

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

July 10, 1980
9:30 - 10:40 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. James E. Bostic, Jr., Chairman
Dr. B. J. Cooper
Mrs. Jennie C. Dreher
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
Mr. Robert E. Graham
Mr. Joseph O. Rogers, Jr.
Mrs. Irene K. Rudnick
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. J. Clyde Shirley
Mr. C. Otis Taylor, Jr.
Mrs. Margaret E. Wells
Dr. Robert F. Williams
Dr. Louis D. Wright, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Arthur J. H. Clement, Jr.
Mr. Roosevelt Gilliam, Jr.
Mr. Robert P. Wilkins

MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA

Ms. Warren McInnis
Ms. Charleen Porter
Ms. Sally Saunders

GUESTS

Mr. John T. Austell
Dr. Francis T. Borkowski
Mr. Roland C. Dubay
Mr. Bruce Ezell
Ms. Charlene G. McCants
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Mr. David P. Rinker
Dr. Winona B. Vernberg
Mr. John E. Wise

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.
Mr. Robert Entel
Dr. George P. Fulton
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Darcus Mayers
Mr. Cannon R. Mayes
Mrs. Lynn Metcalf
Mr. James R. Michael
Mr. John J. Powers
Mr. James L. Solomon, Jr.
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Mrs. Gaylon Syrett

I. Appointment of Commission Members

Dr. Bostic announced that four new members of the Commission have been appointed by Governor Riley, their terms to begin on July 27, 1980, and to expire on July 26, 1984. The new members are Mrs. Willa J. DeWitt, Conway (6th Congressional District); Dr. Alba M. Lewis, Orangeburg (2nd District); Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor, Saluda (3rd District); and Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr., St. George (1st District).

Dr. Bostic announced also that Mr. Gilliam and he recently were reappointed by Governor Riley to the Commission from the 5th and the 4th Congressional Districts, respectfully. Both terms will expire on July 26, 1984.

Dr. Bostic reported that President Atchley is chairman of the Council of Presidents of Public Senior Colleges and Universities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981.

II. Approval of Minutes of June 5, 1980, Meeting of the Commission

It was moved (Graham) and seconded (Wright) that the minutes of the June 5, 1980, meeting of the Commission be approved as written. The motion was adopted.

III. Consideration of University of South Carolina Requests (a) for Authorization to Acquire the Richard B. Dominick Property ("The Wedge," McClellanville) and (b) for Approval of a Center for Public Health Research in Collaboration with The Citadel and Clemson University

At its meeting on March 6, 1980, the Commission approved a proposal by the University of South Carolina to lease, for a period of seven months, a laboratory, equipment, and guest house facilities on the Richard B. Dominick property ("The Wedge," McClellanville) for public health research and graduate training in medical entomology and parasitology (see minutes of meeting, March 6, 1980, pp. 490-91). In early June USC submitted a proposal for (a) authorization to purchase the Dominick property, and (b) approval of a Center for Public Health Research on the Dominick property.

The Standing Committees on Academic Programs, on Facilities, and on Health and Medical Education met jointly on July 9 to develop their recommendations concerning these requests. The three Committees made separate recommendations which, when combined, were that the proposed Center be approved, provided that:

1. no State funds are involved in the purchase or lease-purchase of The Wedge property;
2. any purchase agreement, or lease-purchase agreement, be returned to the Commission for approval before it is finalized;
3. the purchase price does not exceed \$1,250,000;
4. if purchase, or a lease-purchase arrangement, of The Wedge property is not completed by October 1, 1981, the Center be discontinued; and
5. funds for operation and maintenance of the Center be requested annually by the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, and The Citadel as itemized requests with appropriate justification under Step 12 ("Unique Costs") of the Appropriation Formula.

It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Graham) that the combined recommendations of the three Committees be approved.

Dr. Francis T. Borkowski, USC Provost, noted that the Committee recommends that "funds for operation and maintenance of the Center be requested annually by the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, and The Citadel . . ." He stated that while it is not the intent of USC to exclude any public college or university from using the facility, the funding process might be less complicated if only USC seeks funds under Step 12 ("Unique Costs") of the Appropriation Formula. Mr. Sheheen urged that the recommendations of the Committees be approved in order to maintain the principles agreed upon by the Committees on July 9. He suggested that recommendation 5 be amended to read that "funds for operation and maintenance of the Center be requested annually by the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, The Citadel, and any other State-supported institution as itemized requests with appropriate justification under Step 12 ('Unique Costs') of the Appropriation Formula." The motion, as amended by Mr. Sheheen, was adopted.

IV. Consideration of 1981 Annual Program Plan Amendment for Community Service and Continuing Education (Title I-A, Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended)

Since July 1, 1974, the Commission has been responsible for the administration of Title I (Community Service and Continuing Education), Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. Title I requires the preparation of a State Plan for administration which is approved at the Federal level and remains in effect until changed. In 1977 the State Plan was rewritten to reflect changes in the Federal laws and administrative practices that had evolved.

The State Plan requires that an Annual Program Plan Amendment be adopted which in effect shows how the State proposes to use the annual Federal grant to the State. The proposed 1981 Amendment is basically the same as that for 1980 with statistics and other information updated where appropriate. There is also increased emphasis in the 1981 Amendment on Continuing Education projects, an emphasis prompted by recent deliberations in Congress during revision of the Higher Education Act, and from discussions held with the U.S. Office of Education.

Copies of the proposed 1981 Amendment were distributed to members of the Advisory Council on May 9. Dr. Boozer recommended that the proposed 1981 Annual Program Plan Amendment be approved. He noted that Mr. Clement, Mrs. Dreher, Mrs. Wells, and he are members of the Advisory Council. It was moved (Sheheen), seconded (Cooper), and voted that the 1981 Annual Program Plan Amendment be approved.

V. Report of Committee on Facilities

a. Consideration of Four Capital Improvement Requests, MUSC

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported that on June 4, 1980, the Committee considered requests for approval of four permanent improvement projects submitted by the Medical University of South Carolina. Additional information requested from MUSC was provided in a letter dated June 26. At its meeting on July 9 the Committee considered the four projects further and made the following recommendations:

1. Relocation/Razing of Eight Houses - \$48,500

The Committee recommends that the project be approved. It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (Rudnick) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

2. Renovation, 1st Floor Research Building - \$500,000

The Committee recommends that the project be approved. It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (Shirley) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

3. Alterations, 7th Floor Clinical Science Building - \$500,000

The Committee recommends that the project be approved. It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (Wright) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

4. Educational Equipment - \$500,000

The Committee recommends that action on the project be deferred until a recommendation is made by the Committee on Health and Medical Education.

Dr. Wright, chairman of the Committee on Health and Medical Education, reported that the Committee reviewed the proposal on the morning of July 10 prior to the meeting of the Commission and recommends that the project not be approved. He noted that the Committee questions the propriety of funding expendable supplies and equipment through Institutional Bonds Debt Service. Mr. John E. Wise, Vice President for Administration and Finance, MUSC, noted that the project would not be financed through a bonding procedure but by excess cash accumulated in MUSC's Institutional Bond Debt Service account with the State Treasurer in excess of funds needed to service bonds that might be sold in the near future. Ms. Charlene G. McCants, Controller and Assistant Treasurer at MUSC, noted that revenues generated by MUSC for bond service, in excess of funds required to service bonds, can be placed into a project account and used for a one-time capital expenditure.

It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Wright) that the recommendations of the Committee on Health and Medical Education be approved. The motion was adopted. Mrs. Dreher and Mrs. Rudnick opposed. Dr. Bostic indicated that clarification and delineation of purposes for which bond money can be used would be requested from the Budget and Control Board.

b. Consideration of A & E Firms for Building Quality Survey

Mr. Taylor stated that the 1979-80 Supplemental Appropriation Act includes \$100,000 requested by the Commission on Higher Education for a building quality survey, as recommended in the Master Plan for Higher Education. A "Notice to Architects and Engineers" regarding the survey was published in the Greenville News on June 8, the Columbia State on June 9, and the Charleston News and Courier on June 10. A copy of the notice was mailed to the 428 South Carolinians listed on the 1979-80 roster of the State Board of Architectural Examiners. Six of the 26 firms which responded to the notice were selected for interview by the Committee. Interviews were held on July 9 with representatives from these six firms, and from two additional firms that requested interviews. The Committee recommends that the following three firms, in the priority order shown, be recommended to the Budget and Control Board for its consideration:

1. J. E. Sirrine (Greenville)
2. Odell Associates (Greenville)
3. Enwright Associates (Greenville)

Mr. Sheheen suggested that dormitories be included among buildings to be surveyed, if funds are available. It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (Williams) that the recommendations of the Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

c. Consideration of Recommendation that Certain Authority be Delegated to the Committee on Facilities

Mr. Taylor stated that while the Commission's procedures stress consideration of permanent improvement requests on a quarterly schedule, permanent improvements have been on the agenda of 16 of the past 23 meetings of the Commission. This reflects the problems experienced by the institutions in adhering to a quarterly schedule and the Commission's willingness to assist them. The Committee on Facilities recommends that the Commission delegate to the Committee the authority to approve capital improvement projects costing \$100,000 or less for which funds are available, as well as all leases. If such authority should be granted, a

written report would be submitted to the Commission on each project, and the Committee would bring to the Commission any project that the Committee believes should have approval of the full Commission. It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (Dreher) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Rudnick) that the motion be tabled. Mr. Sheheen stated that, in his opinion, when the Legislature deposits authority in a commission, that commission is responsible for carrying out that authority. The motion to table was approved. Mrs. Dreher and Mr. Taylor opposed.

VII. Other Business

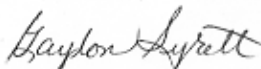
Schedule of Meetings of the Commission. Dr. Boozer noted that the Commission will meet on August 4 and 5 to hear the presentations of the college and university presidents concerning their 1981-82 appropriation requests. The Committee on Business and Finance will meet on August 6 to develop its recommendations to the full Commission. The Commission will meet again on August 13 to adopt its recommendations to the Budget and Control Board, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee. The Commission's presentation to the Budget and Control Board has been scheduled for August 19. Dr. Boozer reported also that the Commission will meet at Clemson University on September 4 and at South Carolina State College on December 4.

Presentation of Citations. Dr. Bostic announced that this would be the final Commission meeting for four members whose terms expire on July 26, 1980: Mr. Clement, Dr. Cooper, Mrs. Rudnick, and Mr. Wilkins. He expressed appreciation for their service on the Commission during the past two years, and presented citations to Dr. Cooper and Mrs. Rudnick who were present at the meeting. Citations for Mr. Clement and Mr. Wilkins will be delivered to them as soon as possible.

Dr. Wright informed the Commission of the recent death of Dr. Vince Moseley, former Assistant Academic Vice President for Extramural Affairs and Professor Emeritus of Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina. It was moved (Sheheen), seconded (Rudnick), and unanimously voted that condolences be forwarded on behalf of the Commission to Mrs. Moseley and members of the family, and to the Medical University.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gaylon Syrett
Recording Secretary