

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 1969

The Commission on Higher Education met on Thursday, November 6, 1969, in the Conference Room on the fourth floor of the Rutledge Building. Commission members present were Messrs. Cauthen, Coker, Grier, Osborne, Rogers, Schachte, Wall, Walsh, Vance 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 October 4, 1969, meeting, they were approved as written.

A motion that the Commission go on record thanking Mr. Osborne, President Jones and Dr. Patterson for the wonderful hospitality at the medical education meeting held at the University of South Carolina was made by Mr. Schachte. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grier and unanimously adopted.

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

In a general briefing on the status of the college and university budget requests for next year, Dr. Morris stated that the requests, as submitted to the Commission for review, had been forwarded on to the Budget and Control Board with the Commission's evaluation and recommendation. As a result of a meeting with the Budget and Control Board staff on the budget requests, Dr. Morris announced that the Board had cut back on all the requests, which would be reviewed next by the House Ways and Means Committee. Dr. Morris pointed out that the colleges and universities, if they are to do the best job possible, must have a higher priority than they now have and that the Commission would continue to do all possible to get the budget appropriations increased.

Also being processed, said Dr. Morris, were the permanent improvement requests from the colleges and universities. These requests are being reviewed by the House Ways and Means Committee who will make recommendations on priority.

In connection with Marion State College, Dr. Morris reported that progress was being made and that Dr. Smith had taken over very effectively. An Administrative Assistant had been appointed by Dr. Smith and would begin work in Florence on November 15. An Academic Vice President had also been appointed and would begin his duties at the beginning of the summer.

The major problem at this time is in the area of campus planning, and in this connection Dr. Morris stated that a fee proposal for site selection and development of a master plan had been submitted by the firm

of Gill and Wilkins as previously requested by the Commission. Item No. I of the proposal included Site Selection, Master Plan, and Written Program at a cost of \$48,000, Item No. II, General Planning, at a cost of \$30,000, Item No. III, Specific Planning, at a cost of \$66,000 (this amount would be deducted if the firm of Gill and Wilkins is commissioned to prepare plans and specifications for the first \$8,000,000 dollar value of construction), and Item No. IV, Direct Cost (plus or minus), at a cost of \$6,500. In general discussion, Mr. Walsh expressed the opinion that other firms should be given a chance to compete for the project. Mr. Rogers said that a motion passed at the September meeting of the Commission stated that the firm of Gill and Wilkins would be employed to make a site study and to develop a master plan for the campus after negotiating the price for this study with the Commission. After the preliminary planning was completed, the actual building program would be done on a competitive basis, building by building. Mr. Rogers further stated that the Gill and Wilkins proposal had the approval of the State College Board of Trustees. In general discussion it was concluded that the costs submitted by Gill and Wilkins seemed to be in line, and that because of their previous work with the Regional Campus, their selection to do the campus planning would be satisfactory. A motion was made by Mr. Cauthen that the Commission authorize the State College Board of Trustees to accept the Gill and Wilkins proposal for Items No. I, II, and IV for an amount not to exceed \$84,500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coker and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Rogers reported that the campus now consisted of 100 acres which were given to the college and that the original owners had agreed to sell an additional 150 acres, and would probably sell 250 acres if necessary. It was the opinion of Mr. Rogers that the state should acquire the 250 acres now as the land would not get any cheaper later, the college needed to have the assurance of being able to expand without being crowded, and should avoid being boxed in by undesirable neighbors. Mr. Cauthen made a motion that Mr. Rogers get an option on the land and have an independent appraiser appraise the value of the land and report this back to the Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Osborne and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Rogers stated that he would like to have the endorsement of the Commission concerning the change of the name of Marion State College to Francis Marion College. Mr. Rogers said the people in that area preferred the name Francis Marion College and that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the State College Board of Trustees. It was moved by Mr. Walsh that the Commission endorse the changing of the name of Marion State College to Francis Marion College. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cauthen and unanimously adopted.

Dr. Morris announced that the decision on the part of the University of South Carolina to close the Salkahatchie Branch of the University had met with opposition in that area and that possibly the Commission should look into the situation again and make a survey to determine what is needed in that entire area. Members of the Western Carolina Higher Education

Commission had met to discuss this matter with Dr. Morris who pointed out that if they wished to appeal the decision to close the Salkahatchie Branch it would have to be done through the University. Subsequently, a petition to keep Salkahatchie open was made by the Western Carolina Higher Education Commission to the University Board of Trustees who stated they were willing to keep the Branch open provided an economically feasible basis was found by December 15 for the continued operation.

It was reported by Dr. Morris that the medical education meeting held by the Commission at the University of South Carolina on October 23, 1969, had been very successful and that the Commission should begin right away to follow through on some of the ideas and suggestions of ways in which the universities in the state can help in the training and education of doctors. Dr. McCord from the Medical University pointed out at the meeting that his faculty was redoing the curriculum, working out a program to do the fourth year of medical school at selected hospitals, and that the possibility of doing some of the initial course work at other institutions of higher learning in the state was most encouraging. Dr. Kenneth Penrod, guest speaker at the meeting, was very enthusiastic about these ideas and offered to help in the implementation of them in any way possible. It was suggested that the Commission proceed forthrightly and vigorously on this issue, asking Dr. McCord for a detailed list of courses and professors needed which would be sent to the Presidents of the University of South Carolina, Clemson University and Furman University asking them to make some preliminary estimates of the costs involved in offering these courses. Para-medical education also enters the picture of the overall medical education in the state, and in that connection Dr. Morris announced that Dr. Adam Smith, new Dean of Allied Health Sciences at the Medical University, had agreed to act with the Commission in evaluating all two year para-medical programs in the state. Mr. Cauthen made a motion that no new programs in the health and para-medical field be permitted at the post high school level unless approved by the Commission on Higher Education on recommendation of the Medical University. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walsh and unanimously adopted. Mr. Cauthen also moved that Dr. Morris be authorized to bring in Dr. Penrod as a consultant on the medical education issues and on the use of educational television in this connection. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walsh and unanimously adopted.

The next item to be brought before the Commission was whether or not the Commission meetings should be open to the press. Dr. Morris stated that most public agencies were being pressed by the news media and he would like a decision from the Commission on the matter. After much discussion, it was moved by Mr. Grier that the Commission meetings, with the exception of executive sessions, be opened to the press, beginning with the January meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walsh and was passed.

Dr. Morris called to the attention of the Commission the site survey of the College of Charleston made by Lockwood Greene. The recommendation of Lockwood Greene was to build around the present site. Mr. Cauthen moved that this report be accepted as information. The motion was seconded

and unanimously adopted.

A tentative list of recommendations from the Commission to the Legislature was briefly discussed and will be reviewed and discussed in greater detail at the December meeting of the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Morris