

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
November 5, 1987

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Nelle H. Taylor, Chairperson
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. George L. Brightharp
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Dr. Willa J. DeWitt
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Mr. Roger E. Henderson
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Ms. Reba A. Kinon
Dr. Alba M. Lewis
Mr. Vernon McGuire
Mr. Joseph J. Turner
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.
Mr. William J. Whitener
Ms. Mildred R. Williams
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Walter E. Brooker

STAFF

Dr. Jeffrey Bartkovich
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.
Ms. Saundra Carr
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Dr. James A. Paschal
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Dr. Leonard P. Sternbach
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Ms. Julia E. Wells

GUESTS

Dr. Ann Baker
Dr. Francis T. Borkowski
Dr. Diane Brandstadter
Dr. Ronald G. Eaglin
Dr. Conrad Festa
Dr. William Golightly
Dr. Sharon Haas
Dr. James B. Holderman
Dr. Milton Hunter
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Mr. David Larson
Dr. Benjamin F. Lawson
Dr. Nick Lomax
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Dr. W. David Maxwell
Mr. Larry Nates
Dr. W. Marcus Newberry
Dr. Oscar C. Page
Dr. Terry Peterson
Dr. George M. Reeves
Dr. James H. Rex
Dr. Olin Sansbury
Dr. Kenneth L. Schwab
Dr. Arnold E. Schwartz
Dr. Michael Smith
Dr. W. Allen Smith
Dr. Robert H. White
Dr. Edwin F. Wilde
Mr. Jack Wilson

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Sid Gaulden
Mr. Scott Johnson
Ms. Jenny Munro

I. Minutes of Meeting of October 8, 1987

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of October 8, 1987, be approved as written.

II. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

Dr. Lewis presented the report of the Committee on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Revised Policies and Procedures for Review of New Programs. The Advisory Committee on Academic Programs and the staff propose revisions in the policies and procedures governing the Commission's review of proposals for new programs. The existing policies and procedures were adopted in 1975 and revised in 1980. The proposed revision would provide the Committee on Academic Affairs and the Commission more time to focus on major policy issues and would provide all concerned, including the institutions, more time to prepare and review proposals. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Askins), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Consideration of Consultants' Evaluations of Programs in Mathematics (1987). Undergraduate and graduate degree programs in mathematics were evaluated in 1986-87. Twenty-one programs in ten public institutions were reviewed by a team of six consultants which conducted its on-site visits April 13-16, 1987. The Committee on Academic Affairs makes the following recommendations:

(1) The Committee recommends that the Commission award a commendation for excellence to the following programs:

The College of Charleston, B.S. in Mathematics
University of South Carolina, M.S. and Ph.D. in Mathematics

It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Brightharp), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(2) The Committee recommends that the Commission grant full approval for the following programs with the institutions requested to pay particular attention to the consultants' suggestions for strengthening them:

The Citadel	B.A., B.S., Mathematics
Clemson University	B.A., B.S., M.S., Ph.D., Mathematics
Francis Marion College	B.A., B.S., Mathematics
Lander College	B.S., Mathematics
South Carolina State College	B.S., Mathematics
USC-Aiken	B.S., Mathematics & Computer Science
USC-Columbia	B.S., Mathematics
	B.S., M.S., Ph.D., Statistics
Winthrop College	B.A., B.S., Mathematics

It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Utsey), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(3) The Committee recommends that the Commission grant provisional approval for the following program:

USC-Coastal Carolina B.S., Applied Mathematics
(pending receipt on September 1, 1988, of a report on actions taken to strengthen this program in accordance with the recommendations and criticisms expressed by the consultants).

It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Brightharp), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

c. Consideration of Consultants' Evaluations of Programs in Computer Science (1986-87). Graduate and undergraduate programs in computer science were reviewed for the first time during the 1986-87 cycle of Commission program reviews. Seventeen programs were reviewed with on-site visits conducted during the period February 8-12, 1987.

The Committee recommends that the Commission grant

(1) full approval for the following programs with the institutions requested to pay particular attention to the consultants' suggestions for strengthening the programs further:

The Citadel	B.S., Computer Science
Clemson University	B.S., M.S., Ph.D., Computer Science
	B.S., Computer Information Systems
College of Charleston	B.S., Computer Science
Francis Marion College	B.S., Computer Science
Lander College	B.S., Computer Science
USC-Columbia	B.S., M.S., Ph.D., Computer Science
Winthrop College	B.S., Computer Science

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

(2) provisional approval for the following programs:

South Carolina State College	B.S., Computer Science
(providing the separate options or tracks are discontinued and the catalog revised accordingly and pending submission by March 1, 1988, of a plan for improving the library collection in accordance with the consultants' advice).	

USC-Coastal	B.S., Computer Science
(pending submission by March 1, 1988, of a plan of action and timetable for correcting the deficiencies cited by the consultants).	

USC-Spartanburg	B.S., Computer Science
	B.A., Information Management
	B.S., Applied Mathematics
(pending submission by March 1, 1988, of a plan of action and timetable for correcting the deficiencies cited by the consultants).	

It was moved (Lewis) and seconded (Williams) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Dr. Edwin F. Wilde, Vice Cancellor of USC-Spartanburg, noted that some of the deficiencies cited by the consultants have been corrected. He requested that full approval be granted USC-Spartanburg's. After discussion, it was moved (Jones), seconded (Utsey), and voted that the Commission take no action concerning the programs at USC-Spartanburg and that the matter be referred back to the Committee for further study.

The motion to approve the recommendations of the Committee with respect to programs at South Carolina State College and USC-Coastal was adopted.

d. Consideration of 1986-87 Report on Annual Evaluation of Two-year Degree Programs in Public Institutions. The South Carolina Master Plan for Higher Education requires that the Commission annually review all programs leading to the associate degree. Each program's productivity is evaluated in terms of enrollment, number of graduates, and percent of graduates placed on a related job or continuing their studies full time. The following criteria apply:

(1) Each program must produce at least six graduates during the evaluation year or an average of at least six graduates over the most recent three-year period.

(2) At the most recent fall quarter each program must enroll at least 16 students who generate 12 full-time equivalents.

(3) At least fifty percent of the graduates available for job placement must be placed on a job relating to their education or continuing their education on a full-time basis.

The Committee recommends that the actions described in this report be approved with the following provisions:

(1) USC-Spartanburg include the requirements for the associate degree in their institutional catalog;

(2) Francis Marion College report only those students who enroll in the associate degree program on the evaluation report;

(3) SBTCE suspend the engineering graphics technology program at Chesterfield-Marlboro Technical college; and

(4) SBTCE continue the machine tool technology program at Chesterfield-Marlboro Technical College on probation until the 1989 evaluation report at which time, if the program does not meet all the criteria, it will be suspended.

It was moved (Lewis), seconded (McGuire), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

e. Consideration of Proposals for New Programs.

(1) Associate Degree in Agriculture, Major in Horticulture Technology, Beaufort Technical College. Beaufort Technical College Proposes to begin in its 1987-88 winter quarter a new program leading to the associate degree in agriculture with a major in horticulture technology. The Committee recommends approval provided that no "unique cost" or other special State funding is required or requested. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(2) Bachelor of Health Sciences, College of Health Related Professions, MUSC. MUSC proposes to implement a new program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in health sciences. The College requests approval to offer the degree program in Charleston and at the Greenville Technical College

campus. The Committee recommends approval provided that no "unique cost" or other special State funding is required; and provided further that MUSC discontinue the respiratory therapy program and the post-certificate options in dental hygiene and in radiologic technology and admit no further students in these programs as of January 1, 1988; and further that the prior Commission approval to allow MUSC to offer specific discipline-based programs in Greenville be rescinded in favor of the proposed B.S. in health sciences to be offered at that site. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(3) Off-campus Extension of Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering Technology, South Carolina State College. South Carolina State College proposes to implement in fall 1988 an off-campus program of upper-division courses leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering technology. The requested program is an extension of the existing program offered by South Carolina State College. The specific sites at which the program will be offered are Greenville Technical College, Midlands Technical College, and Trident Technical College. South Carolina State College has requested \$214,438 in "unique" funds for 1988-89. Second and third year "unique cost" requests are also expected. The Committee agrees that "unique cost" funding will be necessary but believes that the amount requested for 1988-89 should be the total amount estimated for the first year, reduced by \$48,300, the amount of expected revenues generated from student fees. The Committee therefore recommends approval for implementation in fall 1988 provided that "unique cost" funding of \$166,100 be recommended for 1988-89 for this purpose. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(4) B.S. in Computer Science, USC-Columbia. USC-Columbia proposes to initiate a program leading to the B.S. in computer science degree. The Committee recommends approval provided no "unique cost" or other special State appropriation is required or requested and further that the "intensive requirements" track in the existing program leading to the B.S. with a major in computer science be eliminated. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

III. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

Dr. Williams, chairperson of the Committee on Business and Finance, reported on the following matter:

Consideration of 1988-89 Budget of the Charleston Higher Education Consortium. The projected 1988-89 budget of the Charleston Higher Education Consortium totals \$100,000, including \$78,980 in personnel services and \$21,020 in operating expenses. The Committee on Business and Finance recommends approval. It was moved (Williams), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

IV. Report of Committee on Facilities

Mr. Brightharp, chairperson of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Request to Purchase Student Housing Facilities, Lander College. Lander College requests authorization to proceed with the purchase of currently leased student housing facilities. Lander currently leases the Williamston Residence Hall Complex from the Lander Foundation and the Villas West Apartments Complex from Gray E. Moore, Jr., a local real estate developer. Lander recently was awarded approximately \$3 million (U.S. Department of Education Loan funds at 5½% interest) to purchase these two facilities, as well as to make some improvements on other existing facilities. Funds required to purchase the two facilities will total \$2.2 million, leaving \$800,000 available for improvements to existing dormitories. The loan will be repaid from Auxiliary Enterprise (Student Housing) funds. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Consideration of Policies and Procedures for the Review and Approval of Permanent Improvement and Lease Requests. The Committee recommends approval. Mr. Whitener suggested, and it was agreed, that item 2 on page 7 be amended to read "any operating lease of less than \$50,000 annually, not requiring Step 12 formula funding; and." It was also agreed that on page 11 in the schedule for Institutional Submission of APIP to CHE, "the requests be submitted to the Facilities Committee in May. Mr. Brightharp objected to the provision that would permit Commission staff to act upon any project over \$25,000 but under \$250,000 and all projects where there are changes in the sources of funds of less than \$250,000. After discussion, it was moved (Brightharp) seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

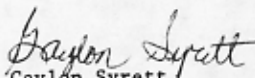
V. Report of the Commissioner

Mr. Sheheen reported on the following matters:

Efforts to Implement The Cutting Edge. Mr. Sheheen expressed appreciation to the Commission and staff for their work in revising The Cutting Edge during the past several months and in planning and making preparations for the meeting and dinner on November 4. He stated that the Commission and staff, with the assistance of the colleges and universities, civic groups, and others, are moving forward in an effort to implement these initiatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gaylon Syrett
Recording Secretary