

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

April 3, 1986
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Fred R. Sheheen, Chairman
Mr. George L. Brightharp
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Mr. Robert C. Gallager
Mr. Roosevelt Gilliam, Jr.
Mr. B. P. Gordon III
Mr. Robert E. Graham
Dr. Alba M. Lewis
Mr. David B. Smith
Mr. Mortimer F. Smith
Mrs. Nanette H. Smyth
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.
Mr. William J. Whitener
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Willa J. DeWitt
Mr. Harold W. Jacobs
Dr. Nelle H. Taylor

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Scott Johnson
Ms. Maureen Shurr

GUESTS

Dr. John Austell
Mr. David Belton
Dr. James G. Fox
Dr. Andrew Hugine
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Ms. Lynn Peeples
Dr. George M. Reeves
Mr. David P. Rinke
Dr. Michael Smith

STAFF

Dr. Jeffrey Bartkovich
Dr. Howard R. Boozer
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.
Ms. Sandra E. Carr
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Dr. James A. Paschal
Ms. Ann J. Shelton
Dr. Leonard P. Sternbach
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Ms. Julia E. Wells

I. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of March 6, 1986

It was moved (Brightharp), seconded (Smyth), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of March 6, 1986, be approved as written.

II. Report of the Executive Committee

a. Ratification of Action of Executive Committee on Revised Standards for Approval by State Board of Education of Teacher Education Programs. The Commission approved on January 9, 1986, new standards which the State Board of Education proposed to apply in reviewing and approving degree programs for the certification of public school teachers. The Education Improvement Act (1984) requires that new standards be devised and promulgated by the State Board "in consultation with the Commission."

At its meeting on March 12, the State Board agreed to study the Standards further because of some legislative opposition. The Board also empowered its Standing Committee on Teacher Recruitment, Training and Compensation to act on the matter for the Board in order that the time required for legislative action on the Standards not be extended.

The State Board also authorized the appointment of an ad hoc advisory committee composed of representatives of six private and six public institutions to make recommendations to the Board's standing Committee for changes, if any, in these Standards. This advisory committee scheduled its meetings on the subject for March 25 and 26. The Board's Committee on Teacher Recruitment, Training and Compensation scheduled its meeting to hear those recommendations for March 26.

The CHE Executive Committee was called into special session on March 26 to consider recommendations for changes in the Standards which the State Board's advisory committee might propose. After discussion of each of these proposed changes, the Executive Committee voted to commend each proposed change to the State Board's standing Committee.

Later in the day on March 26, the State Board's Committee on Teacher Recruitment, Training and Compensation, on behalf of the Board, approved all of these proposed changes. The changes were resubmitted on March 27 to the legislature for review and approval under the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act.

The Executive Committee recommends that the Commission ratify actions taken by the Executive Committee on this subject on March 26. It was moved (M. Smith), seconded (Brightharp), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Meeting of Executive Committee with Council of Presidents. Mr. Sheheen reported that the Executive Committee met with the Council of Presidents of Public Colleges and Universities and representatives from the Advisory Council of Private College Presidents on March 26, 1986, to review the recommendations in the report on higher education in South Carolina by Augenblick, Van de Water and Associates (AVA). He stated that the comments made by the presidents will be helpful to the Executive Committee as it continues to study the report in the months ahead.

The Executive Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. on April 11 to further discuss the AVA study and other matters.

III. Report of Committee on Facilities. Mr. Graham, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Construction of Permanent Soccer Stands and Improvement of Lighting for Soccer Field, Clemson University. Clemson University requests approval to proceed with construction of permanent stands and improved lighting for its soccer field. Source of revenue will be private donations. The Committee on Facilities recommends approval. It was moved (Graham), seconded (Gordon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Consideration of Construction of Occupational Training Facility, Greenville Technical College. The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education requests approval to construct an occupational training facility at Greenville Technical College, with financial assistance from Michelin Tire Corporation. The facility will house Michelin's plant training program. The College will have use of these facilities when not in use by Michelin. No State funds are involved in this project. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Graham), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

c. Consideration of Request to Use Coca-Cola Plant, USC-Salkehatchie. On October 23, 1984, the Budget and Control Board approved the acceptance of the Coca-Cola plant in Allendale by the Western Carolina Higher Education Commission. The Board took this action on the condition that approval by the Commission on Higher Education would be secured if required.

In August 1985 the Facilities Committee approved USC-Salkehatchie's request to use the Coca-Cola plant for physical plant operations, materials and equipment storage, the motor pool, and auto repair operations. This action was necessary to allow the institution to include the facility in its formula funding request for 1986-87. On August 26, 1985, however, the full Commission rejected approval of funding for the facility.

Mr. Graham noted that USC-Salkehatchie identified the need for such a facility, at a cost of \$200,000, in its Five-year Capital Improvement Plan. He stated that use of the Coca-Cola plant would make construction of the facility unnecessary. The cost to the state for maintenance (including utilities) of the Coca-Cola plant would be approximately \$23,000 per year. After visiting the facility in February 1986, the Facilities Committee reconsidered, on March 6, USC-Salkehatchie's request and recommended authorization for use of the Coca-Cola plant for physical plant operations.

At Mr. Graham's request, Mr. Gallager reported that the Committee on Business and Finance met prior to the meeting of the Commission on April 3 to consider funding for the facility, and that it recommends approval of maintenance costs.

It was moved (Graham), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendations of the Facilities and Business and Finance Committees be adopted. Mr. D. Smith and Mr. Utsey opposed.

d. Consideration of Lease Agreements, USC-Columbia. USC-Columbia requests approval to lease 3.24 acres of land near the Williams Brice Stadium to be used for parking during the football season. There are no improvements on the property. Cost of the lease is \$1.00 per year. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Graham), seconded (Brightharp), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

The University also requests approval to lease a condominium located at 1924 College Street, adjacent to the campus. The condominium will be used for the exclusive purpose of providing housing for distinguished visitors, guests, and professors. An apartment in Senate Plaza has been leased by USC for this purpose, at an annual rental of \$7,200. The annual rental for the College Street property will total \$6,900. The Committee recommends approval with the stipulation that no State funds be used. Mr. M. Smith expressed the view that the stipulation might be too restrictive. He suggested, and it was agreed, that the recommendation be amended to provide that no "unique cost" funding be requested in 1987-88 or future budgets. It was moved (Graham), seconded (Smyth), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

e. Ratification of Mail Ballot Approving Renovation of Housing Projects, USC-Columbia. On March 10, 1986, a mail ballot concerning housing renovation projects at USC was forwarded to each member of the Commission. Mr. Graham reported that 13 affirmative votes and one abstention were received. The Committee on Facilities recommends that this vote be

ratified. It was moved (Graham), seconded (Smyth), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

IV. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

Mr. Gallagher, chairman of the Committee on Business and Finance, reported on the following matter:

Tentative 1986 Schedule of College and University 1987-88 Appropriation Requests. Mr. Gallagher stated that the tentative schedule of 1987-88 appropriation requests is similar to those approved in recent years. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Gallagher), seconded (Graham), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. The tentative schedule is attached as Exhibit A.

Mr. Gallagher reported that the 1986-87 Appropriation Bill is presently at 95.6% of full formula funding. He expressed appreciation to members of the Commission and presidents who contacted legislators urging exemption of the higher education institutions from the proposed 2% reduction in the current fiscal year.

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

Final Comprehensive Report on Implementation of the Higher Education Desegregation Plan. At the request of Mr. Gilliam, chairman of the Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan, Mr. M. Smith reported that the Office for Civil Rights has requested a Final Comprehensive Report on Implementation of the Higher Education Desegregation Plan. This report was prepared by the staff and reviewed and approved by the Committee on April 2. Draft copies, along with mail ballots, were distributed to members of the Commission on April 3. The Committee recommends that the Commission review the report and vote by mail ballot before April 8. He asked the Commission to authorize the use of a mail ballot for this purpose. It was moved (M. Smith), seconded (Williams), and voted that the request for authorization be adopted. Mr. M. Smith noted that the new State Plan will be added to this report. Mr. Sheheen stated that he will call for a special meeting of the Commission if further discussion of the report is desired.

VI. Other Business

Mr. Sheheen reported that he and Mr. Brooks attended a Senate Finance Committee hearing on the 1986-87 Appropriation Bill at which there was discussion of the hazards of asbestos which exists in facilities on the college and university campuses. He noted that he wrote to Governor Riley on November 18, 1985, stating the Commission's position that, because this problem is not unique to college and university facilities but involves other State-owned buildings, the Commission should not address the funding of asbestos removal in the higher educational budgets. The letter recommended that this very serious and costly problem be dealt with through an overall program of asbestos removal throughout all of State Government.

Mr. Gallagher announced that the Search Committee will meet in Executive Session immediately following the meeting of the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaylon Syrett, Recording Secretary