

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
March 7, 1991
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. William J. Whitener, Chairman
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Mr. Fred L. Day
Ms. Elaine Freeman
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Ms. Reba Kinon
Mr. Edward T. McMullen, Jr.
Dr. Harry W. Miley, Jr.
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert, Sr.
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Mr. Roger E. Henderson
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.

STAFF

Mr. Todd E. Barnette
Dr. Jeff Bartkovich
Ms. Saundra E. Carr
Dr. Robert A. Day
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas
Mr. Douglas I. Holleman
Mr. Alan Krech
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Dr. Robert K. Poch
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Dr. Leonard Sternbach
Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer
Ms. Julia E. Wells

GUESTS

Ms. Katherine Bristow
Dr. Wallace Brown
Dr. Dan Champion
Ms. Yvonne C. Clarkson
Dr. Carl Clayton
Dr. Dean Cleghorn
Dr. Lester Corley
Dr. James D. Daniels
Dr. Anthony J. DiGiorgio
Mr. James Edwards
Ms. Janice Edwards
Ms. Eileen Ferguson
Dr. Conrad D. Festa
Dr. George D. Fields, Jr.
Dr. Carol Flake
Mr. Wayne Fogle
Mr. Ian Ford
Dr. Susan Foreman
Mr. Stan Godshall
Dr. Karry Guillory
Dr. George Haborak
Ms. Ann Hagens
Dr. Ellen W. Hall
Dr. Joseph Heyward
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield
Dr. Mark L. Hopkins
Dr. Sally Horner
Dr. O'Neal Humphries
Dr. Jairy Hunter
Ms. Terri Jenkins
Ms. Rebekah Jennings
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Mr. Carl Jordan
Dr. Richard Kemper
Ms. Marion Leland
Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr.
Dr. Harry M. Lightsey, Jr.
Dr. Bob McDonald
Dr. Peter T. Mitchell
Dr. Kenneth B. Orr
Dr. Walton H. Owens, Jr.
Dr. Sandy Parsons

Ms. Mary Ann Parsons
Dr. Blanche Premo-Hopkins
Mr. William Putnam
Dr. George M. Reeves
Mr. David Rinker
Dr. Herbert C. Robbins
Dr. Monica Scott
Dr. Robert Scott
Mr. Eddie Shannon
Mr. Mool Shekhawat
Mr. Sterling Smith
Dr. James W. Strobel
Dr. Marshall Swanson
Ms. Wanda Teasley
Ms. Rawles Terrell
Mr. Myron Terry
Mr. Floyd Tyler
Mr. Don Tyner
Dr. Edwin Wilde
Mr. Mark Wright
Dr. S. Robert Young

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Bill Robinson

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

I. Presentation of Certificate

Mr. Whitener presented a framed certificate to Mr. Vernon McGuire on behalf of the Commission and staff for his years of service as a member of the Commission from May 1986 to July 1990.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of February 7, 1991

It was moved (E. Freeman), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of February 7, 1991, be approved as written.

III. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

In the absence of Mr. Turner, chairman of the Committee on Academic Affairs, Mr. Craig reported on the following matters:

A. Reports of Consultants Evaluating Existing Programs

1. Medicine (1989-90)

The State's two undergraduate medical education programs were evaluated for the second time during the 1989-90 cycle of Commission program evaluations, while 40 graduate programs (residencies) were evaluated for the first time during that same cycle.

The Committee on Academic Affairs recommends to the Commission:

1. That the following undergraduate medical education programs be approved for continuation:

M.D.	University of South Carolina
M.D.	Medical University of South Carolina

2. That the following residency programs be approved for continuation:

MUSC (Charleston)	Anesthesiology
	Dermatology
	Internal Medicine
	Neurology
	Neurosurgery
	Obstetrics/Gynecology
	Ophthalmology
	Orthopedics
	Otolaryngology
	Pathology
	Pediatrics
	Plastic Surgery
	Psychiatry
	Radiology

	Radiation Oncology Surgery Cardiothoracic Surgery Urology
AHEC (Charleston)	Family Practice
AHEC (Anderson)	Family Practice
AHEC (Florence)	Family Practice
AHEC (Greenville)	Family Practice Internal Medicine Obstetrics/Gynecology Orthopedics Pediatrics Surgery
AHEC (Greenwood)	Family Practice
AHEC (Richland)	Family Practice Anesthesiology Emergency Medicine Internal Medicine Obstetrics/Gynecology Ophthalmology Orthopedics Pediatrics Surgery
AHEC (Spartanburg)	Family Practice Surgery
USC-Columbia	Preventive Medicine

3. That USC-Columbia and MUSC develop a plan designed to address the short-term and long-term issues relevant to minority recruitment. This plan may be joint in nature and may include the AHEC structure. The proposed plan must be submitted to the Committee on Academic Affairs not later than January 1, 1992;

4. That the consultants' report and institutional responses be shared with the Committee on Business and Finance and the Commission's Finance staff to assist in any future deliberations regarding residency financing; and

5. That the consultants' report be shared with the Advisory Council on Planning, the Committee on Planning and Assessment, and the Commission's planning staff, and that USC submit a mission statement for its medical school by April 1, 1991, for use during the ongoing review of missions being conducted as part of the State's strategic planning process.

Ms. Freeman expressed concern about the affiliation agreement between Richland Memorial Hospital and USC-Medical School. Mr.

Sheheen stated that the staff will analyze the agreement and report to the Commission at the May meeting.

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

2. Health Sciences (1989-90)

Undergraduate health science programs were evaluated for the first time during the FY 1989-90 cycle of Commission program evaluations, while graduate programs were evaluated for the second time. During site visits 51 academic programs and seven administrative units were evaluated.

1. The Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the Commission award a commendation of excellence to the following programs:

MUSC	B.S.	Radiation Therapy Technology
USC-Columbia	M.S.	Genetic Counseling

2. The Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the Commission grant full approval to the following programs with the institutions requested to pay particular attention to the program specific recommendations and suggestions made by the consultants:

Clemson	B.S., M.S.	Nursing
Lander	Cert.	Gerontology
	B.S.	Exercise Studies
	B.S.	Nursing
MUSC	B.H.S., M.H.S.	Health Sciences
	M.H.S.A.	Health Services Administration
	B.S.	Health Information Administration
	B.S.	Cytotechnology/Histotechnology
	B.S.	Extracorporeal Circulation Technology
	B.S.	Radiation Therapy Technology
	B.S.	Medical Technology
	B.S.	Occupational Technology
	B.S.	Physical Therapy
	Cert.	Anesthesia for Nurses
	B.S.N.	Nursing
	B.S.N.	Nursing (at Francis Marion)
	M.S.N.	Nursing, Health Care Systems
	M.S.N.	Nursing, Community Health Care Systems
	M.S.N.	Nursing, Individual Health Systems
	M.S.N.	Nursing, Family Health Systems
	B.S., Pharm.D.	Pharmacy
	Cert.	Pharmacy
	D.M.D.	Dentistry

S.C. State	B.S.N.	Nursing
USC-Aiken	A.D.N., B.S.	Nursing
USC-Columbia	M.S., Ph.D.	Physical Education (Non-teaching track)
	B.S., M.S., Ph.D.	Exercise Science
M.P.H., M.S.P.H., Ph.D., Dr.P.H.		Public Health-Epidemiology
M.P.H., M.S.P.H., Ph.D., Dr.P.H.		Public Health-Biostatistics
M.P.H., M.S.P.H., Ph.D., Dr.P.H.		Public Health-Environmental
	M.P.H.	Public Health-General
	M.P.H., Ph.D., Dr.P.H.	Health Administration
	M.H.A.	Health Services Administration
M.S., M.P.H., M.S.P.H., Ph.D., Dr.P.H.		Health Promotion and Education
	B.S.N., Ph.D.	Nursing
	Cert.	Primary Care Nursing
	M.S., M.N.	Health Nursing
	M.S., M.N.	Nursing-Community Mental Health
	M.S., M.N.	Nursing Administration
	M.S., M.N.	Nursing-Clinical
	M.S.	Genetic Counseling
	Cert.	Gerontology
	B.S., Pharm.D.	Pharmacy
	B.S., M.S.	Pharmaceutical Sciences
USC-Spartanburg	A.S., B.S.N.	Nursing

3. The Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the Commission grant full approval to the following centers, institutes and bureaus, with the institutions requested to pay particular attention to the specific recommendations and suggestions made by the consultants:

MUSC	Center for the Study of Aging
USC-Columbia	S.C. Gerontology Center
	Palmetto Poison Center
	Center for Pharmaco-Economic Studies
	Environmental Health Sciences Research Center
	International Center for Public Health Research

4. The Committee on Academic Affairs recommends to the Commission that MUSC's and USC-Columbia's joint Ph.D program in pharmaceutical science be provisionally approved. Representatives of MUSC and USC-Columbia should meet to develop a set of policies and procedures that will restructure the program into a truly cooperative program. These policies and procedures should be submitted for approval to the Committee on Academic Affairs by July 1, 1991. Two years after approval by the Committee, the Commission will request that an outside evaluator assess the "joint" nature of the revised program.

5. The Committee on Academic Affairs recommends to the Commission that the following medical technology programs be approved provisionally, with the Commission's Academic Affairs staff charged with conducting a study, in conjunction with the

institutions listed below, to ascertain the merits of reconfiguring existing programs in medical laboratory technology:

Clamson	B.S.	Medical Laboratory Technology
Francis Marion	B.S.	Medical Laboratory Technology
Lander	B.S.	Medical Laboratory Technology
USC-Columbia	B.S.M.T.	Medical Technology
Winthrop	B.S.	Medical Laboratory Technology

This study will consider issues of academic quality, advisement, marketing and recruitment, and production of graduates, among others.

6. The Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the Commission have USC-Columbia submit a report to the Committee on Academic Affairs summarizing the curricular changes made in 1987 to its B.S. in pharmaceutical science program, its B.S. in pharmacy program, and its Pharm.D. program and report annually the degrees awarded in each program by September 30 for each of the next five years (1990-91; 1991-92; 1992-93; 1993-94; 1994-95) to determine whether or not the University should make the transition to the Pharm.D. degree as the only entry-level program.

7. The Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the Commission terminate the Certificate program in Orthoptics/Ophthalmic Technology at the Medical University of South Carolina, effective immediately.

8. The Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the Commission require MUSC to develop a program proposal for the "Pharmaceutical Development Center" to be submitted for Commission review as soon as possible.

It was moved (Craig), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

It was moved (Tolbert), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the following amendment be added to the recommendations:

9. The Commission requires MUSC to develop a plan to increase minority recruitment for its dental medicine program. The proposed plan must be submitted to the Committee on Academic Affairs not later than January 1, 1992.

B.S. in Radiation Therapy Technology - Medical University of S.C.

Mr. Whitener presented Ms. Wanda C. Teasley, Chairman, Department of Radiation Therapy at MUSC, a commendation of excellence because of the B.S. in Radiation Therapy Technology's uniqueness, strength, and the outstanding performance of its graduates.

M.S. in Genetic Counseling - USC-Columbia

Mr. Whitener also presented Dr. S. Robert Young and Mrs. Janice Edwards from the Department of Genetic Counseling at USC-Columbia a commendation of excellence for the M.S. in Genetic Counseling, a

high quality program which produces well-trained, professionally active graduates.

B. Follow-up Report of Consultants Evaluating Existing Programs in M.Ed./M.A. Visually Handicapped, Mentally Handicapped, and Generic Special Education, USC-Columbia

Because of extremely low productivity, the staff recommended that these programs be terminated. The University requested and the Committee granted a 90-day extension so that the University might report to the Committee how it intended to reorganize its programs in special education. The University submitted a report, and the proposed revisions in the M.Ed./M.A. programs, as well as the commitment to hire additional special education faculty, have done much to mitigate staff concerns.

The Committee on Academic Affairs recommended to the Commission that USC-Columbia's existing M.Ed./M.A. programs in visually handicapped, mentally handicapped, and special education be placed on probation, pending submission of a program proposal by March 1, 1991, to consolidate the programs as described above. The new program proposal will be brought forward to the Committee on Academic Affairs for action in October, 1991, and to the Commission in November, 1991. If the consolidated program is approved, the discrete programs leading to the M.Ed./M.A. in visually handicapped, mentally handicapped, and special education will be terminated in November, 1991.

It was moved (Craig), seconded (Askins), and voted that the recommendation of the committees be adopted.

Mr. Gallagher noted that the March 1, 1991 deadline for submission of a program proposal has passed and asked if a later date should be inserted in the recommendation. Dr. Morrison stated that the date is not an issue with the Committee. Dr. Reeves stated that the proposal is going through internal processes at this time, and a later date is necessary.

It was moved (Gallagher), seconded (P. Freeman), and voted that the March 1, 1991, date be changed to June 1, 1991.

C. Consideration of Proposed New Programs

1. M.A.T., Special Education, USC-Columbia

USC-Columbia requests approval for a new program, the M.A.T. degree in special education. The proposed M.A.T. program is designed to provide initial certification in special education for students holding baccalaureate degrees in other fields. The new program is required to replace the course-by-course certification process which has been discontinued by the State Board of Education as an avenue for certification in special education.

The Committee on Academic Affairs recommended that the Commission approve USC-Columbia's proposed program leading to the

Master of Arts in Teaching degree in special education, to be implemented immediately. It was moved (Craig), seconded (P. Freeman), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

2. M.A.T., Early Childhood and Elementary Education, USC-Columbia

USC-Columbia requests approval of a program leading to the Master of Arts in Teaching degree with specializations in early childhood and elementary education. The proposed program is designed to provide initial certification in early childhood and elementary education. The new program will replace the course-by-course certification sequence formerly accepted by the State Board of Education as an avenue for certification in early childhood and elementary education.

The Committee on Academic Affairs recommended to the Commission that USC-Columbia's proposed program leading to the Master of Arts in Teaching degree with specializations in early childhood and elementary education be approved for implementation in June, 1991, provided that no "unique cost" or other special State funds are required or requested. It was moved (Craig), seconded (Kinson), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

D. Staff Reports

1. Compliance with Course Prerequisites for College Admission for FY 90-91

Effective in fall, 1988, public senior colleges and universities in South Carolina required that applicants for freshman admission who graduate from high school in 1988 or subsequent years must have completed certain high school courses before being admitted. Since implementation of the college admission prerequisites, compliance rates at the institutions have generally improved. Statewide, the percentage of entering freshmen who met all prerequisites increased from 71 percent in 1988 to 88 percent in 1990.

This report is for information only.

2. SAT Scores

Scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test for entering freshmen from 1986 to 1990 show a very modest continuing trend of improvement. Numerous developments may factor into the improvements in SAT scores, but actual identification of such factors would require a careful examination of conditions affecting educational performance and quality.

This report is for information only.

3. Advanced Placement Policies

In compliance with a requirement of the Education Improvement Act (1984), the Commission adopted an Advanced Placement examination policy. The Committee on Academic Affairs requires that institutions evaluate their AP policies annually in response to new or additional College Board examinations and changes in program requirements. The College Board recently revised the computer science examination, replacing the earlier examination with two examinations. In February, 1991, the Committee on Academic Affairs adopted AP policies for the awarding of credit for the two new computer science examinations.

This report is for information only.

IV. Report of Committee on Access and Equity

Ms. Kinon, chairperson of the Committee on Access and Equity, reported on the following matters:

- A. The Sixth Annual Access and Equity Conference, held in Greenville, S. C. on February 14-15, 1991, was quite successful. The Conference program featured presentations by outstanding national, state, and local persons. These presentations described exemplary projects and strategies and addressed the Conference theme: Diversity in the Campus Climate and the Curriculum.
- B. The annual meeting of the S. C. Black Students Association, held in Columbia on March 2-3, 1991, was also successful. The Commission supports this meeting as a means of promoting goals to encourage more minority undergraduate students to enroll in graduate and professional programs of study after receiving their baccalaureate degrees. Speakers at the meeting stressed the importance of attending graduate and/or professional school, leadership effectiveness, decision-making, and community service.

V. Report of the Committee on Facilities

Mr. Craig, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matters:

A. Clemson University

1. Lee Hall Renovations - Clemson University requested authority to increase the budget of this previously established project by \$660,000, from \$140,000 to \$800,000. This increase is to be funded with Plant Improvement Bond funding. Two new components are to be added which was initially to include only the enlargement of the ceramics/sculpture studio. The University now proposes also to capture a small area for use as a jury/demonstration room and to build a tower to be used as studios and/or open office space.

The Committee recommended that this request be approved as

proposed. It was moved (Craig), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

2. Poole Agricultural Center Projects - Clemson University requested approval to establish two separate projects to upgrade and rehabilitate certain mechanical and electrical systems in the Poole Agricultural Center. The first request estimated to cost \$300,000 in excess debt service, will provide a new electrical feeder from the East Campus Sub-Station, along with an associated switchgear and transformer. The second project, estimated to cost \$495,000 in Excess Debt Services and State appropriated funds, will replace the exhaust stacks and fans on 37 fume hoods, as well as to clean all supply ducts and fans.

The Committee recommended that these requests be approved as proposed. It was moved (Craig), seconded (Phillips), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

3. Cooper Library HVAC Renovations - Clemson University is presenting this request in order to upgrade the existing air-handling equipment that services the library as well as replace an existing 292 ton chiller with a new, adequately sized 400 ton chiller. This project would require an estimated \$560,000 in excess debt service.

The Committee recommended approval of this request as proposed. It was moved (Craig), seconded (Day), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

4. University Square Mall Lease Renewal and Addition - Clemson University wishes to continue its lease of office space in University Square Mall as well as add an additional 3,190 square feet. The requested additional space will house a new Associate Vice President for Personnel Management and Development, an Assistant Vice President for Facilities Planning and Design, along with associated staff. The total space to be rented is 21,774 square feet at an annual cost of \$195,166. The Committee recommended that the University be granted permission to renew the existing lease at University Square Mall, including the proposed additional space. It was moved (Craig), seconded (Freeman), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

B. USC-Columbia - Pritchard's Island Research Facility

The University has requested permission to accept use of a 3,500 square feet research facility on Pritchard's Island which is to be donated to the R & D Foundation. The proposed facility will be used primarily by University faculty and students but will also allow research opportunities for marine science education activities at all levels. The facility will be built by the donor and titled to the Foundation. The Foundation also holds title to essentially all land on the island, with the donor retaining rights to a small residence. According to Commission policy, the University must seek prior approval to accept this facility in order to be eligible for maintenance and operations

funding through the formula. This funding is the basis of the University's request.

The Committee recommended that the University be allowed to accept use of this facility when it is donated to the Foundation. Further, the Committee recommended that the building be included in the University's building inventory, making it eligible for maintenance and operations funding. It was moved (Craig), seconded (Jones), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

C. USC-Salkehatchie - Land Acquisitions

USC-Salkehatchie wishes to accept two separate properties which are to be acquired by the Western Carolina Higher Education Commission and donated to the College for its use. The first parcel consists of 12 acres of undeveloped land in the southeast side of Highway 301. This tract will cost the Area Commission \$30,000. The second acquisition is the former Allendale Academy. It will cost the Area Commission \$38,000 to acquire. The Committee recommended that each of the requested land acquisitions be accepted as a donation from the Area Commission provided that the classroom facility on the Allendale Academy property be demolished, and that this demolition and associated asbestos removal be performed at no cost to the State and prior to transfer of the property to the College. It was moved (Craig), seconded (Jones), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

D. Medical University - Biomedical/Animal Research Facility Architectural and Engineering Budget Increase

The Medical University is seeking authorization to increase the budget of this project by \$400,000, from \$685,000 to \$1,085,000 in order to continue design work for this proposed facility. The increase is to be temporarily funded with unencumbered capital bond funds. This increase is needed because of the relationship which has developed with the VA Medical Center and the additions of federal funding for construction of the Gaze Heart Institute.

The Committee recommended that the requested increase be approved as a temporary funding measure until such time as capital improvement bond funding is received to construct this facility. It was moved (Craig), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

E. Horry-Georgetown Technical College - Restricted Utilization of the Grand Strand Campus

Horry-Georgetown Technical College is requesting that the Commission remove the remaining restrictions on its offerings at the Coastal Academy which has subsequently been renamed the Grand Strand Campus.

The Committee recommended that Horry-Georgetown Technical College

be authorized to utilize the Grand Strand campus without further restriction notwithstanding other subsequent program approvals which may be required at a future time. It was moved (Craig), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

F. Sumter Area Technical College - Allied Health Facility Construction Budget Increase

Sumter Area Technical College is seeking to increase the budget of the previously established Allied Health Facility project from \$1,645,000 to \$2,145,000 to construct an additional 7,757 gross square feet. The increase is to be funded through the College's capital funds. The additional footage will add three laboratories, one classroom, and four faculty offices to the original scope of the facility.

The Committee recommended that the budget increase be approved as requested. It was moved (Craig), seconded (Jones), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

G. Midlands Technical College Support Facility - Airport Campus

Midlands Technical College is requesting emergency consideration of its request to construct a 12,000 gross square foot support facility on the Airport Campus. This facility is projected to cost \$556,000 in local and insurance funds. The loss of space because of a fire has caused the College to experience a critical shortage of warehouse space. In order to prevent delay of the request, the College has asked for emergency consideration from the Commission.

The Committee recommended that this request be approved as proposed. It was moved (Craig), seconded (P. Freeman), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

H. College of Charleston - Proposed Lease, Francis Marion Hotel

Dr. Lightsey requested emergency consideration for the lease of the Francis Marion Hotel for use as student housing. Dr. Lightsey stated that although there has been no change in the College's admission policy, the demand for housing has outstripped supply for the past several years. The reason for the emergency request is that the Hotel is in need of substantial renovations, and the lessors argue they must begin work by mid-March in order to have most, if not all, the beds available by the start of the fall semester.

The Commission agreed to consider the College's request in a timely fashion, once the staff and Committee on Facilities have reviewed the details.

VI. Report of the Commissioner

Mr. Sheheen reported on the following matters:

A. Report on South Carolina State College's Revised Teacher Recruitment Project

After a review of the effectiveness of the three-State supported teacher recruitment projects, S. C. State College's program exhibited serious flaws in terms of its limited evaluation, tracking of scholarship recipients, and administration of its forgivable loan program. At the request of the Commission, S. C. State College was charged with refocusing its teacher recruitment program. As a result, a revised program proposal was submitted which was acceptable to the staff.

South Carolina State's Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers proposes to increase the pool of qualified minority teachers by focusing its efforts in three areas, two of which represent new directions for the project. The first focuses on minority teacher aides in five school districts by creating Satellite Teacher Education Programs in each of the districts. The second activity focuses on 50 black males currently enrolled and/or recently graduated from five technical schools. The third component of the proposed project involves continued support for statewide recruitment of minority students into teacher education programs. Annual evaluation will include both internal evaluators and external evaluators.

B. The April 4 meeting of the Commission will be held at Winthrop College.

VII. Other Business

Mr. Whitener stated that the Joint Planning Committee composed of 4 chairmen of the Boards of Trustees of South Carolina colleges and universities and three Commission members met to make specific plans for the contemplated statewide gathering of the boards of trustees and the Commission on Higher Education. He noted that there will be keynote speakers, panel discussions, round tables, etc. The meeting will be held in Columbia on May 21-22, 1991, with an alternate date of May 28-29, 1991.

VIII. Joint Meeting of CHE and Council of Private College Presidents

Mr. Whitener welcomed the presidents and their representatives from the Council of Private College Presidents.

Dr. Peter Mitchell, Chairman, Council of Private College Presidents, introduced Dr. George D. Fields who spoke on the background of the Education Commission of the States (ECS) report, "The Preservation of Excellence in American Higher Education: The Essential Role of Private Colleges and Universities." He noted that this is a working paper on public and private cooperation in higher education which examines common ground between the public and private sectors and identifies potential projects for cooperative effort. Mr. Sheheen stated that the Commission on Higher Education in consultation with the Council of Private College Presidents has taken steps to

formulate some strategies for public/private cooperation in South Carolina.

Dr. Mitchell spoke on the issue of future funding possibilities for the State Tuition Grants Program and also the importance of independent colleges working in collaboration with the State colleges and universities to heighten the awareness of the value of higher education in the State. The need for additional funding for the Tuition Grants Program was discussed.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Jones), and voted that the Commission work with the private college presidents for increased funding for higher education.

Potential areas of joint cooperation were identified, and four recommendations were set forth by the Advisory Council of Private College Presidents. The recommendations are as follows:

1. **Cooperative Efforts to Influence the State Legislature:** There is a growing desire on the part of South Carolina public and private colleges to work together in order to increase the total funding for higher education. Although there will be some problems that emerge in this effort, and there will be a need for care in identifying issues of mutual cooperation, the advantages of working together far outweigh the disadvantages. All higher education will be improved by a joint and cooperative attitude between public and private colleges and universities. Mr. Sheheen stated that he and Mr. Whitener would bring this together.

2. **Indexing State Tuition Grants:** There has been discussion of linking increased funding for the State Tuition Grants Program to formula funding of the public colleges and universities. The rationale for this collaborative effort is the base of advocacy for higher education by including trustees of independent colleges along with the lobbying efforts of the public colleges and universities. On a practical level, the first ten years of the State Tuition Grants Program increases were greater for the State Tuition Grant than for the public sector. However, the last ten years have seen the public sector increase at a percentage higher than the Tuition Grants Program. No one can predict what will happen in the next ten years, but it is still worth examining how the indexing issue might be approached. The position of the State Tuition Grants Program was to entertain the thought of indexing after there was some effort to bring the base to a number that would not result in so many unfunded students (over 2,000 the last two years). The final compromise was a three year phase-in, at which time the indexing would be matched and an additional \$1,500,00 would be received in order to arrive at a base to fund all students eligible to participate in the State Tuition Grants Program. Mr. Sheheen stated that the Commission staff would handle this matter.

3. **Contract Services:** Florida in particular, but some other states as well, involve independent colleges in contract services throughout the state. Mr. Sheheen is willing to explore some potential contract services in South Carolina, especially if it reduces duplication in the public colleges and universities. Mr.

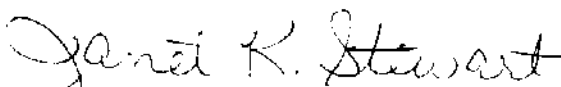
Sheheen stated that the Commission staff would investigate this and report in the fall.

4. **Monitor at Risk Institutions:** The intent of this recommendation is to assist independent colleges who may be experiencing times of vulnerability or decline. This is a supportive role.

Mr. Day requested that a full day annually be set aside for a joint meeting of the Advisory Council of Private College Presidents and the Commission on Higher Education. President Orr stated that Presbyterian College would be happy to host the meeting on their campus.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet K. Stewart".

Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary