

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

June 6, 1974
10:30 a. m. - 1:00 p. m.

PRESENT:

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Dr. R. Cathcart Smith, Chairman
Mr. Hugh M. Chapman
Dr. Marianna W. Davis
Col. J. M. J. Holliday
Mr. Gedney M. Howe, Jr.
Mr. F. Mitchell Johnson
Mr. Paul W. McAlister
Mr. Y. W. Scarborough, Jr.
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. O. Stanley Smith
Mr. I. P. Stanback
Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer
Mrs. Gaylon Bristow
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Mr. William C. Jennings
Mrs. Rande Lee
Mr. James R. Michael

GUESTS

Mr. Henry E. Bonner
Dr. Charles S. Davis
Mr. Robert Evans
Mr. Algie Grubbs
Mr. Miller S. Ingram
Mr. Charles Jackson
Dr. Larry A. Jackson
Mr. Kenneth K. Kyre
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Dr. M. Maceo Nance, Jr.
Dr. Charles E. Palmer
Dr. Walter D. Smith
Dr. Theodore S. Stern
Mr. James L. Solomon, Jr.
Dr. Charles B. Vail
Dr. Richard L. Waldroup, Jr.

MEMBER OF THE PRESS

Mr. Hugh Gibson

- I. Approval of Minutes of May 2, 1974, Regular Meeting of the Commission and May 22, 1974, Special Meeting of the Commission

It was moved (Holliday) and seconded (Stanback) and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the May 2 regular meeting of the Commission and the May 22 special meeting of the Commission, as written.

- II. Consideration of Merger of State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education Institutions in Charleston

Mr. Scarborough introduced the subject of the merged institution in Charleston by presenting a detailed history of the institution and expressing the need for a second campus in downtown Charleston.

After discussion by the Commission members, it was moved (Scarborough) and seconded (Holliday) to approve the continuance of a second campus of Trident Technical College in Charleston.

Dr. Boozer noted that at its April 4, 1974, meeting, the Commission approved a number of new academic programs at the merged institution, in accordance with earlier action by the Commission requiring that such programs, as well as the number of campuses, be submitted to the Commission by SBTCE for approval. A motion was adopted at that meeting to "defer action on the matter of the number of campuses and the mode of financing for a period of two months to permit further study and a later report." He noted that, with respect to the item presently before the Commission, there were two matters under consideration: the number of campuses and the mode of financing.

Mr. Sheheen asked if the State is obligated to support the construction or renovation of a campus on the Palmer College site under the same matching formula which is in effect in other communities. Mr. Johnson answered that the State's commitment is the same.

A substitute motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Johnson) that the staff recommendation, as presented in the March 28 memorandum, be approved (the March 28 memorandum recommended "final approval of the merger of Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester TEC and Palmer College at Charleston." It was further recommended "that the institution be limited to one campus," April 4, 1974, minutes, Exhibit C).

After additional discussion, a second substitute motion was made (Wienges) and seconded (Davis) that the Commission approve the operation of two campuses by Trident Technical College in the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester area, with the condition that those campuses remain at their present locations, and that there be no additions to or enlargement of the downtown (Palmer) campus without prior approval by this Commission. The motion was unanimously adopted.

III. Consideration of New Academic Programs

M. S. in Family Health Nursing, Clemson University

Dr. Kinard reported that the staff recommended approval of the proposed program. It was moved (Chapman) and seconded (McAlister) to approve the staff recommendation.

Dr. Davis stated that the students who will be trained in Family Health Nursing should also receive training in the areas of cultural and language diversities as well as health care, since they will be working directly with families of varied socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds, often in rural areas.

Dr. Kinard commented that the clinical experience will not be conducted on the campus but in health care facilities in the Piedmont area around Clemson -- in public health agencies, family care centers, hospitals, etc. -- and that the kinds of problems Dr. Davis is concerned with will be addressed in that phase of the training. Dr. Davis expressed the view that on-the-job training experiences are not always valid.

An amended motion was made (Davis) and seconded (Sheheen) to approve the staff recommendation for the M. S. in Family Health Nursing with the proviso that the courses offered in the program provide training in the areas of cultural and language diversities before a student goes out for an internship or clinical practice. Motion was approved.

A. A. S. in Nursing, Joint Program - USC-Lancaster Branch Campus and York County Technical College

Mr. Krech reported that the staff recommended approval of this program under those conditions set down by the Site Visitation Team, as amended by the entire committee on May 21, 1974, and further recommended that, while the clinical limitation of ten students per institution is in effect, no non-clinical nursing courses or specialized courses designed and introduced as primary support courses for the nursing curriculum be duplicated at USC-Lancaster and York County Technical College, this condition being monitored by the Statewide Master Planning Committee on Nursing Education. It was also recommended that the degree awarded at both institutions be stipulated as the Associate in Applied Science degree, in keeping with Commission-approved degrees, rather than "Associate Degree," as stated in the proposal.

It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Wienges) to approve the staff recommendation. Motion was adopted.

A. A. S. in Nuclear Technology (Reactor Operator Option), Florence-Darlington TEC -- Approved.

A. A. S. in Nuclear Technology (Reactor Operator Option), Tri-County Technical College -- Approved.

A. A. S. in Commercial Graphics, Trident Technical College -- Approved.

A. A. and A. S. (College Parallel), Chesterfield-Marlboro Technical College

Dr. Boozer reported that this program proposal had been approved by SBTCE on December 12, 1973, and received by the Commission staff on February 4, 1974. A staff memorandum to the Commission

concerning the proposal was prepared on February 28, in which disapproval of the proposal was recommended, due to the fact that the "Criteria for Adding the Associate in Arts or the Associate in Science Degree to an Existing Technical Education Center," approved in 1973 by SBTCE and the Commission (see June 7, 1973, CHE minutes), were not met. Because of the negative recommendation of the Commission staff, Dr. Palmer withdrew the proposal for consideration at that time.

Dr. Boozer noted that the statement approved in 1973 stated, prior to listing specific criteria, that exceptions to the criteria may be made if justified and "objectively documented and approved by the State Board [SBTCE] and the Commission." Dr. Boozer stated that the SBTCE in its original approval of this proposal recognized that it did not meet the quantitative criteria, but believed justification existed for its approval as an exception, and with the "Summary Statement on Justification for . . . an Exception to the Criteria for Such Programs," had resubmitted the proposal to the Commission.

Mr. Chapman asked if the staff had taken a position at this time. Dr. Boozer stated that the Commission staff's original recommendation, as set forth in the February 28 memorandum, was based on the quantitative criteria which were adopted by SBTCE and the Commission in 1973. He suggested that, if the criteria were not appropriate, the question should be reexamined and the criteria amended.

Mr. Scarborough introduced Mr. Miller S. Ingram, Chairman of the Chesterfield-Marlboro Area Commission for Technical Education, who spoke in support of the proposal on the basis of that institution's location in the State and its distance from other higher education facilities.

Mr. Johnson asked if approving the program would establish Chesterfield-Marlboro Technical College as another community college. Dr. Boozer responded in the affirmative.

It was moved (Chapman) and seconded (S. Smith) to approve the program. Motion was adopted.

IV. Interim Report on Study of Faculty Compensation at the Medical University of South Carolina

Dr. Boozer stated that this item was on the agenda in response to the Commission's January 10, 1974, request that the staff and the Medical University make a study of the compensation of the faculty and staff at MUSC prior to the next budget cycle. He reported that information had been received from the Medical University and that additional data would

be forthcoming. He reported further that the staff had contacted several medical schools in other parts of the country in order to obtain comparative data regarding compensation of faculty at medical schools. He stated that this study is still in progress and the complete report will be presented to the Commission before the end of the summer.

V. Consideration of Financial Assistance to the Ed-Op Committee

Dr. Kinard reported that the staff recommended approval of the Ed-Op Committee's request for financial assistance for printing expenses. He noted that the Commission had provided comparable support to the Committee last year.

It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Howe) to approve the staff recommendation.

Dr. Davis expressed disapproval of the motion unless a provision could be made to ensure a more widespread use of the materials made available by the Ed-Op Committee. She stated that many high school counselors fail to distribute the materials to all the students, providing the information to only a select few.

Dr. Kinard commented that the Ed-Op Committee is a volunteer committee, made up of college and high school representatives, who are not in a position to set requirements about how the materials are used.

An amended motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Howe) to approve the staff recommendation, with the provision that a committee, consisting of Dr. Davis and Dr. Kinard, be appointed to express these concerns to the Ed-Op Committee and attempt to work out a more equitable distribution of materials to the students, and further, to advise the Committee that this item should not come before the Commission for budget consideration next year, unless it is presented prior to May 1. The motion was approved.

VI. Report of Council of Presidents

Dr. Vail read a memorandum, dated May 27, 1974, from the Council of Presidents of the Public Colleges and Universities to the Commission on Higher Education, proposing that there be developed a Master Plan for Higher Education in South Carolina (Exhibit A). Chairman Smith indicated that he welcomed and appreciated the statement. Mr. Sheheen commented that it was a very perceptive and compelling proposal. It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Holliday) that the proposal be referred to the Executive Committee and the staff with the request that they report to the Commission at the earliest opportunity with appropriate action-oriented recommendations. The motion was approved.

VII. Report on South Carolina Intern Program

Dr. Boozer noted that this item was on the agenda as a result of the May 2 discussion of the intern program. Copies of three newsletters from the Governor's Office concerning this program were mailed to Commission members on May 30, and a memorandum was distributed at the meeting to provide additional information. Dr. Boozer noted that the attachment to the memorandum indicated that 69 students from 47 public institutions and 9 private institutions in the State had participated in the intern program during the Summer of 1973, and that 12 State agencies had employed those students. He stated that this material was provided for information only, and that no action by the Commission was required.

VIII. Consideration of Revision of Commission's "Rules and Procedures"

Copies of the recommended revision of the "Rules and Procedures" were distributed to Commission members. Mr. Howe, a member of the Executive Committee, noted that Item 5 of the revised document would require future committees of the Commission to meet at least two days prior to the day of any Commission meeting in order to make recommendations within the specified time frame.

Mr. McAlister expressed concern that the lack of flexibility would limit the Commission's ability to act on matters of urgency that might arise in the future. Mr. Wienges suggested that a provision be added to Item 5 which would allow the time requirement to be waived, in a particular instance, by unanimous consent of the Commission members.

A motion was made (McAlister) and seconded (Sheheen) that the following provision be added to Item 5 of the revised "Rules and Procedures": ". . . provided, however, that at any meeting this requirement may be suspended upon approval of three-fourths of the members present at that meeting." (Exhibit B) The motion was adopted.

IX. Appointment of Committees

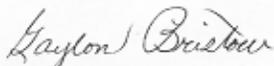
Chairman Smith announced that the appointment of committees would be deferred to the July meeting, since the terms of two of the Commission members were expiring and new members would be appointed.

Dr. Smith called for a resolution to be drafted for the July meeting, thanking Mr. Furman and Col. Holliday for serving on the Commission for the past six years. Col. Holliday stated that this probably would be his last meeting and that he had enjoyed being a part of the Commission.

Dr. Smith requested that, since the first Thursday in July falls on July 4, the Commission meeting be deferred to July 11, and since the first Thursday in August falls on August 1, only about three weeks after the July 11 meeting, the August meeting be deferred to August 8. It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (S. Smith) and unanimously approved to schedule the July and August meetings on July 11 and August 8, respectively.

On motion made (Sheheen) and seconded (Howe), the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gaylon Bristow
Recording Secretary