

MINUTES OF MEETING  
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SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

March 5, 1970

The Commission on Higher Education met on Thursday, March 5, 1970, at 10:30 a. m. in the Conference Room on the eighth floor of the Rutledge Building. Commission members present were Messrs. Cauthen, Coker, Furman, Holliday, Lumpkin, Osborne, Rogers, Schachte, Vance and Dr. Morris.

An Executive Session was called for 10:30 a. m. at which time Mr. Vance asked for approval of the minutes of the January 6, 1970, meeting, stating that the minutes as originally submitted were correct. It was moved by Mr. Schachte that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coker. Mr. Walsh stated that he remained opposed to the minutes as, in his opinion, they did not reflect what took place. He further stated that he would make a motion at a later time with regards to keeping more accurate minutes. Mr. Lumpkin called for the motion which was passed. Mr. Walsh was opposed.

Mr. Walsh said that he had been on many committees and in many meetings and that it is nearly impossible for stenographers to take down everything that goes on. In this connection, he thought a tape-recorder would be an asset to the Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Walsh that the Commission authorize purchase of a tape-recorder. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schachte. In general discussion, Mr. Lumpkin said he realized that there was a certain amount of editorial leeway in writing minutes to make them coherent, and sometimes they had to be phrased differently, but that so far as he knew the minutes of the Commission had generally reflected the actions taken. It was stated by Mr. Cauthen that if the meetings were taped it would be helpful when a conflicting situation existed. Mr. Coker said that the entire Commission has the opportunity to study the minutes and suggest changes, and that he had found no gross omissions or additions in the minutes which, in his opinion, have recorded accurately the courses taken, and he did not see any need for a tape-recorder. Mr. Furman commented that he did not see a great need, but if there was any need at all, it would be better to have the recorder. Mr. Walsh's motion was passed.

Mr. Vance asked for approval of the minutes of the February 5, 1970, meeting. It was moved by Mr. Lumpkin and seconded by Mr. Osborne that the minutes of the February 5, 1970, meeting be approved. Mr. Walsh said there were no fundamental changes but they did not correctly set forth what had taken place. Mr. Lumpkin's motion was passed.

The next item to be taken up in Executive Session was the proposal from Clemson for an MBA program to be offered jointly by Clemson and

Furman in Greenville. Dr. Morris stated that the Commission staff had reviewed the proposal and recommended approval. The following observations were made by the staff:

1. The program is soundly cast and appropriate, with competent faculty involved, both at Furman and Clemson.
2. The financial aspects did not create a problem because this would be handled by Furman.
3. The market exists for the program, and it is the intention to get the program rolling and then get it accredited.

Dr. Morris further stated that there was a complication involved because the Commission had previously approved an MBA program via ETV to be offered by the University of South Carolina over the state, including the Greenville area. The University had requested classroom space at Greenville TEC for the program but Greenville TEC was reluctant to cooperate because it was felt that this program would duplicate efforts of the proposed Clemson-Furman MBA program.

In general discussion on the two programs, Mr. Cauthen brought out the following points:

The Commission had already approved the MBA via ETV to be offered by the University which had proceeded to make arrangements over the state for the program. The University had long worked on the program and it was the first program from the university level to serve the entire state. Mr. Cauthen felt that the Commission, by approving a competitive program, would pull the rug from under the University before it could prove what it could do. Arrangements had been made with Greenville TEC for classroom space. Greenville TEC pulled out of the arrangements only after the Clemson-Furman proposal had been submitted because it was felt that the University of South Carolina was moving in on Furman-Clemson territory. The University only wanted classroom space at Greenville TEC, no University faculty would be in Greenville, and this is the first major participation by an institution of higher learning in the media of television.

Because of the continuing discussion on the program it was moved by Mr. Lumpkin that the Commission remain in Executive Session. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Cauthen further stated that he was all for cooperation between Clemson and Furman but he would also like to see some classic example of cooperation between Clemson and Carolina, and he felt the University of South Carolina would like to discuss its program with Clemson and work together. Mr. Cauthen made a motion that action on the Clemson-Furman MBA program be deferred. The motion was seconded by Mr. Osborne.

In further discussion on the proposal Mr. Coker stated that Clemson had been working with Furman over a period of time on the program, and as he saw it, the Clemson program was not under-cutting anyone. He said further that Furman is asking for the program and thinks there is a definite

need; that a private institution has called on a public institution nearby to upgrade its curriculum; that no state funds would be involved nor additional library facilities needed; and, that he would like to see the program approved. Mr. Coker also said that the program was an expansion of a program that has been partially in effect, the need is there and there is a desire on Clemson's part to cooperate with a sister institution to meet the need.

After more general discussion, Mr. Schachte made a motion that the Commission ask the Clemson-Furman people to work with the University of South Carolina to determine if there is a conflict between the two programs. The motion was seconded by Colonel Holliday and unanimously adopted. Mr. Cauthen's motion to defer action on the program was withdrawn. Dr. Morris stated that he would call Dr. Edwards, Dr. Jones, and Dr. Blackwell to set up a meeting to discuss the program.

This concluded the Executive Session.

In opening the regular meeting, Mr. Vance asked for approval of the minutes of the February 5, 1970, meeting. Colonel Holliday requested that the following changes be made:

On page one, the sentence which read "General Duckett asked if he could attend the meeting..." be changed to read "the Chairman of the Board asked General Duckett to appear". In No. 1 on the first page add the words "which is routine" to the sentence which states that..."it would still have to be accredited and examined by the Southern Association". It was agreed by the Commission that these words could be added. Colonel Holliday made a motion that the minutes be approved with the several changes he mentioned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cauthen and passed.

Dr. Morris reported that the recommendations made in the Commission's report to the Legislature are being implemented in various bills in the Legislature to include:

1. A bill for a board of trustees for public two-year colleges which elect to affiliate.
2. A bill for the state to take over the College of Charleston.
3. A bill to allow private colleges to purchase on state purchasing contracts.
4. Formation of a legislative committee to investigate the plight of private colleges.
5. A bill to provide teachers who have taught at least five years in the state an opportunity to go to the colleges and universities to take courses at no cost to them.

Dr. Morris announced that after some deliberation on the budgets, the appropriation bill was passed by the House except for an increase in Dr. Morris' salary and a few other changes. Mr. Vance stated that he thought the salary recommended for Dr. Morris was not out of order, and that if the Commission had no objections, he would mention it to the Budget and Control Board. The Commission had no objections.

A draft approach to long range planning of the state's institutions of higher learning was presented to the Commission for discussion. It was suggested that each public college and university submit its own statement of goals and objectives for the decade ahead. Mr. Osborne asked if the universities had not submitted five-year plans previously and Dr. Morris replied that they had submitted plans on building needs, but plans for new programs and the extent of programs for these buildings was also needed. After general discussion on the draft plan, Mr. Schachte made a motion to adopt the mechanism suggested in the proposed plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers and passed. In discussion following the motion, Mr. Furman said there was only one reference to private colleges, and that on page 1 following paragraph (a) there might be a paragraph (b) to cover private colleges. Mr. Furman also suggested that a paragraph sub-(b) on first page might be included stating that the Commission will also set forth what the role of the independent colleges will be. Mr. Schachte commented that he had moved for the adoption of the mechanism, not the preamble. Mr. Walsh suggested that it could be added that Dr. Morris would give a written progress report for Commission meetings on the committees being appointed and what had been done to that time. Dr. Morris said the Commission will prepare a formal document to go the colleges and universities with explanations.

A draft of Commission on Higher Education by-laws was presented by Hurst Marshall for consideration by the Commission. Changes suggested by Commission members will be incorporated in a final draft to be sent to Commission members for further discussion and final approval at the April meeting.

Other miscellaneous announcements made by Dr. Morris included the following:

1. The Citadel has requested that the M. Ed. program in Administration and Supervision be dropped from consideration for approval, and they will attempt to incorporate relevant courses in the M. A. T. program.
2. New positions at Marion State College have been approved by the Commission at the same salary range as those of similar positions at Winthrop and other state colleges. This procedure has been approved by the Budget and Control Board.
3. An appropriation in the 1969-70 budget which the Commission did not request was given to the Commission to do a study on the feasibility of a four-year college at Conway. Dr. Morris recommended that Dr. Charles Smith at the Baptist College be employed to make the study, which should not

cost over several thousand dollars. Colonel Holliday made a motion that Dr. Smith be employed for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coker and passed unanimously.

4. An amount of \$50,000, which the Commission did not request, had been put in the Commission's 1970-71 budget by the Legislature for a nursing program at Lander College.

5. The State College Board of Trustees had been working closely with the Commission in connection with Marion State College and were proceeding magnificently. The Board has recommended to the Commission approval to let contracts to two architectural firms, Gill and Wilkins and Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle and Wolff, for construction of a library, a science-classroom building and construction of a central utilities system. Mr. Rogers commented that the action was taken to give the initial construction to two firms in view of the critical time factor. Mr. Coker made a motion that the Commission approve the firm of Gill and Wilkins to do the science-classroom building and the central utilities and Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle and Wolff to do the library. The motion was seconded by Mr. Osborne and unanimously adopted.

6. The state auditor has asked Dr. Morris if there would be any money left in the Commission's budget from its 1969-70 appropriation, which could be applied to the medicare deficit. Dr. Morris replied that one of the positions approved had not been filled and this money would be available, and other funds might be available. There were no objections from the Commission on this.

NEW PROGRAMS

Clemson-Furman MBA Program - A motion was made by Mr. Osborne that action be postponed until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Colonel Holliday and passed.

Retail Management Program at Richland TEC - It was recommended by the Commission staff that this program be approved. Mr. Furman moved that the program be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cauthen and was adopted. Mr. Osborne was opposed.

Mr. Coker announced that upon his request Senator Brown has accepted his resignation from the Commission and has appointed Mr. Oswald Lightsey to replace him. Mr. Coker stated that it had been a great privilege to serve on the Commission and that we was impressed by the dedication and interest of the Commission members. He expressed best wishes and good luck to everyone. Mr. Vance read copies of letters he had written to Senator Brown and Mr. Coker on Mr. Coker's resignation. Mr. Osborne stated that he endorsed these letters. It was suggested by Mr. Walsh that these letters be incorporated in the minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James A. Morris