

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
October 3, 1985

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Fred R. Sheheen, Chairman  
Mr. George L. Brightharp  
Dr. Willa J. DeWitt  
Mr. W. Jerry Fedder  
Mr. Robert C. Gallager  
Mr. Roosevelt Gilliam, Jr.  
Mr. B. P. Gordon III  
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.  
Mr. William J. Whitener  
Mr. Robert L. Wynn III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Robert E. Graham  
Mr. Harold W. Jacobs  
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. John Norton  
Mr. Steve Smith

GUESTS

Dr. John Austell  
Mr. David Belton  
Dr. Carl A. Carpenter  
Dr. James R. Cox, Jr.  
Mr. Philip Lader  
Dr. Alden L. McCracken  
Dr. Carolyn McIver  
Mr. J. P. McKee  
Mr. J. Lacy McLean  
Dr. W. David Maxwell  
Mr. Dennis Merrill  
Dr. Richard H. Moore  
Dr. W. Marcus Newberry, Jr.  
Mr. Joel Nichols  
Dr. Oscar C. Pate  
Dr. Michael Smith  
Mrs. Carolyn Wynn

STAFF

Dr. Jeffrey Bartkovich  
Dr. Howard R. Boozer  
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  
Dr. James A. Paschal  
Mr. John E. Smalls  
Dr. John C. Sutusky  
Ms. Gaylon Syrett  
Ms. Julia E. Wells

I. Welcoming Remarks

President Lader welcomed the Commission to Winthrop College and invited Commission members, staff, and guests to a luncheon following the meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meetings of August 26-27 and September 5, 1985

It was moved (Gilliam), seconded (Fedder), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of August 26-27, 1985, be amended to indicate that the staff present to the Commission in December 1985 a plan for continuing desegregation efforts when the present plan expires in 1986. It was moved (Fedder), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of August 26-27 be approved as amended.

It was moved (Wynn), seconded (Lewis) and voted that the minutes of the meeting of September 5, 1985, be approved as written.

### III. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

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

a. Consideration of Funds to be Requested for Teacher Loan Program for 1986-87. The provision of the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984 authorizing the Teacher Loan Program states that appropriations for loans and administrative costs shall be provided in annual amounts recommended by the Commission on Higher Education.

Operating on an original plan for EIA programs which it devised in 1984, the State Board of Education requested and was appropriated \$1.5 million for this program in 1984-85 and \$2.5 million for 1985-86. The Board's 1984 plan calls for an appropriation of \$3.5 million for the program for 1986-87.

Mr. William M. Mackie, Jr., Executive Director of the South Carolina Student Loan Corporation, prepared projections for fiscal years 1984-85 through 1987-88.

At a special meeting on September 5, the Committee on Academic Affairs considered this matter and recommends that the Commission recommend to the State Board of Education that \$2.5 million be requested for loans and administrative costs for the program for 1986-87. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Wynn), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Consideration of Guidelines for Requests for Proposals for Teacher Recruitment Program, 1985-86. The 1985-86 Appropriation Act directs the State Department of Education to transfer \$236,000 of unexpended EIA funds to the Commission on Higher Education for the purpose of funding requests for proposals (RFP's) for the creation or implementation of teacher recruitment programs through agencies of State government or private industry.

The Executive Committee has directed the Committee on Academic Affairs to present to the Commission on October 3 recommendations as to how these funds should be awarded or allocated. The Executive Committee also stated its opinion that a grant program available to all public and private senior institutions would meet the intent of the proviso.

The Committee on Academic Affairs recommends approval of the proposed guidelines. It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (Wynn) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. Mr. Sheheen noted that, while funding was provided by the General Assembly for one year, proposals are anticipated for future years. He suggested that the guidelines be amended to read "The funding of proposals for future years will be at the discretion of the General Assembly." Dr. Kinard noted that the Commission has not requested funding for the program for 1985-86. Mrs. Taylor objected to the suggested amendment. The motion was adopted.

IV. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

Report on 1986-87 Allocations to the Colleges and Universities. Mr. Gallager, chairman of the Committee on Business and Finance, presented a summary of allocations to the colleges and universities for 1986-87.

IIV. Report of Committee on Facilities

In the absence of Mr. Graham, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, Mr. M. Smith reported on the following matter:

Consideration of Request to Purchase Land, Piedmont Technical College. Piedmont Technical College requests authorization to purchase three acres of land opposite its newly acquired Vocational Center at a cost of \$45,000, to be financed with local funds. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (M. Smith), seconded (Fedder), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

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

Mr. Gilliam, chairman of the Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan, reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Draft 1984-85 Annual Report on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan. Mr. Gilliam expressed appreciation to the Governor and his staff and to the Commission and its staff for the support and cooperation they have provided in developing the draft 1984-85 Annual Report on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan. The Committee reviewed the draft report on September 23 and recommends approval. It was moved (Gilliam), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Consideration of Draft Response to OCR's Status Report on Implementation of the South Carolina Desegregation Plan for 1983-84 and Fall 1984. The Committee recommends that the draft response be approved. It was moved (Gilliam) and seconded (Lewis) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. In response to a question by Mr. Sheheen concerning the Avery Research Center, a cooperative project of the Avery Institute of Afro-American History and Culture and the College of Charleston, Dr. Boozer stated that the College of Charleston did not request funding for the Avery Research Center in its 1986-87 budget request because establishment of the Research Center would constitute a new program requiring Commission approval. The College of Charleston has submitted a letter of intent and is preparing a program proposal for Commission consideration, possibly in November 1985. If the program is approved, the question of funding will be considered at that time. Mrs. Taylor suggested that a footnote be added on page 9 of the College of Charleston's summary response to clarify the matter of funding for the Avery Research Center. Mr. Gilliam indicated that this would be done. The motion was adopted.

IX. Report of the Executive Director

a. Conference on Affirmative Action. Dr. Boozer reported that Mr. Sheheen presented the keynote address at a national Conference on Affirmative Action held at Clemson University on September 19-24. Dr. Boozer noted that the

Commission was well-represented. Commission members present, in addition to Mr. Sheheen, were Mr. Whitener and Dr. Lewis. Six members of the Commission staff also attended. Mr. Whitener commended the Commission for its role, and stated that Clemson did an outstanding job in organizing and implementing the Conference, which was attended by representatives from 24 states. Mr. Sheheen agreed and asked Dr. W. David Maxwell to convey his compliments to the Clemson staff. Dr. Maxwell stated that participation by the Commission contributed to the success of the Conference.

b. Meeting with the Office for Civil Rights. Dr. Boozer noted that a meeting with OCR representatives and Commission staff members has been scheduled in Columbia for October 8. Site visits to the campuses will be rescheduled by OCR later.

Mr. Gilliam expressed regret that Mr. Wynn has submitted his resignation from the Commission, effective December 31, 1985, due to added responsibilities in Spartanburg County.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary