

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

April 2, 1987
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor, Chairperson
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. George L. Brightharp
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Dr. Willa J. DeWitt
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Mrs. Reba A. Kinon
Dr. Alba M. Lewis
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.
Mr. William J. Whitener
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Walter E. Brooker
Mr. Roger E. Henderson
Mr. Vernon McGuire

STAFF

Dr. Jeffrey Bartkovich
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.
Ms. Sandra E. Carr
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Jean Manheimer
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf
Mr. John E. Smalls
Dr. Leonard P. Sternbach
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Ms. Julia E. Wells

GUESTS

Dr. Virginia L. Barker
Dr. Jerome V. Bennett
Dr. J. P. Coan
Ms. Trudy Crow
Mr. Ted R. Eilenberg
Dr. Sharon K. Hahs
Mr. Cleveland Harley
Dr. Milton Hunter
Dr. Arthur E. Justice, Sr.
Dr. C. Edward Kaylor, Jr.
Mr. David Larson
Ms. Lynette Lown
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Ms. Joanne Montague
Mr. William T. Putnam
Dr. George M. Reeves
Mr. David P. Rinker
Dr. Olin Sansbury
Dr. Edwin F. Wilde

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Ms. Nancy Atkins
Mr. Mark Kruea
Mr. Wayne Roper
Mr. Maxey Ruth
Mr. Rob Sawyer

I. Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Sansbury welcomed the Commission to USC-Spartanburg and expressed appreciation for the contributions the Commission makes to higher education in South Carolina. He invited members of the Commission and guests to a luncheon and tour of the campus following the meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of March 5, 1987

It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Turner), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of March 5, 1987, be approved as written.

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

Dr. Lewis, chairperson of the Committee on Implementation of the State Higher Education Desegregation Plan, reported on the following matters:

a. Technical Assistance Workshop. Dr. Lewis reported that a technical assistance workshop has been scheduled for May 26-27, 1987. The purpose of the workshop is to provide up-to-date information on current research and successful practices regarding student recruitment and retention, with a focus on minority student recruitment and retention at traditionally white institutions. Additionally, 1987-88 proposal development procedures will be reviewed for the Institutional Grants Program for Student Retention Activities, the "Other Race" Grants Program, and the Graduate Incentive Fellowships Program. Each public higher education institution in the State will be invited to send at least one representative to the workshop.

b. Report from the Office for Civil Rights. Dr. Lewis reported that the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education has submitted responses to the governors of a number of states, including South Carolina, regarding their desegregation plans. The State is asked to respond within 60 days concerning the accuracy of factual content and the implementation of additional measures that are underway or that have been completed since previous reports to the federal government.

IV. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

Dr. Williams, chairperson of the Committee on Business and Finance, reported on the following matters:

a. Report on Status of 1987-88 Appropriations. Dr. Williams reported on the status of the House-passed Appropriation Bill currently in the Senate.

b. Consideration of Schedule of 1988-89 Appropriation Requests. Dr. Williams stated that the tentative schedule of 1988-89 appropriation requests is similar to those approved in recent years. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Williams), seconded (Jones), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. The schedule is attached as Exhibit A.

V. Report of Committee on Facilities

Mr. Brightharp, chairperson of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Renovation of "The Roost," USC-Columbia. In July 1985 USC requested authorization to modernize the lounge and dining facilities in the men's athletic dormitory, "the Roost," to make them comparable to

other such facilities on campus. In September 1985 the Commission approved the renovation for a total cost of \$1,500,000. At that time, the Commission was briefed on USC's long-range plan which involved the renovation of the dormitory rooms in the Roost and the construction of an adjacent office complex.

Architects have suggested construction of a new dormitory instead of an office building, and renovation of the Roost into offices, since its compartmentalized configuration is better suited for that purpose and the cost would be significantly less. Cost of the original project would amount to \$8,300,000 compared with \$7,500,000 for the alternative project. USC therefore requests authorization to construct a 204-bed dormitory to replace dormitory space in the Roost. The renovation of the Roost into an office complex will be submitted as a separate project. The Committee recommends approval of the construction of a 204-bed dormitory. It was moved (Brightharp), seconded (Utsey), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. Dr. Lewis and Mr. Turner abstained.

b. Consideration of Johnson Hagood Stadium Renovations, The Citadel. The Citadel's 1984 five-year permanent improvement plan included the renovation of the Johnson Hagood Stadium. At the time this project was submitted and approved by the Commission, The Citadel estimated that it would cost \$2 million (in 1984 dollars), to be financed entirely by gifts from alumni and friends. The Citadel proposes to initiate this project, at an estimated cost of \$4 million, to be funded from gifts. The Committee recommends approval, with the understanding that funding will be entirely from gifts. It was moved (Brightharp) and seconded (Whitener) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. Dr. Askins suggested that the Commission not approve requests for capital improvement of athletic facilities until adequate funds are appropriated for higher education in general. The motion was amended (Williams) and seconded (Utsey) to add the statement, "provided no State revenue generated funds are used in this project." The amendment was adopted. Mr. Brightharp and Dr. Askins opposed. Dr. Lewis abstained.

Dr. Williams requested that the previous project (renovation of the Roost) be reconsidered for the purpose of adding a similar stipulation. It was moved (Williams), seconded (Utsey), and voted that the motion be reconsidered. The action to approve renovation of the Roost was amended (Williams), seconded (Utsey), and voted to add the statement, "provided no State revenue generated funds are used in this project." Dr. Askins and Mr. Brightharp opposed. Dr. Lewis abstained.

c. Consideration of Lease of Warehouse, MUSC. The Medical University of South Carolina requests authorization to enter into a lease agreement with BMB Properties of Charleston of a facility to be used for warehouse space. The Committee recommends approval with the understanding that no unique funding will be requested. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

d. Consideration of Construction of Maintenance Building, York Technical College. The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education requests authorization for York Technical College to erect a one-story maintenance building. The project will allow the institution to consolidate its maintenance and purchasing operations in one building on the campus. The existing maintenance building will be renovated to house the Child Development Center. The cost of the project will be \$228,000, financed with local

funds. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (Freeman), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

e. Consideration of Renovation of Child Development Building, York Technical College. The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education requests authorization for York Technical College to renovate an existing maintenance building for its Child Development Laboratories at a cost of \$150,000 to be financed with local funds. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (Freeman), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

f. Consideration of Job Training Partnership Act Training Facility, Florence-Darlington Technical College. The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education requests authorization to construct a building for training students in the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) program. Currently various facilities are rented for JTPA programs. The cost of the project will be \$34,000 in local funds and \$6,000 in federal funds. The Committee recommends approval contingent upon receipt of additional information concerning future plans for construction of other facilities of this type on technical college campuses. It was moved (Brightharp) and seconded (DeWitt) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Mr. Whitener stated that he has been involved for several years with Job Training Partnership Act programs in Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union Counties. He noted that while funds are used for the training of disadvantaged persons and for rent, in his opinion the use of funds for construction would set a bad precedent. Dr. DeWitt stated that she shares this concern but sees the benefits through experience to students. The motion was adopted by six affirmative and four negative votes.

VI. Report of Interim Commissioner

Mr. Brooks reported on the following matters:

a. International Visitors. A group of international visitors sponsored by the Academy for International Development will visit South Carolina and the Commission staff on April 3 to discuss higher education in the State. Mr. Brooks invited Commission members to attend the meeting, to be held in the Commission's conference room at 2:00 p.m. on April 3.

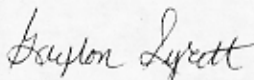
b. Implementation of Initiatives in The Cutting Edge. Mr. Brooks reported that efforts are being made to implement initiatives contained in The Cutting Edge, particularly those items that do not require special funding. He noted that the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs is working on initiatives concerning standards and developmental education. The presidents of the colleges and universities plan to hold discussions on the matter with the Commission in April.

Mrs. Taylor noted that the Commission had an active role in the inauguration of President Bryan at Denmark Technical College and President Lightsey at the College of Charleston. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to represent the Commission at these functions.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Williams), and voted that the Commission meet in executive session at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gaylon Syrett".

Gaylon Syrett
Recording Secretary