

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

January 6, 1970

The Commission on Higher Education met in Executive Session on Tuesday, January 6, 1970, from 10:30 a. m. until 11:00 a. m. in the Conference Room on the eighth floor of the Rutledge Building. Commission members present were Messrs. Cauthen, Coker, Lumpkin, Osborne, Rogers, Russell, Schachte, Stanback, Vance, Walsh and Dr. Morris.

Mr. Vance who called the meeting to order at 10:30 a. m. stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the draft of the Commission's report to the Legislature. The report which consisted of two sections, actual recommendations made by the Commission and a report on the activities and projects of the Commission, will be printed for the Governor and Legislature after being approved by the Commission. Mr. Vance stated that the floor was open for a general discussion on the recommendations, with suggestions for change or interpretation.

Mr. Cauthen asked if the amount of \$1,000,000 was the correct amount requested for the College of Charleston. Dr. Morris clarified this by calling to the attention of the Commission an addendum to the report correcting this mistake and stating that the amount requested for the College of Charleston was \$300,000. Mr. Cauthen added that it should be understood that this amount was only to tide the College of Charleston over until next year.

It was pointed out by Mr. Walsh that there was nothing in the report concerning private institutions of higher education and it was his understanding that a special section on private colleges was to be included. It was noted that a resolution was passed by the Commission in October requesting the Legislature to review the needs of the private colleges. Dr. Morris stated that the Commission was recommending an appropriation of \$250,000 to begin a state scholarship program, with preference being given to private college students. A long range plan of higher education in the state, to include private colleges, was being undertaken by the Commission, and private colleges had been invited to submit proposals for continuing education grants. Dr. Morris said that the Commission also was recommending that specific proposals to revise the constitution to allow the state to give indirect aid to private colleges be included. It was suggested by Mr. Walsh that facts and figures showing what other states are doing to help private colleges should also be presented and that facts and figures on nursing education be added to the report. Dr. Morris said this information could be included.

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It was agreed by the Commission that further discussion on the recommendations concerning aid to private colleges be postponed until after the private college group was heard at 11:00 a. m. Mr. Vance asked if the Commission members were in agreement on the report except for the section on the private colleges. Mr. Walsh replied that he would not be in position to vote on it at this time as he did not feel that he had heard the subject.

Mr. Coker commented that the Commission had already decided on these recommendations and he was ready to vote for the final acceptance of the report. It was moved by Mr. Coker and seconded by Mr. Rogers that the recommendations be approved. The motion was passed. Mr. Walsh opposed the motion stating that he would discuss the matter with members of the Legislature as the report did not include what it should.

The Executive Session was concluded and the regular meeting, which was open to the press, began at 11:00 a. m.

Mr. Vance welcomed the news media and press, and also welcomed members of the South Carolina College Council who were to give a presentation on the financial plight of the private colleges.

Since there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the December 4, 1969, and the December 16, 1969, meetings they were approved as written.

Mr. Vance introduced Dr. Marc Weersing, Chairman of the South Carolina College Council, who stated that the private college group would make four short presentations to be followed by a question and answer period.

Dr. Gordon Blackwell, President of Furman University, presented a paper on matters related to state scholarships, Dr. Joseph Wightman, President of Erskine College, discussed proposals concerning certain legislative studies, Dr. Wright Spears, President of Columbia College, submitted a recommendation concerning a teacher training contract for private colleges, and in conclusion, Dr. Weersing presented recommendations relative to a proposed tuition equalization grant for South Carolina students attending independent colleges in the state, and to participation in purchasing rights under contracts negotiated by the State Purchasing Office.

The recommendations from the South Carolina College Council were summarized as follows:

1. A tuition equalization plan
2. A teacher training program for private colleges
3. Participation in purchasing under contracts negotiated by the State Purchasing Office
4. Investigation of legality of state giving direct aid to private colleges

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5. An indepth study of higher education in the state with particular emphasis on private colleges

A general discussion period followed, after which Mr. Vance thanked the group for attending the meeting and for the informative presentation.

Program approvals appeared as the next item on the agenda with the following programs being acted upon:

TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Automotive technician program at Piedmont TEC - Approved
Medical laboratory technicians program at Richland TEC - Approved
Retail management program at Richland TEC - Postponed until the Commission had reviewed reaction of the University of South Carolina

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA PROGRAMS

Master of Business Administration via ETV - Approved with provision that no special appropriations be asked for the next three years
An undergraduate program for teachers of the mentally retarded - Approved
Master of Science in Nursing - Approved only for Psychiatric Nursing and Nursing Administration

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

Master of Education in Administration and Supervision - Approved
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education - Approved
Master of Science in Geology - Disapproved on the basis that inadequate demand existed at this time

THE CITADEL PROGRAMS

The Citadel had previously submitted a Master in Education in School Administration and Supervision but had agreed to hold it back until it was studied further. It was requested by Dr. Morris and passed by the Commission that vote on this Citadel program be delayed for a month.

Other announcements made by Dr. Morris included the following:

1. HEW was in the process of making a survey on progress of desegregation in South Carolina state colleges and universities.
2. The Marion State College budget had been revised and an attempt was being made to add an additional \$200,000 to the amount recommended by the Budget and Control Board.

3. Continuing teacher education project was progressing with both public and private colleges submitting proposals, which are now being screened by the State Department of Education for programs to be offered. Mr. Russell asked if the Commission should act individually on each contract. The general feeling was that this was not necessary and would be too time consuming. A motion was made by Mr. Coker and seconded by Mr. Schachte to permit the Commissioner to approve contracts for continuing teacher education programs for either public or private colleges. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Coker requested that the Commission go into another Executive Session after the adjournment of the regular meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p. m.

The Executive Session was opened by Mr. Vance. Mr. Coker requested that the portion of the Commission's report to the Legislature with reference to the private colleges be reviewed. Mr. Coker stated that he was impressed with the views of the South Carolina College Council and felt the Commission should make every effort to back their requests. Mr. Schachte asked if anything was presently being done in connection with any of the requests submitted by the private college group. Dr. Morris replied that the independent colleges had requested a tuition equalization plan, but because of the unconstitutionality of giving direct state aid to private colleges, the Commission had approved a recommendation for a state scholarship system which would be administratively directed to the private colleges. Dr. Morris said this was not a tuition equalization grant recommendation as such but would help some to relieve the financial plight of the private colleges. Mr. Schachte asked if it could be stated that the Commission endorsed in principle tuition equalization grants, and that a step in that direction was the recommendation of the scholarship program. It was agreed that this could be done.

After general discussion on the private college situation Mr. Russell made a motion that the Commission incorporate in its report relevant recommendations of the South Carolina College Council, with added emphasis on state aid to private colleges and that the Legislature be advised of the critical need of private colleges. In addition, a review by the Legislature of the private college situation should be requested. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schachte and passed.

Since the Commission's report to the Legislature was being revised, Mr. Russell asked if it could be circulated again with the revisions and reviewed at the next meeting. It was the general feeling of the Commission that if it were delayed until the next meeting it would not get to the Legislature in time, and that staff changes could be sent to members for comments. Mr. Russell made a motion that in the event of conflict over the revisions of

of the report the Executive Committee be authorized to adjudicate it. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schachte and passed.

In other business, Mr. Rogers emphasized to the Commission the importance of getting an appropriate allocation for Marion State College and asked that the Commissioners, when possible, point out this fact to their local delegations.

There being no further business, the Executive Session was adjourned at 2:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Morris