

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

January 10, 1974  
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Dr. Marianna W. Davis
- Mr. Alester G. Furman, III
- Mr. William H. Grier
- Mr. Gedney M. Howe, Jr.
- Mr. F. Mitchell Johnson
- Mr. T. Eston Marchant
- Dr. Harrison L. Peebles
- Mr. Alex M. Quattlebaum
- Mr. Y. W. Scarborough, Jr.
- Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
- Mr. O. Stanley Smith, Jr.
- Dr. R. Cathcart Smith, Chairman
- Mr. I. P. Stanback
- Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.

GUESTS

- Dr. Cyril B. Busbee
- General J. W. Duckett
- Mr. J. Lacy McLean
- Dr. Charles E. Palmer
- President R. Wright Spears
- President Theodore S. Stern

STAFF

- Dr. Howard R. Boozer
- Mr. William C. Jennings
- Dr. Frank E. Kinard
- Mr. Alan S. Krech
- Mr. James R. Michael

I. Mr. O. Stanley Smith, Jr., Welcomed as a New Member of the Commission

Dr. R. Cathcart Smith, Chairman, welcomed to the Commission as a new member Mr. O. Stanley Smith, Jr. Mr. Smith was appointed by the Governor to fill the unexpired term of the late John K. Cauthen.

II. Resolution Honoring Mr. John K. Cauthen

Chairman Smith introduced a resolution honoring Mr. John K. Cauthen who served as a member of the Commission from 1967 until his death on December 18, 1973. A motion was made (Grier) and seconded (Wienges) and passed unanimously that this resolution be adopted by the Commission and recorded in the official minutes, and that copies of the resolution be sent to members of Mr. Cauthen's family. The resolution is attached to the minutes as Exhibit A.

III. Approval of Minutes of December 6, 1973, Meeting of the Commission on Higher Education

A motion was made (Stanback) and seconded (Sheheen) and unanimously adopted that the minutes of the December 6, 1973, meeting of the Commission be approved.

IV. Report on Recommendations of the Budget and Control Board on Appropriation Requests

Mr. Jennings reported to the Commission on the 1974-75 appropriation recommendations of the Budget and Control Board for the colleges and universities. A summary of these recommendations is attached to the minutes as Exhibit B. Mr. Jennings also referred to the meeting of the Executive Committee on December 11 at which time appropriation requests were discussed. (Minutes of this meeting are attached as Exhibit C.)

Following Mr. Jennings' presentation Mr. Michael reported briefly on the appropriation request for the Commission as recommended by the Budget and Control Board. Mr. Michael stated that about 80% of the Commission's request is in programs and, therefore, most of the reductions are in that area where the total reduction recommended by the Budget and Control Board is \$383,000. Requested increases for new personnel were reduced but two new positions - a facilities planner and a student affairs officer - were recommended. Recommended salary increases for the unclassified personnel were less than requested. Reductions for other operating expenses amount to 3.5% of the total amount requested and are not considered critical to operations.

V. Hearing Before House Rules Committee on Proposed Rule Change to Discontinue Lump Sum Appropriations to Colleges and Universities

Dr. Boozer announced that Representative Brantley Harvey, Chairman of the House Rules Committee, had just notified him that there would be a public hearing on January 23 at 10:00 on a proposed rule change to discontinue lump sum appropriations to the colleges and universities. It was agreed that the Executive and Legislative Committees of the Commission and the Chairman or Vice Chairman should be present at the hearing if possible.

VI. Program Consideration

College of Charleston

B.S. in Geology - Approved

VII. Report of Health Affairs Committee on Proposals from University of South Carolina for Establishment of a Post-Graduate School of Medicine and a School of Public Health

Mr. Sheheen, Chairman of the Health Affairs Committee, presented the report of the Committee on proposals from the University of South Carolina for the establishment of a post graduate school of medicine and a school of public health. Mr. Sheheen moved adoption of the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Furman and unanimously adopted by the Commission. The report is attached to the minutes as Exhibit D.

VII. Request from the University of South Carolina to Allow On-Base Students to be Included in the Regular FTE Count

President Jones has requested that the University be relieved from the Commission's policy which prohibits counting on-base students as regular FTE's for purposes of state funding. After discussion a motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Johnson) that Dr. Jones be respectfully informed that the Commission adheres to its previous position with respect to the financial method of handling on-base students and further holds the opinion that those students should not apply toward the conversion formula for third and fourth year programs. The motion was passed unanimously.

IX. A Study of Income Generated by Medical University Personnel in the Practice of Private Medicine.

The following motion was made by Mr. Sheheen:

"The Commission gave close scrutiny to the budget of the Medical University this year, but failed to achieve any substantial yardsticks by which to measure the effectiveness of the budget and goals which have been set forth.

"The Commission has already determined that it wanted additional guidelines and details developed for the budget examination prior to the 1974 budget presentation, and it is my feeling that one of the large items which will have to be contended with will be fees generated by physicians on the staff of the Medical University who are in private practice, and who utilize state facilities for their practice.

"Accordingly, I move that the Commission on Higher Education request the staff of the Commission and the Board of Trustees and Administration of the Medical University to undertake a detailed study of the existing situation with respect to fees which are earned by faculty and staff physicians of the Medical University of South Carolina, and their relationship to the utilization of state facilities in their practice.

"In addition to the detailed study of the existing income and disposition of that income, and the relationship to the Medical University, it is requested that existing arrangements at selected other medical schools in the United States, to represent varying methods of handling the relationship between private fees and public service, be presented to the Commission so that the impact of the entire matter on the budget of the Medical University, and ultimately on the State of South Carolina, may be determined.

"The staff of the Commission is directed to complete the study by June 1, 1974."

Mr. Sheheen's motion was seconded by Mr. Howe and unanimously adopted by the Commission.

X. Resolution Concerning Health Education Authority

Dr. Peeples introduced a resolution proposing that the powers of a Health Education Authority, as recommended in the Cathcart Smith Report, be vested in the Commission on Higher Education, that the resolution be referred to the Health Affairs Committee of the Commission with instructions to study methods and make recommendations as to the details of implementing the coordination of health education in the State to fulfill the intent of the Smith Committee recommendations, and that the Health Affairs Committee bring its recommendations to the full Commission at the earliest possible time.

Dr. Peeples moved adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smith and unanimously adopted. The resolution is attached to the minutes as Exhibit E.

XI. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Boozer reported that the Charleston Consortium Committees had been reorganized and would be meeting periodically. He also reported that the Advisory Committee of Private College Presidents had its organizational meeting on December 13 and that he has issued an invitation for the Committee to be present at the February meeting of the Commission. President Spears of Columbia College was elected Chairman of the Advisory Committee on December 13.

In the area of legislation it was pointed out by Dr. Boozer that an amendment to current legislation is being prepared that would transfer the functions of the Higher Education Facilities Commission to the Commission on Higher Education. Also being prepared is a proposed amendment to the Southern Regional Education Compact of 1948 to enable South Carolina to participate in the SREB Academic Common Market program.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth T. Jumper  
Secretary