

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

March 5, 1987
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor, Chairperson
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. George L. Brightsharp
Mr. Walter E. Brooker
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Dr. Willa J. DeWitt
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Mr. Roger E. Henderson
Mrs. Reba A. Kinon
Dr. Alba M. Lewis
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.
Mr. William J. Whitener
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Mr. Vernon McGuire
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.

STAFF

Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.
Ms. Sandra E. Carr
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Mr. John E. Smalls
Dr. Leonard P. Sternbach
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett

GUESTS

Dr. Ann Baker
Dr. Francis T. Borkowski
Dr. Diane Brandstadter
Ms. Margaret Gregory
Dr. Edward R. Jackson
Dr. Benjamin F. Lawson
Dr. Carolyn McIver
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Dr. W. David Maxwell
Dr. Ramsey Mellette
Dr. W. Marcus Newberry, Jr.
Dr. Terry Peterson
Dr. Mr. William T. Putnam
Dr. Dr. George M. Reeves
Mr. James Salley
Dr. Olin Sansbury
Dr. Arnold E. Schwartz
Dr. Albert E. Smith
Dr. Michael Smith
Dr. Edwin F. Wilde

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Doug Gilmore
Mr. Scott Johnson

I. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of February 5, 1987

It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Askins), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of February 5, 1987, be adopted as written.

II. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

Mr. Turner, chairperson of the Committee on Academic Affairs, reported on the following matter:

Consideration of Proposal to Establish Greenville Higher Education Consortium. Clemson University, the Medical University of South Carolina, USC-Columbia, and USC-Spartanburg propose to establish the Greenville Higher Education Consortium for the purpose of coordinating the offering of upper-division and graduate courses and programs in the Greenville area by all public institutions. A board of directors consisting of the chief executive officers of the member institutions will be established. Other institutions may be elected to full or associate (non-voting) membership by this board. Furman University has accepted an invitation to become a full member.

The proposal embodies a request for unique cost funding for 1987-88 only, for administrative costs only, amounting to \$94,000. For subsequent years the institutions propose to tax themselves on the basis of a pro rata share of the State funding derived from credit hours each institution produces in courses offered in Greenville.

The Committee recommends that the proposal be approved provided that: (1) the by-laws to be adopted by the board of directors are submitted for Commission staff review prior to implementation; (2) no Commission policy requiring prior approval by the Consortium of any other institution's offering of a course or courses in Greenville will be adopted; and (3) no unique cost funding or other special State appropriation will be required or requested. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

III. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

Dr. Williams, chairperson of the Committee on Business and Finance, reported on the following matter:

Status Report on Appropriation Bill. Dr. Williams reported on the status of the Appropriation Bill currently being debated in the House Ways and Means Committee.

IV. Report of Committee on Implementation of the State Higher Education Desegregation Plan

Dr. Lewis, chairperson of the Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan, reported on the following matter:

Consideration of B.S. in Electronics Engineering Technology, USC-Spartanburg. At its meeting on January 20, 1987, the Committee on Academic Affairs voted to approve this proposed program. At the request of the Committee on Implementation of the Desegregation Plan, the Committee on Academic Affairs recommended that Commission consideration of this proposed program at USC-Spartanburg be postponed for one month to permit further examination by the Committee on Implementation of the Desegregation Plan. The request was approved by the Commission on February 5, 1987.

Implementation of the Desegregation Plan, the Committee on Academic Affairs recommended that Commission consideration of this proposed program at USC-Spartanburg be postponed for one month to permit further examination by the Committee on Implementation of the Desegregation Plan. The request was approved by the Commission on February 5, 1987.

Dr. Lewis reported that the Committee on Implementation of the Desegregation Plan believes that the proposed program will have a deleterious effect on the further enhanced and expanded engineering technology program planned at South Carolina State College. The Committee recommends, therefore, that the Commission table the proposal for a bachelor's degree program in electronics engineering technology at USC-Spartanburg, based on the belief that approval may hinder future efforts to enhance and expand the similar program at South Carolina State College. The Committee recommends that South Carolina State College be given until fall 1988 to develop, receive approval, and implement its program at appropriate off-campus locations. It was moved (Lewis) and seconded (DeWitt) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. After discussion by the Commission and statements by representatives of the affected institutions, the motion was adopted.

V. Report of the Interim Commissioner

Bills Affecting Higher Education. Mr. Brooks reported that Senator Bryan has introduced bills relating to (1) the membership of the Commission on Higher Education, (2) the Commission's authority to terminate existing programs, and (3) Commission staff representation on the Tuition Grants Committee. These bills grew out of recommendations by task forces created to study the recommendations contained in the AVA report. Mr. Brooks noted that Senator Garrison has introduced a bill concerning to a tuition pre-payment plan.

Mrs. Taylor stated that Commission members and staff were graciously received at South Carolina State College on February 28 and were grateful to be included in the inaugural ceremonies. She requested that the Commission meet in Executive Session at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaylon Syrett
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Recording Secretary