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MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

August 7, 1969

The Commission on Higher Education met on Thursday, August 7, 1969, in the Conference Room on the eighth floor of the Rutledge Building. Commission members present were Messrs. Coker, Grier, Lumpkin, Osborne, Schachte, Vance, Walsh and Dr. Morris.

Mr. Vance called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Since there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the July 3, 1969, meeting, they were approved as written.

Mr. Vance asked Dr. Morris to report on the Commission's activities for the previous month.

In connection with Marion State College, Dr. Morris reported that candidates were being considered for the presidency and that to the extent possible, major decisions relating to the college would be held back until a president was selected. The president will be selected by the Commission with the advice of the new Board of Trustees and the Florence County Commission on Higher Education. In the interim period, the admissions criteria will remain the same. Dr. Morris also reported that a site survey would be made, and that the Commission was still looking for a man to work specifically on the conversion of the Florence Center into the new four year college, and to work on the establishment of criteria for setting up other four year colleges. In general discussion on Marion State College it was pointed out that the college would be a dormitory college and that apparently there was some misunderstanding among the public on this point. Dr. Morris was asked to find out what the Legislature planned in this connection for Marion State College and to report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

In January, Dr. Morris reported, the Commission must go before the Legislature with a plan for converting the College of Charleston into a State college, and forming a consortium in the Charleston area. The Commission is working on the project and meetings with the presidents of all schools concerned and Dr. Morris have been planned. The Baptist College has also asked for consideration by the State and has requested the help and advice of the Commission in this connection. Dr. Morris announced that the College of Charleston was proceeding with the construction of a library on the present site and until a site evaluation was made he felt it unwise to do any more construction. It was requested by the Commission that Dr. Morris ask the College of Charleston to hold back on any building plans for the present, and that a site evaluation plan be undertaken immediately.

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The Commission has been working with the State Department of Education on a teacher education program, and in the area of medical education, a meeting had been held by Dr. Kenneth Aycock, Dr. William McCord, Mr. Wade Martin, Mr. Cecil Johnson and Dr. Morris to plan a course of action for coordinating medical and para-medical education in the State. It was agreed at this meeting that those key personnel connected with medical education would meet with the Commission on Higher Education to answer questions on the types of programs needed and to discuss further how these programs could best be coordinated. It was decided by the Commission on Higher Education that this meeting should be held the last of September or the first of October and that Dr. Morris would be in touch with the Commission members to set a date that would be suitable for most.

In reporting on the staff situation, Dr. Morris said that Dr. Lanham had turned down the position of Assistant Commissioner for Programs but there were several others who were interested.

Pursuant to the request of the Commission at the previous meeting, Dr. Morris had investigated the Upward Bound program in the State and had the following to report:

In addition to the program at Winthrop, the program was also offered at the University of South Carolina and Claflin, and was successful at both institutions. At both institutions there was a reasonably equal representation of both races and sexes, which could account in part for the success of the programs. Mr. Grier announced that Winthrop would not participate in the program next year but that Clemson was very interested in participating and it was hoped that the program would be approved for Clemson.

Dr. Morris announced that the Coastal Plains Regional Commission had available investment money, on a matching funds basis, for grants for physical facilities. The colleges and universities had been asked to submit any proposals for physical facilities to the Commission where they will be reviewed and sent on to the Governor's Office with recommendations.

In accordance with the request of the Commission, Dr. Morris had written to the Congressional Delegation indicating that higher education would be affected adversely if State bonds were taxed and the amount of tax deductible contributions were reduced.

As a matter of information, Dr. Morris announced that the Commission had received the salary ranges for academic personnel at the colleges and universities and also the salaries for the presidents, showing the increases for the 1969-70 fiscal year. Mr. Coker said that the salary of the Chief Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education was established as being comparable to the salaries of the university presidents and if this were not the case with the new increases, the Commissioner's salary should be adjusted. It was agreed that Mr. Vance should investigate this.

Dr. Morris reported that there were some upper division courses being taught at some of branches of the universities although there was no evidence that they were allowing students to build up three or four year

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courses which could be transferred. Dr. Morris felt, however, that the universities should be notified that caution should be used in offering these courses. A motion was made by Mr. Grier that the Commissioner write the colleges and universities calling their attention to this problem and urging them to use caution in offering three and four year courses at the branches, and to notify the Commission in the spring of their intentions in connection with these courses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lumpkin and unanimously adopted.

A letter had been received from Dr. Edwards at Clemson informing the Commission of the following departmental changes: The Schools of Architecture, Education, and Industrial Management and Textile Science were re-designated Colleges; the Department of Entomology and Zoology in the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences was re-designated the Department of Entomology and Economic Zoology and the Department of Botany and Bacteriology in the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences was re-designated the Department of Plant Pathology and Physiology; and, the University was authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement with Central Wesleyan College to permit students of that college to take courses at Clemson University not available to those students at the college, and under terms and conditions mutually acceptable to the two institutions. Dr. Morris said these changes should be received as information but the cooperative program with Wesleyan should be investigated further because Wesleyan is a non-accredited college. A motion was made by Mr. Walsh that the Commission accept these changes as information and that Dr. Morris be requested to get additional information on Wesleyan College. The motion was seconded by Mr. Osborne and unanimously adopted.

The University of South Carolina requested approval of two new courses, Apogee, a program of graduate engineering education, and an Associate Degree program, Associate of Arts in Contemporary Studies. On Dr. Morris' recommendation, Mr. Osborne moved that the program, Apogee, be approved as an experimental program for this fall for the three courses involved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lumpkin and unanimously adopted.

Dr. Morris recommended that the Associate of Arts in Contemporary Studies program not be approved for this fall as it needed further study. A motion was made by Mr. Osborne that the program not be approved until it was studied further. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walsh and unanimously adopted.

Dr. Morris reported that he had received a letter from the Governor advising him that the Board of Trustees of the University of South Carolina had approved a proposal to establish a four year institution, with an independent faculty, to be known as Midlands College. Mr. Schachte made a motion that the proper University official be requested to submit this proposal to the Commission for review, and to hold back on the implementation of the proposal until the Commission had a chance to study it and determine the legal steps in the establishment of such a college, and to determine if this would be a new State college which would come under the new State college Board. The

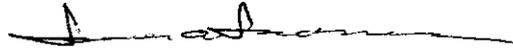
2005 motion was seconded by Mr. Lumpkin and unanimously adopted.

In other business to come before the Commission, Dr. Morris suggested that the university and college budgets should be submitted to the Commission for review and approval by the Executive Committee of the Commission before being sent on to the Budget and Control Board. A motion was made by Mr. Coker that the Executive Committee be authorized to approve the college and university budgets based on the recommendations of the Commission staff. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schachte and unanimously adopted. Dr. Morris said he would notify members of the Commission when the Executive Committee planned to meet to review the budgets and anyone interested in attending could do so.

In closing remarks Mr. Vance commended the Commission members for the way in which they had acted on the problems and issues that had come before the Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Morris