

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
August 24-25, 1992
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. William J. Whitener, Chairman
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. Fred L. Day
Ms. Elaine Freeman
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr.
Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Ms. Reba Anne Kinon
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert, Sr.
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Roger Henderson
Mr. Henry D. McMaster
Mr. Edward T. McMullen, Jr.
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage

STAFF

Mr. Todd E. Barnette
Mr. Fred W. Boynton
Mr. Michael L. Brown
Ms. Sandra E. Carr
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas
Ms. Renea H. Eshleman
Mr. Charles D. FitzSimons
Mr. Ivan F. Guinn
Dr. R. Lynn Kelley
Mr. John J. Krause
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Mr. Joseph V. Pendergrass
Dr. Robert K. Poch
Dr. Mike Raley
Mr. Jeff Richards
Dr. Marilyn Scannell
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Ms. Edna Strange
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon E. Syrett
Ms. Julia E. Wells
Ms. Carol Ann Williams
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Dr. Thomas E. Barton, Jr.
Dr. David A. Bell
Mr. Art Bjontegard
Mr. Bryan Byrd
Dr. Carl A. Carpenter
Dr. Dean Cleghorn
Dr. Robert W. Denton
Dr. Anthony J. DiGiorgio
Dr. James B. Edwards
Ms. Katherine Fanning
Mr. Hugh B. Faulkner, III
Dr. Conrad D. Festa
Dr. Peter J. Fischinger
Dr. Sharon Hoffman
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield
Mr. Earle Holley
Dr. Sally Horner
Dr. James L. Hudgins
Ms. Karen Hudgins
Dr. Ronald R. Ingle
Ms. Terri Jenkins
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Dr. Ken Kyre
Mr. David Larson
Dr. A. Max Lennon
Dr. Harry M. Lightsey, Jr.
Col. Calvin G. Lyons
Mr. W. M. Matthews
Dr. Layton McCurdy
Mr. J. P. McKee
Mr. Robert Mellon
Dr. William C. Moran
Dr. James R. Morris, Jr.
Mr. Donald Peterson
Dr. John M. Palms
Dr. Daniel Pantaleo
Dr. Blanche Premo-Hopkins
Mr. William Putnam
Dr. George M. Reeves
Dr. Olin Sansbury
Mr. Charles Shawver
Mr. Mool Shekhawat
Mr. J. Emory Smith, Jr.
Mr. Jack Sprott
Dr. Thomas C. Stanton
Ms. Charlene G. Stuart
Mr. Marshall Swanson
Mr. W. E. Troublefield
Mr. Floyd Tyler
Dr. Lex D. Walters
Lt. Gen. Claudius E. Watts
Mr. Jack Wilson
Mr. Marion Woodbury

For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

I. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of July 9, 1992

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Jones), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of July 9, 1992, be approved as written.

II. Introduction of New Commission Member

Mr. Whitener introduced Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr., Florence, recently appointed by Governor Campbell to an at-large term expiring July 26, 1993.

III. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of Executive Committee

Consideration of Licensure Matter - Recommendation for License Revocation of Southern Technical College

A hearing before the Commission for the revocation of the license of Southern Technical Institute was held at 4:00 p.m. on August 24. Dr. Askins presented Mr. Emory Smith, Assistant Attorney General, who represented the Commission on this matter. Mr. Smith stated that he agrees with the Proposal for Decision and the Order (attachment A) and therefore did not submit a formal written brief. Although Mr. Larkin Campbell of Southern Technical Institute was notified of the date and time of the hearing, no representative from Southern Technical Institute was present for the hearing.

It was moved (Gallager), seconded (Williams), and voted that the license of Southern Technical College be revoked.

3.05 Report of Committee on Facilities

Ms. Kinon, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Proposed Acquisition of St. Francis Hospital, MUSC

The Medical University of South Carolina is proposing to acquire St. Francis Hospital. The proposal calls for purchase guaranteed by the University Medical Associates. The proposed purchase price is \$37 million. For a period of five years following execution of the purchase contract, St. Francis may sell the land and improvements to the Medical University on the terms described in the contract. St. Francis is not obligated to sell this property during the five year period but may not sell to or joint venture with anyone else. Although the purchase contract calls for earnest money of approximately \$10

million, those funds and interest revert to the University Medical Associates if the proposed purchase fails to materialize.

The Medical University proposes to use this property for outpatient clinical services, research space, and offices. The University will not assign anyone or any activity to this property that cannot generate annual rent funds from externally derived sources. There will be no State funding used either for debt service or operating costs.

Dr. Layton McCurdy, Dean of the College of Medicine at the Medical University, stated that the University aspires to join the ranks of a higher echelon of quality academic health sciences centers such as Duke and the University of Alabama-Birmingham. An outstanding health care system is essential for the attraction and retention of outstanding faculty, students, residents, and interns.

Dr. McCurdy reported plans to modify the approach to appointments and promotions within the College. Specifically, he requested the establishment of multiple promotional tracks in effort to more adequately address the diverse levels of faculty expertise and function necessary to fulfill the College's mission in the areas of education, research, and clinical services. After review and revisions by the College, the new policies will begin with the 1992-93 appointment and promotions cycle.

The Committee recommended the proposal be approved with the understanding that this action be considered neutral as Certificate of Need issues are resolved by appropriate authorities.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Jones), and voted with Mr. Gallager abstaining (Attachment B) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

b. Clemson University - Ceramic Engineering Research Building

Clemson University is requesting authorization to establish a project for the purpose of obtaining architectural and engineering services to design a Ceramic Engineering Research facility. The total estimated cost is projected at \$1 million and is to be funded entirely with private donations. When completed, this facility will add approximately \$56,000 to Clemson's formula for plant maintenance and operations.

The Committee recommended approval of this request as proposed. Further, the Committee recommended that if all details of the final proposal remain unaltered as proposed, including funding and scope of work, that staff be authorized to approve the addition of \$910,000

to this project without further Committee and Commission review.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee be approved.

c. Clemson University - Newman Hall and Lahotsky Hall Roofing

Clemson University is requesting approval to establish two separate roof replacement projects. Newman Hall is expected to cost \$370,000 to be funded with plant improvement fees and Lahotsky Hall will cost an estimated \$300,000 to be funded with \$133,500 in tuition excess debt service and \$166,500 in maintenance, repair, and renovation fees.

The Committee recommended that these two requests be approved as requested.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

d. S. C. State University - Dawson Football Stadium Renovation/Expansion

In December 1991, the Commission granted the University authorization to expend \$200,000 in excess debt service funds to hire an A&E firm and bond counsel to assist in preparing the project proposal. The University has requested to increase this project to \$3,000,000 in its Annual Permanent Improvement Plan; however, the Committee is recommending that this request be deferred until the November Facilities Committee meeting, at which time the University believes the A&E and financial plans will be finalized.

The Committee recommended that this request be deferred until the University completes A&E and financial planning.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Jones), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

e. S. C. State University - Student Center Plaza

S. C. State University is requesting authorization to establish a \$630,000 project to construct outdoor space for seating areas and student gatherings adjacent to the Student Center. This request will be funded equally from excess debt service (tuition) and excess debt service (auxiliary).

The Committee recommended that this request be approved as proposed.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

3.06 Report of Committee on Planning and Assessment

Dr. Askins, chairman of the Committee on Planning and Assessment reported on the following matters:

a. Evaluation of the State Plan, 1991-92

Choosing South Carolina's Future: A Plan for Higher Education in the 1990's was adopted by the Commission on July 11, 1991. An action plan for implementing initiatives during the first year was evaluated by the Committee in April 1992 and was presented at that time. Since the adoption of the Plan, the Commission has changed the dates of the annual planning cycle so that proposed revisions in the State Plan will now come to the Commission in December rather than in July of each year. The progress report shows actions which have been taken since the plan's adoption to implement strategies already underway and those initiated in 1991-92. The descriptions of the Status of Progress on each initiative are based upon reports from key contact persons who have been involved in some way with the implementation of the initiative.

b. Survey on the Effectiveness of the Commission

In January of 1990, the Commission adopted a plan to measure its own effectiveness. One part of the plan called for a survey every two years of key constituent groups to assess how well the Commission is perceived to be fulfilling its mission through the goals and functions enumerated in the document. Respondents (institutional, legislative, and other) were asked to rate the effectiveness of the Commission on twelve goals stated in the plan for assessment.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the survey results for information, and that it be on the agenda for the Commission retreat on September 13-14, 1992. This was agreed.

4. Report of the Commissioner

- a. Mr. Sheheen noted that the Committee on Business and Finance will meet on September 3 to consider the CHE operating budget as well as the institutions' requests for unique cost funding for FY 1993-94. He stated that the budget has to be at the Budget and Control Board by September 10 and asked the Commission members if mail ballot on the Business and Finance recommendations would be agreeable.

It was moved (Jones), seconded (Williams), and voted that the Commission members would vote on the Business and Finance recommendations by mail ballot.

- b. Mr. Sheheen reported that the Commission retreat will be held on September 13-14, 1992 at the Ramada Hotel in Columbia.

5. Other Business

Mr. Jones presented a Resolution (attachment C) on recent Budget and Control Board action and funding for South Carolina higher education. The resolution underscores the Commission's concern about reduced funding for higher education, expresses appreciation to the Budget and Control Board for its efforts to distribute the budgetary reductions in as equitable a manner as possible, and establishes a Blue Ribbon Committee to assist in addressing the critical funding problem for higher education.

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Freeman), and voted that the Resolution be approved.

6. 1993-94 Appropriation Presentations by Colleges and Universities and SBTCE

Mr. Whitener welcomed the president and other representatives of the colleges and universities who were scheduled to present their 1993-94 appropriation requests to the Commission on August 24 and 25.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon on August 25.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary