

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

June 5, 1980
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. James E. Bostic, Jr., Chairman
Mr. Arthur J. H. Clement, Jr.
Dr. B. J. Cooper
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
Mr. Roosevelt Gilliam, Jr.
Mr. Robert E. Graham
Mr. Joseph O. Rogers, Jr.
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

Mrs. Jennie C. Dreher
Mrs. Irene K. Rudnick
Mr. Robert P. Wilkins

MEMBER OF THE PRESS

Ms. Ann Green

GUESTS

Mr. William N. Bowen
Dr. Thomas Gelardi
Dr. Margaret F. Hawisher
Dr. Orval Hidde
Dr. H. M. Holderfield
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Dr. Thomas S. Morgan
Dr. Patrick Sullivan
Dr. Glenn Thomas
Dr. Charles B. Vail

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.
Mr. William C. Jennings
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Mr. James R. Michael
Mr. James L. Solomon, Jr.
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Mrs. Gaylon Syrett

I. Welcoming Remarks

President Vail welcomed the Commission to the Winthrop campus and commented briefly on the background of the Joynes Center for Continuing Education, originally used for faculty housing and converted to a center for continuing education in 1973. He invited Commission members, guests, and staff to a luncheon and tour of the campus following the meeting.

II. Reappointment of Dr. Williams to the Commission

Dr. Bostic announced that Dr. Williams has been reappointed by Governor Riley to the Commission on Higher Education from the 4th Congressional District. His term will expire on June 26, 1984.

III. Approval of Minutes of May 1, 1980, Meeting of the Commission

It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Gallagher) that the minutes of the May 1, 1980, meeting of the Commission be approved as written. The motion was adopted.

IV. Report of Special Committee Appointed to Recommend Accrediting Agencies for Schools of Chiropractic

Mr. Gallagher, chairman of the Special Committee appointed to recommend accrediting agencies for schools of chiropractic, stated that Section 1 of Act 307 (1980) ("An Act to Provide a Procedure for the Accreditation . . . and Chartering of Chiropractic

Colleges . . .") requires that

"One hundred and eighty days from the effective date of this act, the State Commission on Higher Education shall publish a list of the accrediting agency or agencies, which may include itself, approved by it for accreditation of chiropractic colleges or schools doing business in this State . . ."

Act 307 (1980) was signed by Governor Riley and became effective on January 22, 1980.

On February 14, 1980, Dr. Bostic appointed the Special Committee of members from the Standing Committees on Academic Programs and on Health and Medical Education to identify the appropriate agency or agencies and to make a recommendation to the Commission. Other members of the Special Committee are Mr. Clement, Mr. Sheheen, Dr. Williams, and Dr. Wright. Under Act 307 (1980) the Commission must publish a list of accrediting agencies approved by it by July 22, 1980. Commission members were provided copies, on May 30, 1980, of the "Report of Special Committee of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education Concerning Accrediting Agencies for Schools of Chiropractic." Copies of the Report are on file at the office of the Commission.

The recommendations of the Special Committee are as follows:

1. The Special Committee recommends that the Commission on Higher Education approve the following accrediting agencies "for accreditation of chiropractic schools or colleges doing business in this State," as required by Act 307 (1980) of the South Carolina General Assembly:

Southern Association of Colleges and
Schools (Commission on Colleges)
795 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

The Council on Chiropractic Education
3209 Ingersoll Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50312
 2. The Special Committee recommends that the Commission on Higher Education not be included on the list of accrediting agencies which it approves for the accreditation of chiropractic schools or colleges doing business in South Carolina.
 3. The Special Committee recommends that the Straight Chiropractic Academic Standards Association, Inc. (Commission on Accreditation) (100 Colony Square, Atlanta, Georgia 30361) be automatically added to the above list of approved agencies for accreditation of chiropractic colleges or schools doing business in the State of South Carolina when it has achieved recognition by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and/or the United States Office of Education.
- Mr. Gallagher noted that all members of the Special Committee endorse the report and recommendations as stated above. It was moved (Gallagher) and seconded (Clement) that the recommendations of the Special Committee be adopted by the Commission. Mr. Clement noted that the Committee investigated several national agencies and associations and reviewed opinions by various professional groups before reaching its conclusions.

Dr. Wright requested that the record show that he is not in concurrence with the recommendations of the Special Committee. He asked if the agencies recommended by the Committee are able to perform accrediting functions for schools of chiropractic within one year. Dr. Bostic noted that Act 307 (1980) requires that schools of chiropractic doing business in South Carolina obtain "accreditation or candidate status within one year after publication of the list of approved agencies . . ." Mr. Clement stated that the approved list of accrediting agencies must be published by the Commission by July 22, 1980, in order to meet the requirements of Act 307 (1980).

Mr. Sheheen suggested that the representatives of chiropractic associations present at the meeting be given an opportunity to comment. Dr. Orval Hidde, Chairman of the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic Education, stated that that agency is able to perform the accrediting function for schools of chiropractic, and that an application for accreditation can be acted upon within a one-year period. Dr. Wright noted that philosophical differences exist between the Council on Chiropractic Education and Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic in Spartanburg. He asked if the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) is interested in accrediting schools of the "straight" philosophy. Dr. Hidde stated that the standards of the Council on Chiropractic Education do not deal with philosophical differences. He noted that CCE has accepted as candidates schools of chiropractic that are identified as "straights." Mr. Sheheen stated that the credentials of the Council on Chiropractic Education as an accrediting agency are recognized nationally by the United States Office of Education and by the Council on Post-secondary Accreditation, and regionally by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Dr. T. A. Gelardi, President of Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic, suggested that the Straight Chiropractic Academic Standards Association (SCASA) be added to the list of agencies approved by the Commission for accreditation of chiropractic schools or colleges doing business in South Carolina, and that a board be appointed, to include representatives from SCASA, to observe SCASA in the accrediting function. Mr. Sheheen stated that the Special Committee does not wish to serve as an advocate of a particular philosophy of chiropractic education but urges SCASA to apply immediately to the U.S. Office of Education for recognition. Dr. Gelardi stated that the U.S. Office of Education indicates that recognition by other educational organizations and entities must be achieved before application is made to USOE for recognition.

The motion was amended (Wright) to provide that the Commission also approve the Straight Chiropractic Academic Standards Association for accreditation of chiropractic schools or colleges doing business in South Carolina. There was no second to the amended motion. The motion that the recommendations of the Special Committee be approved was adopted, with Dr. Wright opposing.

Dr. Williams stated that the confidentiality of the report and recommendations of the Special Committee should not have been violated prior to consideration by the Commission. Mr. Clement and Mr. Sheheen agreed.

Dr. Bostic expressed appreciation to members of the Special Committee, and to representatives of the chiropractic and other organizations which provided information that assisted the Committee in developing its recommendations.

V. Licensing of Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic to Award Degrees

Dr. Boozer reported that Act 201 (1977) of the South Carolina General Assembly ("An Act to Provide for the Licensing and Regulation of Certain Nonpublic Educational

Institutions . . .") designated the Commission on Higher Education as "the sole authority for licensing nonpublic educational institutions established in this State and for those established elsewhere to operate in or confer degrees in this State." Certain categories of institutions, including colleges of chiropractic, were exempted from the licensure requirement by Act 201 (1977). Act 307 (1980) amended Act 201 (1977) to remove the exemption of chiropractic institutions, and stipulated that

"any college [of chiropractic] now chartered must attain required licensure before one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this act or have its charter revoked upon a finding by the Attorney General that such licensure has not been attained by such date."

Act 307 (1980) was ratified on January 22, 1980. Any chiropractic institution established in or otherwise operating in South Carolina must therefore "attain required licensure" by July 22, 1980, or have its charter revoked.

Pursuant to Act 201 (1977) as amended by Act 307 (1980), and pursuant to Act 307 (1980) as quoted above, Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic, Spartanburg, subsequent to a preliminary conference with Commission staff on February 29, 1980, submitted a letter of application for licensure and documentation to support the application to the Commission on March 18, 1980.

On April 9, 1980, Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic was visited by a team of examiners chaired by Dr. Larry A. Jackson, President of Lander College. Other members of the team were Dr. John M. Bevan (College of Charleston) and Mr. R. Wayne Weaver (Furman University). The report of the team contains two recommendations addressed to the institution, as follows:

1. that the institution initiate and implement a faculty retirement program as soon as possible; and
2. that from \$25,000 to \$35,000 be spent in updating the [library] holdings since too many of the books in most areas were published in 1950-70.

The examining team recommended that Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic "be issued a regular license, subject to renewal every five years and annual reporting of information as requested by the Commission on Higher Education."

Dr. Boozer stated that Act 201 (1977) and the Regulations for licensing published by the Commission on Higher Education in April, 1978, provide for two types of license: regular (issued for a period of five years) and provisional (granted for a period of two years or less). Act 307 (1980) states, however, that

"In addition to other existing criteria, licensure of all chiropractic colleges shall be renewable annually contingent upon supplying semi-annual reports as to the progress of accreditation to the Commission on Higher Education and the Commission shall make a determination if such progress is satisfactory."

Dr. Boozer recommended, therefore, that the Commission on Higher Education grant to Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic a provisional one-year license with the requirement that semi-annual reports be submitted concerning progress toward accreditation, such license subject to annual renewal if the Commission deems progress toward accreditation to be sufficient. It was moved (Gallager) and seconded (Rogers) that the above recommendation be approved. The motion was adopted.

VI. Consideration of 1981-82 Appropriation Request of the Commission on Higher Education

Dr. Bostic stated that Commission members were provided on May 28 copies of a draft of the Commission's Five Year Plan, which must be submitted to the Budget and Control Board by July 1.

The Plan is structured on "Service Programs," including all pass-through funds (SREB and student financial aid programs), and "Administration," including all other funds. The three main divisions of the Plan address the cost of maintaining programs at the level included in the latest available version of the 1980-81 Appropriation Bill, the impact of a 5 percent reduction in the 1981-82 appropriation if that should be required, and additional increases for 1981-82 which are believed to be justified. The additional increases include the following in the priority recommended:

1. \$40,000 - Other Operating Funds
2. \$25,000 - S.C. Defense Scholarship Fund
3. \$ 6,000 - New Staff Automobile (replacement)
4. \$20,000 - Coordinator of Continuing Education
5. \$20,000 - Coordinator of Academic Program Review
6. \$20,000 - Research Associate in Health and Medical Education
7. \$12,500 - Two spaces in Veterinary Medicine

A 5 percent reduction in Service Programs would be met by reducing the State Grants Program. A reduction in Administration would require release of employees.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the Committee on Business and Finance recommends that Priority 6 become Priority 4, and that Priority 4 and 5, as shown above, become Priorities 5 and 6, respectively. It was moved (Gallagher) and seconded (Wright) that the 1981-82 Appropriation Request of the Commission on Higher Education and the draft of the Commission's Five Year Plan, amended as recommended by the Committee on Business and Finance, be approved. The motion was adopted.

VII. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

Credit Hours for Courses Taught on Military Bases. Mr. Gallagher, chairman of the Committee on Business and Finance, stated that in 1973 the Commission approved the policy of excluding from Appropriation Formula computations credit hours for courses taught on military bases. The rationale for this decision was that (1) faculty salaries and other major costs are covered by student fees; and (2) inclusion of these credit hours would generate funding for physical plant, already provided by other sources.

Under the revised Appropriation Formula, approved by the Commission on July 12, 1979, inclusion of credit hours for courses taught on military bases would not generate funding for physical plant. The Committee on Business and Finance recommends, therefore, that these credit hours be included in Formula computations. It was moved (Gallagher) and seconded (Graham) that the Commission's policy be amended so as to include credit hours for courses taught on military bases in Appropriation Formula computations, as recommended by the Business and Finance Committee. The motion was adopted.

Status of 1980-81 Appropriation Bill. Mr. Gallagher reported that the 1980-81 Appropriation Bill was adopted by the General Assembly on June 3 and has been forwarded to Governor Riley for his signature.

Status of House Bill 3261. This Bill, which would remove the November 1-February 1 averaging concept required by Act 199 (1979) and fund colleges based on actual fall FTE enrollment, was adopted by the General Assembly on June 5. The Senate amendment recommends that institutions which experienced decreased enrollments not be required to reimburse the State, and that institutions with increased enrollments be entitled to additional funds resulting from adjustments based on 1979 actual fall enrollments. The Governor is expected to sign this Bill.

Status of 1979-80 Supplemental Appropriations. A summary was distributed showing funds included for the colleges and universities in the 1979-80 Supplemental Appropriation Bill as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate Finance Committee.

VIII. Report of Committee on Facilities

Consideration of Lease, Winthrop College. Mr. Taylor, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, stated that Winthrop College has requested Commission approval of the renewal of a lease on the Quality Motor Inn, which the Commission approved in 1979. The current lease provides that Winthrop shall pay the owner \$165,600, with any profits over that amount divided equally between the College and the owner. Under the new lease, the College will guarantee only \$130,000, with the owner taking all profits over that amount up to \$175,000, after which profits will be split equally between the owner and the College. He noted that for a guarantee that is \$35,600 less than the present lease, the College gives up a potential profit of \$4,700. The Committee on Facilities recommends approval. It was moved (Cooper) and seconded (Gilliam) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

Report on House Bill 3843 (the 1980 Amendment to the Capital Improvement Bonds Act). Mr. Taylor reported that H.3843, the 1980 Amendment to the Capital Improvement Bonds Act, was passed by the General Assembly on June 5. Section 11 of the Bill states that "all institutions of higher learning shall submit permanent improvement project proposal and justification statements to the [Budget and Control] Board through the Commission on Higher Education which shall forward all such statements and all supporting documentation received to the Board together with its comments and recommendations." Mr. Taylor noted that the proposals will be ranked by priority on each campus and by priority in the State.

Report on Status of Funds for Building Quality Survey. Mr. Taylor noted that the 1979-80 Supplemental Appropriation Bill, as approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate Finance Committee, includes approval of \$100,000 requested by the Commission on Higher Education for a building quality survey, as recommended by the Master Plan for Higher Education. He stated that the Commission will place advertisements soliciting bids in Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville newspapers on June 6. Mr. Sheheen suggested that such information be disseminated as widely as possible. It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Gilliam) that all architectural and engineering firms in the State be notified directly as well as by newspaper advertisement. The motion was adopted.

IX. Other Business

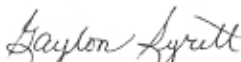
Mr. Clement noted that the advisory committee on health education programs (the Health Education Authority) is chaired by Mr. Gilliam, who is a member of the Committee on Health and Medical Education. It was moved (Clement) and seconded

(Gilliam) that a member of the Committee on Academic Programs be added to the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs. The motion was adopted.

Appreciation was expressed to President Vail for his hospitality in hosting the Commission, guests, and staff members at a reception and dinner on the evening of June 4 and at the luncheon and tour of the campus on June 5, and for the courtesies and assistance of other members of the Winthrop staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gaylon Syrett".

Gaylon Syrett
Recording Secretary