

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

APRIL 4, 1974  
10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Dr. R. Cathcart Smith, Chairman  
Mr. Hugh M. Chapman  
Mr. Alester G. Furman, III  
Mr. William H. Grier  
Mr. Gedney M. Howe  
Mr. F. Mitchell Johnson  
Mr. T. Eston Marchant  
Mr. Paul W. McAlister  
Dr. Harrison L. Peeples  
Mr. Y. W. Scarborough, Jr.  
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen  
Mr. O. Stanley Smith  
Mr. I. P. Stanback  
Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.

GUESTS

Mr. Dick Brownell  
Mr. Bob Evans  
Mr. Ken Kyre  
Ms. Warren McGinnis  
Mr. J. Lacy McLean  
Dr. Charles Palmer  
Dr. Charles Vail

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer  
Mrs. Gaylon Bristow  
Mr. William C. Jennings  
Dr. Frank E. Kinard  
Mr. Alan S. Krech  
Mrs. Rande Lee  
Mr. James R. Michael  
Mrs. Judi Tillman

I. Approval of Minutes of March 7, 1974, Meeting of the Commission on Higher Education

A motion was made (Stanback) and seconded (Marchant) and unanimously adopted to approve minutes of the March 7 meeting of the Commission as written.

II. Report of the Health Affairs Committee

Mr. Sheheen noted that at the January 10, 1974, meeting the Commission adopted a resolution that, consistent with the Commission's responsibilities for programs in other areas, the Health

Education Authority proposed in the Cathcart Smith Report be established by the Commission on Higher Education. The resolution was referred to the Health Affairs Committee with instructions that the Committee "bring its recommendations to the full Commission at the earliest possible time". (See page 4 and Exhibit E of Minutes of January 10 meeting.)

Mr. Sheheen distributed the draft of a resolution prepared by the Health Affairs Committee, which would implement the January 10 action of the Commission, and moved its adoption.

Discussion of the resolution resulted in two suggested changes in its wording:

P. 2, Sec. 2 should read:

"The Health Education Authority of the Commission on Higher Education will include one representative from each of the following organizations, designated by them: . . ."

and, on page 3, the words "or cure" should be deleted.

Motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Peeples) to adopt the resolution with the above changes. Motion carried. The resolution, as adopted, is attached as Exhibit A.

### III. Program Consideration

#### Chesterfield-Marlboro TEC

Tool and Die Technology - A.A.S. - recommended for approval for implementation of the second year in September, 1975, subject to voluntary discontinuation by Chesterfield-Marlboro TEC should a sufficient cohort of students not be available to start the second year.

#### Florence-Darlington TEC

One-Year Diploma Program, Fashion Merchandising - recommended for approval.

#### Greenville TEC

Secretarial Science - A.A.S. - recommended for approval.

#### Midlands TEC

Radiologic Technology - A.A.S. - recommended for approval.

#### Spartanburg TEC

Automotive - Two-Year Diploma - recommended approval.

Motion was made (Marchant) and seconded (Chapman) to approve the above programs, including the proviso concerning the AAS in Tool and Die Technology at Chesterfield-Marlboro TEC. Motion carried.

IV. Continuation of Consideration of Merger of SBTCE Institutions in Columbia

The minutes of the March meeting on the subject of the merger of SBTCE institutions in Columbia reported the adoption of a motion to defer action on the merger until the April meeting. It was also agreed that Mr. Scarborough would report at the April meeting with reference to the question of funding the construction of facilities in the future at the merged institution.

Chairman Smith turned the meeting over to Mr. Scarborough, who gave a detailed picture of the initial plans for the merger in 1971-72 and events leading up to the present.

Mr. Scarborough reported that there were now three campuses in the Columbia area - Midlands TEC, Columbia TEC (owned by the State), and the Palmer facilities. The proposal calls for moving all Palmer activities to Midlands TEC or Columbia TEC. It is planned that the construction of any new buildings at Columbia TEC will be paid for with State funds, and the buildings now under construction at Midlands TEC will be paid for with local funds. The question was raised as to what would become of the Palmer property in Columbia after the merger. Mr. Scarborough stated that the Palmer facilities on Carter Street would be used for administrative offices until they could be later moved to the Columbia TEC facilities.

Mr. Scarborough commented on the three trade schools which were taken over by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education at the request of Governor McNair, the General Assembly, and the Budget and Control Board. These former trade schools were treated separately from the other TEC institutions, as Regional TEC Centers owned and operated by the State.

Dr. Palmer read from a statement which explained "Capital Funding for the Former Area Trade Schools" (Exhibit B) -- i.e., Beaufort, Denmark and West Columbia. He reported that funds authorized from the State exist in the amount of \$6,479,000. With these funds as seed money, an additional \$3,849,800 in Federal funds has been secured, and funds from other sources total \$449,317. Total capital funds made available for these three institutions since July 1969, when the SBTCE assumed responsibility for them, is \$10,778,117.

There are total campus development plans for all three.

Dr. Palmer reported that State bond money already authorized, in the amount of \$5,085,918, which will be used as seed or matching funds, is to be used for construction on these three campuses. Of that amount, \$2,615,000 is earmarked for West Columbia. Dr. Palmer stated that with the money already authorized and the continuation of some access to Federal funds, they should be able to complete construction at the Columbia TEC campus in accordance with the current plan. Mr. Sheheen expressed the view that the State should not continue to fund construction at the new Midlands Technical College after the West Columbia campus has been brought up to standard for the enrollment that existed at the time the State took it over.

Motion was made (Wienges) and seconded (Howe) to approve merger of the TEC institutions in Columbia, provided that no additional State funds are authorized in carrying out that merger over and above the amount already authorized for capital construction, and that temporary quarters located on Carter and Laurel Streets be phased out in not exceeding three years. Motion carried.

#### V. Consideration of Merger of SBTCE Institutions in Charleston

Dr. Boozer introduced the discussion concerning the merger of SBTCE institutions in Charleston. He noted that a ten page memorandum on this subject, with staff recommendations, had been distributed to the Commission in advance. That memorandum is attached as Exhibit C.

The staff recommended the final approval of the merger of Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester TEC and Palmer College at Charleston. It further recommended that the institution be limited to one campus.

The staff also recommended that the following actions be taken concerning academic programs:

- 1) Criminal Justice - A.A.S. Degree - Recommended for Approval.
- 2) Secretarial Science - A.A.S. Degree add One-Year Diploma - Recommend Current TEC Model for Approval with A.A.S. Degree Options in Medical, Executive, or General Secretarial areas and Diploma options in Medical and General areas.
- 3) Business Administration - A.A.S. and One-Year Diploma - Recommend Current TEC Model for A.A.S. Degree for Approval with Concentrations in Management and Accounting. Recommend that any diploma programs be submitted, with further justification, as separate items.

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- 4) College Parallel Programs - A.A./A.S. Degree. Recommend Current TEC State-wide Model for Approval. It was further recommended that the 20% limitation on enrollment in college parallel programs be removed.
- 5) Human Services - A.A.S. Degree - Recommend for Approval, subject to restructuring and continuous monitoring by the SBTCE.
- 6) Ophthalmic Technology - A.A.S. Degree - Recommend for Approval.
- 7) Dental Laboratory Technology - A.A.S. Degree - Recommend for Approval.
- 8) Extracorporeal Circulation Technology - A.A.S. Degree - Recommend for Approval.
- 9) Commercial Graphics - A.A.S. Degree - Recommend that this program be resubmitted, with further justification, as a separate item.
- 10) Power Mechanics: Automotive and Diesel Options - Diploma - Recommend for Approval.
- 11) Architectural Engineering Technology - A.A.S. Degree - Recommend for Approval subject to continuous monitoring.
- 12) Civil Engineering Technology: Survey Option - A.A.S. Degree - Recommend for Approval.

Mr. Sheheen moved adoption of all staff recommendations concerning new programs and the recommendation that the institution be limited to one campus. Mr. Marchant seconded the motion.

Mr. Sheheen, after noting that if only one campus were approved the question of funding of construction of a new downtown campus would be moot, withdrew his motion with the concurrence of Mr. Marchant.

Mr. Sheheen then moved that the staff recommendation that the institution be limited to one campus be approved. This motion was not seconded.

Mr. Howe then moved to defer action on the matter of the number of campuses, and the mode of financing, for a period of two months to permit further study and a later report by Mr. Scarborough, Mr. Stan Smith, and Dr. Palmer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scarborough.

In the discussion, Mr. Scarborough reported that when the initial



proposal came before the SBTCE for the merger of Palmer and Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester TEC, the Palmer property was offered to the State Board under specified conditions. One condition was that if the merger went through, the Palmer Campus would be relocated in or near the Peninsula City. Mr. Scarborough noted that the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Area Commission approved plans of the merger with the stipulation that there would be no local funding - that the funds would come from the State for capital improvements.

Mr. Scarborough stated that the SBTCE and the local delegations approved the merger on the condition that no local funds would be used. Palmer College approved the merger with the understanding that the Charleston Campus would be relocated and that it would retain the Palmer name. Mr. Scarborough reiterated his belief that the commitment to the Palmer Board was very clear and should not be broken. The Chairman called the attention of Commission members to the 1972 memorandum to the Budget and Control Board setting forth understandings reached between the State Committee for Technical Education and the Board of Trustees of Palmer College with respect to the proposed merger. That memorandum is attached as Exhibit D.

After further discussion, Mr. Howe's motion that action be deferred for two months was approved.

It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Chapman) that the academic programs be approved as recommended by the staff. The Chairman suggested that the motion be amended to note, with respect to the Associate in Applied Science in Ophthalmic Technology, that approval of this program is based on the assumption that there is no law in effect that prohibits the utilization of Ophthalmic Technicians. The amendment was accepted by Mr. Sheheen and Mr. Chapman, and the motion was approved. This action also removed the 20% limitation on enrollment in college parallel programs, as recommended by the staff in item 4 above.

#### VI. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director introduced two members of the Commission staff, Mrs. Rande Lee, Secretary, and Mrs. Gaylon Bristow, Administrative Assistant.

Dr. Boozer reported that the Governors of the 50 states have received letters from the U. S. Commissioner of Education concerning the appointment of 1202 Commissions. The Commissioner has invited each Governor to designate or create a 1202 Commission if he chooses. Dr. Boozer has been requested by the Governor's Office to draft the Governor's response. The Commission was requested to authorize the Executive Committee to react for it to the draft which must be submitted to the

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Governor before the end of the month. Motion was made (Marchant) and seconded (Sheheen) that the Executive Committee be so authorized. Motion approved.

Dr. Boozer reported on the status of the Management Information System Computerization project, and that he had recently communicated with the presidents requesting their suggestions of refinements in the budget formula. He also noted that he would soon submit suggestions to the Chairman for a new committee structure. He reported that in the last week he had been on the program of the Annual Convention of the North Carolina League for Nursing and had participated in the Installation Ceremonies at Lander College for Dr. Larry Jackson. Brochures describing various State Parks to be considered for future meeting sites were distributed to members for their information.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gaylon Bristow*

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Recording Secretary