

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
December 3, 1992
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. William J. Whitener, Chairman
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. Fred L. Day
Ms. Elaine Freeman
Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr.
Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Mr. Edward T. McMullen, Jr.
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert, Sr.
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
Mr. Roger Henderson
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Ms. Reba A. Kinon
Mr. Henry D. McMaster

STAFF

Mr. Todd E. Barnette
Mr. Fred W. Boynton
Mr. Michael L. Brown
Ms. Sandra E. Carr
Mr. Charles D. FitzSimons
Mr. Ivan F. Guinn
Mr. Douglas I. Holleman
Dr. R. Lynn Kelley
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Mr. Joseph V. Pendergrass
Dr. Mike Raley
Dr. Marilyn Scannell
Mr. Fred R. Shebeen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Julia E. Wells
Ms. Carol Ann Williams
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Sid Gauldin
Mr. Bryant Heyward
Mr. Bill Robinson

GUESTS

Mr. John Bannister
Dr. David A. Bell
Ms. Margaret Black
Mr. Marvin Carmichael
Dr. Anthony J. DiGiorgio
Mr. Daniel Duke
Dr. David F. Dunlap
Ms. Katherine Fanning
Dr. Conrad D. Festa
Ms. Lasona Goff
Mr. Jamie Green
Mr. M. Rudy Groomes
Ms. Ann Hagen
Ms. Sylvia Harvey
Dr. Bettie Horne
Dr. Sally Horner
Ms. Beverly Howard
Dr. James L. Hudgins
Dr. Charles Jennett
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Dr. Gordon Jones
Mr. Carl Jordan
Mr. David Larson
Lt. Col. Ben W. Legare
Mr. Larry Leslie
Mr. Howard Lundy
Dr. Albert M. Lyles
Col. Calvin G. Lyons
Dr. Carolyn McIver-Smith
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Dr. Roger Patterson
Dr. Terry Peterson
Dr. Blanche Premo-Hopkins
Dr. Lester Reed
Dr. Jerry Reel
Dr. Leon Sanders
Judge Alexander Sanders
Dr. Olin B. Sansbury
Mr. Eddie Shannon
Mr. Charles Shawver
Dr. Earline Simms
Ms. Paula Skedsvold
Dr. Richard A. Skinner
Mr. Sterling Smith
Ms. Ellen Still
Dr. DeWitt Stone
Mr. Ed Troublefield
Mr. Floyd Tyler
Mr. Donald Tyner
Lt. Gen. Claudius E. Watts
Mr. Jim White

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1. **Approval of Minutes of Meetings of November 5, 1992**

Dr. Ramage requested that in further discussion of The Citadel matter a statement made by him read: Dr. Ramage stated that the Commission should not consider the matter but should respond to questions and requests by the ~~board~~^{board}, the legislature, and the institution. It was moved (Ramage), seconded (Williams), and voted that the minutes of the meetings of November 5, 1992 be approved as amended.

2. **Report of the Commissioner**

Consideration of "A Statement of Policy Principles"

The Commission instructed the staff to compile a statement of policy principles which would serve to inform its constituencies of the general philosophy framing the Commission's deliberations and decision-making processes. The draft principles were reviewed by the Commission's standing committees. The Committee on Academic Affairs submitted the draft principles to the Council of College Presidents and the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs for review and comment. The Council of College Presidents assigned review responsibility to the Advisory Council on Planning, which reviewed the document on November 12. The Advisory Committee on Academic Programs reviewed the document on November 23. From that process, a document reflecting the final staff recommendations and a document reflecting all of the changes suggested by the institutions were developed. Mr. Sheheen stated that the Commission is seeking to set up parameters, so that the institutions will have a better understanding of the institution's expectations.

Mr. Tolbert stated that the following sentence seems to be narrow, short-sighted, and undermines progress: The Commission will promote the development of a high quality system of public higher education whose institutions shall have appropriately differentiated missions and shall consist of three research universities offering a wide array of programs through the doctoral level, nine senior colleges or comprehensive teaching universities offering programs through the master's level, and a system of two-year colleges. Mr. Tolbert stated that he is opposed to limits on levels of offerings because the Commission already has a review system in place to take care of the influx of new programs. In response to Mr. Tolbert's concerns, Dr. Askins stated that finances are tight, and many institutions do not have well-defined policies. He added that this state has enough four year institutions, and the AVA Study says that the state does not need more than three universities offering doctoral degrees. Dr. Askins stated that more emphasis should be placed on improving undergraduate education instead of trying to expand. Judge Alex Sanders, President of the College of Charleston, commented that the primary mission of the comprehensive teaching universities is undergraduate programs, but sometimes graduate programs enhance the undergraduate programs. Dr. James Moeser, Provost of the University of South Carolina, stated that the document should be descriptive and not prescriptive.

After further discussion, it was moved (Freeman), seconded (Day), and voted with Mr. Tolbert and Ms. Williams opposing that the sentence be amended to read: The Commission will promote the development of a high quality system of public higher education whose institutions shall have appropriately differentiated missions, now consisting of three research universities offering a wide array of programs through the doctoral level, nine senior colleges or comprehensive teaching universities offering programs through the master's level and a system of two-year colleges.

Dr. Vermelle Johnson, South Carolina State, requested that the reference to the Ed.D. Program at South Carolina State University not include the last part of the sentence, "established under the federally mandated desegregation plan in 1981". It was moved (Tolbert), seconded (Askins), and voted that the request of Dr. Johnson be approved.

Dr. Conrad Festa, College of Charleston, requested changes in the wording of two and three under the Planning and Assessment part of the document: 2) Planning will be a cooperative venture, fully involving both the institutions and the Commission in identifying issues, developing programs, and establishing a statewide context within the college; university governing boards are responsible for institutional planning. 3) The Commission will take responsibility for resolving any conflicts or problems arising out of the cooperative planning venture to ensure the best interests for higher education within the State. Further, the Commission will ensure a timely completion of a statewide plan.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Turner), and voted that the request of Dr. Festa be adopted.

After further discussion, it was moved (Askins), seconded (Day), and voted that "A Statement of Policy Principles" be approved as amended in Exhibit A.

3. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of Executive Committee

Mr. Whitener reported on the following matter:

a. Consideration of Licensure Matter:

Millie Lewis of Charleston, Inc. - Hearing for Revocation of License

A hearing was to be held before the Commission on December 3, 1992 for the revocation of the license of Millie Lewis of Charleston, Inc. A notice from the institution's surety company, Old Republic Surety, was received on November 20, 1992 stating that the bond which had previously been cancelled was reinstated without interruption of coverage. Because the institution has now met the minimum standards of the Commission, the Commission concluded that the license of Millie Lewis of Charleston, Inc. not be revoked.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Turner), and voted

that the license of Millie Lewis of Charleston, Inc. not be revoked.

3.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

Mr. Turner, chairman of the Committee on Academic Affairs, reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Revisions to Advanced Placement Policy

Mr. Sheheen reported that Senator Nikki Setzler has requested that a decision on the recommendations to the Advanced Placement Policy be deferred until at least January. Senator Setzler would like the opportunity to study the recommendations in detail and meet with representatives of the school districts, colleges and universities, and the Commission staff to discuss the impact of these recommendations. Mr. Sheheen stated that the staff would convene an ad hoc committee of higher education and department of education representatives to meet with Senator Setzler.

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Goad), and voted that the decision on the recommendations to the Advanced Placement Policy be deferred until January or later.

Items Deferred from the November 5, 1992, Agenda:

d. Consideration of Proposed Undergraduate Need-based State Supported Student Assistance Program

The State's plan for higher education, Choosing South Carolina's Future: A Plan for Higher Education in the 1990's calls for the establishment of a need-based student assistance program to further guarantee access of South Carolinians to higher education. A proposal has been compiled to establish an Undergraduate Need-Based State-Supported Student Assistance Program to further guarantee access of South Carolinians to higher education. Since that time private institutions in the State have requested that the draft proposal be amended to permit students attending private institutions to become eligible under the program. A recommendation on participation of students attending private institutions will be submitted to the Commission in January.

Dr. DiGiorgio reported that the college and university presidents endorse the establishment of a need-based aid program short of the funding mechanism. He added that there is a question of other alternatives of funding worthy of study. Mr. Sheheen stated that this program should go before the 1993 session of the General Assembly in January if only approved in concept.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Williams), and voted that the Need Grant Program be approved in concept provided that the Commission staff and the colleges and universities examine additional methodologies of funding.

e. Consideration of Report on Appropriate Elements for the S.C. Prepaid Postsecondary Tuition Plan

During the 1992 session, the State Legislature delayed action on the legislation to establish formally the South Carolina College Savings Program, pending further examination by the Commission. An amendment to House Bill 3364 stipulated that the Commission "shall conduct a study to determine appropriate elements for a South Carolina Prepaid Postsecondary Tuition Plan by January 1993."

An Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for South Carolina Student Assistance Programs was convened by the staff as a follow-up to a study on prepaid tuition plans conducted by the staff. The Ad Hoc Committee recommended that the Commission undertake a bold and aggressive advertising campaign to inform parents about the costs of college education and about the opportunities available which are provided through private investment companies. It further recommended that the Commission advise the Legislature that mechanisms are already in place to encourage college saving; thus, no college savings program is viewed as being desirable or needed at this time.

The Academic Affairs Committee commended favorably to the Commission that the report on S. C. Prepaid Postsecondary Tuition Plan be transmitted to the Legislature in fulfillment of the stipulation made in the amendment to House bill 3364.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

f. Consideration of the Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs, FY 1991-92

The South Carolina 1979 Master Plan requires the annual review of associate degrees in the State's public higher education institutions to insure that 1) programs to be continued are responsive to employment trends and meet minimum standards and 2) to identify programs which need to be strengthened.

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the actions summarized in Tables 1 through 5 (Exhibit B). It further recommended that USC-Aiken be formally requested to analyze the history and project the future relationship of its associate degree program in Criminal Justice, given its small numbers of graduates in relationship to enrollments and the development of a certificate program in Criminal Justice at Aiken Technical College. It further recommended that USC-Lancaster analyze the desirability and feasibility of merging their two business-related associate degree programs. Finally, it recommended that members of the staffs of CHE and SBTCE study the history, purposes and future expectations of the technical colleges' programs in the General Technology program. All of these reports should be received by the staff of the Commission not later than July 1, 1993.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee be approved.

g. Consideration of Evaluation of Existing Programs in
Philosophy and Religious Studies

Programs in philosophy and religious studies at the baccalaureate and higher levels had never been evaluated under the aegis of the Commission on Higher Education. Four institutions offering programs in either philosophy or religious studies were visited during the period November 11-14, 1991, by an external team of evaluators.

The evaluators noted that the College of Charleston's B.A. in Philosophy was the most impressive undergraduate program in the State. The team also reported that because of the strength of the current undergraduate program and of the Department's faculty, USC-Columbia's Department of Philosophy is ranked as one of the best in the South.

The Committee recommended that the Commission on Higher Education grant full approval to the following programs:

- B.A., Philosophy, Clemson University
- B.A., Philosophy, College of Charleston
- B.A., Philosophy, USC-Columbia
- B.A., Religious Studies, USC-Columbia
- M.A., Philosophy, USC-Columbia

The Committee also recommended that the Commission grant provisional approval to the following programs with each institution requested to submit a follow-up report by July 1, 1994, detailing the changes implemented to strengthen each program weakness as identified by the evaluators:

- B.A., Philosophy and Religion, Winthrop University
- M.A., Religious Studies, USC-Columbia

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee be approved.

i. Consideration of Follow-up Report on Evaluation of
Existing Programs in Medical Laboratory Technology

The State's Medical Technology programs were evaluated by the Commission's consultants in the 1989-90 review of existing programs in the health professions. In their report the consultants raised concerns about the curricular configurations and degree productivity of the State's medical technology programs.

A study team was constituted to conduct a more detailed examination of the consultants' major concerns with respect to curricular configuration and program productivity. As a result of the study each of the institutions submitted a report outlining recruiting and marketing plans developed to enhance productivity of the medical technology programs. These marketing and recruitment strategies will need to be

allowed sufficient time to be implemented before any impact on program enrollments can be examined.

The Committee on Academic Affairs recommended that the Commission grant full approval to the programs listed below, with the express understanding that if the marketing and recruitment strategies enumerated above have not increased enrollments by the time of the next Commission evaluation of programs in allied and health science, tentatively scheduled for 1997-98, these programs will be considered as candidates for termination:

Clemson, B.S., Medical Technology
Francis Marion, B.S., Medical Laboratory Technology
Lander, B.S., Medical Laboratory Technology
USC-Columbia, B.S.M.T., Medical Technology
Winthrop, B.S., Medical Laboratory Technology

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

3.03 Report of Committee on Access and Equity

Mr. Tolbert, chairman of the Committee on Access and Equity, reported that the Eighth Annual Conference on the Development and Implementation of Successful Programs for Increasing Minority Access and Equity in Colleges and Universities will be held on February 18-19, 1993 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbia.

3.04 Report of Committee on Business and Finance

In the absence of Mr. Jones, chairman of the Business and Finance Committee, Mr. Tolbert reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Funding for Southeastern Manufacturing Technology

In 1988 the Department of Commerce awarded South Carolina funding to establish a national center for the transfer of manufacturing technology to small and medium sized manufacturing companies. The Southeastern Manufacturing Technology Center was established at the University of South Carolina and is a partner with Clemson University, and the technical colleges. The Commission was given the responsibility of making a budget recommendation to the General Assembly.

The SMTC's requested budget amount for 1993-94 (\$1,500,000) considers the additional client revenue (\$500,000), and is within the resolution's previously approved amount (\$2,000,000) of funding for the respective year.

During the past year, the University contracted with Enterprise Development of South Carolina to manage the day-to-day operations of the Center.

Since the SMTC is no longer managed by the University and

coupled with the fact that it is clearly an economic development enterprise, the Committee recommended in a letter to Mr. Wayne Sterling, Executive Director of the State Development Board, that the 1993-94 funding request and all future funding requests from SMTC for state appropriation be submitted through the State Development Board for a recommendation.

It was moved (Tolbert), seconded (Williams), and voted that the Commission endorse the Committee's recommendation.

b. Consideration of Funding of Continuing Education at the Technical Colleges

Since 1980 the Commission has funded continuing education credit/contact hours at the technical colleges. This has resulted in some concern on the part of other institutions because, except for the technical colleges, the formula does not fund continuing education credit hours.

The technical colleges offer three types of unrestricted programs: 1) technical education, 2) occupational education, also known as continuing education, and 3) community service.

The Committee on Business and Finance recommended that the Commission staff and the staff of SBTCE and the other institutions review the continuing education course offerings at the colleges and universities to determine the courses that are eligible for formula calculation. The Committee further recommended that the staff review the minimum cost per contact hours for those continuing education courses. This report will be due in time to be considered at the 1993-94 meeting of the Appropriations Formula Advisory Committee.

It was moved (Tolbert), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

c. Consideration of Studies Resulting from Legislative Audit Council's Report

1) Study of Potential Effect of Eliminating Subsidies for Out-of-State Students

The formula used by the Commission is based on the state providing 80% and 50% of education costs for in-state and out-of-state students, respectively. Concerns have been raised over the extent to which state tax dollars should be used to offset the educational costs of non-resident students.

The Committee on Business and Finance recommended that the formula support for out-of-state students be reduced over a three year period to a level of 25%, with support for 1994-95 at 40%, 1995-96 at 30% and 1996-97 at 25%. During the 1997-98 year, the Commission will study the effects of the reduction of support.

It was moved (Tolbert) and seconded (Williams) that the recommendation be approved.

Dr. Askins stated that with the higher education funding being at such a low level, the institutions are facing severe financial limitations. If funding were reduced further for out-of-state students, institutions might have to raise tuition for both in-state and out-of-state students. Dr. Askins added that a significant number of out-of-state students stay in this State after graduation and contribute with taxes, etc. Mr. Turner stated that even though the State needs to do everything to support in-state students, the final effect could be the economic impact of lost students and related revenue on the institutions as well as the economy overall. Ms. Freeman stated that out-of-state students are an asset to this state culturally, financially, and intellectually and can strengthen the State.

Mr. Sheheen stated that the question arises of what is the balance between the need and the positive contribution of attracting out-of-state students and the protection of the taxpayers in South Carolina. He suggested that the formula for out-of-state students be reduced to a level of 25 percent over a six year period, with support for 1994-95 at 40 percent; 1996-97 at 30 percent; and 1998-99 at 25 percent. During the years when no adjustment takes place (alternate years), the Commission will study the effects of the prior years' reductions and determine the effects of the reductions on out-of-state student enrollment. If the Commission determines there is an undue adverse effect, it will reconsider its action reducing the out-of-state subsidy.

Mr. Tolbert withdrew his earlier motion and made a substitute motion seconded by Ms. Williams that the phase-in of reductions in support for graduate students take place over a six year period with a study and review every other year of the impact of those reductions. The motion was adopted. Dr. Askins and Mr. Turner voted in the negative.

2) State Appropriations Plus Academic Fees

This study is a result of the Legislative Audit Council's report on education issues and the subsequent requirements of the Compliance Review Committee. The Commission calculated the state appropriation plus academic fees for each of the institutions for FY 1991-92. The calculations were compared to the formula for those years to determine the total Educational and General funding level percentage for each institution.

The Commission recognizes the fact that institutions must increase tuition and fees when state appropriations are at low levels in order to maintain quality and satisfactory operating levels.

Nevertheless, it is important that student fees are not increased beyond a level that is absolutely essential to maintain the quality standards of the institutions without encouraging inefficient operations. However, the Committee recommended that no State policy changes be considered at this time.

It was moved (Tolbert), seconded (Day), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

3) Use of Auxiliary Enterprise Funds

A study was conducted as a result of the Legislative Audit Council's report on Education Issues and the subsequent requirements of the Compliance Review Committee. The Commission staff reviewed the excess of revenues over expenditures, and fund balances for auxiliary enterprises and developed recommendations for the appropriate use of the fund balances.

The Committee on Business and Finance recommended that the Board of Trustees at each college and university revise their policies covering auxiliary enterprises to provide:

1. that up to five percent of an institution's overall auxiliary enterprise gross revenue be reserved or expended for renewal, replacement and renovation of facilities and equipment. Additionally, the institution may exceed the five percent reserve where planned capital projects have been approved by the Commission on Higher Education, through the Annual Permanent Improvement Plan and the Overall Permanent Improvement Plan submitted to the Commission.
2. that an operating reserve should exist which would approximate expenses required for up to 60 days, as of June 30 exclusive of expenditures for inventory, and other working capital requirements. Institutions desiring a different amount and whose annual operating reserve does not coincide with the guidelines will be reviewed and considered on an institution by institution basis.
3. and that, after auxiliary enterprise operations' expenditures and mandatory obligations are met, and reserves are established and maintained, additional excess revenues shall be transferred to the institution for Educational and General operations and for academic scholarships.
4. and that, bond covenants and donors' gift restrictions would prevail if they are in conflict with the above recommendations.

Dr. Askins stated that this approach could be seen as meddling in institutional matters, and he is against a

structured revision on institutional policies covering auxiliary enterprises.

It was moved (Tolbert), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the Commission disapprove the Committee's recommendations. The following substitute recommendation was approved:

The Commission does not feel that the recommendation of the Legislative Audit Council should be adopted, but that the existing policies as adopted by the individual Boards of Trustees should be continued.

4. Tuition Fees for Capital Improvements

This study has documented that the inordinately high level of required tuition and fees in South Carolina is due to our heavy reliance on these funds for education and general operations relative to peer group institutions. This is in-part perhaps explained by the relatively poor record of full formula funding in South Carolina over at least the past decade.

The Committees on Facilities and Business and Finance jointly recommended the following:

Because the study does not demonstrate that the use of tuition fees is a significant factor in the relatively high tuition and fee level in South Carolina and that there is no other mechanism in place, historical or projected, to accomplish existent or projected facility needs, and that appropriate controls exist over the establishment of tuition fees and their expenditure through the Commission on Higher Education, Joint Bond Review Committee, and the Budget and Control Board approval processes, the Committees recommended that no State policy changes be considered at this time.

It was moved (Tolbert), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committees be approved.

3.05 Report of Committee on Facilities

In the absence of Ms. Kinon, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, Mr. Whitener reported on the following matters:

a. Report on Property Disposal Proceeds

The staff has undertaken a review of the disposition of proceeds from property sales made by the State's colleges and universities at the request of the Commission. Existent State policy is that all sale proceeds revert to the State's General Fund unless legislative authorization exists to the contrary. The only higher education institution legislatively exempted is Clemson University. Therefore, proceeds from the sale of property by any other college or university would result in those proceeds reverting to the State's General Fund.

The Committee recommended the following language be approved and presented to the General Assembly by the Commission on Higher Education on behalf of our State's colleges and universities.

The governing body for each public college and university shall review the property titled in the name of its institution to determine if such property is excess to the institution's anticipated needs and is available for disposal. All properties determined to be excess may be disposed of in accordance with State policies and regulations. The proceeds of such sales are to be disposed of as follows. If the property was acquired as a gift, through student tuition or fees, or formula funds, the proceeds may be retained by the selling institution for use in accord with established needs. The proceeds from the sale of property acquired through unique State appropriations or State Capital Improvement Bonds are to revert to the State's General Fund. In this instance, if an institution, because of extraordinary circumstances believes such treatment of proceeds to be inequitable, the institution may retain the proceeds upon specific approval of the Commission on Higher Education, the Joint Bond Review Committee, and the Budget and Control Board. The responsibility for providing any necessary documentation including but not limited to documenting the fund source, including gifts, of any property proposed for sale rests with each respective institution and must be validated by the Commission on Higher Education during the review and approval process.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Tolbert), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

b. Midlands Technical College - Long Range Plan

Midlands Technical College was granted approval by the Commission in the fall of 1991 to purchase 150 acres of land in northeast Columbia for the purpose of eventually developing a fourth campus. The Commission's approval of the land acquisition carried a proviso to provide the Commission by December 31, 1992 a copy of a study outlining plans for the development of this site as a regional campus.

The College summarized its long-range plan for the Commission. The Plan maintains the concept of a single unified college with multiple teaching locations (Airport, Beltline, Harbison, Northeast).

This report is for information.

c. S. C. State University - Stadium Expansion

In 1991, the Commission gave authorization to S. C. State to expend up to \$200,000 in existing excess debt service in order to hire architectural and engineering services as well as bond counsel in preparation to renovate and construct additional seating at Dawson Stadium. The entire project will cost an estimated \$3,220,000 to be funded with \$3,000,000 in stadium revenue bonds and \$220,000 in excess debt service from tuition fees.

After construction and financing plans were finalized, the University was to return for final authorization to proceed with the project.

The Committee recommended that this request be approved as proposed provided the University replace the \$220,000 in tuition fees that are currently included in the project budget with an appropriate auxiliary funding source.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Tolbert), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

d. Greenville Technical College - Cycle XII Energy Conservation

Greenville Technical College seeks authorization to fully fund this project now that a preliminary architectural and engineering study has been completed and the Institutional Conservation Program grant has been awarded. This will involve using \$121,699 in grant monies and \$146,301 in local funds.

The Committee recommended approval of this request as proposed.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Tolbert), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

e. Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College - Land Acquisition

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College is seeking permission to accept a donation of eight acres in the Santee Area. Other than incidental costs associated with the transaction, there is no additional financial obligation by the College. The donation carries a reversion clause with the title reverting to the current owners if the College does not develop the property within the next five years.

The Committee recommended this donation be approved with the understanding that this action has no bearing on the question of development of the property when and if such development is proposed.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

f. Clemson University

1) Byrnes Hall, Asbestos Abatement

Clemson University is seeking to establish a project for asbestos abatement in Brynes Hall dormitory. The College will fund this \$800,000 project using Housing Improvement funds.

The Committee recommended that this request be approved.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

2) Johnstone Hall - Renovation

Clemson University is proposing to renovate portions of Johnstone Hall known as Section A and New A. The total estimated cost of the proposed project is \$1 million consisting of the following: Architectural and engineering services - \$57,000; Asbestos abatement - \$50,000; Renovation/repair - \$760,000; Labor - \$60,000; Insurance/Bond Costs - \$3,000; and Contingency - \$70,000. The source of funds is the Housing Improvement Fund.

The Committee recommended approval as proposed.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Day), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

3) Visitors Center - Clemson University

Clemson University proposes to construct a new Visitors Center to be located at an entry way to the campus. The total estimated project cost is \$550,000, and the source of funds is private donations. In the event that all pledges are not received and paid in a timely manner, the Clemson University Foundation has guaranteed the \$550,000 for this project.

The Committee recommended approval of the new Visitors Center as proposed.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

g. Medical University of South Carolina

1) 701 East Bay Street Lease

The Medical University of South Carolina is seeking approval to enter into a lease for office and laboratory space at 701 East Bay Street. The initial lease term is for five years with one five year renewal option. The total annual rent for the first year is \$115,664. The rental rate escalates annually with total rent reaching \$122,828 for the fifth and final year of the lease. The lease price includes building services and utilities. The annual lease payments will be made from the Dean's Discretionary Fund of the College of Medicine.

The Committee recommended that the lease be approved as proposed.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

2) Center for Substance Abuse Construction - Increase Budget, Revise Scope

The Medical University is requesting authorization to increase this previously established project by \$4,700,000, from the original budget of \$6,349,500 to \$11,049,500. The entire increase will be funded through hospital revenue

bonds. This increase will bring the total project budget to \$8,510,500 in revenue bond proceeds and \$2,539,000 in grant proceeds from the National Institute of Drug Abuse.

The Committee recommended that this request be approved as proposed.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

3) Hospital Air Conditioning Renovation

The Medical University seeks the establishment of a \$3,500,000 project to completely renovate the existing air conditioning system in the Medical Center Hospital. The project is to be funded entirely with hospital generated revenue.

The Committee recommended approval of this request as proposed. Further, the Committee strongly recommended that the University consider planning for the most efficient long-term solution to campus chilled water needs in lieu of continuing the current piecemeal approach to providing campus air conditioning needs.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

4) Alumni House Renovation - 4th Floor

The Medical University proposes to renovate the fourth floor of the Alumni Memorial House. The total cost of this refurbishment is estimated at \$750,000, and the source of funds is the College of Medicine Private Practice Plan.

The Committee recommended that the project be approved.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Tolbert), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

h. USC-Salkehatchie - Land Acquisition

USC-Salkehatchie is requesting approval to purchase approximately four acres of land adjacent to the Allendale campus for \$35,000. The acquisition will be funded with \$22,000 in excess debt service and \$13,000 in renovation reserve funds.

The Committee recommended that this acquisition be approved as proposed.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

3.06 Report of Committee on Planning and Assessment

Dr. Askins, chairman of the Committee on Planning and Assessment, reported on the following matter:

Consideration of the Update of the State Plan

The first update of the State plan, Achieving the Vision in Difficult times: A Call to Action for 1993, is submitted for approval. The update succinctly describes both goals and the environment in which higher education seeks to meet those goals, as well as the accomplishments of the past year.

The Committee on Planning and Assessment recommended that the update of the plan be approved.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

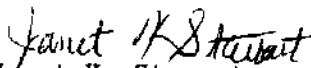
4. **Other Business**

Mr. Sheheen reported that the Governor's Professor of the Year luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon on December 9, 1992 at the Capstone House at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Mr. Whitener wished everyone a happy holiday season.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary