

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

December 4, 1975
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Dr. R. Cathcart Smith, Chairman
Mr. Howard L. Burns
Mr. M. Calhoun Colvin
Dr. Marianna W. Davis
Dr. William C. Draffin
Mrs. Wanda L. Forbes
Mr. F. Mitchell Johnson
Mr. Paul W. McAlister
Mr. T. Eston Marchant
Mr. William F. Prioleau, Jr.
Mr. Alex M. Quattlebaum
Mr. Y. W. Scarborough, Jr.
Mr. J. Clyde Shirley
Mr. I. P. Stanback
Mr. T. Emmet Walsh

GUESTS

Dr. Cyril B. Busbee
Mr. Robert Hoskins
Mr. L. Roger Kirk
Dr. Ben Lawson
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Dr. Charles E. Palmer
Miss Frances H. Miller
Dr. R. Wright Spears
Dr. Theodore S. Stern
Dr. Robert H. White

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer
Mr. Horace F. Byrne
Mrs. Clara W. Evans
Dr. George P. Fulton
Mr. William C. Jennings
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Mr. Cannon R. Mayes
Mr. James R. Michael
Mr. James L. Solomon, Jr.
Mrs. Gaylon Syrett
Mrs. Judi R. Tillman

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Hugh Gibson
Ms. Warren McInnis

I. Approval of Minutes of November 6, 1975, Commission Meeting

It was moved (Shirley) and seconded (Scarborough) that the minutes of the November 6, 1975, Commission meeting be approved, as written. The motion was adopted.

II. Report of Academic Program Development Committee

Mr. Quattlebaum, Committee Chairman, reported that the Committee had met on November 6 and again on December 3 to review a total of 17 proposals for new programs, and had made the following recommendations:

a. Master in Health Sciences, Medical University of South Carolina

The Committee recommended that the program be approved, as proposed. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Walsh) and unanimously voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. B.A. in Spanish, College of Charleston

The Committee recommended that the program be approved. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Davis) and unanimously voted that the recommendation be adopted. Dr. Davis stated that in her view the Commission should consider not only the addition of new programs but the deletion of programs which have outlived their usefulness.

c. M.Ed. in Special Education, College of Charleston

The Committee recommended that because of the possibility that duplication of this program within the Charleston area exists and because the College of Charleston may develop a program somewhat different from that described in the proposal submitted for Committee review, the proposal be withdrawn from consideration at this time and resubmitted after more thorough review by members of the Charleston Consortium. It was moved (Shirley) and seconded (Davis) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

d. Bachelor of Visual Arts, Winthrop College

The Committee recommended that the program be approved. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Stanback) and unanimously voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

e. B.S. in Speech Pathology, Winthrop College

The Committee recommended that the program be returned to Winthrop College for further analysis of the need for an additional program of this type within the State. Mr. Colvin suggested that in the future cost figures be included in program proposal summaries prepared by the Committee and the staff. Dr. Kinard stated that program proposals submitted by the institutions identify the additional costs which will result from implementation of the program, and that these cost figures can be included in proposal summaries if the Commission so desires. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Davis) and unanimously voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

f. M.S. in Computer Science, University of South Carolina

The Committee recommended that the program be approved. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Prioleau) and unanimously voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

g. M.A. in Applied History, University of South Carolina

The Committee recommended that the program be approved. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Stanback) and unanimously voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

h. Media Arts (Center plus four degree programs), University of South Carolina

The Committee recommended that the proposed degree programs leading to the Bachelor of Media Arts, the Master of Media Arts, and the Master of Education with a specialization in Instructional Media be approved; and that the creation of the proposed Center for Media Arts be approved subject to the stipulation that no Special Funding be requested by the University for its operation. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Draffin) and unanimously voted that the recommendations of the Committee be approved.

i. A.P.S. in Criminal Justice, Beaufort Technical Education Center and Sumter Area Technical College

The Committee recommended that action on the proposed programs be deferred while local cooperative agreements are developed between the technical institutions and the USC regional campuses. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Walsh) and unanimously voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

j. A.I.T. in Electronics Technology, Chesterfield-Marlboro Technical College

The Committee noted that the program is consistent with that of an existing two-year diploma program with the exception of requiring additional general education courses not previously required, thus increasing its length from six to seven quarters. The Commission, on July 10, 1975, considered a similar program at Spartanburg Technical College, and approved the staff recommendation that "this program be approved as a pilot program" and that the SBTCE be urged "to monitor and later to evaluate it with a view toward its subsequent reduction to six quarters." The Committee recommended that the program at Chesterfield-Marlboro Technical College be approved as a second associate degree pilot program in Electronics Technology, but that a moratorium be placed on further conversions of this type by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education until the pilot programs have been satisfactorily evaluated. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Davis) and unanimously voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

k. A.Bus. in Transportation Management, Spartanburg Technical College

The Committee recommended that the program be approved. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Marchant) and unanimously voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

l. A.I.T. in Climate Control, Spartanburg Technical College and Tri-County Technical College

The Committee recommended the approval of a two-year diploma program at Spartanburg Technical College (such a program was originally requested by that institution). The Committee further recommended that decisions on the two associate degree programs at Spartanburg Technical College and Tri-County Technical College be deferred, and that a moratorium be placed on further conversions of this type by SBTCE until the two pilot programs already approved have been satisfactorily evaluated. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Davis) and unanimously voted that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

m. A.I.T. in Automotive Technology, York Technical College

The Committee recommended that the program be approved as a second associate degree pilot program in Automotive Technology, but that a moratorium be placed on further conversions of this type by SBTCE until the pilot programs have been satisfactorily evaluated. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Davis) and unanimously voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

n. A.O.T. in General Technology, Sixteen Technical Colleges/Centers

The Committee recommended that the program be approved with the proviso that no institution may offer the core of designated technical courses in an approved model of a degree or diploma program unless that program is already approved for the institution. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Stanback) and unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of the Committee.

o. Diploma in Fashion Merchandising, Aiken Technical Education Center and Piedmont Technical College

The Committee recommended that these programs be approved. The Committee further recommended that Piedmont Technical College consider the inclusion of a member of the home economics faculty at Lander College on its Fashion Merchandising Advisory Committee and that the two institutions cooperate to eliminate unnecessary duplication of faculty and resources. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Davis) and unanimously voted that the recommendations of the Committee be approved.

p. Diploma in Welding, Florence-Darlington Technical College

The Committee recommended that the program be approved. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Walsh) and unanimously voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

q. Diploma in Automotive Body Repair, Carpentry, Masonry, Pipefitting, and Plumbing, Greenville Technical College

The Committee recommended that the programs be approved. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Shirley) and unanimously voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

Mr. Prioleau expressed the opinion that the administrators of individual technical institutions and members of Area TEC Commissions apparently wish to extend the time required to complete technical programs. He expressed concern that the technical institutions will continue to increase requirements until they become senior colleges, and stated that in his view, if that happens, the real purpose of the technical education system will be lost.

III. Report of Legislative Relations Committee

Mr. Walsh, Committee Chairman, reported that the Legislative Relations Committee met on December 3 to consider recommendations for legislative changes which would affect the Commission on Higher Education. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Commission should not decide upon specific recommendations to be made to the General Assembly at this time, in view of the existence of

special committees of the Legislature which were created to study higher education in South Carolina. The Committee recommended that the Commission and its staff work with the legislative committees and the General Assembly in an effort to determine the best course of action for improving higher education in the State.

Mr. McAlister noted that the Legislative Committee chaired by Senator Lake which was created to "Study the Overlapping and Duplication of Academic Offerings and Opportunities in Various Geographical Areas of the State" had specifically requested that the Commission make recommendations concerning legislative changes affecting higher education. Dr. Smith stated that, although the Commission was given an opportunity to make such suggestions, he had received very little comment and only Mr. McAlister and Mrs. Forbes had submitted written recommendations. He urged other members to provide suggestions in writing as soon as possible to enable the Commission to formulate its position. Mr. Walsh stated that liaison and a good working relationship with the legislative committees should be established before the Commission takes a specific position. Mr. McAlister stated that in his view the Commission should face the issue at once. He reiterated the recommendation which he made at the November 6 Commission meeting that the eight ex officio members of the Commission should have all the rights and privileges of the other members except the right to vote.

Dr. Davis stated her view that Commission members are people of commitment and integrity who take an impartial position when considering issues that come before the Commission. Mr. Burns stated that it is difficult to divorce oneself completely from personal interests and background in such considerations. He suggested that the Commission recommend to the General Assembly that the law be amended to prohibit gubernatorial appointees to the Commission from being persons who have attended State institutions.

Mr. McAlister stated that as a member of the Board of Trustees of Clemson University it is his obligation to present Clemson's view and to represent its interests. He reiterated his opinion that appointed members should make Commission decisions in their role as representatives of the people of the State rather than as representatives of the institutions they attended. It was moved (McAlister) and seconded (Colvin) that the Commission recommend to the Legislature that the law be changed to prohibit ex officio members of the Commission from voting.

Mr. Colvin stated that the term ex officio is a misnomer and that, if such a member is, in fact, a full member, the legislation should be changed to so state. Mr. Burns stated that the term ex officio means literally "by reason of the office of" or the source of appointment. Mr. Scarborough stated that in any organization ex officio members are given full voting rights unless those rights are specifically denied, and that there is no distinction in the law between members appointed by the Governor and those who represent institutions. Mr. Walsh stated that shortly after the creation of the Commission in 1967, this question was referred to the Attorney General who ruled that an ex officio member of the Commission is a full-fledged member with the right to vote.

A substitute motion was made (Davis) and seconded (Johnson) that the Commission not take action at this time on the motion concerning members who shall or shall not vote. Mr. Marchant stated that he was not prepared to vote on such an issue without instructions from his Board of Trustees.

Mr. Prioleau stated that there is a constitutional provision against dual office holding and, if the institutional representatives were not ex officio members, it would be necessary for them to abandon their roles as trustees of the institutions.

The substitute motion was approved, with Mr. McAlister dissenting.

IV. Semi-annual Progress Report on Cooperative Arrangements Among Institutions in the Spartanburg Area

Dr. Kinard reported that at its meeting on June 5, 1975, the Commission adopted a motion requiring institutions in the Spartanburg area (USC-Spartanburg, Wofford, Converse, Limestone, Spartanburg Methodist, and Spartanburg Technical College) to provide semi-annual progress reports on the development of agreements permitting the sharing of library resources, the cross-registration of students between and among institutions, and the sharing of faculty under joint appointments. The first semi-annual report (on file at the Commission office) indicates that progress has been made particularly in the sharing of library resources and in services of placement offices. The staff recommended that the institutions be commended for this progress and that they be urged to develop the necessary mechanics for the sharing of faculty and for permitting cross-registration of students, with the understanding that more exploration in depth of either original agreement may result in substantial modification of either. The next progress report will be due in May, 1976, for presentation to the Commission at its June meeting.

Mr. Marchant requested that the staff provide specific recommendations concerning areas in which insufficient or no progress has been made in order that he might discuss these matters with the staff at USC's main campus in an effort to further implement cooperation between and among the institutions in Spartanburg. Mr. Scarborough stated that SBCE will make every effort to promote better cooperation between Spartanburg Technical College and USC-Spartanburg.

V. Semi-annual Progress Report on Cooperative Arrangements Between Sumter Area Technical College and USC-Sumter

Mr. Krech reported that the Commission adopted a motion on June 5, 1975, requiring "Sumter Area Technical College and USC-Sumter to submit jointly a semi-annual report describing progress which has been made in further implementing cooperative efforts in all areas, with special emphasis on developments which eliminate unnecessary course duplication and on progress toward elimination of a dual library system." The first semi-annual report (on file at the Commission office) indicates that, because USC-Sumter has begun a self-study for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and both institutions have been involved in major construction projects, the amount of time available for specific cooperative efforts has been limited and no substantial changes have been made. According to the report, the climate for a stronger relationship and better cooperation has improved and the institutions plan to continue to investigate areas in which potential for better cooperation exists, with specific emphasis on library usage. Mr. Krech noted that a study of libraries is underway; when the results of the study are available, recommendations will be made concerning procedures for implementing further cooperation. The next progress report will be due in May, 1976, for presentation to the Commission at its June meeting.

VI. Report of Executive Director

Dr. Boozer reported that Dr. Charles Vail of Winthrop College and Dr. Keith Davis of the University of South Carolina had been scheduled at this time to present an informational report on "Interdisciplinary Training in Developmental Disabilities" at Winthrop and USC, but due to the illness of Dr. Vail, he and Dr. Davis had requested that this item be deferred for inclusion on the agenda at a subsequent meeting of the Commission.

Dr. Boozer stated that the Budget and Control Board had accepted the Commission's recommendations concerning the reduction in the Commission's budget for the current fiscal year (which the Commission adopted at its November 6, 1975, meeting--see minutes of the meeting, page 174), that SREB fees and contracts be exempted from reduction, producing a revised total reduction of \$66,900.

Dr. Boozer noted that Dr. Smith and members of the Commission staff have been invited to attend the meeting of the House Education and Public Works Committee, to be held on December 5, to present to the Committee the budget recommendations which the Commission presented to the Budget and Control Board on October 21. He stated that all Commission members would be welcome to attend.

Dr. Boozer stated that according to statute, the Commission should meet twice annually with the Council of Presidents of the Public Colleges and Universities. He suggested that the Council be invited to the January meeting of the Commission, and noted that since the first Thursday in January falls on January 1, the meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8. He stated that the statute also requires the Commission to meet at least annually with the Advisory Council of Private College Presidents, and suggested that the Advisory Council be invited to meet with the Commission at its February meeting.

Dr. Smith suggested, and it was unanimously agreed, that flowers be sent on behalf of the Commission to Mrs. Seignious, who is in Roper Hospital in Charleston.

Dr. Stern extended an invitation to members of the Commission from the Council of Presidents of the Public Colleges and Universities to attend the annual meeting of the South Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities, to be held in Spartanburg on December 12 and 13.

On motion made (Davis) and seconded (Stanback) and unanimously voted, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary