

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

December 6, 1973
10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

PRESENT:

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Dr. Marianna W. Davis
Mr. Alester G. Furman, III
Mr. William H. Grier
Colonel J. M. J. Holliday
Mr. Gedney M. Howe, Jr.
Mr. F. Mitchell Johnson
Mr. T. Eston Marchant
Dr. Harrison L. Peeples
Mr. Alex M. Quattlebaum
Mr. Y. W. Scarborough, Jr.
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Dr. R. Cathcart Smith, Chairman
Mr. I. P. Stanback
Mr. T. Emmet Walsh
Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer
Mr. T. Scott Derrick
Mr. William C. Jennings
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Mr. James R. Michael

GUESTS

Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Dr. William Adams Smith
President Walter D. Smith
Dr. Richard S. Wallace

- I. Approval of Minutes of October 16, 1973, and November 1, 1973,
Meetings of the Commission on Higher Education

A motion was made (Holliday) and seconded (Stanback) and unanimously adopted that the minutes of the October 16, 1973, meeting of the Commission on Higher Education be approved. It was also moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Walsh) and unanimously adopted that the minutes of the November 1, 1973, meeting of the Commission on Higher Education be approved.

II. Program Considerations

Francis Marion

Master's Program in Elementary Education - A program is in existence now at Francis Marion, under a cooperative agreement with the University of South Carolina, whereby graduate courses in education are offered by the University; Francis Marion acts as the administrative agent and provides space, a substantial fraction of the instructors, and other resources. Francis Marion is now requesting approval to assume sole responsibility for the part of this program which leads to a master's degree in Elementary Education with the following options: Reading, Early Childhood, Special Education, and Learning Disabilities, and for the authority to award the degree.

It is the recommendation of the staff that the program be disapproved on the grounds that a relatively short time has elapsed since the beginning of the Cooperative Graduate Program and it has not been demonstrated that this program cannot meet the area needs; also, implementation of the proposed program would create a "hybrid" program at Francis Marion with Francis Marion assuming responsibility for some parts of the graduate program but leaving a substantial part (all programs except those four specific programs in elementary education) under the cooperative arrangement with the University.

Following discussion, during which President Walter D. Smith spoke in favor of the program, a motion was made (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Holliday) that the program proposal as submitted by Francis Marion be approved. The motion was passed.

III. Program Proposals from the University of South Carolina to Establish a Post Graduate School of Medicine and a School of Public Health

Dr. Boozer announced that the Commission has received program proposals from the University of South Carolina to establish a Post Graduate School of Medicine and a School of Public Health, and that copies of these proposals had been referred informally to the Health Affairs Committee of the Commission. It was the suggestion of the Chairman of the Health Affairs Committee, which was agreeable to the Commission, that it be noted in the minutes that these proposals have been referred formally to the Health Affairs Committee for study and recommendation before coming to the Commission for action. It was agreed that copies of both proposals

will be sent to all Commission members.

IV. Consideration of Capital Improvement Request

Francis Marion

Francis Marion has submitted for approval a capital improvement request to convert the second floor of Rogers Library from classroom/offices to library space at a cost of \$270,000, and a request for campus development which includes renovation to roads, exterior lighting, drainage, sidewalks, parking areas and landscaping at a cost of \$155,000. It is the recommendation of the staff that these projects be approved. A motion was made (Marchant) and seconded (Stanback) and unanimously adopted that these two projects be recommended for approval to the Budget and Control Board.

V. Energy Crisis and Higher Education

Chairman Smith stated that the energy crisis is an extremely serious problem that will have wide-ranging effects on all, including the institutions of higher education. Dr. Smith requested that the staff immediately undertake a study with representatives from each of the colleges and universities to determine how the crisis can be expected to affect higher education and possible solutions to the problem.

VI. Discussion at November Meeting on 1974-75 Budget Submission of State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

Dr. Boozer reported that, pursuant to Mr. Marchant's motion at the November 1 meeting of the Commission, a transcript has been made of the discussion by the Commission on the 1974-75 budget submission of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education. Because the discussion at times was disjointed, Dr. Boozer noted that, as more appropriate than transmittal of the full transcript, a letter has gone from Chairman Smith to the Governor and the TEC Board summarizing the points mentioned in the discussion. The letter to Governor West is attached to the minutes as Exhibit A.

VII. 1974-75 Appropriation Requests of Colleges and Universities

Following general discussion of Mr. P. C. Smith's recommendations to the Budget and Control Board involving five percent reductions in the Commission's recommended appropriations for the colleges and universities, a motion was made (Walsh) and seconded (Sheheen) that the Chairman of the Commission write a letter to Mr. Smith and the Budget and Control Board strongly recommending 100 percent funding of the Commission's recom-

mendations, emphasizing that this is the first year of complete reliance on the formula and that departures may adversely affect some institutions. The motion was passed unanimously.

VIII. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Boozer reported briefly on activities in which the staff has been involved during the month. Dr. Boozer also stated that he would like from time to time to make brief comments to the Commission on what appear to be major issues facing higher education. One such matter that is now being discussed nationally concerns the "new learner", meaning the adult who is interested in improving his educational background and his qualifications for employment, who may or may not be interested in pursuing this through the standard educational structure. Another is the issue of financing higher education in the future, especially with reference to student charges.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p. m.

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Secretary