

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
February 1, 1990
10:30 a.m.

Approved 3/1/90

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. William J. Whitener, Chairman
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. George L. Brightharp
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Mr. Robert C. Gallager
Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Mr. Roger E. Henderson
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Ms. Reba Anne Kinon
Mr. Howard G. Love
Mr. Vernon McGuire
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Walter E. Brooker
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

STAFF

Mr. Todd E. Barnette
Dr. Jeff Bartkovich
Ms. Sandra E. Carr
Dr. Robert A. Day
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas
Mr. Milton Kimpson
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Dr. Robert K. Poch
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer
Ms. Julia E. Wells

GUESTS

Ms. Debra Allen
Mr. Les Boles
Dr. Anthony DiGiorgio
Mr. James Edwards
Dr. James Fouché
Dr. Pat Graham
Ms. Sue Holmes
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Dr. Robbie Kendall
Dr. Don Leader
Dr. David Maxwell
Dr. Carolyn McIver-Smith
Dr. Terry Peterson
Mr. William Putnam
Mr. Mool Shekhawat
Dr. Albert Smith
Dr. Arthur K. Smith
Dr. Michael Smith
Mr. Paul White
Dr. Edwin Wilde
Dr. Diane Worthy

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Ms. Camille Bradford
Mr. Al Dozier
Mr. Bill Robinson

For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

I. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of January 4, 1990

It was moved (Henderson), seconded (Jones), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of January 4, 1990, be approved as written.

II. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

In the absence of Mr. Turner, chairman of the Committee on Academic Affairs, Mr. Craig reported on the following matters:

A. Consideration of Proposals to Establish a Center for the Advancement of Teaching and School Leadership

Act 194 of 1989, known as the Target 2000 Act, requires that the Commission, in consultation with the State Board of Education and the EIA Select Committee, establish a Center for the Advancement of Teaching and School Leadership. A proposal was submitted by Winthrop College on behalf of Winthrop and seven other institutions, and a proposal was submitted by USC-Columbia, S. C. State College, and Columbia College on behalf of those three plus 13 other institutions and some other campuses of the USC system. Each of these proposals was studied by a panel of expert reviewers, selected by the staff. The consultants recommended that the proposal submitted by Winthrop College and its collaborators be approved conditionally, subject to the modifications listed below. These are 1) that Winthrop aggressively seek to include in its proposal all other institutions in the State and modify the appropriate sections of the proposal as may be necessary; 2) that faculty from arts, sciences, and business be included in the Center's activities; and 3) that every effort be made to expand the Center's technological and electronic capabilities by including as participants the institutions in the USC system. The staff concurs with the consultant's recommendations. The Committee met at 8:30 a.m. on February 1 and recommended the proposal submitted by Winthrop College and its collaborators, provided: 1) that Winthrop aggressively seek to include in its proposal all other institutions in the State and modify the appropriate sections of the proposal as may be necessary; 2) that faculty from arts, sciences, and business be included in the Center's activities; 3) that every effort be made to expand the Center's technological and electronic capabilities by including as participants the institutions in the USC system; and 4) that a report detailing the College's actions with respect to items 1, 2, and 3 above be submitted to the Commissioner for his approval by not later than February 16, 1990, including, if necessary, proposed modifications with respect to the budget for FY 89-90 and the governance structure of the Center.

Dr. DiGiorgio assured the Commission that Winthrop College and the other participating institutions are prepared to modify the proposal to include the Committee recommendations. The methodology has been prepared, and a report will be made to the Commission by February 16.

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

B. Consideration of Follow-up Report from USC-Aiken

The Commission voted at its meeting on December 7, 1989, that USC-Aiken's on-campus business program be granted a provisional approval status, pending receipt by January 30, 1990, of a report detailing the number and qualifications of program faculty, including the new hires added, and other efforts designed to correct the deficiencies cited by consultants evaluating programs in business in 1989. USC-Aiken submitted the report on January 16, stating that the administration has committed to four new faculty positions for the on-campus program, and that searches are under way to fill all four of these positions by fall, 1990. For informational purposes, the Committee reported that the on-campus program in business at USC-Aiken will be continued on a provisional status until such time as the institution reports to the staff that four additional faculty positions have been satisfactorily filled, including one in marketing and three in accounting, for full-time assignment to the on-campus program.

III. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

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

A. S.C. State College Consideration of Additional Step-12 Funds for Campus Security

During the past year, S. C. State College has experienced an unusual amount of drug and non-drug related crimes on its campus. The College feels that this increased crime is directly related to the crackdown by SLED of a known crime area known as the "Hill." It is felt that the drug buyers and sellers have moved to a new location, in and around S. C. State College. In October 1989, at the request of the College, SLED conducted an investigation of campus security. Among other recommendations, SLED recommended that the College have a campus police of approximately forty persons with a larger percentage of certified officers than that which currently exists. The College is requesting \$400,000 of Step 12 funds to hire the additional policemen.

The Committee recommended that \$261,765 (\$400,000 less \$138,235) be recommended for FY 1990-91 which will be used to bring the police force up to 40.

Additionally, the Committee recommended that the Commission staff audit the expenditures for campus security to ensure that the Step 12 funds of \$261,765 are spent on security and that the College has spent at least \$138,235 of its own funds, in addition to its current level of spending, for the campus security.

Mr. Brightharp stated the Commission established a policy that all Step 12 funds be audited; therefore, paragraph 2 of the Committee recommendation is unnecessary and reflects unfavorably on S. C. State. He amended the motion with Mr. McGuire seconding to strike paragraph 2 of the Committee recommendation with the understanding that the expenditures be audited internally by the CHE staff (but that the audit not be a part of the motion).

Mr. Jones noted that the intent of the Committee was that the entire \$400,000 be audited, not just the Step 12 portion. Mr. Sheheen stated that although S. C. State receives a considerable amount of Step 12 funds, the staff has had no problem in the past with the institution's methodology and sees no reason to attach conditions to the College's Step 12 funds. He stated that the requirement was recommended in this instance because this is a matching program. The amended motion was disapproved.

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

B. Identification of Sources of Funds for a Required Federal Match of
of Special Research Grant, USC-Columbia

USC-Columbia has requested that the Commission assist in identifying sources of funds to match a federal grant which it has been awarded and which will be used to support the Southeast Manufacturing Technology Center (Hollings Center). USC-Columbia houses one of three of these Centers in South Carolina in cooperation with Clemson University and the 16 state technical colleges. The University specifically requested the Commission to assist it in obtaining the required \$2.75 million match for CY 90.

The Committee recommends that the Commission dedicate the 5% set-aside in the Cutting Edge Research Initiatives for this activity (5% of \$3.0 million) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1990 - \$150,000; local level co-funds currently identified - \$712,500; local level co-funds to be identified - \$442,686; total additional match \$1,135,186; total cash match provided by USC \$1,201,074; and total federal match - \$2,750,000.

By letter dated January 8, 1990, from USC-Columbia, President Holderman has agreed to the proposal as outlined above.

Mr. Love noted the magnitude of the State's requirement for matching funds. Dr. Arthur Smith spoke in favor of the Center, stating that it would benefit the economy of the state and the region.

Mr. Sheheen noted that this amounts to a new program established by the federal government, with heavy federal oversight. He stated that regular federal audits will be made.

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

IV. Report on Early Intervention Planning Grants

Mr. Kimpson reported that 18 colleges and universities submitted Early Intervention proposals. Six were selected based on numerical values assigned by the Advisory Committee who evaluated the proposals. The following institutions were awarded planning grants: Francis Marion College, S. C. State College, Winthrop College, Florence-Darlington Technical College, Technical College of the Lowcountry, and Tri-County Technical College

V. Report of the Commissioner

Mr. Sheheen reported on the following matters:

- A. The State Higher Education Executive Officers organization (SHEEO) will sponsor, in cooperation with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), a conference for lay board members of statewide higher education agencies this spring. The meeting is a new initiative for SHEEO, and the southern regional conference will be the first in a series to be held around the country in the next several years. The conference will be held in Charleston, S. C., on April 22, 23, and 24, and members of the Commission are urged to attend.
- B. Staff Services to the House Education and Public Works Committee on the Clemson University Athletic Situation

At the request of the House Education and Public Works Committee, the staff conducted an inquiry into 1) the extent of athletic settlements in the South Carolina higher education system; 2) procedures for review of contracts in the South Carolina system

(Mr. Sheheen noted that revenues from athletics must be spent at the discretion of the boards of trustees at the institutions); and 3) the practices in other states. Mr. Sheheen will report to the House Education Committee when all of the information has been made available.

C. SBTCE Request to Transfer Cutting Edge Funds for FY 1989-90

The Commission allocated, from Cutting Edge funds available for FY 89-90, \$400,000 to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for the conversion of its calendar system from quarters to semesters and \$100,000 for library automation. SBTCE requested to transfer the \$100,000 in Cutting Edge funds allocated for library automation to the calendar conversion project. The rationale for this request was that SBTCE placed first priority on the calendar conversion, and that the funds allocated for the calendar conversion for FY 89-90 would not be sufficient to cover estimated costs. It is the staff's understanding that transferring these funds in FY 89-90 will not eliminate the project but rather postpone its implementation until another year.

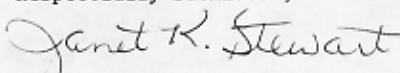
The staff recommends that the Commission amend the Cutting Edge allocation to SBTCE for FY 89-90 by reallocating the \$100,000 for library automation to the calendar conversion project. It was moved (Jones), seconded (Phillips), and voted that the recommendation of the staff be adopted.

VI. Other Business

- A. Ms. Kinon reported that the Fifth Annual Technical Assistance Workshop on the Development and Implementation of Successful Programs for Increasing Minority Access and Equity in Colleges and Universities will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Columbia on February 8-9, 1990.
- B. Ms. Kinon stated that Ms. Wells, Mr. Kimpson, and she have begun visits to institutions to review their Access and Equity plans and get any ideas the institutions might have about the program. She added that she hopes to visit all of the institutions this year.
- C. Ms. Kinon noted an article in the January 24, 1990, Chronicle of Higher Education in which Ms. Wells was quoted and in which her photograph appeared.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary