

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

November 3, 1983
10:30 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Fred R. Sheheen, Chairman
Mr. George L. Brightharp
Dr. Willa J. DeWitt
Mr. Robert C. Gallager
Mr. Roosevelt Gilliam, Jr.
Mr. Robert E. Graham
Dr. Alba M. Lewis
Mr. David B. Smith
Mr. Mortimer F. Smith
Mrs. Nanette H. Smyth
Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.
Dr. Hugh H. Wells
Dr. Robert F. Williams
Mr. Robert L. Wynn III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Harold W. Jacobs
Dr. Louis D. Wright, Jr.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Ms. Stacy Allison
Mr. Lou Fontana
Ms. Cheryl Irwin
Mr. Frank Sayles
Mr. Howard Schneider

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.
Mrs. Denise L. Jones
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Mr. Cannon R. Mayes
Mrs. Lynn W. Metcalf
Dr. James A. Paschal
Ms. Alvena M. Smarr
Mr. James L. Solomon, Jr.
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Mrs. Gaylon Syrett
Mrs. Carol D. Waldo

GUESTS *

Dr. Jo Anne Anderson
Dr. John Austell
Dr. Francis T. Borkowski
Dr. Louis O. Bryson
Dr. Carl A. Carpenter
Ms. Cecelia Cogdell
Dr. Ronald G. Eaglin
Mr. Stephen Elliott
Dr. Beth W. Honadle
Dr. Edward R. Jackson
Dr. Larry A. Jackson
Dr. Mary Ann Kelly
Dr. A. E. Lockert, Jr.
Dr. Mary M. Lohr
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Ms. Sandy Manning
Dr. Jacquelyn A. Mattfeld
Dr. W. David Maxwell
Maj. Gen. George F. Meenaghan
Dr. Michael B. Montgomery
Dr. M. Maceo Nance, Jr.
Dr. Oscar C. Page
Dr. J. Ronald Quinn
Dr. George M. Reeves
Dr. Lewie C. Roache
Dr. Ramachandra R. Sandrapity
Dr. Arnold E. Schwartz
Dr. Glenn G. Thomas
Dr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.

I. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of October 6, 1983

It was moved (Brightharp), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of October 6, 1983, be approved as written.

*See page 808.

Mr. Sheheen noted that Mr. Solomon has been named Commissioner of the State Department of Social Services, effective by December 1, 1983. He expressed appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Solomon for his outstanding work as the Commission's Assistant Director for Facilities and Planning since July 1, 1982, and as Coordinator of Facilities Planning from 1974 until 1982.

Mr. Sheheen also noted that Mr. Mortimer Smith has been named Interim Family Court Judge.

At the invitation of Mr. Gilliam, Dr. Lewie C. Roache commented on a program held at South Carolina State College on October 21 commemorating the centennial of the birth of Dr. Ernest Everett Just, black scientist and native of South Carolina. The program was sponsored by the South Carolina Hall of Science and Technology, South Carolina State College, and the Commission on Higher Education. Keynote speaker was Dr. Kenneth R. Manning, historian of science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and author of Black Apollo of Science, a biography of Dr. Just.

II. Report of the Executive Committee

Mr. Sheheen reported that the Executive Committee recommends approval of the "Position Paper of the Commission on Higher Education on the Improvement of Educational Opportunity in South Carolina" (Exhibit A). The basic recommendation contained in the paper is that, if new revenue sources are identified by the General Assembly for education, a portion of the additional funds (assumed to be about 13%) be allocated to achieve full formula funding for the colleges and universities. Such an allocation would also enable the institutions to participate vigorously, consistent with their public service function, in efforts to upgrade educational programs in the public schools of the State.

Mr. Sheheen noted that the Council of Presidents of Public Colleges and Universities has unanimously endorsed the concept set forth in the paper, and that the recommendation has been discussed with the Governor's Office and the State Superintendent of Education. It was moved (Gallager), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. Mr. Sheheen suggested that the paper be submitted to the study groups appointed by the Governor and to appropriate committees of the General Assembly. Mr. Wynn congratulated the authors of the paper and expressed the hope that it will be promulgated to all the appropriate persons.

III. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

Mrs. Taylor, chairman of the Committee on Academic Affairs, reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Modifications in Degree Program, MAT in Mathematics, Winthrop College. One of the recommendations approved by the Commission in January 1981, based on the report of the consultants who conducted an evaluation of graduate degree programs in mathematics, was that the MAT program in Mathematics at Winthrop be reoriented to better serve its intended purpose. The Commission requested that Winthrop submit by July 30, 1981, a plan for restructuring this program or for its termination.

President Vail submitted on August 24, 1981, a letter expressing Winthrop's agreement with the findings of the consultants with respect to this program, and outlining a corrective course of action which Winthrop intended to take,

with the approval of the Commission. In response to this letter, Dr. Boozer indicated on August 28, 1981, that the matter would be brought to the attention of the Committee on Academic Affairs at its regular fall meeting in 1981. Mrs. Taylor noted that, through an oversight, this was not done. The Committee considered the matter at its regular fall quarterly meeting on October 13, 1983, and recommends that the modifications made in this program be endorsed. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Consideration of Phasing Out of Existing Program, B.S. in Textile Technology, Clemson University. At its meeting on May 5, 1983, the Commission approved the Committee's recommendation that Clemson University may implement a proposed new program, effective in May 1983, leading to the B.S. in textile management. This approval was accompanied by three stipulations:

- (1) that Clemson phase out its existing program (leading to the B.S.) in textile technology, by accepting no new students after May 1984, unless justification for its continuation is submitted to the Committee on Academic Affairs for its consideration by no later than August 1, 1983;
- (2) that Clemson, in consultation with the technical colleges which offer associate degrees in this and related fields, determine which if any of the courses satisfactorily completed in pursuit of those degrees may be transferred to Clemson for application to the proposed degree program, with a report made to the Committee on Academic Affairs by August 1, 1983; and
- (3) that no "unique cost" funding will be required or requested.

On July 28, President Atchley wrote to the Committee, requesting principally that the decision as to whether the existing program leading to the B.S. in textile technology be phased out be deferred for one year. This matter was addressed at the regular fall quarter meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs on October 13, 1983.

The Committee's rationale for its original recommendation in May 1983 was based on its conclusions that (1) in purpose and objectives, the proposed program in textile management duplicates to a substantial degree the purposes and objectives of the existing program in textile technology; (2) Clemson expected that the existing program "will not be sufficient to meet the needs of either the students or the industry by the end of this decade;" and (3) Clemson expected that more than half of those enrolled in the textile technology program would be interested in changing to the new major.

On the basis of Clemson's repeated position that the existing baccalaureate program in textile technology will soon be obsolete and that the new program in textile management will more adequately serve the needs of students and of the textile industry, the Committee recommends that the original recommendation of the Commission, that the existing program leading to the B.S. in textile technology be phased out by accepting no new students after May 1984, be reaffirmed. The Committee further recommends that Clemson's response regarding the transferability of lower-division courses in textile technology be accepted as having met its obligation in that regard. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Wells), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted. Mr. Brightharp abstained.

c. Consideration of Report on Annual Evaluation of Two-year Programs in Public Institutions. In accordance with the South Carolina Master Plan for Higher Education, all programs leading to the associate degree are reviewed annually. Data on enrollments, graduates, and placements are collected for all such programs that have been in existence for three or more years. Programs which fail to meet minimum standards must be suspended or cancelled unless their continuation is justified to the Commission in writing. No program may be continued on probation or remain under suspension for more than three years.

During the spring and summer of 1983, a total of 250 active associate degree programs in 28 institutions were evaluated. Details on programs suspended or cancelled this year and programs currently under suspension for the second or third year, and summary data on the status of the 250 active programs evaluated in 1983, are attached as Exhibit B. The Committee recommends that the report be approved. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Wynn), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

d. Consideration of Review of Existing Programs in Foreign Languages. Mrs. Taylor reported that existing degree programs in foreign languages at the public senior colleges and universities were evaluated in Spring 1983 by a team of out-of-State consultants. The report of the team was submitted on June 22, 1983, and copies were forwarded for comment to each of the affected institutions. The report and institutional comments were considered by the Committee on Academic Affairs at its regular fall meeting on October 13, 1983. Based on the report of the consultants, the Committee recommends that the following programs be continued, inviting institutional attention as appropriate to the consultants' recommendations with respect to each:

Clemson University:	BA in Foreign Languages
College of Charleston:	BA in Latin BA in Greek BA in French BA in German BA in Spanish
Francis Marion College:	BA in French BA in Spanish
Lander College:	BA in French
S.C. State College:	BA in French BA in Spanish
The Citadel:	BA in Foreign Languages
USC-Columbia:	BA in French BA in German BA in Greek BA in Italian BA in Latin BA in Spanish MA in French MA in German MA in Spanish
Winthrop College:	BA in Foreign Languages

The Committee does not recommend that additional degree programs in German be planned at any other public senior institutions for the foreseeable future, or that Winthrop College be encouraged to remove from suspension prematurely its graduate programs in French or Spanish, or that USC-Columbia be encouraged to plan for the foreseeable future one or more doctoral programs in foreign languages. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Wynn), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

c. Consideration of Proposals for New Programs.

(1) Associate in Business with a Major in Computer Data Processing, Chesterfield-Marlboro Technical College. The Committee recommends that the program be approved for implementation in December 1983. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Wynn), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(2) Ph.D. in Computer Science, Clemson University. The Committee recommends that the proposal be approved for implementation in August 1984 provided that Clemson be urged to seek non-State funds for necessary additional equipment, with the further understanding that Clemson may request "unique cost" funds as may be required for 1985-86 and 1986-87 as start-up funds. It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (Wells) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

The motion was amended (Gallager) and seconded (Utsey) to delete "with the further understanding that Clemson may request 'unique cost' funds as may be required for 1985-86 and 1986-87 as start-up funds." The amendment was adopted.

The motion was further amended (Utsey) to require review of the program at Clemson and of the Ph.D. in Computer Science at USC-Columbia, in four years with respect to productivity and enrollments. The amendment was adopted, with Dr. Williams opposing. The motion, as amended, was adopted. Dr. DeWitt opposed.

(3) M.Ed., Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, and Educational Administration at International School of Kenya, Nairobi, Africa, by USC-Columbia. Mrs. Taylor reported that USC-Columbia proposes to begin in Spring 1984 a new program leading to the M.Ed. in early childhood, elementary, and secondary education, and educational administration, to be offered at the American International School of Kenya in Nairobi, Africa. The purpose of the program is to make these existing degree programs available to teachers and administrators at this independent International School which provides elementary and secondary schooling for dependents of U.S. diplomats and U.S. government employees in the Nairobi area as well as dependents of other nationalities similarly situated.

The Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the proposal be approved subject to the following conditions: (a) that USC report separately to the Commission regular statistics generated by this activity such as those concerning students enrolled, degrees earned, and credit hours earned; (b) that the Commission not include any such figures in its normal appropriation request for USC, so that no explicit State funding for this activity will be provided; and (c) that no "unique cost" funds will be required or requested. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Wells), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(4) Master of Public Administration, South Carolina State College. Mrs. Taylor reported that South Carolina State College proposes to implement, in January 1984,

a new program leading to the Master of Public Administration degree with an emphasis in rural affairs. The program is designated as the "program unique to South Carolina State College" required by the State Desegregation Plan. This proposal was considered initially by the Committee on Academic Affairs at its regular fall meeting on October 13, 1983. Shortly after that meeting, a member of the Committee who voted on the prevailing side of the question on October 13 requested that a special meeting of the Committee be convened to reconsider the proposal.

At its special meeting on October 31, 1983, the Committee found that: (a) there is not sufficient evidence that a third program leading to the MPA, in addition to those currently offered at USC-Columbia and jointly by USC-Columbia and the College of Charleston in Charleston, is needed within the State; (b) the proposed emphasis at South Carolina State College in "rural administration" is inadequate justification for a third program; and (c) the proposed program is not sufficiently unusual to warrant approval as the "unique" program required by the State Desegregation Plan. The Committee recommends that the proposed program be disapproved. It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (D. Smith) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

At the invitation of the Chairman, President M. Maceo Nance, Jr., Dr. Edward R. Jackson, and Dr. Beth W. Honadle spoke in favor of the proposed program. Mr. D. Smith expressed reservations with respect to the uniqueness of the proposed program and stated that in his opinion it would be a duplication of the other two MPA programs offered in the State. Mr. M. Smith stated that he does not believe the program would attract "other race" students, as required by the Desegregation Plan. The motion was approved with eight affirmative and three negative votes. Mr. Gilliam, Mr. Graham, and Dr. Williams abstained.

Designation of B.S. in Nursing at South Carolina State College as the "Unique" Program Required by the Desegregation Plan. In a letter to Dr. Boozer, dated October 6, 1983, Dr. Nance recommended that, if the proposed MPA degree is not approved by the Commission, the BS in Nursing (approved by the Commission on May 5, 1983) be designated as the "unique" program required by the Desegregation Plan. It was moved (D. Smith) and seconded (Smyth) that the BS in Nursing be designated as the "unique" program required by the Desegregation Plan. Mr. Gilliam noted that the Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan has not reviewed the program with respect to uniqueness. The motion was amended (M. Smith) and seconded (Wells) to provide that the recommendation be approved subject to the approval of the Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan with respect to uniqueness of the program. The amendment was adopted. The motion, as amended, was adopted. Mr. Gilliam requested that the review procedure be changed in the future to include the Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan in all such deliberations.

(5) Certificate of Graduate Study in Teaching English as a Foreign Language, USC-Columbia. Mrs. Taylor reported that USC-Columbia proposes to implement a new program leading to a Certificate of Graduate Study for those preparing to teach students for whom English is not the native tongue. The Committee recommends that the program be approved for implementation in January 1984, provided no "unique cost" funds will be required or requested. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (M. Smith), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(6) B.S. in Industrial Engineering Technology, South Carolina State College. Mrs. Taylor noted that South Carolina State proposes to implement a new program leading to the BS in industrial engineering technology. The program is contained in the State Desegregation Plan. A similar program which has been in operation at Clemson University is being phased out in favor of a baccalaureate program in industrial engineering.

The Committee recommends that the program be approved for implementation in August 1984, provided that additional funding which may be necessary over and above normal appropriations be provided through funds provided for the Desegregation Plan only, and that no "unique cost" funds will be required or requested. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Wells), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

IV. Report of Committee on Health and Medical Education

In the absence of Dr. Wright, chairman of the Committee on Health and Medical Education, Dr. Williams reported on the following matters which were considered jointly by that Committee and the Committee on Academic Affairs on October 13:

a. Consideration of Proposal for BSN (Nursing) in Greenville, Clemson University and USC-Spartanburg. Clemson University proposes to offer its baccalaureate program for nurses on the campus of Greenville Technical College for part-time evening students. The program would be an extension of its recently revised baccalaureate curriculum to an off-campus site. The primary objective of the proposal is to serve the needs of registered nurses desiring to pursue a baccalaureate nursing degree during evening hours.

USC-Spartanburg also proposes to offer its existing baccalaureate program for registered nurses on a part-time evening basis in Greenville.

The Statewide Master Planning Committee on Nursing Education (SMPCNE), advisory to the Commission and the State Board of Nursing, reviewed both proposals and recommends against their implementation. The SMPCNE concluded that, while there is a demonstrated need for nursing education for registered nurses in the Greenville area, there is an unverifiable demand on the part of potential students for a degree program, and recommended that existing resources be used to provide courses in a collaborative structure affording students program stability and option of choice in terms of the degree granting institutions, and that a representative interinstitutional committee be established and facilitated by the Greenville Area Health Education Center for the purposes of developing a coordinated central information base and advertisement service, determining actual demand for and readiness of prospective students, and ensuring joint planning among the educational institutions involved to ensure accessibility to courses and stability of offerings without unnecessary duplication.

The Committee on Health and Medical Education, jointly with the Committee on Academic Affairs, noted that many barriers have existed historically in both programs which have impeded access, and believes that removal of these barriers will enhance access for Greenville area residents and probably make establishment of a discrete program(s) in Greenville unnecessary. Recent curricula revisions, increased sensitivity to scheduling, promise of improved advisement and student information systems, unverified Greenville area demand, and the demonstrated opportunity for Greenville area residents to complete most degree requirements in Greenville at present with a modest amount of commuting speaks against approval of either proposal.

The Committees therefore recommend (1) that both proposals be denied; (2) that discussions between Clemson and USC-Spartanburg be continued, through the interinstitutional committee, with the objective of developing a collaborative and coordinated approach in meeting Greenville area demand without unnecessary duplication of effort; and (3) that the chief academic officers of Clemson and USC-Spartanburg report on their progress semi-annually to the Commission until such time as the problems have been resolved satisfactorily.

It was moved (Williams) and seconded (DeWitt) that the recommendations of the Committees be adopted. The motion was amended (Wells) and seconded (M. Smith) to include the following stipulation: "if progress satisfactory to the Commission is not achieved within six months, the institution able to provide the program in the most cost-effective manner will be selected to do so." The amendment was adopted. Mr. Utsey opposed.

Dr. W. David Maxwell, Clemson Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, objected to the report of the Committees and spoke in favor of Clemson's proposal. Dr. Ronald G. Eaglin, Dean for Academic Affairs at USC-Spartanburg, thanked the Commission, the Committees, and the staff for their cooperation and support. He indicated that USC-Spartanburg will work with the Commission in resolving the problems concerning the proposals. The motion, as amended, was adopted.

b. Consideration of Phasing Out of Program, M.S., Speech Pathology, Winthrop College. Dr. Williams reported that the consultants who reviewed graduate level health and medical education programs in 1981 recommended that the Winthrop speech pathology program be continued but that significant strengthening be accomplished primarily through the addition of two full-time faculty positions. On February 4, 1982, the Commission recommended that: "In view of the consultants' concerns that faculty resources in the Winthrop Speech Pathology program are significantly below minimal strength for such a program, this program be authorized to continue until May 1983. Winthrop College should conduct a thorough self-study of this program and submit this study to the Commission no later than January 1, 1983." Winthrop College subsequently submitted a self-study, indicating that additional resources could not be allocated to the program. After review of the self-study, the Committee on Health and Medical Education and the Committee on Academic Affairs recommend that the program be phased out and that no new students be admitted beyond the spring semester of 1984 with the stipulation that students enrolled in the program be given through the spring semester of 1986 to complete degree requirements; and further, that resources currently committed to this program should be redirected toward improvement of undergraduate instruction. It was moved (Williams), seconded (Taylor), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

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

Mr. Gilliam, chairman of the Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan, reported that a Workshop on Student Retention, sponsored by the Commission, was held in Columbia on October 26. The Workshop was attended by 77 officials from the public colleges and universities in the State. An evaluation of the meeting will be made and reported to the Commission at a later date.

Mr. Gilliam expressed appreciation to Mr. Solomon for his outstanding work on the staff of the Commission and for his support of the Implementation Committee's efforts.

VI. Report of the Executive Director

Luncheon Meeting with Council of Presidents. Dr. Boozer noted that the Commission will meet with the Council of Presidents of Public Colleges and Universities at a luncheon to be held in Capstone House at USC-Columbia following the meeting of the Commission on December 1.

VII. Other Business

Schedule for Submission of Studies. Mr. Gallager noted that at its meeting on September 8, 1983, the Commission adopted a motion requiring that three studies (on Computer Equipment, New and Replacement Equipment, and Deferred Maintenance) be completed and made available to the Commission prior to its meeting on December 1, 1983. Mr. Gallager suggested that this schedule be revised to require submission of the studies to the Commission prior to January 5, 1984, in keeping with the Budget and Control Board's requirement that requests for supplemental appropriations be submitted to the Board on or before February 1 each year. It was moved (Gallager), seconded (M. Smith), and voted that the schedule for submission of the three studies be revised as stated above.

Report on Off-campus Courses for Credit. Mrs. Taylor noted that the Advisory Committee on Continuing Education has begun the regular collection of information about courses offered off-campus for degree credit by public institutions. The objective is to assist these institutions in planning such off-campus offerings more effectively. A summary of courses offered off-campus in the current term is attached as Exhibit C.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaylon Syrett
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Recording Secretary

NOTE: Dr. Carolyn McIver's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of guests present on November 3, 1983.