

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

February 3, 1983
10:30 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. James E. Bostic, Jr., Chairman
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
Mr. Roosevelt Gilliam, Jr.
Mr. Robert E. Graham
Mr. Harold W. Jacobs
Dr. Alba M. Lewis
Mr. Joseph O. Rogers, Jr.
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. Mortimer F. Smith
Mrs. Nanette H. Smyth
Mr. C. Otis Taylor, Jr.
Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.
Dr. Hugh H. Wells
Dr. Robert F. Williams
Dr. Louis D. Wright, Jr.
Mr. Robert L. Wynn III

MEMBER ABSENT

Dr. Willa J. DeWitt

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Ms. Stacy Allison
Mr. Mike Becker
Ms. Camille Bradford
Mr. Joe Cumbie
Mr. Lou Fontana
Mr. Reggie Hall
Ms. Melissa Herring
Mr. Duncan Mansfield
Mr. John Norton
Ms. Sally Saunders
Ms. Nina Szlasberg

GUESTS

Ms. Jo Anne Anderson
Dr. Francis T. Borkowski
Dr. Herbert Brantley
Dr. Carl A. Carpenter
Mr. William T. Cordray
Mr. G. William Dudley, Jr.
Mr. Henry C. Giles, Jr.
Dr. Robert M. Harnett
Dr. H. M. Holderfield
Mr. Hans Knoop
Dr. Suresh R. Londhe
Dr. Carolyn McIver
Dr. Terry Peterson
Dr. George M. Reeves
Mr. David P. Rinker
Mr. Keith T. Samuels, Jr.
Dr. Arnold E. Schwartz
Mr. Kemp I. Sigmon
Dr. Walter D. Smith
Dr. Glenn G. Thomas
Dr. Tom Whitney

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Mr. Cannon R. Mayes
Dr. James A. Paschal
Mrs. Ann Shelton
Ms. Alvena M. Smarr
Mr. James L. Solomon, Jr.
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Mrs. Gaylon Syrett
Mrs. Carol D. Waldo

I. Approval of Minutes of January 6, 1983, Meeting

It was moved (Jacobs), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the minutes of the January 6, 1983, meeting be approved as written.

II. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

Mr. Gallagher, chairman of the Committee on Business and Finance, reported on the following matters:

a. Schedule for Review of College and University 1984-85 Appropriation Requests. The Committee recommends that the proposed tentative schedule for review of college and university 1984-85 appropriation requests be approved. It was moved (Gallager), seconded (Sheheen), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. The schedule is attached as Exhibit A.

b. Consideration of Institutional Responses to Budget and Control Board Resolution. Mr. Gallager reported that on November 3, 1982, the Budget and Control Board approved the Commission's recommended \$3.5 million reduction and, with revisions, the reallocation of \$3.2 million for salary and equipment enhancement in the high technology disciplines for the public senior colleges and universities. The Board also adopted a resolution which recommends that all colleges and universities submit to the Commission on Higher Education, by January 15, 1983, "plans to meet the high technology needs of South Carolina by reordering their internal priorities within existing budgets." The resolution further recommends that "after review and evaluation by the Commission, the Commission shall report its recommendations to the House Ways and Means Committee and the Budget and Control Board."

On November 5, 1982, the presidents of the public colleges and universities were provided copies of the resolution along with a suggested format for transmitting institutional responses to the Commission. Copies of the responses from the institutions were provided to the Commission on January 26, 1983. Mr. Gallager noted that all institutions have indicated their plans to use the salary and equipment enhancement funds in the high technology areas as recommended by the Budget and Control Board. All of the institutions, however, have also indicated that additional funds are needed to replace funding deficiencies which have occurred over the past several years, especially in equipment and other non-personal service areas. The Commission's position, strongly supporting the institutions in their requests for additional funds, was stated in its budget presentation to the Budget and Control Board, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee on August 24, 1982.

Copies of a proposed response to the Budget and Control Board, drafted by the Committee on Business and Finance, were distributed to Commission members. Mr. Gallager reported that the Committee does not recommend any change in the current allocation of the salary and equipment enhancement funds in the current Appropriation Bill. The Committee recommends that, if additional funds can be made available for higher education during the current legislative process, the Commission be given the responsibility of allocating the funds to the institutions. It was moved (Gallager) and seconded (Williams) that the recommendations of the Committee be approved.

Mr. Smith suggested that the Commission examine the mission of each institution to determine which of the State's colleges and universities should specialize in high technology, the liberal arts, or other disciplines. Mr. Gallager stated that the Committee on Academic Affairs is currently studying this question. The motion was amended (Sheheen) and seconded (Smyth) that the Commission transmit the response to the Budget and Control Board, indicating that additional study will be given to specific suggestions received from the institutions and that further recommendations may be forwarded to the Board in early

March. The amended motion was adopted. It was moved (Gallager), seconded (Smith), and voted that the draft response, as amended, be adopted.

III. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

Mr. Sheheen, chairman of the Committee on Academic Affairs, reported on the following proposals for new programs:

a. Associate in Business Degree Program with a Major in Computer Data Processing, Beaufort Technical College. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Sheheen), seconded (N. Taylor), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Associate in Engineering Technology Degree Program with a Major in Electronics Engineering Technology, Horry-Georgetown Technical College. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Sheheen), seconded (Smyth), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

c. Associate in Industrial Technology Degree Program with a Major in Nuclear Service Technology, Spartanburg Technical College. Mr. Sheheen noted that unlike other degree programs offered by South Carolina technical colleges, this program was designed to serve a single employer, Westinghouse Electric Corporation's Nuclear Service Division. The students would be employed by Westinghouse; Westinghouse engineers and technicians approved by the college would teach specialized courses as a part of the curriculum; Westinghouse equipment and facilities would be used in those specialized courses; and the program would be phased out within six years when it is anticipated that the need for trained employees for Westinghouse will have been met. The degree program would be unusual to the TEC system, since it is patterned after services regularly provided by the Division of Industrial and Economic Development (Special Schools) of the SBTCE. That Division, however, does not offer associate degree programs as has been requested in this case by Westinghouse.

Mr. Sheheen noted that considerable discussion by the Committee has focused on the appropriateness of State support for a degree program to train students already employed by a specific corporation. Because of this, the Attorney General's Office was contacted and, after consultation with SBTCE personnel, minor modifications were written into the admissions requirements which make them legally acceptable. In addition, the institution has agreed to make the program available on the same basis to any similar corporation which might move into the service area and have the need, interest, and appropriate personnel and facilities.

The Committee recommends that the program be approved, subject to the understanding that it will be discontinued at the end of six years unless continuation is requested and justified to the Commission in writing, and subject to the further understanding that it will be made available on the same basis to any similar corporation which might move into the service area and have the need, interest, and appropriate personnel and facilities. It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Smyth) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

Mr. Jacobs objected to control by a private corporation over access to a State-supported program. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. G. William Dudley, Jr., Executive Director of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education,

noted that this has customarily been the practice in South Carolina in programs operated as special schools by SBTCE. Dr. Lewis asked what the implications of such a restrictive admissions requirement would be with respect to accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. She suggested that a proviso be added to ensure that accreditation of the program is not endangered. The motion was amended (Sheheen) and seconded (Lewis) that Dr. Lewis's suggestion be incorporated into the recommendation of the Committee. Mr. Graham suggested that award of a certificate would be more appropriate than an associate degree.

Mr. Taylor suggested that consideration of the program be deferred to the Commission's meeting on March 3. Mr. Sheheen indicated that the Committee will explore the questions and report to the Commission in March. A substitute motion was made (Wells) and seconded (O. Taylor) that the proposal be referred to the Committee on Academic Affairs for a report to the Commission on March 3. The substitute motion was adopted.

d. B.S. in Agribusiness, South Carolina State College. The Committee recommends that the proposed program be approved for implementation in August, 1983, provided that, for 1984-85 and 1985-86, total additional costs to the State be limited to \$92,359 and \$128,772, respectively; that South Carolina State College be required, in requesting Desegregation Plan funds for these years, to certify as to the number of new students attracted to the institution by virtue of the program; and that the Desegregation Plan amounts allocated to the institution in each of these years for this program be reduced by the amount provided through normal means; and further that no additional Desegregation Plan funds or other "unique cost" funds will be needed after 1985-86. It was moved (Sheheen), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

e. Option in Energy Use and Conservation Technology, South Carolina State College. The Committee recommends that this program be approved for implementation in August, 1983, provided that, in requesting special funds under the Desegregation Plan for 1983-84, 1984-85, and 1985-86, South Carolina State College be required to certify as to the number of new students attracted to the institution by the program; that the Desegregation Plan funds allocated to S.C. State in support of the program for each of these years be reduced by the amount of normal funding provided as a consequence of those enrollments; and provided also that no Desegregation Plan funds or other "unique costs" will be required for 1986-87 and subsequent years. It was moved (Sheheen), seconded (Smyth), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

f. B.S. in Industrial Engineering, Clemson University. The Committee recommends that the proposed program be approved for implementation in August, 1983, provided that the existing option in industrial engineering technology in the B.S. program in engineering technology at Clemson be phased out concurrently, and that no "unique cost" funds will be required or requested. It was moved (Sheheen), seconded (Utsey), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

g. M.S. in Recreation and Park Administration, Clemson University. The Committee recommends that the proposed program be approved for implementation in August, 1983, provided that no "unique cost" funding will be required or requested. It was moved (Sheheen), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

h. B.S. in Computer Science (General), USC-Spartanburg. Mr. Sheheen reported that on September 7, 1978, the Commission approved a request for two new degree programs at USC-Spartanburg, one leading to the B.S. in computer science with emphasis in applied mathematics and one leading to the B.A. in computer science with emphasis in information management. Because the statutory moratorium on new programs imposed during development of the 1979 Master Plan was then in effect, approval by the Budget and Control Board was obtained on October 4, 1978. Both programs were implemented in the 1979 fall term.

The University has reported that a third program in computer science, leading to the B.S. in computer science but excluding both approved options in applied mathematics or information management, was implemented at USC-Spartanburg in fall 1980.

In February 1981 the Commission notified each of the public colleges and universities that in future new programs found to have been implemented without Commission approval "will be rejected by either or both Committees [the Committee on Academic Affairs or the Committee on Health and Medical Education], without further study of the merits of each case." Since the formal notification was made after implementation of the new program at USC-Spartanburg, the Committee recommends that automatic rejection need not apply to this case. The Committee recommends that the proposed program be approved, with the understanding that this recommendation is specific to the case at hand and has no implications for any other similar cases which may arise in the future. It was moved (Sheheen), seconded (Wells), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

IV. Report of Committee on Facilities

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Proposal for Making Institutions Responsible for Maintenance and Renovation of Facilities. The Committee on Facilities has developed a proposal for addressing the unsatisfactory condition of campus facilities as reflected in the Building Quality Survey. The Committee's goal is to "recommend procedures which will enable institutions to bring all campus facilities in use up to a satisfactory standard and then to assure that this standard is maintained." The first draft of this proposal was submitted to the presidents of the public senior colleges and universities for comment on December 1, 1982, and responses were received from each president. The Committee reviewed the responses in light of commitments in the Master Plan and in the Committee's goal, referenced above, and makes seven recommendations (Exhibit B). It was moved (O. Taylor), seconded (Smith), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

b. Consideration of Proposed Policy to Govern the Funding of Residential Facilities. The Commission has recommended to the Budget and Control Board that dormitory projects requested for funding in fiscal year 1982 be deferred pending the results of Commission studies of possible program shifts and undergraduate enrollment limitations. Since it does not appear that such studies will affect the dormitory projects proposed, the Committee recommends that consideration be given to a policy to govern the funding of new dormitories. The Committee makes six recommendations (Exhibit C) with respect to this matter. It was moved (O. Taylor), seconded (Smith), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

V. Report of Committee on Health and Medical Education

Dr. Wright, chairman of the Committee on Health and Medical Education, reported on the following matters:

a. Blue Ribbon Committee on Medical Doctor Education. Dr. Wright reported that the Blue Ribbon Committee on Medical Education, established on February 4, 1982, to study the future demand for physicians in South Carolina, expects to complete its study and report its findings to the Commission in March 1983.

b. Letter Concerning the Mission of USC Medical School. Dr. Wright distributed, for information, copies of a January 24, 1983, letter from President Holderman to Dr. Boozer concerning the mission of the USC Medical School.

VI. Report of Committee on Legislative Relations

Mr. Graham, chairman of the Committee on Legislative Relations, reported on higher education legislation introduced in the General Assembly as of February 2, 1983.

VII. Report of Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan

Mr. Gilliam, chairman of the Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan, reported that the response from the Office for Civil Rights (Region IV) concerning the Annual Report on implementation of the South Carolina Desegregation Plan is expected soon. Commission members will be provided copies of the response when it is received.

VIII. Proposal for a Study of the Relative Cost Effectiveness of Operating Two Systems of Two-year Colleges, One System, or the Merger of Selected Institutions.

Consideration of the proposed study of relative cost effectiveness of operating two systems of two-year colleges was deferred to March 3, 1983.

IX. Election of Officers for 1983

It was moved (Gallager), seconded (O. Taylor), and voted that Mr. Sheheen be nominated for election as Chairman for 1983. It was moved (Wright), seconded (O. Taylor), and voted that nominations be closed. Mr. Sheheen was elected Chairman by acclamation.

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Wright), and voted that Mr. Gallager be nominated for reelection as Vice Chairman for 1983. It was moved (Smith), seconded (Williams), and voted that nominations be closed. Mr. Gallager was elected Vice Chairman by acclamation.

Dr. Bostic stated that it has been a pleasure and privilege to serve as a member of the Commission since July 1978 and as Chairman since January 1980. He expressed appreciation to the other members of the Commission for their assistance and support during his tenure. Dr. Bostic was elected by the General Assembly to the Board of Trustees of Clemson University on February 2, 1983, necessitating his resignation from the Commission.

Mr. Sheheen stated that Dr. Bostic has provided intelligent and unparalleled leadership as Chairman of the Commission. He expressed appreciation also to Dr. Boozer and the staff for their service to South Carolina during the past years.

Mr. Gilliam stated that he appreciates Dr. Bostic's outstanding service as Chairman of the Commission. On behalf of the staff, Dr. Boozer thanked Dr. Bostic for his diligence and leadership as Chairman. He noted that one of the highlights of the past three years was the successful development of the State Desegregation Plan under extreme pressure and in a very short period of time.

X. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Boozer reported on the following matters:

a. Appointment of Standing Committees for 1983. Members of the Commission were requested to indicate their preferences in priority order for standing committee assignments for 1983. Mr. Sheheen will make committee appointments within the next week.

b. Survey on Critical Issues in Technical Education. Dr. Boozer urged Commission members to respond to a survey on critical issues in technical education, distributed to the Commission and other groups by Mrs. Kay Rhoads, a Ph.D. candidate at USC.

c. Speech by Maj. Gen. James A. Grimsley, Jr. Dr. Boozer noted that Commission members were provided copies of a publication containing a speech entitled "The Citadel: Educating the Whole Man" by Maj. Gen. James A. Grimsley, Jr. President Grimsley was guest of honor and speaker at the annual South Carolina dinner meeting of the Newcomen Society in North America honoring The Citadel on November 4, 1982.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaylon Syrett

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Recording Secretary