

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

December 21, 1975  
2:00 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.

PRESENT:

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Dr. R. Cathcart Smith, Chairman  
Mr. Howard L. Burns  
Mr. Hugh M. Chapman  
Dr. Marianna W. Davis  
Dr. William C. Draffin  
Mrs. Wanda L. Forbes  
Mr. Gedney M. Howe, Jr.  
Mr. F. Mitchell Johnson  
Mr. Paul W. McAllister  
Mr. T. Eston Marchant  
Mr. William F. Pringle, Jr.  
Mr. Alex M. Quattlebaum  
Mr. Y. W. Scarborough, Jr.  
Mr. J. Clyde Shirley  
Mr. I. P. Stanback  
Mr. T. Emmet Walsh

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer  
Dr. George P. Fulton  
Mr. William C. Jennings  
Dr. Frank E. Kinard  
Mr. Alan S. Krech  
Mr. James R. Michael  
Mrs. Gaylon Syrett

Consideration of Reduction in Appropriation Recommendations for 1976-77

Dr. Smith reported that Dr. Boozer had been informed by the State Auditor on December 17 that revenue available for higher education in 1976-77 would not exceed the reduced amount (\$147,814,699) appropriated for 1975-76. This special meeting was scheduled in accordance with Commission action taken on November 6, 1975, "that the Commission formally approve and endorse the recommendation made by the Chairman to the Budget and Control Board on October 21 that any reduction in higher education appropriations be returned to the Commission for implementation."

Dr. Boozer stated that he had been advised that the provision which has been included in the Appropriation Act in recent years, permitting upward adjustment in the appropriations if actual enrollments exceed projections, will probably not be included in the 1976-77 Appropriation Act.

Mr. Jennings distributed a one-page summary (Exhibit A) showing 1975-76 appropriations for colleges and universities, the Commission's recommendations according to the Formula for 1976-77, and other information.

Mr. Burns stated that in his view the Commission should not consider using estimated enrollments as a basis on which to allocate funds. Mr. Walsh suggested that rather than base the reduction for 1976-77 on projected enrollment figures, the Commission use the actual enrollments for 1975-76 and apply the Formula developed for 1976-77.

After considerable discussion by the Commission (taped record on file in Commission office), it was moved (Walsh) and seconded (Shirley) (1) that the Commission recommend for the Medical University of South Carolina for 1976-77 the same amount as it will receive in 1975-76 (\$40,838,202); (2) that that amount be deducted from the total available (\$147,014,699), leaving a balance of \$106,976,497 to be appropriated to the other 11 senior institutions and the University of South Carolina two-year branches; (3) that the 1976-77 Appropriation Formula be applied, using the actual FTE enrollments for Fall 1975; and (4) that the new total be reduced proportionately to \$106,976,497. The motion was adopted, with 8 voting in favor and 7 opposing.

On motion made (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Stanback) and unanimously voted, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gaylon Syrett*

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Recording Secretary