

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

February 3, 1972
10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Alester G. Furman, III
Mr. William H. Grier
Colonel J. M. J. Holliday
Mr. T. Eston Marchant
Mr. Alex M. Quattlebaum
Mr. James A. Rogers
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Dr. R. Cathcart Smith
Mr. I. P. Stanback
Mr. E. Craig Wall, Chairman
Mr. T. Emmet Walsh

Dr. James A. Morris
Mr. William C. Jennings
Mr. James R. Michael
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech

I. Approval of Minutes of January 7, 1972, Meeting of the Commission on Higher Education

A motion was made (Holliday) and seconded (Quattlebaum) that the minutes of the January 7, 1972, meeting of the Commission on Higher Education be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

II. Capital Improvement Requests for the University of South Carolina

The University of South Carolina submitted to the Commission for evaluation and review the following capital improvement requests: a Biological and Health Sciences center at a cost of \$2,400,000 to be paid through institutional bonds, campus outdoor lighting at a cost of \$250,000, property acquisition at a cost of \$278,000, and a request for approval of a Marine Biology laboratory to be constructed at the Baruch Plantation and financed through a grant from the Sarah Mellon Scaife Foundation.

Justifications substantiating the request for the Biological and Health Sciences center include rapid growth of departmental enrollments,

research activities and graduate programs which have taken up all available space in the present Biology building and necessitated the utilization of temporary space in other buildings.

Dr. Harrison Peeples who was unable to attend the meeting asked that the following questions on the proposed Biological and Health Sciences center be presented to the Commission: "1. Were it not for the proposal for a second medical school would this building be necessary, not just desirable? 2. If this building is to be used as a plus in the argument for a second medical school and deferment of the project would not jeopardize the regular operation of the University of South Carolina I would vote to defer approval of this project until the Legislature decides as to the need for a second medical school. 3. Since the Commission on Higher Education's recommendation is against a second medical school being established at this time it would appear to me to be contrary to that recommendation to approve a building that is partially justified by the second medical school proposal." Dr. Peeples further stated, "These questions are not intended to be in opposition of a necessary building at the University of South Carolina that is needed as an absolute necessary part of the current program."

Mr. Quattlebaum stated that while it was certainly true that any biological laboratory space could be used later for a medical school it seemed to him that the University has a perfectly good reason for building a Biological and Health Sciences center if they are short of space and the building is needed, and that it was rather far-fetched to read into the request a second medical school.

A motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Stanback) that the Commission recommend to the Budget and Control Board approval of the request from the University of South Carolina to construct a Biological and Health Sciences center at a cost of \$2,400,000. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made (Smith) and seconded (Grier) that the Commission recommend to the Budget and Control Board approval of the request from the University of South Carolina for additional campus out-door lighting at a cost of \$250,000 and property acquisition at a cost of \$278,000. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made (Grier) and seconded (Marchant) that the Commission recommend to the Budget and Control Board approval of the request from the University of South Carolina to construct a Marine Biology laboratory at the Baruch Plantation at a cost of \$100,000 to be financed through a grant

from the Sarah Mellon Scaife Foundation. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. Request for an Indepth Plan for all Marine Sciences Activities in the State to Include Coordination for Use of All Marine Science Laboratories

A motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Rogers) that COMAR be requested to map a plan for coordinated utilization of the separate facilities of the Marine Science laboratories in the state without duplicating programs and to further expand the plan previously submitted by COMAR, outlining goals, objectives and direction in which coordinated Marine Science activities and programs in the state will go. The motion was passed unanimously.

IV. Further Discussion on Dr. Edward's Letter Concerning Recommendations by Commission on Capital Improvement Requests

In further discussion on suggestions contained in Dr. Edward's letter of December 29 concerning review and evaluation of capital improvement requests by the Commission it was pointed out that building requests, like program requests, are related not only to the internal situation at an institution but also to the total educational program of the state, and that in reviewing individual requests the Commission relates them to programs, finances and priorities for the state as a whole. It was felt by Dr. Edwards that the Commission should recommend only amounts of money available for capital improvements and leave the priority for its use to the institutions. Mr. Quattlebaum stated that rather than just turn down capital improvement requests which had many months of study by the institution behind them there should be a procedure for an institution and the Commission staff to work along together. It was stated by Dr. Morris that this could be corrected if the institutions would bring the Commission in at the beginning of their planning so that together they could reflect state-wide views as the plans move along and relate buildings to programs more effectively. It was noted that the Commission only recommends to the Budget and Control Board which makes the final determination on capital improvements and that in addition to the Commission's recommendations the Budget and Control Board also receives the institution's requests with their justifications.

A motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Holliday) that the Chairman of the Commission write Dr. Edwards reaffirming the Commission's present policy on evaluating capital improvement requests and emphasizing the need for communication at an early stage in the planning. The motion was passed unanimously.

V. Report of the Management Review Commission

Dr. Morris reported that the report of the Management Review Commission has been received and the Commission must submit to the Governor's Implementation Committee a report by February 28 on how the recommendations will be implemented. Recommendations made by the Management Review Commission for the Commission on Higher Education are as follows:

1. Strengthen and control the Commission on Higher Education
2. Adopt a plan for eventual repayment of a portion of the state subsidy provided to former students as they become able to pay
3. Cancel plans for a staff of computer personnel and hire a statistical analyst
4. Evaluate unimproved real estate owned by the colleges and universities
5. Absorb the function of the Commission on Higher Education Facilities into the Commission on Higher Education
6. Transfer the responsibility for establishing tuition and university/college maintenance and activity fees to the Commission on Higher Education
7. Include a discussion of joint activities on each meeting agenda for the Interinstitutional Library Committee
8. Accelerate development of the Higher Education Consortium in the Charleston area
9. Establish the Medical University Computer Center as a data processing facility for the Charleston Consortium
10. Combine the purchasing power of the institutional libraries to acquire domestic in-print materials

The Commission was in general agreement with the recommendations, some of which were already being implemented, with the exception of No. 2 and No. 6 and it was felt that these should be studied further, determining how pay back, tuition and scholarships can be related to each other. A committee made up of Mr. Furman, Chairman, Mr. Sheheen and Mr. Rogers was appointed by Mr. Wall to study recommendations No. 2 and No. 6 and report back to the Commission. The Commission staff will prepare a report for the Governor's Office on implementation of the recommendations and state that a committee is studying recommendations No. 2 and No. 6.

VI. Request for Permission from Editor of the Journal of South Carolina Medical Association to Reproduce Parts of the Report of the Special Medical Education Committee

Dr. Smith reported that he had a request from the Editor of the Journal of the South Carolina Medical Association for permission to reproduce parts of the report of the Special Medical Education Committee. A motion was made (Grier) and seconded (Sheheen)

that permission be granted. The motion was passed unanimously.

VII. Program Considerations:

Medical University of South Carolina

Physician's Assistants program - It was agreed by the Commission that the cost per student for this program seemed high. It was recommended that a decision be withheld until a further study was made, making comparisons with similar programs being offered at other schools. A committee made up of Dr. Smith, Chairman, Mr. Quattlebaum and Mr. Walsh was appointed by Mr. Wall to make this study and report back to the Commission.

Francis Marion College

Cooperative programs with the University of South Carolina in Accounting, Anthropology, Art, Computer Science, Geography and Geology - Approved with the understanding that this did not represent approval for in-house majors in these fields at Francis Marion

Minor in Art - Approved with the understanding that this did not represent approval of a major in Art

Program leading to Certification in Early Childhood Education - Approved

Major in Sociology - Approved

Four cooperative programs with Florence-Darlington TEC in Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology, Civil Engineering Technology, Electronic Engineering Technology and Industrial Engineering Technology - Approved with the provision for review of the exact title of the degree to be worked out between Dr. Walter Smith, Mr. Quattlebaum and Dr. Morris.

The Citadel

Master in Business Administration - Approved subject to the following: 1. Any Charleston area student wishing to transfer from the University of South Carolina MBA via ETV program be allowed to do so. 2. Efforts be made to work out an agreement between The Citadel and the University of South Carolina to have some ETV courses tied in with the program.

If coordination between The Citadel and the University of South Carolina fails, the University would be requested to discontinue the MBA via ETV in the Charleston area.

3. The Citadel agrees to surrender this program to the Consortium Graduate Center if such a center is established

Mr. Grier asked to be recorded as voting against the motion.

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Secretary