obtains its money from the Insurance Reserve Fund, appropriately modified. CHE staff will meet with Budget and Control Board staff to determine whether there is money available in the Insurance Reserve Fund, or whether there are other possible sources of funds. The advantages of this proposed plan are that institutions would have money set aside for equipment purchases that could be borrowed at reduced rates and for longer terms. The Committee will present to the Commission for approval the details of the Equipment Financing Plan once the details are formalized.

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

V. Report of Committee on Facilities

In the absence of Mr. Craig, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, Mr. Whitener reported on the following matters:

a. The Citadel

1) Laundry Boiler Addition

The Citadel is seeking to establish a new project for the construction of a 736 gross square foot addition to the Laundry Facility in order to purchase and house a new 300 horsepower boiler. The total estimated cost for this project is to be \$253,422 in equal amounts from an energy conservation grant and the College's excess debt service funds.

The Committee recommended that this request be approved. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Jones), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

2) Barracks Room Restoration, Increase Budget

During the summer of 1991, The Citadel proposes to expend an additional \$1.1 million in housing funds to make needed repairs to floors, doors, and windows and repaint the interior of Barracks No. 2. Additionally, ceiling repairs will be made to walkways located on each story of the building's exterior.

The Committee recommended that the project be approved as proposed with the following agreements:

These funds are to be used primarily in repair of Barracks No. 2, as this will be the last barracks to be fully renovated once a funding solution is found; and

The College should understand that future projects to make temporary repairs to the barracks will be reviewed in light of the agreement to work towards securing funds for a complete renovation of all four barracks.

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

3) Stadium Tower Removal/Replacement, Source of Funding Change

The Citadel proposed in 1984 and received approval from all appropriate authorities to establish a permanent improvement project to remove and replace towers and lighting at Johnson Hagood Stadium. In the spring of 1985, The Citadel sought and was granted approval to temporarily use \$421,000 in surplus debt service reserve (tuition) in order to ensure completion of the project prior to the start of The Citadel football season. The Citadel committed that those tuition funds would be paid back through contributions from a planned capital campaign and/or athletic revenues. A total of \$587,655 was expended wholly from tuition funds. The borrowed funds were not repaid.

The Citadel is now requesting that the Commission agree to forgive the \$587,655 loan from tuition for the stadium lighting project. Col. Lyons spoke to the Commission in favor of The Citadel's request.

The Committee recommended that the request be denied, and that The Citadel be required to repay the loan of tuition funds from capital campaign and/or athletic revenues, as originally planned. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Jones), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

B. Clemson University

1) PCB Transformers Abatement

Clemson University is requesting authorization to expend \$495,000 from Maintenance, Repair, and Renovation fees in order to retrofit 21 PCB contaminated transformers.

The Committee recommended approval of this request. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

2) 107 Lewis Road Property Disposition

The Clemson University Board of Trustees and the University administration have determined that the University no longer needs the property at 107 Lewis Road, commonly referred to as the "coach's house." Based on this decision, the University is requesting permission to sell the property consisting of a house located on 1.13 acres of land. Proceeds from this sale will be applied to the University's previously established project for Littlejohn Coliseum renovations.

The Committee recommended that the University be allowed to proceed with the disposal of this property provided that the proceeds of the sale be applied to the Littlejohn Coliseum renovations project. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Phillips), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

C. College of Charleston

1) Bull/Coming/Wentworth Lease Renewal

The College is proposing to renew this lease with the College of Charleston Foundation for a one-year period commencing July 1, 1990, and ending June 30, 1991.

The Committee recommended this lease be renewed as proposed. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

D. USC-Coastal

1) Carolina Commons Acquisition

USC-Coastal is requesting authorization to purchase the Carolina Commons apartment complex for a total cost of \$850,000. Coastal wishes to use these additional beds to supplement its current on-campus housing. A binding sales agreement is being drawn up by USC-Columbia legal services and will be signed by both parties as soon as feasible.

The Committee recommended that this acquisition and associated minor renovation costs be approved provided that the College forward a copy of the final sales agreement to the staff, and that it contain no significant departures from the terms now proposed. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

E. Medical University of South Carolina

1) Heliport Relocation

MUSC is requesting approval to relocate its helipad from Castle Pinckney to the roof of the Clinical Sciences Building. Removal of the pad from Castle Pinckney is necessitated because of scheduled demolition of the old Castle Pinckney facilities. Further, it would be most desirable to site the University's helipad closer to the Medical Center.

The Committee recommended the request be approved. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

2) Lockwood/US 17 Interchange Land Transfer

MUSC has been asked by the S. C. Highway Department to release title to four tracts of University land totalling less than one acre to allow for the widening of roads at the intersection of Lockwood Boulevard and U. S. Route 17. The Highway Department will pay the State the appraised value of \$111,250 for the tracts. Funds received by the University for this property will revert to the State's general fund as is consistent with applicable law.

Mr. Sheheen asked Dr. Sutusky to look into the uniformity of retaining funds generated by the sale of property by a college or university.

The Committee recommended that the University be allowed to dispose of this property under the terms cited above. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (P. Freeman), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

F. Sumter Area Technical College

1) Land Acquisition

Sumter Area Technical College is seeking permission to acquire 1.56 acres of land at the intersection of Willis Street and President Drive. The College proposes to use the property as a parking lot, providing approximately 200 additional parking spaces.

The Committee recommended that the College be allowed to acquire this property. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

VI. Report of Committee on Access and Equity

Ms. Kinon urged the Commission members to attend the Sixth Annual Conference on the Development and Implementation of Successful Programs for Increasing Minority Access and Equity in Colleges and Universities to be held February 14-15, 1991, at the Marriott Hotel in Greenville, S. C.

VII. Report of the Commissioner

Mr. Sheheen reported on the following matters:

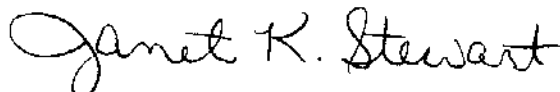
A. Dr. Robert Poch has been named to a newly established position, Assistant to the Commissioner, External Affairs, under the supervision of the Commissioner.

B. At its meeting on October 4, the Commission requested that short abstracts of research projects supported under the Cutting Edge's Research Investment Fund at the three universities be prepared. The abstracts were compiled from annual reports submitted by the institutions and focus on specific research objectives and activities supported by Cutting Edge funds. Each annual report also describes the impact of the project on economic development, education, health or welfare in the State, as well as the benefits of the project for undergraduate and graduate education.

Cutting Edge funds allocated to the projects were in some cases supplemented by other operating funds during the project years. Funds were also leveraged against grants for new research activities from extramural sources extending over several years beyond the Cutting Edge funding year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary