

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

July 1, 1971
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Alester G. Furman, III
Mr. Oswald Lightsey
Mr. T. Eston Marchant
Dr. Harrison Peeples
Mr. James A. Rogers
Mr. I. P. Stanback
Mr. Robert M. Vance, Chairman
Mr. E. Craig Wall
Mr. T. Emmet Walsh

Dr. James A. Morris
Dr. Frank E. Kinard

I. Approval of Minutes of May 6, 1971, Meeting of Commission on Higher Education

It was moved (Stanback) and seconded (Peeples) that the minutes of the May 6, 1971, meeting of the Commission on Higher Education be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

II. Progress of Long Range Planning Committees for Master Plan for Post High School Education

Reports from the various committees working on the long range planning report for post high school education have been submitted and will be reviewed by the Steering Committee. The Commission staff is working on a unified draft report, incorporating the various committee reports. The draft report will be brought to the Commission for study, evaluation and final decisions. The completed report should be ready for the Legislature in January, 1972. A motion was made (Rogers) and seconded (Walsh) that a two day work session with members of the Commission and Commission staff be held in October at some appropriate place to study the draft report in detail and to come up with the final document. The motion was passed unanimously. Dr. Morris will select several dates and get reactions from the Commissioners to determine which time will be most convenient.

III. Joint Study of a Plan for a System of Community Colleges by the Commission and the Technical Education Committee

In the final addition of the Appropriation Bill the Commission jointly with the Technical Education Committee was instructed to study the devising of a statewide plan for a system of community colleges, compatible with the master plan for post high school education now being prepared by the Commission. A report should be ready for the General Assembly and Governor not later than January 1, 1972. It was agreed by Dr. Bortolazzo and Dr. Morris that a committee of eight people should be appointed to work on the study. The Commission has asked the University of South Carolina and Clemson University each to appoint a representative to serve on the committee along with Dr. Kinard and Mr. Krech from the Commission staff. Dr. Bortolazzo will appoint four members from TEC to serve, with Dr. Morris and Dr. Bortolazzo acting as ex officio members. It was suggested by Dr. Morris that the Commission might want to appoint a sub-committee to react to the study committee's findings and recommendations. It was agreed by the Commission that the Chairman of the Commission would appoint this committee.

IV. Report on Evaluation of University of South Carolina's MBA via ETV Program

Pursuant to the request of the Commission a study was made of the MBA via ETV program offered by the University of South Carolina. The University program which developed late in the spring of 1970 had 197 applicants, 129 of whom qualified for the program. Forty-one dropped out and 7 others were added making a current total of 95 students. The Dean of the College of Business Administration indicated that an enrollment of approximately 300 is expected for the fall of 1971. The University is actively recruiting students for the program and is also becoming more liberal in entrance requirements. In addition, the number of times required to come to the Columbia campus has been cut from eight to four during the semester. The University would like more time to see what they can do with the program. It was agreed by the Commission that the University should be given more time to see if their program will truly meet the needs of the state before approving any other MBA's. The MBA via ETV will be re-evaluated in the fall by the Commission.

V. Six-Year Program in Educational Administration

It had been decided at the May Commission meeting to postpone any further consideration of Clemson University's

request for approval of a Six-Year Program in Educational Administration until the possibilities of the University of South Carolina, which already had an accredited program, providing the program for the whole state were investigated. The Dean of the College of Education at the University of South Carolina said they could do the program for the state and were willing to do it but they would need some budgetary support. General and specific recommendations were proposed by the College of Education for the implementation of the program in the fall of 1971, with a possible enrollment of 175. A motion was made (Marchant) and seconded (Furman) that the Commission authorize the University of South Carolina to proceed with the implementation of this program this fall, and that the Commission would support a request for additional funds for the program in the 1972-73 appropriation. The program will be evaluated from time to time by the Commission to determine if it is meeting the needs for the state. The motion was passed unanimously.

VI. Survey of Existing Programs

It was agreed by the Commission that a survey of existing programs at the colleges and universities would be made, evaluating the output of the programs and calling to the attention of the presidents those programs which seem to be redundant and no longer needed.

VII. Commission Meetings at the Colleges and Universities

It was agreed by the Commission that periodic Commission meetings at the various colleges and universities would be beneficial. It was suggested that Dr. Morris coordinate these meetings with the presidents.

VIII. Funding of Computer Program of Management Information System

The Commission had hoped to put the management information system under the computer in the fall of 1971 but funds for this purpose were not included in the Commission's budget. Dr. Morris requested permission from the Commission to approach the colleges and universities with a request for funds from their lump sum appropriations to help support the management information system which is being set up primarily as an aid to the colleges and universities. A motion was made (Stanback) and seconded (Marchant) that Dr. Morris be given authority to ask the colleges and universities if they could contribute funds to help support the computer program of the management information system. The motion was passed unanimously.

IX. Remarks by Dr. Julio Bortolazzo

Dr. Julio Bortolazzo, Executive Director of the State Committee for Technical Education, was introduced to the Commission by Mr. Stanley Smith, Chairman of the Committee.

Dr. Bortolazzo stated that he saw South Carolina as one of the few states which could develop an optimal plan for higher education and that in turn meant that the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education has probably the greatest responsibility of any higher education commission in the country. Dr. Bortolazzo commented that South Carolina was at a crossroads in post high school education and that a master plan was needed now to avoid serious overlapping and duplication, with millions of dollars at stake in "brick and mortar".

Dr. Bortolazzo further stated that the state must look at the community college as an integral part of the master plan. In the area of community colleges he could envision the technical education centers as potential outstanding community colleges but before advocating the conversion of even one TEC center into a community college, the occupational education of the centers would have to be insured and there should also be a great deal of local autonomy in determining whether any center might become a community college. Finally, at least one or two years planning with a very careful pre-accreditation should be undertaken before any community college opens.

X. New Programs

University of South Carolina

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education - Approved with the stipulation that the Bachelor of Arts in Art Education be phased out

Bachelor of Arts-Bachelor of Science in Health Education-Approved

BA, MA, and Ph.D. degrees in Marine Science - Consideration of these programs delayed until they have been reviewed and evaluated by the Advisory Committee on Marine Science

Clemson

Master of Recreation in Park Administration - Formal consideration delayed until next Commission meeting

Clemson (con't)

Ph. D. in Systems Engineering - Approved with the options limited in the field to those listed in Appendix B of the proposal and that the program should not be initiated before January, 1972

Cooperative Nursing program with South Carolina State College and Central Wesleyan College - Approved

Winthrop

Master of Science in School Psychology - Approved

South Carolina State College

Minors in Computer Science, Political Science and Social Welfare - Approved

XI. Resignation of Mr. Vance

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Vance read a letter he had written to Governor West (Exhibit A) in which he resigned from the Commission effective July 1, 1971, at the conclusion of the regular meeting. Mr. Vance also read a letter he had written to Dr. Morris informing him of his resignation (Exhibit B). Mr. Vance's resignation was accepted by the Commission with regrets. Mr. Craig Wall was appointed Acting Chairman until the Governor could appoint a new Chairman.

Elizabeth T. Jumper
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Secretary