

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

February 6, 1986  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Fred R. Sheheen, Chairman  
Mr. George L. Brighcharp  
Mr. Tom Moore Craig  
Mr. Robert C. Gallager  
Mr. Roosevelt Gilliam, Jr.  
Mr. Robert E. Graham  
Mr. Harold W. Jacobs  
Mr. David B. Smith  
Mr. Mortimer F. Smith  
Mrs. Nanette H. Smyth  
Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor  
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.  
Mr. William J. Whitener  
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Willa J. DeWitt  
Mr. B. P. Gordon III  
Dr. Alba M. Lewis

STAFF

Dr. Jeffrey Bartkovich  
Dr. Howard R. Boozer  
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.  
Ms. Sandra E. Carr  
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas  
Dr. Frank E. Kinard  
Mr. Alan S. Krech  
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf  
Dr. Gail M. Morrison  
Dr. James A. Paschal  
Ms. Ann J. Shelton  
Dr. John E. Smalls  
Dr. Leonard P. Sternbach  
Dr. John C. Sutuskny  
Ms. Gaylon Syrett  
Ms. Julia E. Wells

GUESTS

Dr. Michael B. Barrett  
Dr. Francis T. Borkowski  
Dr. Joann G. Boyd  
Mr. Walter T. Cox  
Dr. Carl A. Carpenter  
Dr. Marianna W. Davis  
Mr. G. William Dudley, Jr.  
Dr. James G. Fox  
Ms. Maxine A. Gehrman  
Ms. Jody Greenstone  
Dr. H. M. Holderfield  
Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.  
Dr. Larry A. Jackson  
Mr. Hans Knoop  
Mr. William M. Mackie, Jr.  
Dr. Elinor Miller  
Mr. John E. Montgomery  
Dr. Oscar A. Page  
Dr. Terry Peterson  
Mr. William A. Prince  
Dr. George M. Reeves  
Dr. Kenneth Schwab  
Dr. Arnold E. Schwartz  
Dr. W. Allen Smith  
Mr. Walt Stone  
Dr. Ruby Watts  
Mr. Jack Wilson  
Sen. Addison G. Wilson

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Sean Callebs  
Ms. Cindy Dean  
Mr. Tom Fladung  
Mr. Sid Gaudin  
Mr. Scott Johnson  
Ms. Christine Kuehn  
Ms. Michelle Nicholson  
Ms. Maureen Shurr  
Mr. Bob Stuckey

I. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of January 9, 1986

It was moved (Gallager), seconded (Smyth), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of January 9, 1986, be adopted as written.

## II. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

Mrs. Taylor, chairman of the Committee on Academic Affairs, reported on the following matters:

### a. Consideration of Proposals for New Programs.

(1) Concentration and Certificate in Gerontology, Lander College.  
Lander College proposes to implement, in August 1986, an undergraduate concentration and a certificate program in gerontology. The concentration will be available to all undergraduate students pursuing a degree program in another major discipline. The certificate program is designed for those already employed in positions providing services connected with aging. The purposes of the proposed programs are: (a) to provide specialized training for careers in service to the aging as well as enhancing the employability of baccalaureate students pursuing traditional majors; and (b) to provide specialized training for those individuals already employed in positions providing services to the aging but who lack formal training in gerontology.

The Committee recommends that the proposed program be approved provided no "unique cost" or other special State appropriations are requested. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Brightarp), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(2) M.A. and LL.M. in International Legal Studies, USC-Columbia.  
USC-Columbia proposes to implement, in August 1986, a new program leading to the M.A. or the LL.M. in International Legal Studies. The program is to be offered through the School of Law. The purpose of the program is to provide education in international law, especially in those aspects affecting trade and business. The Committee recommends approval provided no "unique cost" or other special State appropriations will be required or requested. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Smyth), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Consideration of Report of Consultants Evaluating Programs in English and Related Subjects. Undergraduate and graduate degree programs in English, comparative literature, and linguistics were evaluated in March 1985. At review date, one or more programs in one or more of these disciplines were offered at all public institutions except MUSC.

Serving as members of the review team were:

Dr. Fred L. Standley, Team Chairman  
Department of English  
Florida State University

Dr. A. O. Aldridge  
Program in Comparative Literature  
University of Illinois at Urbana

Dr. Walter H. Beale  
Department of English  
University of North Carolina at  
Greensboro

Dr. Gale H. Carrithers, Jr.  
Department of English  
Louisiana State University

Dr. Larry S. Champion  
Department of English  
North Carolina State University

Dr. Theima D. Curl  
Department of English & Foreign  
Languages  
Norfolk State University

Dr. Eric P. Hamp  
Department of Linguistics  
University of Chicago

Dr. Thomas D. Young  
Department of English  
Vanderbilt University

These consultants conducted campus visits during the week of March 24 and submitted their final report in August, 1985. A copy of the report was submitted to each of the institutions for review and comment. Written responses from the institutions and the report were considered by the Committee on Academic Affairs at its regular winter quarter meeting on January 8, 1986.

The Committee recommends the continuation of the following programs, calling to the attention of the institutions the program-specific recommendations made by the consultants:

The Citadel	B.A., English
Clemson University	B.A., M.A., English
College of Charleston	B.A., English
Francis Marion College	B.A., English
Lander College	B.A., English
S.C. State College	B.A., English
USC-Columbia	B.A., M.A., Ph.D., English M.A., Ph.D., Comparative Literature Certificate, M.A., Ph.D., Linguistics
USC-Aiken	B.A., English
USC-Coastal	B.A., English
USC-Spartanburg	B.A., English
Winthrop	B.A., English

The Committee further recommends the provisional continuation of the M.A. in English at Winthrop pending receipt of a report that details what action has been taken in response to the consultants' analysis that the program must either "be enhanced or discontinued." The consultants call for a review of the M.A. "and a plan for its development formulated to produce tangible results in a specified period of time... Such a plan will need to provide for assistantships and fellowships as well as curricular offerings." This report should be submitted to the Committee on Academic Affairs not later than June 1, 1986.

It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (Brighttharp) that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted. At the suggestion of Mr. Sheheen, the motion was amended (Taylor), seconded (Whitener), and voted to require that a written

report be submitted by all institutions, not later than March 1, 1986, detailing each institution's status for the last three years concerning its observance of the Association of Departments of English (ADE) guidelines 1 and 2, shown below:

(1) College English teachers should not teach more than three sections per term of composition. The number of students in each section should be 20 or fewer, with no more than 25 students in any class. Class size should be no more than 15 in developmental (remedial) courses.

(2) College English teachers should teach no more than 35 students in a literature course. In larger classes, a teacher should have a qualified assistant for each additional 35 students to help with the evaluations of written assignments.

The motion, as amended, was adopted. Mr. Graham complimented the Committee on its report.

c. Consideration of Proposal to Modify Regulations Governing the Teacher Loan Program. Regulations for operation of the Teacher Loan Program for 1985-86 were approved by the Commission, and the South Carolina Student Loan Corporation activated the program, in December 1984.

At its meeting on January 8, 1986, the Committee heard a report on this program by Mr. William M. Mackie, Jr., Executive Director of the Loan Corporation. Mr. Mackie reported that in the first year of operation of the program the most common complaint registered by institutions was the difficulty freshmen have in qualifying, principally because loan applicants must have successfully completed the required "Triple E" or "Basic Skills" examination.

As a substitute requirement for freshmen who are applicants to the program the Committee suggests that the applicant must have achieved a combined SAT score which equals or exceeds the State's mean (average) combined score on the SAT examinations. The Committee recommends that the Regulations for the Teacher Loan program be amended for fiscal year 1986-87 as follows, with additions underlined:

"62-20 A (6). If an undergraduate student who has completed one year (two semesters or the equivalent) of collegiate work and who is attending a South Carolina institution, has taken and passed a "Basic Skills Test" as required by the Board for entrance into a program of teacher education; or if an undergraduate who has not completed one year of collegiate work did achieve a score equal to or greater than the mean score achieved by all examinees in South Carolina taking the SAT or ACT in the year of graduation from high school or in the most recent year for which such figures are available; and"

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

d. Consideration of Conversion of Diploma to Degree Programs, State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education. In May 1984 the Commission imposed a moratorium on approval of any new proposed associate degree programs from the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education when

two-year diplomas in the same major areas continued to exist within that system. The moratorium was to remain in effect until a revised classification was provided which more clearly distinguished between the structure of two-year diploma and degree programs.

After studying the issue SBTCE approved the elimination of the two-year diploma, thereby requiring existing two-year diplomas to be (1) phased out, (2) restructured into a certificate or one-year diploma, or (3) converted to an associate degree. The SBTCE study was reviewed and accepted by the Commission in June 1985.

Consequently, SBTCE proposes to convert 31 two-year diploma programs to associate degree status effective fall quarter 1986. All the program conversions are in the Industrial Technology cluster and represent requests from 10 technical colleges. They were approved by the State Board in November 1985 and were considered by the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs in December 1985. In addition to the 31 programs to be converted, 10 were restructured into one-year diploma programs. The conversions are grouped by program majors below:

Associate Degree in Industrial Technology

Automotive Body Technology: Denmark

Automotive Technology: Aiken, Beaufort, Denmark, Florence-Darlington, Horry-Georgetown, Orangeburg-Calhoun, Piedmont, Spartanburg and Tri-County

Building Construction Technology: Piedmont

Electronics Servicing Technology: Denmark, Horry-Georgetown

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Technology: Beaufort, Florence-Darlington, Greenville, Horry-Georgetown, Orangeburg-Calhoun, Piedmont, Spartanburg and Tri-County

Industrial Electronics Technology: Horry-Georgetown, Orangeburg-Calhoun, Piedmont and Tri-County

Machine Tool Technology: Aiken, Horry-Georgetown, Orangeburg-Calhoun and Piedmont

Fashion and Tailoring Technology: Denmark

Welding Technology: Aiken

Concerning the curricula, diploma programs to be converted to associate degree status had to meet the following structure:

- (1) at least 25% of curriculum in general education (consistent with guidelines of Commission on Colleges of SACS);
- (2) major requirements (circa 50%) consistent with SBTCE State Model for that discipline; and
- (3) elective component (circa 50%) consistent with SBTCE State Model for that discipline.

The Committee recommends that the 31 program conversions be approved by the Commission for implementation in fall quarter 1986. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

### III. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

Mr. Gallager, chairman of the Committee on Business and Finance, reported on the following matter:

Status Report on 1986-87 Appropriation Bill. Mr. Gallager reported that the Resolution adopted by Council of Presidents of Public Colleges and Universities and the Commission on Higher Education recommending full formula funding for the institutions was presented to the Budget and Control Board and the General Assembly on February 5.

### IV. Report of Committee on Facilities

Mr. Graham, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matter:

Consideration of Request from Clemson University for Additional Capital Funds for Up-grading Waste-water Treatment Facilities. Clemson University included in its 1985 Capital Bond request as priority number one \$750,000 for improvements to the waste-water treatment plant. Clemson has now submitted an additional request for an increase in the Capital Bond Bill for this project.

The Committee recommends that the current Bond Bill in the House of Representatives be amended to \$2.1 million instead of \$750,000, to allow for the increased discharge limitations in the waste-water treatment plant from 1.2 million to 1.8 million gallons per day. The Committee recommends that this request be approved with the provision that Clemson not be permitted to sell this excess capacity to any other agency or developer without prior approval from the Commission and the Budget and Control Board.

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

### V. Report of Committee on Implementation of the State Higher Education Desegregation Plan

Mr. Gilliam, chairman of the Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan, reported on the following matters:

a. Affirmative Action Plan. For a number of years all State agencies have been required to prepare Affirmative Action Plans, to provide annual updates to their Plans, and to report on the progress of meeting the goals of the Plans. A January 16, 1986, letter to Dr. Boozer from South Carolina Human Affairs Commissioner James E. Clyburn exempts the Commission on Higher Education from reporting requirements. This results from the Commission's constant monitoring of its recruiting efforts to ensure that the goals of its Plan have been met. He noted that the Commission is one of the few agencies that have been exempted from this requirement.

b. OCR Visit. Mr. Gilliam reported that representatives from the Office for Civil Rights are in the process of visiting all 33 public institutions in South Carolina. Thirteen institutions have been visited; the remaining 20 are scheduled to be visited before April 15.

- VI. Election of Members to the Joint Health and Medical Education Board for 1986. Composition of the Joint Health and Medical Education Board, created in 1983, includes two members elected by the Commission. Mr. Jacobs and Dr. Louis D. Wright, Jr., former member of the Commission, were elected for 1985. It was moved (Williams), seconded (Smyth), and voted that Dr. Wright be nominated for reelection for 1986. It was moved (Smyth), seconded (M. Smith), and voted that Mr. Jacobs be nominated for reelection for 1986. It was moved (Williams), seconded (Smyth), and voted that nominations be closed and Dr. Wright and Mr. Jacobs be elected by acclamation. Mr. Jacobs and Dr. Wright were elected to the Board for 1986.

VII. Other Business

Dr. Boozer reported on the following matters:

a. Resolution Memorializing the Astronauts. It was suggested by several members of the Commission that the Commission memorialize the astronauts who died in the Challenger disaster on January 28. Dr. Boozer read a draft Resolution. It was moved (Gilliam), seconded (Taylor), and voted that the Resolution be adopted and forwarded to NASA and to members of the families of the deceased. The Resolution is attached as Exhibit A.

b. Resolution Honoring Mr. John Norton. Dr. Boozer read a draft Resolution honoring Mr. John Norton who has resigned his position as education writer for The State. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Williams), and voted that the Resolution be adopted and transmitted to Mr. Norton. The Resolution is attached as Exhibit B.

- VIII. Presentation of Report on Study of Higher Education. Mr. Sheheen introduced Dr. John Augenblick and Dr. Gordon Van de Water, principals in Augenblick, Van de Water & Associates (AVA) of Denver, Colorado, who have completed a major study of higher education in South Carolina which began in July 1985. Drs. Augenblick and Van de Water formally presented the report to the Commission and commented on the highlights of the report. Copies will be distributed to the Commission, the Governor, members of the General Assembly, key legislative leaders, presidents and senior administrators of the colleges and universities, libraries, and others.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

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